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# Clements says Texas will win super collider

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements says he is confident Texas will win the national competition for the \$4.5 billion superconducting super collider.

While declining to offer many specifics, Clements said Thursday that the state's proposal and the bipartisan efforts of its congressional delegation were big factors in his belief.

"I can only say that I am very confident that we in Texas will get the super-collider," Clements said. "I don't want to go beyond that at this point, but I feel real good about it."

The super collider, which is a 52-mile-long underground atom-smasher, is designed to be used in high-energy physics research.

Experts have predicted that the collider would bring 2,000 or more jobs and billions of dollars to the state where it is located.

Texas has proposed a site south of Dallas, near Waxahachie, for the research facility.

According to U.S. Energy Department officials, Texas is one of seven states in the running for the collider.

The others are Illinois, Michigan, Tennessee, North Carolina, Arizona and Colorado.

Clements said both Texas Democrats and Republicans have been involved and concentrated their efforts in trying to win the project.

"Our Texas (congressional) delegate has just been superb," he said. "It's been totally united. Speaker (Jim) Wright has worked hard on it. I've worked hard on it. Everybody's worked hard on it."

## Nelson upset by refusal for security

AUSTIN (AP) — Willie Nelson says he's "very disappointed" that the Austin Police Association has refused to provide off-duty security for a benefit concert he's giving next month.

Helping Our Brother Out, or HOBO, an organization planning the Nov. 11 concert at Palmer Auditorium in Austin, lined up Ranger Security after police association members voted not to provide security, said Marion Morris of HOBO.

Police officers protested Nelson's participation in a concert last year to raise legal defense money for American Indian activist Leonard Peltier, who is serving two life sentences for the 1975 murder of two FBI agents.

HOBO on Wednesday received a donation of \$10,000 from Provident Development Co. of Austin for concert expenses.

HOBO is a non-profit organization, supported by churches and businesses, that works to improve the plight of Austin's homeless. The group has placed six families in mobile homes, Morris said.

Members of the police association voted unanimously Oct. 6 not to work off-duty security for the concert, said Lt. Dell Shaw, president of the association. He said, however, the association supports HOBO's efforts 100 percent.

But he said Peltier "killed a police officer, and somebody that supports someone who killed a police officer, we can't support."

Peltier's defenders contend he did not get a fair trial and was framed because of his leadership in the American Indian Movement.

Nelson, in a phone interview with the *Austin American-Statesman*, said he was very disappointed in the police association decision. He performed at the Peltier benefit "not to get this man out of prison but to get money for lawyers" who could bring to light withheld information about the case, he said.

"I don't support cop killers," Nelson said. "I don't support Indian killers. I don't support any kind of killers. I just believe this particular issue of Leonard Peltier, there's more than meets the eye."

## Criminal ostracized by family

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Michael Lee Lockhart, convicted of killing a Beaumont police officer, dreamed of becoming one of New York's finest, but his older brothers mocked him and called him a "sissy," relatives testified Thursday.

Lockhart, 28, convicted earlier this year in the slaying of patrolman Paul Hulsey Jr. 29, is in court for the sentencing phase of his trial. He faces life in prison or the death penalty for the slaying.

He has been linked to other slayings in Indiana and Florida.

Lockhart's sister Sheila, 25, said that her brother was a dreamer.

"His biggest dream was to become a New York City police officer. The other dream was to become a fireman, go to Hollywood or become a comedian," she testified.

Lockhart, the second youngest of 10 children of Noble and Becky Lockhart of Walbridge, Ohio, tried to compete with his older, more athletic brothers but always failed, his sisters testified.

His oldest sister Judy Georgeson, 40, of Northwood, Ohio, said she always told Lockhart never to be too optimistic about his abilities.

"He wanted to make it real big," Georgeson said. "He set his goals too high. I told him not to set them so high, that if he wouldn't meet them, he would destroy himself. But he wanted to prove to his family that he could do things that they didn't think he could."

## Cyclist's family awarded \$280,000

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The family of an elderly man, killed when his bicycle struck a pothole, has been awarded nearly \$280,000 by a jury that said the victim was equally responsible for his own death.

Felipe Rangel, 77, died when he struck a pothole while cycling in the dark on June 19, 1986, on his way to buy a morning newspaper.

His bicycle struck the pothole. He flipped, struck the pavement and died two months later from his injuries.

His survivors sued the city, claiming street workers were negligent in not repairing the damage at the corner of a southside street.

The jury found Wednesday that the city was 50 percent responsible for the accident because city employees knew or should have known of the pothole.

The jury found damages totaled \$556,132, but the amount actually

awarded was half of that because Rangel was found to be 50 percent negligent for his own death.

The jury gave awarded \$278,066 to Rangel's widow, Emilia, 73, and his youngest daughter, Candelaria "Candy" Rangel Romo, 34.

The award was for medical and funeral expenses and suffering endured by Rangel before he died and the loss of companionship and mental anguish suffered by his widow and youngest daughter, the jury found.

"I feel my father was not at fault at all," Romo said. "If he had known of the pothole, he'd still be alive."

Six other children also named as plaintiffs in the lawsuit were awarded nothing.

The family's attorney, Janice Maloney, said they would not appeal the decision, which was rendered after a four-day trial.

## Ex-Miss San Antonio overpowers attacker

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A former Miss San Antonio admits she shouldn't have walked into her home when she noticed the door was ajar. But Sylvia Fernandez Barton said her recent physical conditioning enabled her to fight off a knife-wielding would-be rapist.

"I just overpowered him, he was exhausted," Barton said after the attack Wednesday.

Barton, 36, who was crowned Miss San Antonio in 1974 and finished as third runner-up in the Miss Texas Pageant, told police she struck the man over the head with a coffee cup and wrestled and attempted to reason with the man for 15 minutes before he fled.

The man had threatened to kill her unless she agreed to submit, she said.

Barton, the mother of two daughters, ages 6 and 9, said she had returned home after taking the girls to school when she noticed the front door of her home, which she had locked, was ajar.

"If something isn't right when you get home, just don't walk into the house," Barton told the *San Antonio Express-News* in looking back on the incident.

The man grabbed her as she walked into a bedroom, she said.

"He grabbed me from behind and I had a coffee cup in my hand and I hit him on the head and it broke and we started to wrestle," she recalled.

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