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# **Pro-life leader charges Clements** with sidestepping abortion issue

AUSTIN (AP) - Gov. Bill Clements has abandoned the anti-abortion cause, a pro-life leader charged Monday after the governor said he wouldn't reconsider his decision to keep abortion . off the legislative agenda until 1991

"We feel that he has given the National Orga-nization for Women and the Texas Abortion Rights Action League — folks who didn't vote for him — exactly what they wanted, and that he gave us, people who worked hard in his campaign and supported him, gave us the shaft," said Bill Price, president of the Dallas-based Texans United for Life.

Clements said he would not debate his decision with anti-abortion activists.

"I have no intention of talking to him (Price) about the issue at all," he said. "I've made up my mind about it. There's nothing to discuss.

Abortion is too difficult an issue for a 30-day special session, Clements said. He said he never promised to allow lawmakers to address abortion before the next regular session convenes in Jan-uary 1991, when he leaves office.

said I would consider it. And I have made

get into the special session because you can't limit the subject to what the issues would then be," said Clements, a Republican who isn't seeking re-election.

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### President of pro-life group

The governor, who calls and sets the agenda for special sessions, has called a session for Nov. 14 on workers' compensation reform, the second workers' comp session this year. Another special session will be held in the spring to address courtordered school finance reform, he said. After the U.S. Supreme Court ruled this sum-

mer that states could impose some restrictions on my decision that it's not an appropriate subject to abortion, Clements said he was considering

whether to call a special session on the issue. He added, "I would bet on it.

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'We took him at his word — that when he said, 'You can bet on it,' he was making a sincere com-mitment to do it," Price said. He said the complexity of the abortion issue is the reason it should be the object of a one-issue special session.

'Frankly, we're left bewildered at why a prolife governor would refuse to allow pro-life legislation to be acted on during the remainder of his term of office, and would refuse to even discuss it," Price said.

Clements refused to discuss his position on abortion Monday. Rossanna Salazar, his press secretary, has said the governor opposes abor-tions except in cases of rape, incest or danger to the mother's life.

Price said he was encouraging abortion opponents to call Clements, but he said, "I don't think he's going to change his mind."

"I just think that Governor Clements is somebody who has never been strongly convicted on this issue in the first place, and that it didn't take a great deal of pressure to convince him not to get in the middle of it," Price said.

Briefcase

## Officials say chemical dumping will be major problem in future

EL PASO (AP) - A local health official predicts discoveries of illegally transported and dumped hazardous chemicals — such as 175 barrels of PCBs found last week — will be common someday.

About 55 of the barrels, some of them leaking, were found last week in two trucks parked in a residential area near downtown. Another 120 barrels were discovered Thursday in two truck trailers in an east El Paso

Samples taken from some of the drums were found to be pure polychlorinated biphenyls, PCBs, which are abanned transformer lubricant.

"We think it's quite a story, but I'm afraid this is just the beginning, and that we've just unearthed the tip of the pyramid," Dr. Laurance Nickey, El Paso City-County health director, said.

"With the increasing industrialization of this (Rio Grande) valley, there are many hazardous materials and toxic compounds that are going to be moving back and forth across our borders. We'll be seeing more of this," Nickey said

The federal government removed PCBs from the chemical market after deciding they were highly poisonous and possible cancer-causing agents.

Officials say the barrels may have come from Colorado and were on their way to an illegal dump in Mexico.

The FBI, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the El Paso fire marshall's office and the health district are investigating.

'They actually hired three people to roll leaking barrels up a ramp, who ended up covered with the stuff. We have no idea who those people were," Nickey said. One man said he was offered \$20 to help load the barrels onto the trucks earlier this month, and that some people who accepted the work, were covered with the deadly chemical.

Hector Villa, local district manager for the West Texas Water Commission, said the Chihuahua man who owned the trucks fled to Mexico.

Sleepwalking

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times they're apt to hit or slap you." Violent behavior is uncommon in ior," sleepwalkers, Dupree said, but it does happen.

Student

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these trees, which for cultured civili-

The only treatment known is hyp-

nosis and medication, such as tranquilizers and anti-depressants. "But most sleepwalkers aren't really concerned with their behavhe said. "And for those who are, they take precautions like unloading their guns, hiding their keys

and locking their doors."

Dupree told of a sleepwalker who went outside and uprooted his neighbors potted plants, and didn't know about it until the next morning when he heard her complaining, he glanced at his hands and saw the dirt.

The same man held a loaded gun to a guest in his house, thinking it was an intruder.

The most common sleepwalking smoke damage in the principal's incident Dupree said students experience is where they get dressed and gather their books for school.

"Students have a tendency to do school related things," he said. "So-metimes they're found by their most of the fire damage was conroommates sitting up, trying to study. Dupree said anyone can be a sleepwalker — there is no clinical agent-in-charge of the Dallas of-picture describing the individual, because there's such varied differences was sent to the school "to see if and symptoms ad symptoms. there's any area that would in-Although Dupree's studies drew volve FBI jurisdiction." more female than male volunteers, Dupree said it doesn't necessarily mean more women sleepwalk. "That will be decided in more

bearing bomb burns school FORT WORTH (AP) -

bomb in a briefcase exploded at a Fort Worth high school Monday but there were no reports of inju-ries, fire officials said.

The damage was very minimal," Dawn Smith, dispatcher at the suburban Benbrook Police Department said.

Fort Worth fire department spokesman Butch Hall said a student found the briefcase somewhere on the property of West-ern Hills High School and then gave it to administrators.

The school is located in Benbrook, a suburb south of Fort Worth.

The Fort Worth Fire Department provides fire service to the area

The fire department's bomb squad was called shortly before noon, but the device exploded in the office of Principal Bill Roper before it could be disarmed, offi-

'What we know right now, (is) there was some homemade bomb that exploded," said Dr. Morris Holmes, associate superintendent in the Fort Worth Independent School District.

"It created a lot of smoke and office," he said.

Holmes said he didn't think



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Cansari also spoke of the tribal doctors and some of the medicinal benefits provided by the jungle.

"Our doctors have discovered things that could be brought into Western civilization that would help a lot," he said.

As an example, he said the doctors have discovered a plant that acts as a contraceptive. The plant is prepared in a drink, which prevents the woman from becoming pregnant in-definitely, until she takes an anti-

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through a Central American peace scholarship program, said his goal is to get his degree in anthropology so he can better understand his own identity and his people.

He also said that showering with a

Cansari, attending Texas A&M

particular plant permanently re-

moves hair, and showed his arm as

evidence.

Violeta Cook, coordinator of aca-demic programs for the International Agriculture Program, said the scholarship program was created out of the Kissinger Commission Report and is intended to strengthen ties to Central America.

The program is targeted toward the leaders of tomorrow coming from the more disadvantaged groups in Central America, she said.

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studies in the future," he said. Dupree's research was funded in

part by a grant from the Texas A&M Association of Former Students.

fined to the area around the principal's office.

Mike Santimauro, FBI assistant

He said the FBI would become involved if there were signs of "terrorist type activities, or activities in retribution or extortions. The school's 1,800 students were evacuated before the explosion and were later sent home

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