

Clements ponders judicial reforms as part of upcoming special session

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements said Thursday he is considering whether to add judicial election reform to the upcoming special legislative session, after a federal judge struck down the at-large system in nine counties.

In the wake of U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton's ruling that the election of state district judges from countywide districts is illegal, key officials said lawmakers must design a new system unless they want Bunton to do it for them.

"We can postpone the inevitable, or we can accept the leadership responsibility of coming forward and

changing this system," said Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox, whose office represents the state in court.

Mattox — who declined to say whether he would appeal Bunton's ruling that the current system illegally discriminates against minorities — urged Clements to include judicial election reform in the special session that begins Tuesday.

Clements, who called the session for lawmakers to address workers' compensation reform, accused Mattox of "playing politics." However, he said he is considering whether to add judicial elections to the special session agenda.

"We're not going to have anything on the agenda except workers' compensation until we get that laid aside, and then we'll think about other things," Clements said. But he added, "Everything is possible . . . I have to say that it merits consideration."

Immediately following Wednesday's ruling, Clements rejected the idea of adding judicial election changes to the session agenda.

In the ruling, Bunton indicated he may block judicial elections in the nine counties involved in the lawsuit if the Legislature has not worked to address the problem by Jan. 3. The

counties are Dallas, Harris, Bexar, Travis, Jefferson, Lubbock, Ector, Tarrant and Midland.

Mattox said he did not think he could immediately appeal the ruling, because of procedural bars. Chief Justice Tom Phillips of the Texas Supreme Court said he thinks the ruling should be appealed. Nevertheless, he said, the Legislature should act quickly to work out a plan before Bunton imposes his own.

"This is an opportunity to come up with a better system of selection than we have now," said Phillips, who opposes partisan judicial elections.

Justice Department accused of conducting insensitive investigation by Hispanic group

WASHINGTON (AP) — The president of the country's largest Hispanic organization says the Justice Department appears "insensitive and uncaring" in its investigation of an Hispanic man shot to death in the back of the head by a West Texas police officer.

Jose Garcia De Lara, national president of the League of United Latin American Citizens, says the Justice Department is treating the May 1988 death of Sammy Gomez, a rape suspect in Colorado City, as "a little case" and seems to want to drop the investigation.

"There was a violation of the civil rights of this individual," De Lara said Thursday. "He was allegedly executed by this policeman, and the feeling is a very uncaring attitude."

The Justice Department did not immediately respond to requests for comment, but Colorado City Police Chief Bobby Sparks said he believes state and federal officials have conducted thorough investigations.

taken from her apartment at knife-point and raped repeatedly the night before, Sparks said.

The first shot grazed Gomez' chest, the second was to the left shoulder blade, and the third was to the back of the head, severing the spinal cord, Ruben Sandoval, an attorney working for LULAC and the Gomez family, said.

In Advance

Aggie Band will host high school competition

The Fightin' Texas Aggie Band will host the second annual National Association of Military Marching Bands' Texas high school competition at Kyle field Saturday.

open to the public and free of charge, will be presented at 15-minute intervals starting at noon. The last band is scheduled to march at 6:45 p.m. and will be followed by a grand finale performance by the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band.

More than 3,000 high school musicians from 26 bands are scheduled to participate in the contest. Of the participating bands, nine are from division 2A schools, 12 from 3A, three from 4A and two from 5A.

The performances, which are

A panel of judges including Aggie Band Director Emeritus Joe T. Haney will select winners from each division as well as an overall winner. Trophies will be presented to the winning military marching bands.

Great Chinese Movie Festival starts Sunday

The Chinese Student Association will sponsor four flicks shown in 201 MSC Sunday and Nov. 19 during the 1989 Great Chinese Movie Festival.

dent Association will be admitted free. The fee for non-members is \$1 per movie and \$3 for all four films. Tickets can be purchased in 201 MSC Sunday and Nov. 19 from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Last year there was a full house, so get there early.

"News Attack" will be shown at 1 p.m. and "Spring Swallow" at 3 p.m. Sunday. "The Last Romance" can be viewed on Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. and "When The Ocean Is Blue" will be shown at 3 p.m.

Members of the Chinese Stu-

The movies have English subtitles. Contact Chong Hsu Liu at 846-6977 for further information.

Jury begins investigation of South Texas bus crash

EDINBURG (AP) — A Hidalgo County grand jury began a criminal investigation Thursday into the bus crash at a South Texas caliche pit that killed 21 school children.

District Attorney Rene Guerra said the grand jury convening in Edinburg would review affidavits from witnesses and experts, including the 60 survivors of the Sept. 21 bus crash in Alton.

any witnesses to appear.

Survivors said the bus became airborne and careened into a flooded, 40-foot-deep caliche pit.

The soft drink truck driver, Ruben Perez, 25, of Mission, told officials the brakes on the truck had failed.

Guerra said he did not expect the truck driver to be called before the grand jury. Since the accident, Perez has been suspended with pay by Valley Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Inc. of McAllen.


His employer also has hired, at the request of the trucker's family, around-the-clock security guards for the rural home.

What's Up

FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OPAS STARK SERIES & DEPT. OF PHILOSOPHY & HUMANITIES: will have a special edition brown bag concert with Czechoslovakian pianist Radoslav Kvapil at noon in 402 Academic.	TRIANGLE FRATERNITY: will sponsor a protocol training seminar by Lou Kennedy of the National Speakers Association. For details on reservations call R.M. Patterson at 822-9210.
AGGIE PLAYERS: will present "Blithe Spirit" at 8 p.m. in Rudder Forum. Tickets are \$4 students and \$5 for the general public.	ACM/IEEE: will have an annual programming contest from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in 340A Zachry. For more information call Lisa at 846-6713.
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH: presents "Gypsy Language and Culture: Myth vs. Reality" at 4 p.m. in 203 Blocker.	BOXING CLUB: will have a boxing clinic by Olympic coach from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. in 260 Read. Call Brian Fitzgerald at 693-4069 for more information.
MANAGEMENT 481: President and CEO of Shippers Warehouse, Inc. Darren T. Strickland will speak to Duke Hobbs' MGMT 481 class at 10 a.m. in 114 Blocker.	SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS: will have a KBTX broadcast workshop at 10 a.m. at KBTX station on 4141 E. 29th.
HELLENIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a backgammon tournament from 6 to 11 p.m. in 302 Rudder.	AGGIE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: will meet at 11 a.m. at the Fireman's Training Center.
AGGIES WITH KIDS: will have a brown bag lunch at noon on the second floor of the Health Center. Call Nancy at 845-1741 for more information.	INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: KAMU 90.9 FM will broadcast music from Puerto Rico at 9 p.m.
CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: will have a Friday Night Alive meeting at 7 p.m. in 108 Harrington.	HELLENIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a backgammon tournament from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in 302 Rudder. Entry fee is \$2.
PHILIPPINE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder. Call Cherith Letargo at 845-3186 for more information.	A&M HILLEL: will have a Felafel lunch followed by a talk on the Middle East and Israel by Motizaken at 1 p.m. at Hillel Jewish Student Center.
A&M HILLEL: will have Shabbat services with speaker Motizaken at 8 p.m. at Hillel Jewish Student Center.	RIO GRANDE VALLEY HOMETOWN CLUB: will have a playday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Hensel Park. Call Eunice Escobar at 693-1094 for more information.
A&M HILLEL: will have a snack & study at 7:30 p.m. at Hillel Jewish Student Center.	FLORICULTURE-ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE: will have a plant sale from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Horticulture Forestry Sciences Building.
MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have Friday prayer at 1:10 p.m. Call Omar at 845-7094 for more information.	SUNDAY
AGGIE AWAKENING #25: those attending should meet at 3:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.	BIBLE STUDY: Father Emilio will lead a Bible study at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.
UPE/ACM: will have a party at 7 p.m. at Plantation Oaks party room on 1501 Harvey Road. Call Bryan Chin at 693-2237 for more information.	A&M UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: will have an organ recital by Lester Brown at 3:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of A&M United Methodist Church on 417 University Drive.
ALL GRADUATE STUDENT HAPPY HOUR: will meet from 5 to 8 p.m. at Carney's Pub.	BRAZOS VALLEY ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP: will discuss the stress of caregiving at 3 p.m. at 160 Medical Science Building. For more information call Pat Stirling at 693-1680.
MEDICINE TRIBE & TEAC: will rally to save the MSC oaks at noon at Rudder Fountain. Call Todd Honeycutt at 846-9447 for more information.	CHINESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will show two Chinese movies with English subtitles from 1 to 5 p.m. in 201 MSC. Non-member cost is \$1. For more information call Hsu at 845-0381.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will have a general discussion at noon. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.	BOXING CLUB: will sponsor a boxing clinic from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in 260 Read.
BOXING CLUB: will have a boxing clinic by an Olympic coach from 5 to 8 p.m. in 260 Read.	
COLLEGE STATION COMMUNITY CENTER: presents a concert on the front lawn of the community center at noon. Bring a sack lunch and something to sit on.	

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

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IRRITABLE BOWEL STUDY																			
Symptomatic patients with recent physician diagnosed, irritable bowel syndrome to participate in a short study. \$100 incentive for those chosen to participate.																			
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PAINFUL MUSCULAR INJURIES																			
Individual with recent lower back or neck pain, sprain, strains, muscle spasms, or painful muscular sport injury to participate in a one week research study. \$100 incentive for those chosen to participate.																			
\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE STUDY																			
Individuals with high blood pressure, either on or off blood pressure medication daily to participate in a high blood pressure study. \$300 incentive for those chosen to participate.																			
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FEVER STUDY																			
Short at home study to evaluate individuals 17 years and older who have a temperature over 100° f. \$100. incentive for those chosen to participate. Nights and weekends call 361-1500.																			
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Cold Study																			
Individual 18 years & older with active cold symptoms to participate in a 1 day Cold Study with an over-the-counter cold medication. No blood drawn. \$100. incentive for those chosen to participate.																			
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