

# Houston ex-official gets 7 years

**HOUSTON** — A former city purchasing director, who said a \$6,000 grand jury appearance Wednesday saying Key had told the panel that he had ordered the extortion. McCom again denied it and accused Key of trying to "save his fanny" by implicating the mayor.

U.S. District Judge Carl O. Bue rejected defense lawyer Theo Pinson's plea for "mercy" for Key based on his previous record and testimony. Key escaped reporters.

Canales told reporters he was "very pleased" with the sentence but refused comment on Key's allegations or any other aspect of the investigations, which has involved testimony from all eight city councilmen in a case of this sort are the taxpayers of the City of Houston," Bue said. "It is not a case for probation."

Key, who remained free on bond pending assignment to a federal prison, was rushed from the courtroom and out a back entrance of the court-house. Family members wept at the scene.

Key was arrested April 9 and indicted on six counts charging he extorted \$42,500 from five businessmen over a period of several weeks. He could have received 20 years and a \$10,000 fine on each count.

McCom fired Key after the arrest.

# Jailed Texas woman claims to be princess

**NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J.** — The lady in jail may be a princess. Middlesex County authorities are baffled by claims by Jeanne de Hohenzollern, a resident of Del Rio, that she is a Romanian princess.

Hohenzollern is jailed in the Middlesex County Correction Center on a stolen vehicle charge.

Correction Center director Joseph Fuconia Monday denied Hohenzollern's royal claims.

"There have been a lot of games played here," he said. "We don't have anything to prove she is who she says."

Hohenzollern was jailed last Wednesday after she and a companion, Eugene L. Garton of New York, were found by police sleeping in cars in the parking lot of a shopping center.

Authorities ran a check on which Hohenzollern was sleeping and found it had been stolen from Connecticut.

Police said the pair were apparently driving in separate cars from Connecticut, Garton in one registered to Princess Jeanne Hohenzollern and art valued at \$450,000 her lawyers have claimed.

She told authorities her husband, Charles, who lives in England, is the brother of Michael I, the last king of Romania, who was forced to abdicate in 1947.

As of Monday, she had not been able to post her \$7,500 bail.

A municipal court hearing is scheduled for Wednesday.

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# Clayton plans junior college funding study

**AUSTIN** — Speaker Bill Clayton said Monday he is appointing a special committee to study funding of public junior colleges in Texas.

Clayton said he has instructed the 100-member committee to study current funding formulas. Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, was appointed chairman of the committee. Other members are Reps. Jerry Donaldson, D-Gatesville; Tom Uher, D-Bay City; Billy Hall, D-Laredo; and Erwin Barton, D-Pasadena.

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