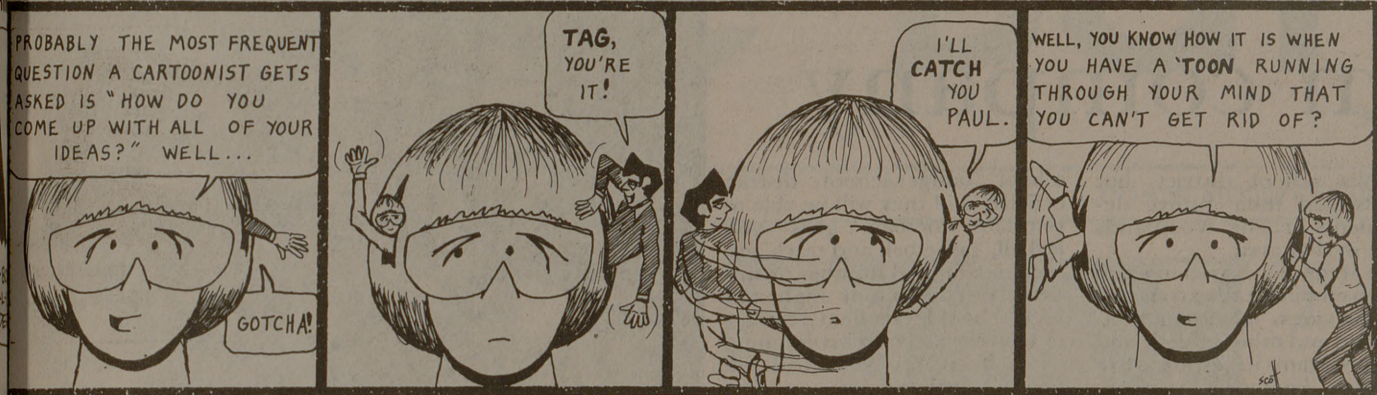


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Extortion deal holds up trial

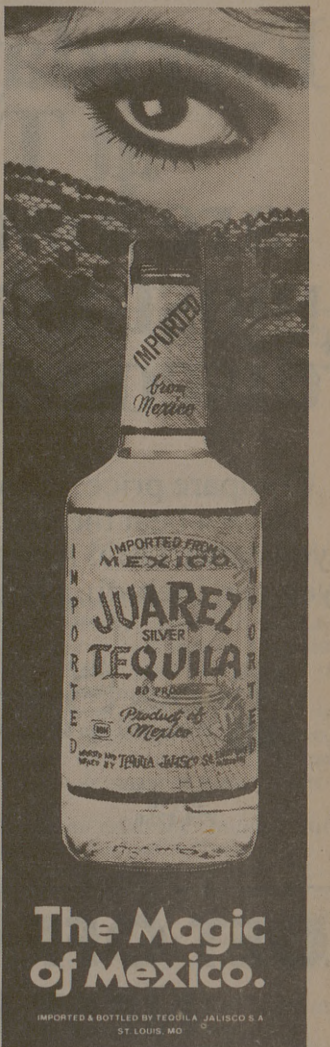
United Press International
HOUSTON — A judge has agreed to delay the trial of a Colorado woman charged with attempting to extort \$15 million from Gulf Oil Chemical Co. until a federal appeals court decides whether her indictment was legal.

John McBride, Bird's common-law husband.

Bird was indicted in April along with four Colorado men, but U.S. District Judge Gabrielle McDonald ruled Monday Bird's trial should be delayed until her appeal is decided.

Jill Renee Bird, 37, of Durango, Colo., one of five people charged in the extortion attempt, had contended she should not be prosecuted because of an agreement struck with a Colorado prosecutor and

McBride, 46, the alleged mastermind in the extortion plot last September, agreed to give officials information on five bombs he said he planted at the Gulf facility near Baytown if Bird received immunity.



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Income disclosures out

House leadership not rich

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Few, if any, House leaders are millionaires, financial disclosure statements revealed Tuesday.

The millionaires in the "peoples body," as the House sometimes is called, hold minor positions or are not part of the leadership.

The statements of personal wealth and income for 1982 were released Tuesday for most House members. Other members' statements were to be released Tuesday, and in the cases of a few who won't file extensions, on June 1.

The statements reveal general ranges of holdings and exact figures of fees for speeches and gifts. But for the most part it is impossible to compute a member's exact personal wealth.

House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, D-Mass., the most powerful man in the House, has holdings worth less than \$1 million and owes at least \$500,000 to financial institutions. O'Neill, who is paid \$79,125 per year, was allowed to earn

and retain an additional \$23,737 in outside income from speeches and writing. He went close to the maximum, retaining \$22,500, including \$2,000 in fees from such groups as the Outdoor Advertising Association.

Rep. Gillis Long, D-La., chairman of the Democratic Caucus, has assets of \$1.02 million, most of it stock, but owes \$510,000, making his net worth far less than \$1 million.

Rep. Kika de la Garza, D-Texas, chairman of the Agriculture Committee, received the standard House annual pay of \$60,662.50, earned \$10,500 by giving speeches and took a few trips at the expense of farm groups.

Beyond that, he had no outside income. He owns no stock or real estate, and bought and sold nothing.

Another influential member is Rep. James Howard, D-N.J., chairman of the Public Works Committee, who took the maximum permissible \$18,197 in honoraria. He also accepted travel expenses from a number of

groups to whom he spoke. But he has less than \$100,000 in the bank, earning less than \$16,000 in interest.

By contrast, one of the richer members of Congress is Richard Ottinger, D-N.Y., a subcommittee chairman. He has stocks and bonds valued at well over \$2 million, with the largest shares in Xerox, Weyerhaeuser and IBM. Last year, he earned dividends of more than \$60,000 from his stocks.

And Rep. James Broyhill, R-N.C., has assets of at least \$2.7 million spread among stocks, mutual funds, partnerships and other investments. He has liabilities of at least \$150,000.

Rep. Frank Guarini, D-N.J., has assets of more than \$1.6 million in property and stocks and owes more than \$150,000. He holds no committee or subcommittee chairmanship.

Democratic leader Jim Wright of Texas has assets of at least \$380,000 and owes at least \$115,000. He earned from investments more than \$25,000. Republican leader Robert

Michel of Illinois has at least \$150,000 in assets and owes at least \$50,000, the statement showed. Michel earned \$35,000 in speaking fees but gave much to charity, retaining only the allowable amount of \$20,575.

Many members enjoy golf and the lists showed many had gifts or lodging for golf tournaments.

Michel went to the Bob Hope Classic, where he received clothing and shoes. His expenses to the Elizabeth Arden Golf Tournament in Florida were paid.

O'Neill received travel and lodging to the Danny Thomas Charity Golf Tournament.

Expenses to several golf tournaments also were paid for Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., who kept \$17,500 in speaking fees and earned another \$34,398 that he gave to charity.

Like many others, he received \$2,000 for speaking to the Outdoor Advertising Association. Rostenkowski, the disclosure statement revealed, has holdings of at least \$120,000 and no liabilities.



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Houston doctor set to perform first U.S. pancreas transplants

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HOUSTON — Three diabetics have been selected to undergo pioneering pancreas transplants that could free them from lifelong dependence on insulin injections.

The procedure, which is new in the United States, has been performed at the University of Lyons in France 37 times since 1977, and doctors there say about half the recipients are doing well.

Dr. Barry Kahan of the University of Texas Medical School in Houston said Monday the three patients will undergo their first transplants in his program, probably within a few

weeks, all suffer from juvenile-onset diabetes and have already received new kidneys. Other patients are being evaluated.

Crucial to Kahan's plan was the recent approval by the federal government of his application to use the anti-rejection drug Cyclosporine, to which doctors in Lyon attribute much of their success.

Kahan said the donor pancreas must be transplanted into the diabetic's body alongside the patient's own organ. The original pancreas will continue to produce digestive enzymes, while the new one will generate the insulin hormone.

Diabetes is caused when a

pancreas secretes an insufficient amount of insulin, which means the body cannot metabolize sugar. Conversely, too much insulin causes hypoglycemia.

Kahan, who has been using Cyclosporine for the past two years and has completed 150 kidney operations with an 80 percent success rate, said the pancreas transplant is a more difficult operation.

"It is a bifunctional organ and the operation will only be performed on diabetics," Kahan said.

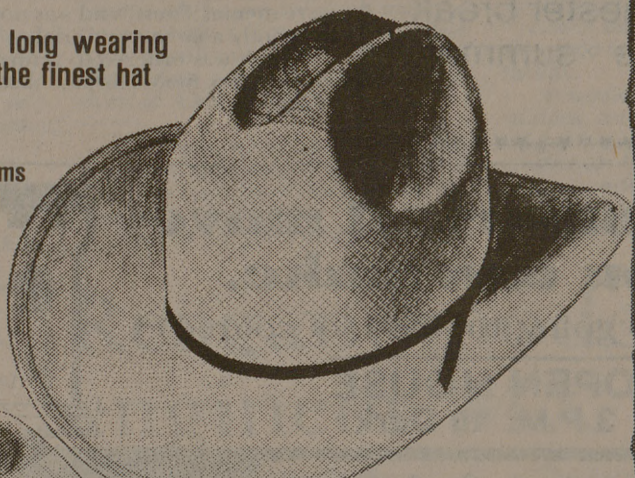
The Swiss-manufactured drug, which has revolutionized organ transplants, has already been used in heart, heart-lung,

kidney and liver transplant operations. Doctors said the drug reduces the chances of the body rejecting the new organ.

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