

Inmates on death row to live among others

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HUNTSVILLE — Another 36 inmates on Texas' death row have been assigned to a special prison work program which allows them to live and work among the general prison population.

The program was part of federal court order designed to improve living conditions at the Texas Department of Corrections. Previously, death row inmates were confined to individual cells for 22 hours each day. Under the work program, certain death row inmates are allowed to work and live among other prison inmates outside of death row.

TDC spokesman Rick Hartley said Monday death row convicts picked for the program are considered less violent and less prone to escape. The inmates were selected from the 160 inmates now on death row. The names of the inmates selected for the program have not been released, with the exception of Billy Hughes, 31, who was assigned to the program in October. Hughes was convicted in the 1976 killing of a Department of Public Safety officer.

Hughes operates a drilling machine in the Ellis Unit broom factory. Although he said he has had no problems with inmates in the general population, officials are wary about mixing death row inmates with the general population for fear that other convicts might harass them.

As many as 70 death row inmates eventually may participate in the program. Previously, all death row inmates were confined to their cells except for a two-hour per day recreation period in a small outdoor yard.

The work program is part of a long-running prison reform lawsuit ordered by U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice, who mandated sweeping changes in the state's prison system.

Prosecution to show Jones' killing motives

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GEORGETOWN — A prosecutor promised Tuesday he would show why murder trial defendant Genene Jones killed a baby girl with a drug injection, even though he told prospective jurors motive was less important than the fact she killed the infant.

Jury selection in Jones' trial moved tediously slowly as Kerr County District Attorney Ron Sutton discussed technical and legal details for more than two hours with a pool of about 110 prospective jurors.

Sutton said he would present evidence that showed a clear motive for why the vocational nurse injected 15-month-old Chelsea Ann McClellan with a powerful muscle relaxant in 1982, but he said the eventual 12-

member jury should focus less on the motive and more on evidence he said would establish her guilt. "Jurors often ask me what

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was the motive — the Perry Mason type thing," Sutton said. "There's no motive the

state has to prove in this case but I expect during the course of this trial the state will prove to you a motive.

"You may or may not believe the motive but that doesn't make any difference. People do things for all sorts of reasons. Sometimes it makes sense and sometimes it doesn't."

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Jones has pleaded innocent.

In addition to the murder charge in Chelsea's death, which carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment, the mother of two has been

charged with eight counts of injury to a child in Kerrville and San Antonio. Those children survived.

Jones, 33, stared fixedly at Sutton throughout his statements, which marked the first time in the two-day jury selection process that prospective jurors were informed of the nature of the charge against her.

The nurse, who is divorced from the father of her two children and is separated from a 19-year-old man she married last April, has been held in the Williamson County jail since October, when her \$225,000 bond was revoked.

The trial was moved from Kerrville to Georgetown on a change of venue.

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Supporters get second call

White needs financial help

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AUSTIN — To help finance \$1.5 million in extraneous expenses during his first year in office, Gov. Mark White turned to the same group of financial supporters who helped bankroll his gubernatorial campaign in 1982.

Records showed Tuesday that White continued to borrow money in 1983 to pay for travel expenses, gifts, video equipment and mansion supplies out of his officeholder and campaign accounts.

The expenses were financed by contributors to White's political organization, the Mark

White Committee. None of the tab was paid by the state.

Of the \$896,578 in contributions in 1983, \$845,000 were bank loans guaranteed by more than a dozen of the people who helped secure \$2.5 million in loans for his 1982 campaign.

They included Austin lawyer Shannon Ratliff, Austin businessman Robert Baldwin III, former Democratic Party chairman Calvin Guest of Bryan, Robert Lanier of Houston and Gene Reamer of Houston.

The detailed list of spending by White and other elected officials were provided late Monday in the annual "officeholder's report" which requires a detailed list of money that was raised and how it was spent.

White's report showed he spent \$7,727 for four trips to the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Washington, D.C., \$3,625 for gifts to friends, \$9,620 for video equipment, \$49,203 for "mansion accessories," \$1,080 for a limousine service and \$1,939 for purchases from a posh San Francisco store called "Gumps."

An aide to White, who asked not to be identified, said the governor used the video equipment to tape television news programs and to monitor the House and Senate when the Legislature meets.

The governor's expenses included \$25,500 paid to White's New York public opinion analyst, and \$307,299 paid to GSD&M, the Austin consulting firm that designed television ads for the governor's campaign.

White, vacationing in the Middle East, was unavailable for comment, but a spokesman said the "mansion accessories" included crystal, glassware, silver trays that will remain in the mansion after the Whites leave.

Press secretary Ann Arnold said White chose to ask his political supporters to pay the bill for many of the expenses so could save Texas taxpayers money.

In other reports, Lt. Gov. Hobby raised \$629,637 while spending \$206,831. His expenditures ranged from a \$300 donation to a Baptist church in Houston to \$15,438 for Christmas cards.

Land Commissioner Gary Mauro collected \$371,325 and spent \$363,631, and Comptroller Bob Bullock raised \$295,000 and spent \$210,000.

Of Bullock's expenditures \$105,997 went to a San Diego, Texas, bank to repay a \$90,000 campaign loan from South Texas oilman-rancher Clinton Manges.

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