

GOP comment insults oilman

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AUSTIN — Democrat-turned-Republican Phil Gramm owes an apology to Texas members of the GOP for saying the only lifelong Republicans he knows are dead, according to Houston oilman Michel Halbouty.

Gramm, a U.S. Senate candidate, made the remark in response to one of his competitor's campaign advertisements.

In his ads, candidate Rob Mossbacher refers to himself as a "lifelong Republican."

Halbouty, a Houston oil-

man who serves on Mossbacher's steering committee and also is a member of President Reagan's re-election finance committee, said that "as a lifelong, living Republican he was disappointed and insulted" by Gramm's remarks.

"Our party welcomes converts to its ranks and we certainly welcome — and need — Phil Gramm," Halbouty said, "but we should not tolerate such negativism toward the people who built this party and remain dedicated to its conservative principles."

Prosecution rests in Jones trial

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GEORGETOWN — Prosecutors rested their case Tuesday against murder defendant Gene Jones, accusing the nurse of killing a baby girl as part of a scheme to start a pediatric intensive care unit in a tiny country hospital.

After a one-day break Wednesday, the defense planned to begin presenting evidence Thursday. Defense lawyers refused to say whether Jones would testify.

Forty-four witnesses testified over 14 days against Jones, a 33-year-old mother of two charged with killing 15-month-old Chelsea McClellan by injecting her with a powerful paralyzing

drug at pediatrician Kathleen Holland's clinic on Sept. 17, 1982.

She also has been charged with injuring six other children in Kerrville, where she worked for pediatrician Dr. Kathleen Holland for five weeks in 1982. Those six children survived.

The physician whose suspicions led to an investigation of nurse Gene Jones testified Tuesday there was enough muscle relaxant missing from the clinic where Jones worked to paralyze four adult men.

Dr. Frank Bradley, an anesthesiologist at Sid Peterson Hospital in Kerrville, said what was missing — one vial plus five-sixths of another vial of the

drug Anectine — would have been plenty to paralyze and stop the breathing of at least six children.

Previous witnesses testified three bottles of Anectine were ordered for the clinic. One was never opened, another disappeared and was never accounted for, and the third had been depleted of five-sixths of its contents, then refilled with a saltwater solution.

"That is enough Anectine to paralyze four average-size men, 150 to 160 pounds," Bradley testified.

Bradley said the jerky body movements he observed in a child brought into the hospital emergency room on Sept. 23,

1982, could only have occurred in someone recovering from a brief paralysis caused by a dose of the drug.

"This child exhibited the same type phenomenon we see when we give Anectine in the operating room," Bradley said. "There is not another physical phenomenon I'm aware of (that would cause the symptoms.) I don't know of anything else that could mimic that."

The child Bradley observed was 5-month-old Rolinda Ruth, the last of several patients Holland who suddenly stopped breathing and displayed seizure-like symptoms shortly after being left alone with Jones. Chelsea had died a week earlier.

Bradley said he contacted hospital authorities the same day he saw Rolinda.

Jury debates death sentence for convicted killer Moreno

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RICHMOND — Prosecutors Tuesday asked a jury to impose a death sentence on Eliseo Moreno who was convicted of killing a state trooper in what police say was a six-killing rampage triggered by marital problems.

Moreno, 25, was convicted Monday of capital murder in the shooting of Trooper Russell Lynn Boyd, 25. He also is charged with five other killings in Hempstead and College Station on Oct. 11 but awaits trial in those cases.

In order to impose the death sentence, the jury had to decide Moreno acted deliberately and constituted a continuing threat to society. The only alternative sentence was life in prison.

Among witnesses testifying in

support of the death penalty for Moreno were managers of two Bryan stores. They told jurors Moreno bought two handguns from them Oct. 11, the day he killed Boyd north of Hempstead.

Testimony showed Moreno bought .25 and .22 caliber pistols and that a .357 pistol — later identified as the gun that killed Boyd — was stolen from a gun cabinet in one of the stores the morning of the killings.

Another prosecution witness was Raymond Reyna of Donna, the ex-husband of Moreno's estranged wife Blanca, who testified Moreno assaulted him last summer in the parking lot of a grocery store.

Reyna said he had warned Moreno to stay away from

Blanca, who at that time was estranged from Reyna.

Reyna said Moreno knocked him down and repeatedly hit him in the face with a can of peanuts. The injury required stitches, he said.

Moreno also is charged with the Oct. 11 killing of two of his in-laws, Juan Garza, 30, and his wife, Esther, 31, in their College Station apartment after a day-long argument over Blanca.

He also is charged with killing three other people the same day — Ann Bennett, 70, her brother, James, 71, and neighbor Allie Wilkins, 79 — at the Bennett's house in Hempstead.

Police charge Moreno sought help in fleeing from the police and the Bennetts and Wilkins did not act quickly enough.

Hightower apologizes to Krueger for mailing of unauthorized letter

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AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower apologized Tuesday to U.S. Senate candidate Bob Krueger because a letter bearing his signature and criticizing Krueger was mailed without his authorization by another candidate, Lloyd Doggett.

In the letter of apology, Hightower called the incident "an extremely unfortunate mix-up." Hightower has endorsed Doggett, an Austin state senator.

"I want you to know that criticisms in the letter do not come from me and I regret that my name is attached to them," Hightower said. "I hold you in high personal regard, and I never would have signed such a letter had I seen it in advance."

Doggett was not immediately available for comment.

In the unauthorized letter, which apparently was drafted by Doggett's campaign workers, Hightower purportedly blasts Krueger for voting against jobs bills, food stamps, day care centers and heating assistance for the elderly.

The letter also is critical of Senate candidates Kent Hance and Phil Gramm.

At a Capitol news conference, Krueger said the incident

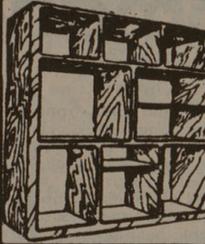
was one in a series of misrepresentations by Doggett.

"I guess I've been used to Lloyd Doggett misrepresenting me for a long time," Krueger said, "it looks now like he has not stopped at misrepresenting the people who are seeking the same office he is."

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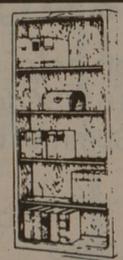
ized letter must have been mailed to "thousands of Texans" because he even received one at his New Braunfels home.

After Krueger's news conference, Hightower said that though he supports Doggett, he also seeks party unity.



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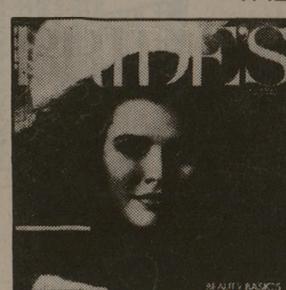
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