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Pilots' trial set to begin

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SAN ANTONIO — A non-jury trial was scheduled to begin in federal court Tuesday for two striking Continental Airline pilots charged with possessing pipe bombs.

The trial for Calvin Early, 43, and Charles Weldon Hall, 47, was scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. before senior U.S. District Judge D.W. Suttle, who will hear a motion to waive a trial by jury, attorneys said.

Last week, Suttle denied a defense motion to suppress evidence provided by Texas Department of Public Safety trooper Hector Herrera, who arrested the two pilots on Nov. 22, 1983.

Hall and Early were arrested after they allegedly tried to avoid a routine drivers license check by making a U-turn at the checkpoint on Bulverde Road in north San Antonio.

As Herrera checked the license, a woman drove up to the roadblock and told the officer she had seen a paper sack thrown from the car. The sack was found with two unexploded pipe bombs inside, police said.

A search of the pilots' car turned up a canvas suitcase containing a wig, a hat, pliers, a screwdriver and pictures of at least three nearby homes of non-striking Continental pilots.

Defense attorneys argued the initial license check stop was improper and searches of the automobile and its contents were illegal and should be suppressed.



Kidney stone 'crusher' tried; patient responds favorably

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INDIANAPOLIS — A Kentucky man Monday became one of the first patients in the country to be treated for painful kidney stones with acoustic shock waves, eliminating the need for surgery, Methodist Hospital doctors said.

Tony Battaglia, 28, an Erlanger, Ky., freight company manager who has suffered from kidney stones since last October, underwent the treatment Monday morning at Methodist.

Hospital spokesman David Richards said Battaglia, who was unconscious during the operation, was in good condition Monday afternoon and "feeling chipper." He said he was feeling free of pain, and that he had

been in a considerable amount of pain before the treatment.

Methodist Hospital doctors have been conducting a clinical evaluation of the kidney stone crusher, called the extracorporeal shock wave lithotripter.

"Today marks the beginning of a new era in treating one of mankind's most painful medical problems," said urologist James Lingeman, one of the physicians conducting the Food and Drug Administration-supervised investigation of the equipment at Methodist.

"We are proud to be the first hospital in the country to test and offer this new and completely different type of therapy," he said. "It is an enormous breakthrough."

Lingeman said the device de-

creases dramatically the "discomfort and cost" usually associated with kidney stone treatment.

"The shock waves pass through the patient's body with no damage to the body itself because we humans are mostly water anyway, and the density of our body tissue is almost identical to that of water," Lingeman said.

"Extensive testing done has shown no adverse affect on biological tissues. But when it reaches a very hard substance such as kidney stones ... it will fragment the stone," he said.

Battaglia Monday was given a general anesthetic, then lowered into a bath of water. The lithotripter then used X-rays to locate the stone and generated

acoustic shock waves that focused on the stone, doctors said.

The shock waves pulverized the kidney stones into small particles without damaging the surrounding tissue, doctors said.

Doctors said the particles, the size of sand or gravel, will be excreted in the urine.

The \$2 million kidney stone pulverizer arrived at Methodist Hospital in December, and has been tested on 17 patients since then.

Hospital officials said patients using the treatment require a four-day hospital stay, as compared to surgical patients who must be hospitalized from five to 15 days. The difference in cost currently is about \$2,000, Richards said.

Actor William Powell dead at 91

United Press International
PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — Actor William Powell, the breezy sophisticate of more than 100 motion pictures who was best known for his portrayal of Nick Charles in the "Thin Man" detective film series, died Monday. He was 91.

Powell died at Desert Hospital early Monday morning, a hospital spokeswoman said. The actor entered the facility Sunday with pneumonia.

"He passed away of natural causes about 5:45 this morning," Powell's wife of 44 years, Diana, said in a telephone interview from their Palm Springs home. "He was in no pain. I was with him all night long and at his side when he died."

Powell, one of the few actors to survive the transition from silent films to talkies, was nominated for an Academy Award three times but never won. He was nominated in 1934 for the original "Thin Man," in 1936 for "My Man Godfrey," and in 1947 for playing Clarence Day

in the movie version of the Broadway hit "Life With Father."

Powell attributed his sophisticated style to his training on the stage, where he began his career before moving to Hollywood in 1921 to make a silent version of "Sherlock Holmes" with John Barrymore.

His last movie was "Mr. Roberts" with Henry Fonda, Jack Lemmon and James Cagney in 1954. Powell played the role of Doc.

He was teamed so many times with actress Myrna Loy in the Thin Man film series that fans thought they were actually married. But they never were more than friends and co-stars.

Among his other memorable pictures were "The Great Ziegfeld," "The Senator Was Indiscreet," "Dancing in the Dark" and "How To Marry a Millionaire."

Powell was born in Pittsburgh on July 29, 1892, and grew up in Allegheny, Pa., and Kansas City, Mo., where he got a taste

of acting at Central Union High School.

He had planned on a career in law, but following his youthful stage debut changed his mind and decided to become an actor. He worked as an usher at the Grand Opera House and the Home Telephone Co. in Kansas City to earn money to attend the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York.

At the end of his term at the Academy, Powell was given a bit part at \$40 per week in "The Ne'er Do Well." In 1920 he scored an outstanding success in "Spanish Love" on Broadway, leading to the Sherlock Holmes film with Barrymore and a long-term contract with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Powell married three times and was reported to have been in love with the sex symbol of the 1930s, Jean Harlow.

When Harlow died in 1937, Powell became despondent. He collapsed during her funeral and took a long respite in Europe before returning to Holly-

wood and his work.

He later purchased a \$25,000 crypt for her and visited it twice weekly, bringing two dozen red roses each time.

His first wife was actress Eileen Wilson with whom he had a son, William Jr. They were divorced and he later married Carole Lombard in 1931. That marriage also ended in divorce, in 1933.


Lombard was his co-star in "My Man Godfrey," playing a giddy but good-hearted debutante.

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