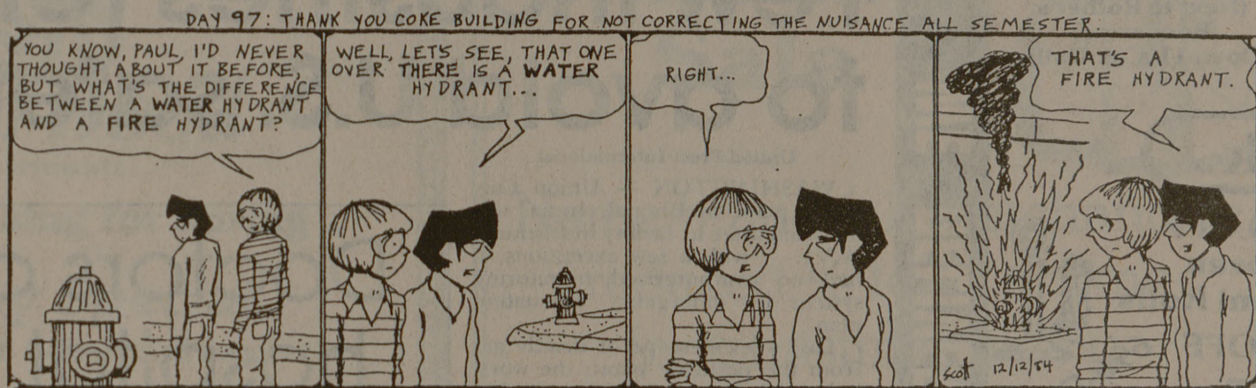


Texas gets first Hughes payment

United Press International
AUSTIN — The state of Texas Tuesday received a first installment of \$25.8 million in inheritance taxes from the estate of the late billionaire Howard Hughes.
 Another \$25 million payment will be made in 1985 as part of the Aug. 23 settlement of an 8-year-old legal battle between Texas and California over the Hughes estate, which had been valued for tax purposes as high as \$300 million.
 The state obtained the more than \$50 million settlement in an out-of-court agreement reach with the state of California, which received \$44 million in cash and another \$50-plus million in real estate.
 The second and final payment to Texas will be held in escrow for one year at United Bank in Austin.
 State Comptroller Bob Bullock, whose office spent years auditing and cataloging assets of the vast Hughes estate, said Hughes would have wanted Texas to share in his fortune.
 "Howard Hughes was on his way home to Texas when he died," he said. "If he were alive today, I feel he would approve of us getting his money, especially if he knew how much we need it this year."
 The state is facing a probable revenue deficit of nearly \$1 billion for the 1986-87 budget period.
 Hughes, who was born in Houston but lived most of his life in California, died en route to a hospital in an airplane over Texas on April 5, 1976, touching off a legal fight between the two states.
 Each state claimed taxes on the estate of the late industrialist's dominion, but agreed to settle the case rather than continue the protracted proceedings.
 When it sought to apply its 16 percent estate tax in 1977, Texas had to receive as much as \$100 million, including penalties.
 Attorney General Jim Mattox, whose office negotiated the settlement, said the payment "is our concrete evidence that all the toil was worth the effort."
 "Our school children need this money, particularly in these trying financial times, and we're pleased with this sort of a Christmas gift from the Howard Hughes estate."

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FDA changes drug laws to quicken review time

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The government Tuesday announced the "most extensive change" in federal drug laws in 22 years to accelerate the review of new drugs to get them to patients faster.
 Health and Human Services Secretary Margaret Heckler said the new measures will reduce the average wait to get a new drug on the market — about two years — by up to 20 percent.
 The new rules will allow drugs to be approved based on foreign clinical studies — provided they can be substantiated — slash paperwork by up to 70 percent and allow simultaneous reviews by various offices of the Food and Drug Administration, she said.
 Heckler said the regulations will also strengthen adverse reaction reporting requirements by manufacturers and distributors so the FDA can better remove ones that later prove hazardous.

"These regulatory improvements will help get useful drugs to patients faster, while ensuring that safety information gets to (the) FDA in a timely and useable form," said Heckler, whose agency oversees the FDA.
 The regulations will be published in the Federal Register this week. Most provisions become effective in three months, with a transition period of up to one year for certain requirements.
 The regulations are partly a response to studies that have found some useful drugs have been available for years in foreign countries while the FDA waded through lengthy application procedures.
 They also come in the wake of criticism from Congress that the FDA inadequately monitors the market for adverse reactions.
 Heckler said the new procedures are "the most extensive change in (the) FDA's drug regulations since the 1962 drug amendments" that re-

quired drugs to be examined by effectiveness.
 The revisions provide that:
 • The FDA may approve new drugs based solely on foreign clinical studies meeting U.S. testing criteria, if the studies are validated, conducted by competent investigators and applicable to the U.S. population.
 • Surveillance of marketed drugs will be strengthened. Reports showing a significant increase in reactions to a drug will be required immediately. Reports of serious, unexpected reactions will continue to be required as soon as details are known, in all cases within 15 working days.
 • Applicants will be required to prepare more focused and better organized analyses of data.
 • The length of drug applications will be reduced through use of tables, although raw data submissions will continue to be required on issues central to safety review.

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