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Ex-pilots start new business

Associated Press
HOUSTON — When some veteran Continental Airlines pilots heard that their airline had just filed to reorganize in federal bankruptcy court, they decided to leave the industry and venture into other careers.

"I made that decision day one," said Doug Fletcher, an 18-year veteran with Continental. "I wrote it off right there."

A week later when the pilots union went on strike against Continental, Fletcher reaffirmed his decision to change careers.

The change meant opening a transmission shop franchise with Frank Sonnier, another striking pilot, in Clute. The two plan to open five more shops in the Houston area.

The pair is like a number of active striking pilots who have started their own businesses while the Air Line Pilots Association continues to strike Houston-based Continental.

Longtime pilots say it's difficult, if not impossible, to go to work for other carriers since they're not young enough to be desirable hires.

"When the strike started, I started looking around for something else to get into," said Fletcher, 45.

Fletcher and Sonnier determined the service industry was "where the money was." Their shop opened in July.

Waldo

by Kevin Thomas



Jury selection begins today in nursing home murder trial

Associated Press
SAN ANTONIO — Lack of space at the Bexar County courthouse and an unusually large jury pool have forced officials to move jury selection for a nursing home murder trial to a hotel banquet room.

A jury pool of 200 people has been called to hear the state's murder case against the Autumn Hills Convalescent Center, Inc., and five individuals.

The nursing home, part of a Houston-based chain, its president and four current and former employees are accused in the 1978 deaths of Edna Mae Witt, 78, and Elnora Breed, 87.

The two women died at the Autumn Hills Nursing Home in Texas City.

The trial has been moved to San Antonio from its original location in Galveston because of extensive publicity surrounding the case.

Attorneys are scheduled to meet today to dispense with pretrial mo-

tions. Jury selection will follow.

Jury selection was moved to the Travelodge Hotel across the street from the Bexar County courthouse. The trial itself will be held in a courtroom at the federal courthouse.

"The reason for it is the 200-member jury panel, and we do not have the courtroom space," said Jean Bloomingdale, administrative secretary for the criminal district courts in San Antonio.

She said jury selection had never been held outside the courthouse before.

A 200-member jury pool is unusually large, she said. The court usually calls 100 potential jurors for capital murder trials and 42 for regular criminal cases.

The defendants, named in a November grand jury indictment, in-

clude Autumn Hills President Robert Gay, 58; Ron Pohlmeier, 41; Mattie Locke, 42, a nursing consul-

tant; Virginia Wilson, 62, former administrator of the nursing home, and Cassandra Canlas, 31, former director of nursing services at the nursing home.

An investigation into the nursing home began after David Marks, a former Galveston County assistant district attorney, read reports prepared by state nursing home inspectors.

The reports described how elderly patients were left for days in their own waste, how their bedsores and other afflictions were ignored and how they were beaten and abused.

The indictments against the defendants allege failure to provide adequate care, nutrition, medications, bathing facilities and other needs for the patients.

The charges also allege the defendants falsified records.

Official says win due to position on issues

Associated Press
HOUSTON — Republican Eugene R. Haney edged out Democrat Walter Hinojosa in a special run-off election for a vacant state house seat representing north Houston.

Haney, 33, will fill the District 140 house seat vacated when Democrat Gene Green was elected to the state Senate. Haney probably will have to run again to participate in a legislative session since the Legislature doesn't convene again in regular session until after the May primary.

Only 8 percent of the registered voters in the district turned out for Saturday's election. Haney, an insurance salesman, grabbed 1,514 or 54.4 percent of the votes. Hinojosa, a former school teacher, collected 1,270 or 45.6 percent of the votes.

Haney attributed his victory to his strong stand on moral issues.

"The moral issues are very important to the people of this district," he said. "This district led the fight against massage parlors. We made a clear-cut stand on these issues, on

abortion, on pornography."

Saturday's election followed an Aug. 10 special election when neither candidate out of a slate of seven received a majority of the votes.

In that election, Hinojosa carried 25 percent of the votes to Haney's 19 percent.

Since then, Hinojosa, 35, has been pounded with charges that he had not lived in the district long enough to run for office and also that he had failed to mention he was fired from his job as a teacher in the Houston

Independent School District. He now works for the Texas Federation of Teachers in Houston.

Hinojosa maintained that his residency was established in the district and said he had filed a lawsuit seeking to regain his HISD job.

Throughout the campaign, Hinojosa stressed the need for educational improvements as well as greater local control over government projects.

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