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# Chagra case now in hands of jurors

**Associated Press**  
AUSTIN — Eight men and four women were asked Tuesday to decide exactly what part Elizabeth Chagra played in a plot to kill U.S. District Judge John Wood in San Antonio.

Assistant U.S. Attorney LeRoy Jahn, in final arguments, said, "She was not an innocent bystander. She was a total participant."

Defense attorney Warren Burnett said, "There is no evidence that Liz did a mean thing to anyone."

"The mere knowledge of a defendant that others have conspired to violate the law, even with her full sympathy, will not make her a conspirator."

Chagra, 32, is charged with conspiracy to commit murder in the rifle slaying of Wood outside his condominium May 29, 1979. If convicted, she faces up to 30 years in prison.

The jury changed Tuesday when U.S. District Judge William Sessions said he had been informed a woman juror had overheard two women jurors say they were prejudiced.

After talking with the three women, Sessions dismissed Irma Nava, an Austin cake decorator. Nava felt she might be influenced because she had been the victim of a robbery last summer.

Sessions allowed another woman juror to remain on the panel over defense objections. Burnett argued that she had said her reported conversation in the jury room indicated she might be prejudiced against Hispanics, "which is the ancestry of the defendant."

Session said he was allowing the woman to remain on the jury because she said she could make a fair decision on the basis of the testimony.

Nava was replaced by Will Grover, one of three alternate jurors chosen.

Government attorneys tried to prove during the trial, which began Feb. 5, Chagra was part of a conspiracy that included her husband, Jimmy Chagra, a Florida drug dealer and Las Vegas gambler, and her brother-in-law, Joe Chagra, a former El Paso lawyer.

Joe Chagra testified the plot was hatched because Jimmy Chagra was scheduled to be tried on narcotics trafficking charges by Wood, who was known as "Maximum John" because of the stiff sentences he handed out to drug dealers.

Joe Chagra said Mrs. Chagra had no part in her husband's decision to have Wood killed.

Mrs. Chagra testified she had no part in the conspiracy although she later learned she had delivered a \$250,000 payoff to a Las Vegas hotel for Charles Harrelson, who is serving a life sentence for killing Wood.

She said she thought she was paying some of her husband's gambling debts and did not know the money was for Harrelson until months later when Joe Chagra told her.

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# White seeking Wall Street support for Texas

**Associated Press**  
WASHINGTON — After dealing the budget cuts he has prodded to cope with diminishing oil incomes, Texas Gov. Mark White Tuesday he was heading for a series of Wall Street meetings to bolster investor confidence in the state.

White was in Washington for the annual Governors' Association meeting, where he was told President Reagan will meet at a later date with oil-producing states to talk about the problem of rising oil prices.

White was due to return to the state tonight after an overnight trip

to New York to talk to bond raters and investment analysts.

The meetings, he said, are "just to let them ask me questions and explain what's going on in Texas."

"A lot of people equate Texas and the oil industry," White said. "We're obviously very dependent on the oil industry, but not nearly so much so as some of the other states."

The state is dependent on oil and gas severance taxes for about 13 percent of its revenues, White said.

He has proposed a 13 percent reduction in spending by state agencies to meet a \$1.3 billion deficit projected by Comptroller Bob Bullock.

In a confidential memorandum that became public Tuesday, Bullock's office said White's budget plan would not work and cuts of 31 percent would be needed, but White said he "disagreed" with the comptroller.

"There's always a Chicken Little out there who says that something can't be done," White said.

At the Tuesday session of the governors, White and the others heard House Ways and Means Chairman Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., tell them the Reagan administration is not helping state budget writers by proposing a fiscal 1987 budget that

won't be approved by Congress.

Last week, White wrote Reagan asking for an oil import fee to stabilize oil prices.

Press secretary Ann Arnold said a letter to Reagan supporting action on the oil crisis was being signed Tuesday by governors from non-producing states.

Monday, House Majority Leader Jim Wright, D-Fort Worth, said there was very little chance that an oil import fee would be approved because Reagan considers it a tax on consumer goods and has steadfastly refused to propose or endorse such measures.

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