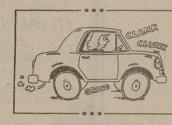


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## **Store chain owner** arrested at airport for fake death scam Nationwide hunt ends at D-FW; Hanson faces fraud charges

FORT WORTH (AP) — A former clothing store chain owner who was the subject of a nationwide hunt for allegedly faking his own death in a \$1.5 million insurance scam was arrested Monday at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

Melvin Hanson, a co-founder of Just Sweats, an athletic clothing stores based in Columbus, Ohio, was apprehended by U.S. Customs Service officials at for allegedly carrying

a bogus passport, officials said. He was arraigned Monday af-ternoon before district magistrate Gene Grant and charged with theft by fraud on an warrant from Ohio.

Hanson remained in the Tarrant County Jail and bond was set at \$5 million.

Columbus police detective James Lanfear said he was told by federal officials that Hanson was carrying a

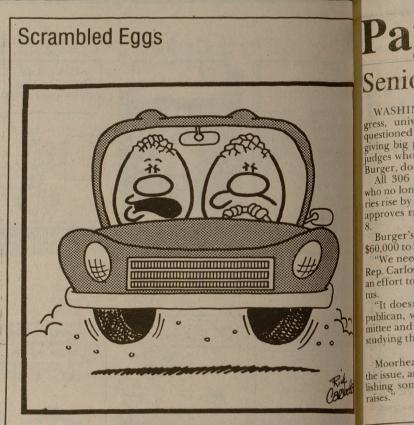
passport with the name Wolfgang Eugene von Snowde, or Snowden, two aliases that Hanson had used.

Lanfear also said it is believed that Hanson was returning from Acapulco, Mexico, where he went to see

a plastic surgeon. "I am very, very pleased. At last we can start to get the ball rolling," Lanfear said.

B. Hawkins, 25, have been wanted by police in Columbus and Califor-nia since mid-1988, when it was discovered that Hanson was not dead and Hawkins had disappeared.

Theft charges against Hanson and Hawkins were filed Oct. 14 by Farmers New World Life Insurance Co. of Mercer Island, Wash., which paid Hawkins \$1 million in death benefits. Hawkins was Hanson's beneficiary.



## POGGONE SPEEDBUMPS ...

# **Official: Revise AIDS testing law**

AUSTIN (AP) - A 1987 law requiring consent for medical testing should be clarified to better protect confidentiality of people getting AIDS tests, a state lawmaker said Monday. Rep. Billy Clemons told the House Committee

on Public Health that rules issued by the Texas Department of Health have required specific consent for AIDS testing, possibly endangering the privacy of people getting the test. Clemons, vice chairman of the committee, has

proposed a bill saying the general consent form would cover AIDS testing. The committee agreed to further study of the

proposal. "What my bill does is to reverse (the Health

Department's rules) and say that the general con-sent form will do for any test the physician orders," Clemons, D-Pollok, told the committee during a public hearing.

The 1987 Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Act provided for a general medical testing consent form that would include, but not specify, AIDS testing, Clemons said.

The general wording was meant in part to protect the confidentiality of people being tested for acquired immune deficiency syndrome

Clemons said his proposal would simply reiter-ate the wording of the 1987 law.

The reasoning for this is not because the Department of Health acted out of bounds or anything," Clemons said. "I just think (requiring spe-cific consent for an AIDS test) does just the opposite of the intention of the law. It hurts the

confidentiality rather than helps it." Earl Matthews, representing the Texas Medi-cal Association and the Texas Infectious Diseases Society, testified in favor of the bill, saying that physicians need a blanket testing consent form to protect them from liability.

Matthews said doctors need the form to show that consent for testing was requested, in case a patient who has refused an AIDS test later turns up with the disease.

so doctors could order tests for incapacitated or be an informed consumer," she said.

unconscious patients without oral or written sent.

Others who testified at the hearing opp Clemons' bill, saying it would allow "series ing, "over-testing" and would be unfair to tients who later have to pay for tests they did want

Glen Maxey, executive director of the Lesh Gay Political Caucus, said patients have a right refuse the test.

"(The bill) takes away the ability of having sent, with someone discussing it with the tor. We need to tighten it back down," Ma

Annette Lovoi, president of the Texas sumer Association, also opposed the bill. "It is our contention that an individual, ye

have every right to full information of scope of service that's being recommende us, as well as the cost of that service," Lovois 'We feel that (the bill) disguises the con Matthews also said the law should be modified that we are seeking, that any medical patient

# FBI, Hispanic agents begin negotiations

EL PASO (AP) — Lawyers for the FBI and for the 311 Hispanic agents who successfully sued in a racial dis-crimination case met Monday to discuss what the FBI will do to clean up its act.

Neither side wanted to discuss specifics of the talks, which plain-tiffs' attorney Hugo Rodriguez likened to union-management negotiations

'All of the issues of liability are at stake — how much each individual class member will get, what institu-tional changes will be made, whether retaliation will be compensated," plaintiffs' co-counsel Tony Silva

in promotions, assignments and discipline. The class-action lawsuit was brought by the FBI's No. 2 man in the El Paso office, Bernardo "Mat" Perez, and 310 of the agency's approximately 400 agents joined in the

Bunton ordered the two sides to meet in El Paso and talk all this week if necessary to settle as many differences as possible. He has scheduled a damages trial starting Feb. 20 in which he will hear testimony and rule on whichever issues have not settled out of court. Rodriguez and Silva predicted the damages trial could take two weeks more.

The FBI also proposed changing certain goals for promotion of system of taking and monitoring panics," said Rodriguez, who wa its system of taking and monitoring in-house discrimination complaints by training counselors better and placing the equal employment op-portunity office under the supervision of one of the four executive assistant FBI directors.

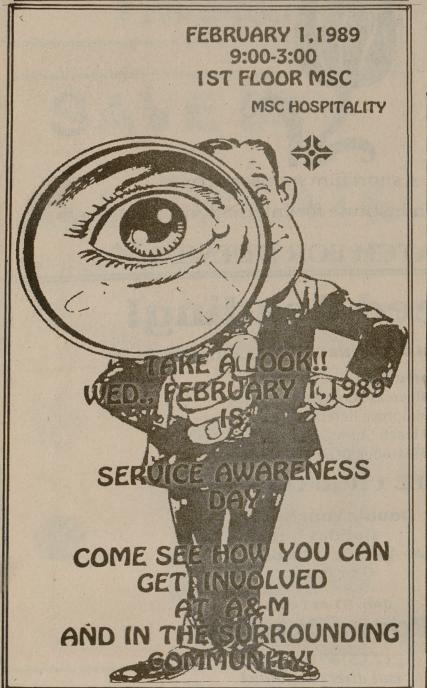
Bunton ruled the FBI discriminated against Hispanic agents by as-signing them too often to monitor Spanish-language wiretaps that could be monitored just as easily by Spanish-speaking Anglo agents or by clerks. The FBI proposed hiring at least 30 Spanish-speaking linguists to monitor wiretaps and to pay agents bonuses for improving for-

FBI agent for more than a dec before he quit to practice law.

The FBI has not even addre Bunton's ruling that the bureau taliated against Perez by laund an illegal grand-jury investigatio him, Rodriguez said.

Hiring linguists to monitor taps is a step in the right direct Silva said. But he added that ag should receive a bonus each they use their foreign-lang skills. Under the FBI's prop

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said. "We're in preliminary negotiations. We're simply laying the

groundwork to negotiate." U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton ruled after a two-week, non-jury trial last summer that the FBI discriminated against Hispanic agents

FBI attorneys declined comment, but the agency filed court documents two months ago in which it proposed having each of the 311 plaintiffs fill out a long form to help determine whether they should get back pay and how much

eign-language fluency

But Rodriguez labeled the proposals "cosmetic and prophylactic" measures to assuage Bunton and said they didn't go far enough.

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Silva said he believes the dam portion of the case will go to trial.

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