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Women slap \$100 million suit against State Farm Insurance for faults in hiring practices

HOUSTON (AP) — Seven Texas women on Thursday filed a \$100 million suit against State Farm Insurance Co., one of the nation's largest insurance firms, alleging State Farm's hiring practices for years had discriminated against women and minorities in the state.

The seven, in their class action suit, accuse State Farm of discriminating against minorities who wanted to become sales agents, claims adjusters and underwriters and reserving those jobs for white males.

"This is a very valuable job and is a job that historically was passed on by nepotism and cronyism in what generally is described as a good old boys network," said Guy Saperstein, an Oakland, Calif. attorney who won a similar suit against State Farm in that state last year.

"This case is like that case. It's brought on behalf of all women. And we think it's representative of what happened to women in Texas. There were a lot of tactics used to discourage women."

He alleged women were told they would need a large investment in order to become an agent, that the nighttime work could be dangerous and that the long hours could disrupt their family life.

"None of those statements is true," he said. "What's amazing about the Texas case is meeting these women and how it took me back to California. Their stories are almost identical to what I heard in California."

The Texas case, which stems from

complaints filed by the women in 1980 with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, was assigned to U.S. District Judge David Hittner. Saperstein said he expected

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it to go to trial within two years. Jim Stahly, a spokesman for Bloomington, Ill.-based State Farm, said he knew little of the suit, but insisted the company had been cooperating

with the EEOC.

"In fact, all along the way we've asked the EEOC to identify those individuals who believed they had been discriminated against to correct any injustices there may have been, but the EEOC has not provided us with the names," he said.

"We have a good record in Texas," he added, noting that the company's Texas region included 895 agents — 126 female and 125 minorities.

State Farm also has 2,337 employees in the region, 1,540 of whom are female and 929 minorities, he said.

Of 61 agents in training over the last two years, 40 are either male and/or minorities, Stahly said.

"We're pretty proud of that and quite confident that's probably better than most other insurance companies in Texas," he said.

Legislators want session open to education bills; Clements denies request

AUSTIN (AP) — Two legislators Thursday urged Gov. Bill Clements to open the special session to tax and spending bills for public education, saying the proposals could be the only way to avoid court control of schools.

Clements almost immediately refused the request from Sen. Carl Parker and Rep. Ernestine Glosbrenner.

"That's a deal that's much too complicated and too comprehensive and so forth to be considered in the special session," Clements, who controls the legislative agenda, said.

The Legislature in the regular session approved a \$450 million school finance proposal for 1990-91 that was designed to equalize funding between poor and wealthy school districts.

Clements signed the bill into law, but he vowed to veto any tax increase, including a proposed 7 cents per package increase in the cigarette tax, which might have provided additional school funds.

On Wednesday, the Texas Supreme Court agreed to review Texas' system of financing public schools, which, in some minds, lends urgency to that issue. Oral arguments were set for July 5.

Parker, D-Port Arthur, said he and Glosbrenner, D-Alice, believe Clements' refusal to accept a tax bill

"could very well turn out to be the most expensive, costly no-new-tax-session ever, anywhere in the United States."

"The price of no new taxes, in my opinion, is having the courts throw out our entire system of public school funding," Parker told a news conference.

If the high court should abolish the school finance system, Parker said, the Legislature would have to raise "\$3 billion right away to fix the system all at once."

Clements said, "I think it is terribly important that the court makes its view known on this subject before we then take additional action."

Parker and Glosbrenner proposed spending an additional \$378 million on public schools in 1990-91, with an extra \$1 billion in each of the next two bienniums.

To help pay for the school funding proposal they suggested a 10-cent increase in the cigarette tax, plus an extension of the professional fees on lawyers, accountants and the like; a \$2 automobile window sticker to deter auto thefts; and an aviation fuels tax, which would be shared by schools and airports.

The auto sticker, which would include the license plate number, would be purchased when a driver renewed the plates.

Man accused of running drugs denied bond

BEAUMONT (AP) — Bond was denied for a Missouri City man indicted on charges of running drugs from Houston to San Augustine for distribution in East Texas and West Louisiana.

Edgar Price was ordered held without bond by U.S. Magistrate J. Michael Bradford following a two-hour hearing Wednesday.

Price's attorney, Ralph Martinez of Houston, argued that his client suffers from a back injury and would not receive the attention he needs in the Jefferson County Jail.

Martinez also said federal authorities failed to prove Price was a threat to society.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Malcolm Bales said Price was the pipeline allegedly used first by Lenard Jackson and then by Willie Ray "Blue Tick" Edwards to funnel cocaine from Houston to San Augustine.

"He is the one carrying the poison to San Augustine," Bales said.

Price, Jackson, Edwards and 22 other people were named in an indictment on charges of conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance.

Twenty other people were indicted Tuesday in conjunction with a June 2 federal drug sweep in San Augustine.

Federal authorities accuse Jackson, Edwards and Dave Hubbard of running three drug operations that supplied cocaine to the area.

Edwards and Hubbard have been detained without bond, and Jackson is free on an unsecured \$50,000 bond.

HUD to investigate apparent diversion of \$80,000 in housing funds for poor

AUSTIN (AP) — The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will investigate the apparent diversion of \$80,000 to \$90,000 in housing funds intended for poor families living in five federally subsidized apartments in Austin, it was reported Thursday.

The Austin American-Statesman said the money was to cover the monthly rental and utility bills of the families who lived in the 99 units of the housing complexes known as Interregional Apartments. The apartments were shut down by the city in September because of building code violations.

"It may be a while before we can get to it, but it is scheduled for investigation," Johnny O. Lee, the HUD regional inspector general in Fort Worth, said. "Right now, it's waiting in line with a lot of other cases. ... It's a question of time and manpower."

The principal owner of the Interregional Apartments is San Antonio investor Benard L. Lifshutz, who said he was aware that some subsidies had been taken but he was not involved.

Another partner in the project, who is listed as Chuck McGinnis of Austin in city records, could not be located, the newspaper said. Lifshutz said he and McGinnis are no longer business partners and he has not talked to McGinnis in months.

According to a letter from the city to the HUD inspector general, the apparent diversion of federal utility subsidies took place between August 1986 and February 1988.

Former Acting City Manager John Ware told City Council members in a memo last year that the exact amount of money taken was hard to determine because the owners' records for those years "are virtually nonexistent."

City staff at the Department of Housing and Community Services, which administers the federally subsidized housing program, said they believe the amount was \$80,000 to \$90,000.

The department staff first learned of the problem when Interregional tenants complained that their electric, gas, and water services were being disconnected.

Cougar

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mascot, even though it's been raised in captivity, is crazy," Myers said.

School officials are looking at other options, such as borrowing a cougar from the zoo on game days.

Liesel Owens, a senior journalism major and managing editor for the Daily Cougar, said the plan to borrow a cougar from the zoo is not a feasible one.

"It's ridiculous," she said. "There's no way a zoo is going to agree to that. I also think it's ridiculous to have a live mascot to begin with. There's too much unpredictability with a cougar, or any animal like that."

"Keeping a cougar locked in small cage, even though she was raised in captivity and would live the same way in a zoo, is animal cruelty," Owens said. "At least in a zoo, they would get proper care and the facilities are better."

Each Shasta, dating back to 1947, has been declawed, but many fear that taking out the sharp nails does not a safe-cat make.

State justice won't seek re-election

AUSTIN (AP) — Justice Clay Ray of the Texas Supreme Court announced Thursday that he will not seek re-election in 1990 — that he can spend more time with his family. He and his wife are the parents of six children.

Ray, 64, also said he is "enthusiastic about the prospect of others now having a chance to work from the lawyer's side of the bench."

His term runs to the end of 1990, so he will serve out his term.

Owens said in 1969 Shasta clawed two children, and there have been several incidents which required minor stitches since then. Smith is also concerned with the unpredictability of such an animal and the safety, not only for lookers, but people working with the cougar.

Owens said the training for Cougar Guard members is somewhat less than impressive.

"They don't have much training," she said. "There's a three-week period where members watch the trainees work with the cougar. They're on the look-out for people who are mature and comfortable with the cougar by their standards." Lance Peterman, a junior political science major, said he hopes school decides to continue with a mascot.

"Shasta is a sense of pride for school," Peterman said. "She's important to us."

Myers said it's going to be a tough decision on all parts. "But maybe we've reached a point like LSU did at one time," said. "Where we have to give a little tradition that most everyone loves, because change demands it."

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