Activist asks utility commissioner to resign

AUSTIN (AP) — A consumer activist called for Public Utility Commissioner Paul Meek's resignation or ouster Wednesday, after a flap as the PUC looked at a proposal to delete a utility reporting requirement on lobbying expenses.

Meek, who has previously been targeted by callers asking for his resignation, said he will not step down.

The PUC voted 2-1 to publish for public comment the proposed rule change, which would eliminate a requirement that electric and telephone companies detail annually at the PUC their spending on lobbying, business gifts and entertainment, dues, advertising and charitable contributions.

Meek said in an interview a primary reason behind the proposal is to ensure there is no duplication in information that utilities must file.

But the proposed rule change, which will be published in the Texas Register for 30 days, has drawn concern from consumer representatives. But, according to reports, a number of utilities have not complied with the rule.

Meek said a 1980 PUC executive director's letter said the companies did not have to report.

At a PUC meeting, Meek got into a tangle with Tim Curtis, executive director of Texas Citizen Action. Curtis criticized PUC Executive Director Jim Crouch and Guillermo Garcia, PUC public information director, saying that they had not given the press a complete account of the proposed change.

Garcia had no comment on the matter, and Crouch did not return a call from The Associated Press.

"No public servant deserves this kind of treatment," Curtis said.

And he said that Meek declared, when Curtis sought to address the commission, that "this is my (Meek's) commission."

Program gives campus life insight

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Dixie Chicken playing dominoes and pool seems to be a favorite with the group each year.

Other events, such as a trip to Messina Hof Wine Cellars, dinner in the Kyle Field Press Box and a special A&M Traditions Program have been part of AggieHostel in the past.

The last day of AggieHostel is celebrated with a graduation ceremony and reception, where students receive their diplomas for completing the program.

"AggieHostel is one of the greatest programs I've been involved with at Texas A&M," Garner said. "It's beneficial to the AggieHostelers, and to the student volunteers."

A&M has had almost 300 senior participants in the program since its beginning, according to Garner. He said the oldest participant was almost 90 years old. Elmer Calvin, class of 1924, attended A&M's second AggieHostel.

Briscoe said they will be looking for outgoing students who love being Aggies and are familiar with campus activities.

Applications for AggieHostel volunteers can be picked up at the Alumni Center and are due this Friday, April 3.

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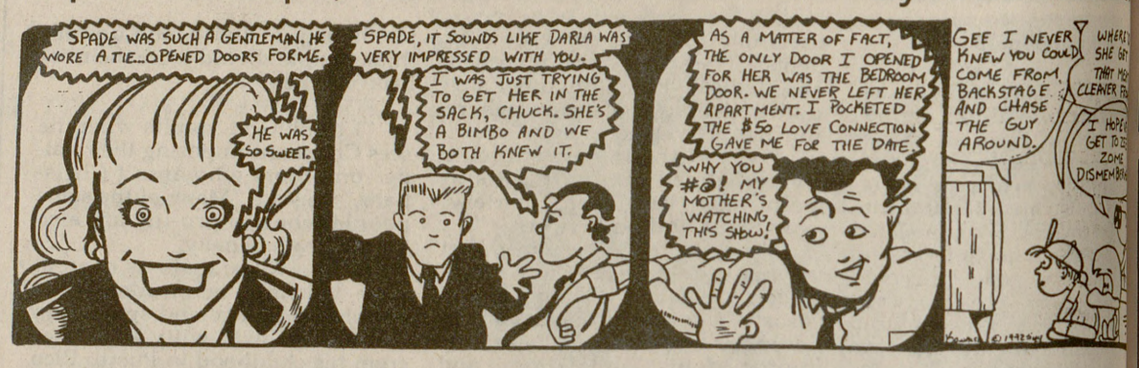

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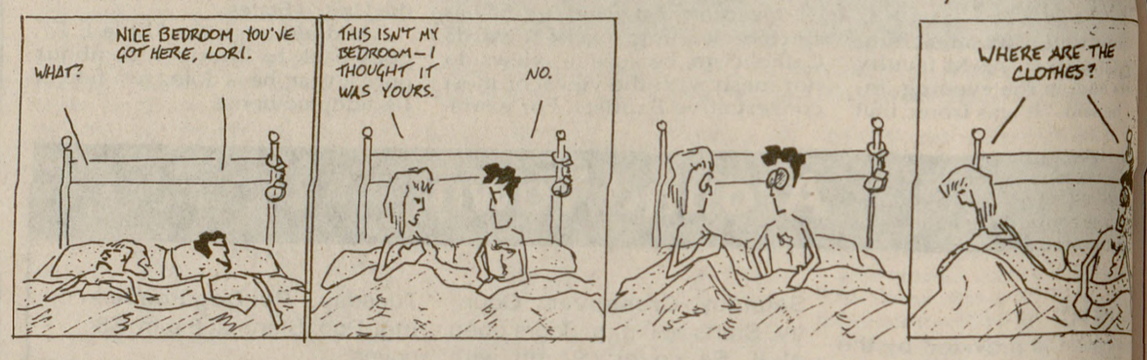

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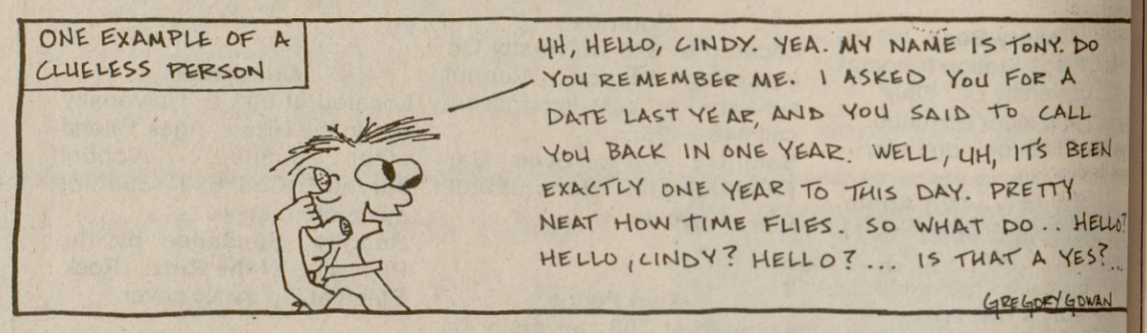

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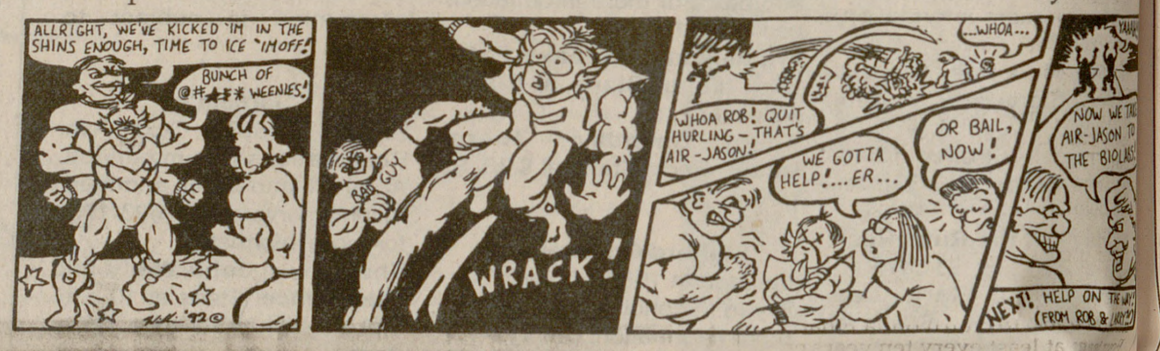

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Psychiatrist explains feelings for patient

BOSTON (AP) — A psychiatrist accused of having sex with a patient who later apparently committed suicide told colleagues that she had erotic feelings toward the young man, according to an affidavit.

"Dr. Margaret Bean-Bayog talked about her erotic sexual feelings toward a Mexican-American medical student," said the affidavit, filed in Middlesex Superior Court on Wednesday by Cambridge psychotherapist Amy Stromsten. "Dr. Bean-Bayog described how powerful and strong her feelings were toward Paul Lozano in great length."

Lozano, 28, a Harvard medical student, sought counseling with Bean-Bayog for depression from 1986 to 1990. His family contends Bean-Bayog lured him into a sexual relationship and that he committed suicide in April 1991 after she ended their therapy.

Lozano's family in El Paso has filed malpractice and wrongful death suits against Bean-Bayog.

Bean-Bayog has denied having sex with Lozano or mistreating him, and said his death was accidental.

She also said she never deviated from established medical practices in treating Lozano, who she described as severely mentally ill.

In a statement issued Wednesday, she said: "I continue to have my reputation raped by the calculated actions of people who have a financial interest in distorting the truth to their advantage. No male therapist has ever been the subject of such an assault.

"I deny that I had sexual relations with Mr. Lozano and I do not believe that Ms. Stromsten has any basis for an adequate assessment of Mr. Lozano's character, mental condition or the truthfulness of his statement."

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine ruled Tuesday that Bean-Bayog had engaged in "substandard care," but did not suspend her license pending further investigation.

That, said Stromsten, prompted her to act.

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Astronauts run last day atmosphere, ozone tests

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"Your performance certainly gets an Academy Award nomination by our orbit team," Mission Control's Carl Walz said.

"We've enjoyed it," replied shuttle commander Charles Bolden Jr., who with his crew paid tribute to "Star Wars" creator George Lucas in a videotape broadcast at the Oscars ceremony.

The seven astronauts, in orbit since March 24, were supposed to return Wednesday. But NASA kept them up an extra day for more experiments.

The nine-day atmospheric research expedition — the first in the shuttle flights — was due to end with a 6:23 a.m. Thursday landing at Kennedy Space Center. Good weather was forecast.

Scientists were thrilled with the surplus data. The bonus day benefited investigators of 11 of the 13 scientific instruments aboard Atlantis. Two instruments — an electron beam gun and an ultraviolet telescope — are inoperable because of blown fuses.

"We are just delighted. We've measured things we have not measured before," said mission scientist Marsha Torr. "It's going to be a true reference data base that we will use for many, many years to come."

Atlantis' flight is the first of perhaps 10 atmospheric laboratory missions planned for the next decade. Scientists want to measure Earth's endangered ozone layer and other parts of the atmosphere during an 11-year solar cycle, the period from one peak solar activity to the next.

Program scientist Jack Kaye said the Atlantis flight will be a tough act to follow.

"What do you do for an encore after something this good?" Kaye asked. "It's difficult to do any better than this, I think, but there's clearly a lot of work that's to be done ahead of us."

Nature obliged Wednesday with more extraordinary light shows in the Southern Hemisphere.