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Hearings begin Thursday

Senate panel finds problems at Hughes

By John S. Long
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A key U.S. Senate committee is investigating the Hughes Aircraft Co. and the Defense Contract Audit Agency, and the panel will begin hearings on Thursday.

Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Sen. William Roth, R-Del., and committee member Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill., say the investigation has produced evidence of distressing problems with Hughes and the government watchdog agency.

Roth sent a committee investigator to Tucson earlier this month to talk with Hughes employees and evaluate the agency's performance on Hughes audits.

Last week, Percy sent a member of his personal staff to Tucson to investigate the "revolving door" between Hughes and the Department of Defense and allegations of fraud, waste and mismanagement at the Hughes plant here.

Members of Percy's staff said the senator became upset when he learned that military officers and civilian defense employees in charge of the Maverick missile program retired from government service to go to work for Hughes.

Many government and military officials assigned to keep watch on Hughes' production and expenses are hired by Hughes. Pentagon and congressional officials have said this removes the incentives for a government

writer to pinpoint excessive charges and production problems the missile-builder has with government contracts.

"Something has got to be done about the Defense Department's revolving door," said Percy, "especially when an officer works at a defense plant one day wearing stripes and the next day he comes back wearing stripes."

Percy said he was not worried about what jobs the retired officers are performing for defense contractors, but he is worried about what they are not doing while working for the Department of Defense.

"There's not much incentive to blow the whistle on a company that is going to be getting them in pasture,"

said Percy. "Our investigation of the Maverick missile (produced at Hughes' Tucson plant) shows that they don't have a . . . revolving door, they have a . . . revolving chair."

"Some of these people don't even go out the door before they begin working for the defense contractor. They start working for them before they've even left the Pentagon," Percy said.

Sources said Roth's investigator was examining audits to determine why the defense agency that serves as a watchdog of defense contractors never noticed waste and fraud at the Hughes facility.

The hearings also will deal with the reported manufacture of Maverick missiles by the

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It hurts to live, but what a joy!

Science gives some a second chance

By Cindy Hubert
The Arizona Daily Star

A heart transplant patient's body is punished by the drugs he needs to stay alive. A man burned over 75 percent of his body will bear disfiguring scars for the rest of his life.

A blind diabetic woman endures dialysis for seven years before being freed by a kidney transplant.

The tools and technology of modern medicine saved each of their lives. It happens almost routinely.

But some question how much of a medical triumph a life-saving procedure is if the patient will be severely disfigured, or will live in constant pain or discomfort, with a rigidly restricted lifestyle.

What of the quality of those lives?

Some Tucsonians who survived such medical crises say the question is a very personal, individual one.

And although their circumstances differ, all of them say they came away from their experiences with an important bonus.

A renewed sense of how precious life really is.

"Sometimes I feel like I'm dying . . . Am I gonna make it? Is it worth it? But that's just a bad day."

— Scott Lockard

At age 17, Scott Lockard has an intimate knowledge of the finiteness of life.

Two years ago, the Columbus, Ohio, teen-ager's failing heart put him at the brink of death. A heart transplant saved him.

Scott was a healthy, athletic youngster — "never in the hospital for anything" — when his heart suddenly began to give out. A transplant was his only hope for a future.

He got his new heart at University Hospital in Tucson, and has suffered few complications since.

"I can do pretty much everything I did before, except for contact sports," Scott said in an interview during a checkup in Tucson. "I can't go tripping — you know, See FOR MANY, Page 2A



Jim Davis, The Arizona Daily Star

Faultless jump — Oklahoma, a hunter ridden by Duncan McFarland of California, took all the course obstacles in the Grand Prix ring without touching any barriers or refusing any jumps yesterday at the Tucson Winter Classic Horse Show, qualifying for today's finals.

More than 1,000 hunters and jumpers are competing for \$80,000 in prizes at the Pima County Fairgrounds. Sponsoring the contest, six-day show is the St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center Auxiliary, which will use the profits for the hospital's rehabilitation unit.

Combat Marines begin their exit at Beirut airport

By Thomas L. Friedman
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BEIRUT, Lebanon — The first combat unit of U.S. Marines withdrew yesterday from the international airport, lowering their flag at dawn in the tape-recorded strains of the Marine Hymn.

Last night, American naval guns opened fire on what the state-run radio said were Syrian positions in the mountains east of the capital.

There was no indication of whether the naval gunfire was related to the pullback of the Marines. No U.S. spokesmen were available to comment.

The radio report said naval shells, which appeared to come from at least one American warship, began after "large-scale artillery duels" broke out in the mountains between the Lebanese army and anti-government militia forces. There were also reports of increased outbreaks of fighting inside Beirut.

The departure of 160 Marines and eight 130mm howitzers from the facility on the southwestern edge of the airport marked the start of the final phase of the Marines' withdrawal. President Reagan announced the pullback of the Marines on Feb. 15, as Drew and Shute militiamen opposed to the American-backed government of President Amin Gemayel took over West Beirut as one of the Lebanese army disintegrated.

The first phase, which began two weeks ago, involved the pullout of non-combat support equipment. The second phase involved the removal of non-essential personnel and combat-related staff. Yesterday, front-line troops began abandoning their positions.

The state's Republican attorney general is talking about lawsuits. Legislators are pointing fingers at each other and Gov. Bruce Babbitt. Babbitt aides are pointing every which way.

What happened to a program that was going to revolutionize government health care for the poor?

Sample opinions. Overconfidence among top Babbitt aides. Strange connections. And some of the guidelines you'd find in any review.

"Anybody would have had problems setting it up," says Rep. Pete Goddard, D-Texas, a political science professor at the University of Arizona. "But I'm more competent myself would have had it up and running by now."

ACCESS was passed in April 1982 and put into effect that October, even though "other demonstrations for smaller in-state have taken four to six years to prepare," says Henry Lyman, who oversees the 100,000 patient program for the Federal Health and Human Services Department.

"There aren't any giant problems out there in terms of medical care," he said. "Most of the problems are seen you'd find in any review."

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Parisian arts. The Centre Georges Pompidou, built to house various forms of art, is the most talked-about structure in Paris since the construction of the Eiffel Tower. Page 11.

Outlook '84
In a 36-page special section, The Arizona Daily Star will detail the latest in commercial, financial and labor developments in Southern Arizona.

Also featured is the fourth annual Star 200, the who's who of the major employers in Southern Arizona.

Look for Outlook '84 tomorrow in The Arizona Daily Star.

Weather

Crisp. Today will be sunny, breezy and cool. A high in the low 80s and a low in the mid-30s are expected.

Yesterday's high and low were 80 and 36.

Temperature extremes for the continental United States were 6 below zero at Alamosa, Colo., and 97 at Lufkin, Texas. Details on Page 2A.

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Patricide. A 19-year-old who killed the father who abused him and his sisters and forced his mother into prostitution is sentenced to serve five years on probation working with refugees in Hong Kong. Page 1B.

Flu news. Fewer people who get the flu suffer serious complications from it, the Federal Centers for Disease Control reports. Page 8E.

Comment

Bad timing. That may have been the major reason for the failure of two Pima County bond proposals, says columnist Steve Emerine. Page 3C.

Money

Disunited states. Despite major efforts and grandiose plans by member nations, the Common Market isn't unifying the European community. Page 1B.

Entertainment

Now it's "Lace." In this month of melodramatic mis-acting, the third and final entry is ABC's "Lace," perhaps the oddest of them all. Tucson's TV Week.

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Focus on family. When a child or parent needs therapy, it pays to study the whole family and its interrelationships. Page 1J.

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Sports

Rodeo changing. The Fiesta de las Vaqueras rodeo, in its 38th year, has made changes in presentation and is selling advertising space and beer for the first time. Page 1D.



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