



Judge rules against independents

From Staff and Wire Reports
WASHINGTON, D.C. — Independent oil drillers who tapped into a Texas Panhandle natural gas field illegally diverted billions of cubic feet from interstate commerce and federal pricing controls, an administrative law judge has ruled.

Judge Brenda P. Murray, administrative judge with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), issued a ruling Wednesday afternoon against 35 of 37 independent oil drillers in the case brought by Dorchester Gas Producing Co.

Dorchester had taken its case to FERC complaining independent oil companies had tapped into the company's gas reserves on a 20,000-acre portion of the West

Panhandle Field in Carson and Gray Counties.

Dorchester had claimed the drillers removed 8.6 billion cubic feet of natural gas that was to be sold in federally controlled interstate markets.

The gas company owns gas rights on the field, and the 37 independents had oil-drilling rights.

The independents and Dorchester, joined by various other major oil companies, related utilities and other interests, presented several weeks of testimony at FERC hearings in late summer of last year.

The oil companies admitted they were bringing up the gas, but they contended it was "casinghead gas," a normal byproduct of oil

drilling not subject to federal regulation. They had argued Dorchester had no legal claim to casinghead gas.

"FERC Administrative Law Judge Brenda P. Murray said expert evidence left no doubt that most of the companies' gas production was not casinghead gas," said a FERC release accompanying the ruling.

The gas that was not casinghead gas was subject to federal price controls. By selling it for higher prices in unregulated markets, the oil drillers violated federal rules, the judge ruled.

Under federal regulations, Dorchester had been selling its natural gas, so-called "old gas," for interstate distribution at 50 cents per 1,000 cubic feet (Mcf.).

Pipelines had been buying the independents' gas, which they had claimed was so-called "new gas" not subject to the federal price controls, at about \$3 per Mcf.

Value of the 8.6 billion cubic feet of disputed gas has been estimated at \$5 million to \$25 million, depending on whether sale price is computed at maximum prices established for old or new gas.

Two of the 37 oil drillers - Meyer Farms and J. B. Watkins - were dropped from the case due to lack of evidence. But Judge Murray recommended the commission seek additional information on their cases.

"Apparently it is an unfavorable ruling for all but those two," said Charles Moore, a former FERC counsel now practicing law in

Houston and representing the oil drillers.

Moore said he had taken a first look at the 47-page ruling.

"Her (the judge's) decision is simply a recommendation," he said. "The next step is to see what the commission wants to do with it. The ball's in their court."

While the judge's ruling is "obviously unfavorable" for independents, "It ain't over until it's over," Moore said.

He said the matters in the disputes had been "extremely difficult for her to grapple with," and she made some mistakes, he said, in his opinion.

But the ruling had some favorable elements, he noted. Judge Murray did rule that casinghead gas is not dedicated to

interstate markets and thus not subject to federal controls, he said.

But she was wrong on other matters, and he hoped the FERC commissioners would study the ruling and evidence and make other decisions more favorable to the independents, he indicated.

"There's still some fighting to do," he stated.

Moore has said the case could eventually effect billions of dollars worth of gas if the agency rules for Dorchester and broadens the ruling to apply to other similar cases.

John L. Dannelly, Dorchester's vice president in Amarillo, declined comment because he hadn't seen the judge's order.

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Famine-relief cargo seized by Ethiopia

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Australia says it will protest Ethiopia's seizure of the cargo and crew of a ship carrying Australian famine-relief food and supplies to rebel-held areas of the impoverished African nation.

Ethiopia's Marxist government seized the cargo ship Golden Venture at the Red Sea port of Assab, and a spokesman for the Ethiopian Foreign Ministry on Wednesday described Australia's plan to aid rebel areas as "tantamount to interference in our internal affairs."

An estimated 7.75 million people are suffering from drought-related food shortages in Ethiopia. Many of the victims live in guerrilla-controlled areas of northern Tigre and Eritrea provinces.

In Australia, Foreign Secretary Bill Hayden said his government would protest the seizure.

"I have directed that our representatives in Addis Ababa should lodge a very strong protest and a demand that the commodities and other items be released," Hayden said in a radio interview in Sydney.

He stressed the estimated \$12 million in aid for rebel areas was for humanitarian purposes and not intended to support guerrillas. "We only supply humanitarian aid because people are starving," he said.

Hayden said the ship had disregarded instructions and put in at the Ethiopian port Monday instead of one in Ethiopia's neighbor Sudan, where it was supposed to have unloaded the goods.

Diplomatic sources in Nairobi, who spoke on condition they not be identified, said the ship was carrying 6,000 tons of wheat for rebel-controlled areas and another 3,500 tons for elsewhere in Ethiopia, plus trucks, medicines, blankets and a well-drilling rig.

Each bag of wheat reportedly was marked as a "Gift of Australia" to the Eritrean Relief Association or the Relief Society of Tigre.

Australia's Freedom from Hunger Campaign, Community Aid Abroad, and the Melbourne Herald and Sun newspapers helped supply the water pumps, trucks, medical supplies and thousands of tons of food.

The Ethiopian Foreign Ministry official, who spoke only on condition he not be identified, said his country will do whatever is necessary to prevent aid from reaching the secessionist rebels.

"We ask the government (Australia) to desist from this kind of activity and warn other groups or countries who may do likewise," the spokesman said.

Longtime local resident Travis Lively dies at 86

Longtime Pampa resident Travis C. Lively, Sr., 86, died Wednesday evening at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Mr. Lively had founded Pampa Hardware Co. here in 1928 after moving to Pampa from Amarillo.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church. Dr. Richard H. Whitwam, pastor, will officiate.

Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home.

Mr. Lively was born May 28, 1898, in Houston County, Texas. He married Allye Geneva Waldron on June 25, 1919, at Clarendon.

He was associated with Amarillo Hardware Co. in Amarillo prior to moving to Pampa in 1928 to establish the Pampa Hardware Co.

He attended West Texas State University at Canyon and was a veteran of World War I.

A member of First United Methodist Church, Mr. Lively had served as teacher of the Men's Fellowship Class for 35 years.

He was a very active member of the Pampa Rotary Club for 56 years. He served as Rotary president in 1939-1940. He was a recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow Award.

His wife died April 29, 1980.

Survivors include two sons, Travis Lively, Jr., of Pampa and Lamar G. Lively of Amarillo, and two daughters, Mrs. Jeanne Dews of Arlington and Mrs. Patricia White of Amarillo.

Other survivors include three brothers, Thurman Lively of Denver, Colo.; Lawlis Lively of Phoenix, Ariz.; and Clyde Lively of Dexter, N.M.; two sisters, Nina Clarkson of Amarillo and Aileen Pirtle of Seattle, Wash.; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral home personnel said the casket will not be opened at the services.

The family requests memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church.



POOCH POWER—Thirteen-year-old Minda Sobota of Boston gets a tow from her dog, Shawky, while skating on a frozen pool near the Explanade in Boston as wintry weather gripped the area. (AP Laserphoto)

Clayton may switch and run

DALLAS (AP) — According to his friends and associates, former House Speaker Bill Clayton is giving serious consideration to running for governor in 1986 as a Republican, a newspaper reported today.

"With some encouragement, he has got more than a passing interest in being the third Republican governor of Texas," Bert Hurlbut, a Republican oil and gas operator from Austin, told The Dallas Morning News.

Hurlbut confirmed that he recently sent out letters to more than 200 conservatives across Texas seeking their support for a Clayton race.

Clayton, 58, a West Texas farmer from Springlake, served in the Texas Legislature as a conservative Democrat for 20 years and was elected to the speakership an unprecedented four

terms. He has remained in Austin as a lobbyist.

The News said Clayton tried to play down any interest in challenging incumbent Gov. Mark White when he was asked earlier in the week about the possibility, but did not rule out the possibility.

Asked specifically about running as a Republican, Clayton said on Tuesday that anyone considering a statewide race "must look at it both ways" as a Democrat and Republican, The News reported.

Clayton endorsed Republican Gov. Bill Clements over White, who was then attorney general, in 1982.

Clements said Wednesday, "Billy and I are such good friends that if he is serious, I'm sure he will talk to me about it." The News reported.

The newspaper said one Austin legislative aide said Clayton told him earlier this week that he

intends to talk to Clements soon about the race.

A West Texas legislator and close friend of Clayton said, "He has convinced me he is running, but he still has some convincing of himself." The News said.

Hurlbut and other Clayton friends said the former House speaker is concerned about making any formal announcement now because, as a lobbyist, some legislation sought by some of his clients might be "vetoed by White."

Clayton was indicted near the end of his tenure on federal bribery charges in an FBI "sting" operation that became known as "Brilab" because of alleged bribery and involvement of labor unions. However, he was acquitted by a federal jury in October 1980 and retired as speaker after the 1981 session.



Billy Clayton...studies run for governor

Push for tax hike planned

State workers firm on pay demand

AUSTIN (AP) — State government workers won't back away from demands for a pay raise, says the leader of a major employee group.

Gary Hughes, executive director of the Texas Public Employees Association, said the group's top priority in the 1985 Legislature is "the passage of a tax bill or bills to fund all necessary pay raises and benefit increases being requested."

His statement Wednesday came the day after Gov. Mark White, in his state-of-the-state address, urged lawmakers to avoid a tax increase this year.

But Hughes said state employees have been slighted already and deserve an emergency raise this year and a pay hike in the 1986-87 budget biennium that begins Sept. 1.

"TPEA will not accept the idea of no pay raises for state employees for the next two years, as is reflected in the Legislative Budget Board recommendation and the governor's budget request," Hughes said.

Hughes said a 6 percent pay raise, if it becomes effective March 1, would cost the state \$98 million. A similar raise for the 1986-87 budget years would total \$360 million more, he said.

Hughes said the governor's call for a freeze on replacing state workers who quit or retire is a good plan.

"It's something I think they've got to consider," he said, adding that White's proposal "still leaves room for the agencies to replace positions that are critical."

State Comptroller Bob Bullock has estimated

that state revenues in the next two years will fall about \$1 billion short of current spending. White and legislators have been looking for ways to cut costs and keep from raising taxes.

During a news conference, Hughes admitted that employees will have to sell lawmakers on the idea of raising taxes to fund a pay increase.

"It's not there now," he said of lawmaker support, "but by the end of the session it will be."

"I think once these (spending) cuts start taking effect... I think the people of the state are going to be talking to the members of the Legislature when they come home and discussing priorities with them and state services. By the end of the session, we're going to see a lot more consideration for a tax bill."

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Thought for today: "The trouble with this country is that there are too many people going about saying, 'The trouble with this country is...'" — Sinclair Lewis, American author (1885-1951).

Volkmar is out of jail but still getting lawmens' eye

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A man released from jail after his fingerprint was wrongly matched with one on a dead woman's car will still be treated as a possible suspect, officials say.

Timothy Paul Volkmar was released from the Tarrant County jail Wednesday, not long after authorities dismissed a murder charge against him that was based on a misidentified fingerprint found on Lisa Griffin's car.

Ms. Griffin, 20, was the latest of five women to either disappear or be found slain in southwest Fort Worth since September. Four other area murders of women are also under investigation.

Tarrant County Sheriff Don Carpenter said detectives will

continue to investigate Volkmar as a possible suspect in the Jan. 9 murder of Ms. Griffin.

"We're still working on evidence," Carpenter said. "But we don't want anyone in jail unless he deserves to be there."

Also Wednesday, a state district judge dismissed a probation revocation motion that had also kept Volkmar, 25, in jail.

"I'm kind of surprised," said Volkmar, who had been arrested Saturday and charged with murder. "I didn't know the truth could work so quick."

His parents, Faye and Lloyd Volkmar, met their son outside the jail.

"It has been a nightmare, but we were confident he wasn't guilty."

Mrs. Volkmar said. "This could have happened to a lot of others, but with his background and his prints on record, it was naturally easier to charge him than John Doe."

Volkmar, who has a history of mental problems and was on probation for assault, was arrested and charged by the Tarrant County sheriff's office.

But when Fort Worth police looked at the case in connection to their own probe into the murders, they said the fingerprint found on Griffin's car did not match Volkmar's print.

Sheriff's officials later concurred.

"He's suffered considerable harm," said Volkmar's attorney, Allan Butcher. "But it's premature for me to say anything about the propriety of what happened" with the murder charge.

Miss Griffin's body was found in southwest Tarrant County on Jan. 10 with a single gunshot wound in the head.

Woman senator gets a huge fake ID card

AUSTIN (AP) — State senators, who seldom miss a chance to rib House members, have presented a suitcase-sized ID card to a senator who attempted to get on the House floor was blocked by doorkeepers.

Sen. Cyndi Taylor Krier, on the job only about a week, was barred from the House chamber Tuesday when she showed up to hear Gov. Mark White's speech to the Legislature.

Ms. Krier, a lawyer and San Antonio Republican, chose to go upstairs to the visitors' gallery rather than insisting on a downstairs seat with other senators.

Ms. Krier, who was not carrying her official Senate photo identification, said, "I guess I could have bullied my way in, saying, 'I'm a state senator.' But I didn't."

"Lots of those in the Senate are new faces to us over here," said House Sergeant-at-Arms Ron Hinkle, who wrote Ms. Krier an immediate letter of apology. Hinkle said he told her "it won't

happen again."

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See advance in AIDS detection

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists have uncovered the genetic blueprints for the virus that causes AIDS in a major finding expected to further studies of the deadly disease as well as efforts at detection, prevention and treatment, the Washington Post reported in Thursday editions.

"Now we see the face of the enemy," Dr. William Haseltine of Harvard University's Dana Farber Cancer Institute was quoted by the Post as saying. "We have the complete blueprint for the modus operandi of the virus."

The finding came in separate research projects by American and French scientists.

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Jamaican protests subside

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Using armored personnel carriers and heavy road equipment, security forces patrolled the streets of this Caribbean capital today and removed roadblocks set up by demonstrators during two days of protest over fuel price hikes.

By late Wednesday, most major streets in the capital had been swept clean of roadblocks. The government news agency, Jampress, said most roads in the north coast resort areas also were clear.

Police said four people had been killed and 18 injured in the protests over Monday's announcement of a 20 percent increase in fuel — the latest in a three-year series of austerity measures instituted by Prime Minister Edward Seaga.

Seaga said "a coalition of opposition political groups" was responsible for the roadblocks. He acknowledged the demonstrations had created transportation problems for tourists, but said there had only been 11 cancellations of tourist trips compared to 12,000 arrivals on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Eastern Airlines, which canceled flights to Jamaica on Tuesday, returned to its regular schedule Wednesday. Air Jamaica canceled two of its three flights from Miami on Wednesday, blaming its action on labor problems in Jamaica unrelated to the protests.

Winter is peak tourist time in

Jamaica, but authorities said none of the estimated 12,000 foreign visitors was reported injured. Seaga told reporters Wednesday that several incidents of sabotage made it necessary to end what he had tolerated earlier as peaceful demonstrations. He said sugar cane fields outside Kingston had been set ablaze and security forces had uncovered plans for blowing up a major bridge and highway overpass.

More than 650,000 of the island's 2.3 million residents live in Kingston.



BUILDING FUND — Charles Cooley, left, of Gentry, Cooley & Associates CPA firm, presents a check to Pampa Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc., member Phil Gentry. The Foundation will use the contributions to build a new community building which will be available to residents for

various meetings, seminars and other events. The building also is designed to have office space for the Chamber of Commerce and other non-profit organizations. Tax-deductible donations may be sent to the Foundation at P.O. Box 541, Pampa, TX 79066-0541 or brought to Gentry at the First National Bank.

Vets to be dunned for money owed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Veterans Administration, armed with enhanced enforcement powers from Congress, is trying to recover \$1.4 billion owed by more than a million veterans who collected money they weren't entitled to.

Delinquent debts totaling \$367 million were collected last year, according to VA officials, but the amount of money owed to the agency by veterans actually grew during fiscal 1984 — from \$1.2 billion the year before and \$1.1 billion in fiscal 1982.

Some debts stretch back to the end of the Vietnam War, and agency officials doubt they'll ever be able to close the books on all the money owed.

"We keep adding and we keep collecting," Milt Jones, chief of benefit payment and accounting policy in the VA controller's office, said.

"The collection of debt is an ongoing process," added Douglas Bartow, a VA collection official. "Paying public benefits sort of lends itself to that."

Of the nation's 28.2 million veterans, 1.16 million of them owe the agency some amount of money as a result of VA benefits, agency spokesman Ozzie Garza said. Individual veterans owe amounts ranging from \$5 to as much as \$20,000, he said.

Most of the money is due the government as a result of overpayment of VA benefits, defaults on VA insured home loans

and unauthorized VA medical care. "Education is the large portion of our debt portfolio," said Bartow. "By and large, the way the debt is created is a student who is entitled to benefits changes his enrollment somehow so he is not entitled or entitled to less, and doesn't notify us."

"So maybe it takes us three months before the school notifies us he's out of school, and he owes us \$800."

Garza said an estimated 60,000 to 80,000 debtors are veterans who also are federal employees.

When the agency finds debtors it

sends letters requesting payment and seeks agreement on a repayment plan. In the cases of those still receiving VA benefits or pensions, the money can be deducted from their monthly checks. The agency charges 9 percent interest and reports debts to credit rating agencies, Garza said.

Congressional action in 1980 and 1982 gave new teeth to VA collection efforts, allowing it to dun federal employees through salary deductions and to send VA lawyers into court seeking payment from veterans, Bartow said.

Reagan farm plan already under fire

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a painful preview of battles yet to come on farm legislation this year, President Reagan's spartan agriculture proposals are already being plowed under by commodity groups and farm-state lawmakers.

With the ink not even dry on the administration's policy blueprint, attacks from powerful lobbying groups and from farm-dependent members of Congress have started in earnest.

Two significant developments came last week: a letter from leaders of nine commodity groups to Reagan, objecting in strong terms to a proposed limit on farm subsidy and loan payments, and the refusal of delegates to a Farm Bureau policy convention to go along with the phase-out of farm income protection through target prices.

In addition, Democratic members of Congress have been criticizing the proposal for a more "market-oriented" agriculture as coming at precisely the wrong time, when producers in many areas still are reeling from the worst financial times on the farm since the Depression.

While they have been more restrained, GOP lawmakers have complained privately about the White House proposal and so far none has stepped forward to sponsor the Reagan bill. Instead, Republicans in both the Senate and House are at work on their own alternative legislation.

Details of the package are to be sent to Congress soon after the president's budget is released on Feb. 4.

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Fort Worth Zoo birdman keeps friends in fine feather

By LYNN PICKETT
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Not everyone can talk to a swan or a cockatoo and have it pay attention.

But when Ronald Kimbell tells Tornado the swan to straighten up and fly right, the creature lifts his graceful head to the sky and croons like a folk singer.

And gossips at the Fort Worth Zoo have long maintained that Cookie the Cockatoo is madly in love with Kimbell and shamelessly ignores her mate to flirt with him whenever he's in the neighborhood.

Kimbell has a way with birds. Lots of birds. Nearly 400 of them, as a matter of fact. As supervisor of the zoo's bird department, he is responsible for keeping all of them well-fed and feathered.

It's a job that has changed markedly since Kimbell joined the zoo as a fresh young high school graduate more than 20 years ago.

"I was looking for a temporary job," Kimbell said. Except for a two-year stint in the Army, the Fort Worth Zoo has been his only employer. Neither Kimbell, a bachelor who has devoted his life to his art, nor the zoo would have it any other way.

These days, a person would have a hard time getting a job at the zoo without a college degree in the

field, Kimbell said. "But when I started I'd never worked with birds before and I'd never studied them. I've taught myself as I went along and learned from experience. Sometimes experience is the best way to learn about birds."

There have been many changes in the way birds are cared for since Kimbell started at the zoo.

"The techniques have changed. We have better foods and medical care," he said. "Also many of the birds used to be so easy to get, we didn't worry when one of them died. Now some birds are so rare, you'd better really take care of them."

Kimbell still mourns the loss of 177 birds that died Christmas Eve in 1983 when the birdhouse at the zoo burned down. Some of them were quite rare and some were on the endangered species list.

"We had 10 Bali mynas in the birdhouse that we hoped to release back into the wilds of Bali," Kimbell said. The endangered mynas were part of a breeding program at the zoo and their loss was particularly heart-breaking.

Along with many other zoos in this country and around the world, the Fort Worth Zoo regards propagation of rare and endangered species as one of its major functions.

"Zoos working together may be

the best hope some of these animals have," Kimbell said. "A lot of our purpose is to propagate and release back into the wild. Unfortunately, in some cases, there is no wild to release back into, so zoos are trying to help some of these species survive in captivity at least."

Fortunately, not all the Fort Worth Zoo's breeding programs were damaged severely by the fire. Many birds were housed in other cages or in the large outdoor aviary, and the zoo has had good success in breeding African gray parrots, waterfowl such as swans, cattle egrets and roseate spoonbills.

"Right now, we have 44 roseate spoonbills, and we just shipped 12 to Walt Disney World. Normally, zoos breed the ones they're best at breeding, and then we swap around with each other. We'll be getting some scarlet ibis back for our spoonbills."

The spoonbill breeding program has been so successful that it garnered a Silver Propagation Award for the Fort Worth Zoo. The award is given by the American Association for Zoological Parks and Aquariums in recognition of 25 successful nestings. (That's nest, not birds.)

"Our spoonbills are really in demand. Every major zoo in the

country has asked for some," Kimbell said.

But for Fort Worth's zoo to become one of the leaders in the field of bird propagation, a new indoor aviary is vital, he added. Plans were being drawn for one even before the fire.

The projected aviary would cost more than \$3 million, said Elvie Turner, director of the zoo. Funding has been sought from some of Fort Worth's major foundations.

"Right now we don't know where we stand," Turner said. "We were told that no funding was available last year, but we were asked to reapply this year. That's what we did, but we haven't heard anything yet."

As envisioned by Turner and Kimbell, the new aviary would be a state-of-the-art facility that would make Fort Worth one of the three leading zoos in the country when it comes to birds. The other two are in San Diego and Bronx zoos.

The new facility would have four major exhibit areas representing four climatic zones: tropics, swamp, pine and savannah. Birds indigenous to each area would be shown. But the facility also would overcome some of the propagation obstacles now faced by Kimbell and his seven-person staff.

"Some birds need a natural

habitat setting in which to breed," Kimbell explained. "For example, some tropical birds need a certain amount of humidity before they'll mate. In the tropics, the rainy season indicates to them that there will be enough food for their young."

"Other birds need privacy. The better zoos have areas away from the display areas where these birds will breed."

Thanks to much research, zoos have a far better understanding of how to get birds to breed than they did 20 years ago, Kimbell said.

"It used to be that zoos didn't want birds raised in captivity, because they didn't think they would breed. Now we know that these birds often are better breeders because they are calmer in a zoo setting."

Imprinting is another problem that has been overcome. Imprinting is the tendency of a young animal to decide that it is the

species that it first sees, and birds are particularly prone to it. If a newly hatched bird first lays eyes on a human, upon reaching adulthood, it's likely to display mating behavior toward a favorite zookeeper while ignoring those of its own kind. Obviously, this can thwart most breeding programs.

"The Bronx Zoo has developed an effective way to deal with imprinting in those cases where the adult birds can't or won't take care of their young. They use hand puppets of birds when working with the babies."

Imprinting wasn't a problem with Cookie, the sulfurcrested cockatoo. But, for reasons best known to herself, the bird has developed an inordinate affection for Kimbell.

Kimbell deals with this misplaced love by avoiding the cockatoo most of the time.

Official denies that Mexico is 'prototype of dishonesty'

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A key official in President Miguel de la Madrid's "moral renewal" campaign against corruption says "Mexico is not, nor will it be a prototype for dishonesty in the world."

The official, Comptroller-General Francisco Rojas, also said, "Corruption is not limited to Mexico, but rather is an endemic evil that all humanity suffers from."

Rojas, whose position was created by de la Madrid to uncover

fraud through special audits in government offices, also said the current administration "is not applying political revenge nor fabricating victims among former officials accused of corruption."

The two top targets of the investigations here have been Jorge Diaz Serrano, who headed the oil monopoly Pemex, and former Mexico City police chief Arturo Durazo, currently in custody in Los Angeles awaiting extradition proceedings. Both served in the 1976-1982

administration of President Jose Lopez Portillo.

Corruption has long been endemic in government here.

Rojas, speaking Monday with local reporters, also said the practice "disguised bribes" has been eliminated. In that practice, valuable gifts were given officials in return for favors.

He said new regulations prohibit officials from accepting gifts worth more than \$50. Gifts worth more than that can be returned to their senders or turned over to the

comptroller's office to be placed on auction for charity.

Meanwhile, Interior Secretary Manuel Bartlett said that this year there will be "clean elections that will permit Mexicans a broad participation."

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Texas border businessmen worrying about possible blue law preference

By JUDY GIANNETTINO
Associated Press Writer

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — With a battle over whether to repeal Texas' blue law expected during the legislative session, merchants in neighboring New Mexico are preparing for a fight of their own — to hold on to the Texas business they get on Sundays.

Merchants in Las Cruces, N.M., about 45 miles north of this far West Texas city, say a substantial amount of their Sunday sales are to Texans who cannot buy many items in their home state, thanks to the blue law.

The controversial law forbids the sale of 42 selected items on consecutive weekend days. Most Texas stores that carry the banned items close on Sundays.

And in this corner of the state, that means Texans travel to Las Cruces to shop, said Harry Grandon, marketing director of the Mesilla Valley Mall in the southern New Mexico city.

Grandon, relying on the number of Texas license plates in the mall's parking lot on Sundays and on information from store sales, estimated that 50 percent to 70 percent of Mesilla Valley Mall's Sunday business comes from the Lone Star State.

Many El Paso merchants said Grandon's estimates may be slightly high.

But the manager of El Paso's Cielo Vista Mall, Muriel Stathis, said, "Las Cruces does have a high percentage of Texas license plates each Sunday."

"I've seen the (mall's) lot when at least 20 percent of the cars are from Texas," she said. "Around Christmas, it could be near 50 percent."

If the blue law is repealed, Grandon said, "I'm sure we'll feel a tremendous impact."

But, he added, "We're already formulating a plan to help us combat it."

Since the blue law was created, there have been several repeal attempts.

But in 1984, increasing numbers of Texas retailers, including some in El Paso, defied the law, opening on both Saturdays and Sundays.

Recent polls that show seven of every 10 Texans would like to see the blue law wiped off the books also are indications that the statute may face its toughest test this year in the Texas Legislature.

Grandon and other Las Cruces businessmen agreed.

"I certainly would not be surprised to see it repealed," Grandon said.

J.J. Johnston, executive vice president of the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, called the blue law a "dinosaur," adding, "It probably will be repealed."

Johnston said a blue law repeal in Texas "will have some impact (on Las Cruces). But I don't see it having a dramatic effect."

He predicted the most noticeable effect in Las Cruces would be competition.

"If it happens, it will make our businesses compete on a more sharper scale," Johnston said. "People are going to shop where the bargains are, where it's nice to shop, where the sales clerks are friendly. Our merchants will look at a repeal as a new challenge, especially on Sunday."

The possibility of increased competition is one reason Grandon said his mall would be fighting to keep its Texas business.

"They may already shop here because they like how nice the mall is, as well as because it's open on Sunday," he said. "We intend to

keep reminding them of the reasons they came here."

And, he said, for El Pasoans on the west side of the city, "It's just as easy to come up here as to go to Cielo Vista." The El Paso mall is on the city's east side.

An intensive advertising campaign for the mall already is in the works, Grandon said "to continue to remind El Pasoans that we're here and that we're a nice place to shop."

He said he planned no lobbying efforts, but does not intend "to just throw up my hands and say 'there goes some of our business.'"

Ms. Stathis would give no opinion on whether the blue law would be revoked, but agreed with Grandon that if it were, Las Cruces might suffer.

"Mesilla Valley Mall does benefit from the blue law," she said.

She and Grandon both said they could not estimate how much money goes out of state on Sundays because of the blue law.



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Research underway at Indian village site

By DAVID McCORMICK
Associated Press Writer

WICKLIFFE, Ky. (AP) — Kit Wesler, an anthropology professor and archaeologist who directs the study of a prehistoric Indian village here, has some popular misconceptions to contend with these days.

One is the romantic view of his profession presented in the hugely popular movies "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom."

"People expect me to carry a whip and be a lot more interesting than I am," he said.

Another misconception is about what kind of place it is he runs.

For years it was Ancient Buried City, a combination tourist attraction and museum whose

main draw was an unearched burial ground strewn with about 150 skeletons.

It became the Wickliffe Mounds Research Center last year after the site was donated to Murray State University.

Visitors are still charged admission to look at the skeletons, but Wesler hopes to develop the site into a more serious museum and the center of an anthropology program for the university.

"This will give us probably the best facility for an ongoing field school in the state," he said in a recent interview.

The village, which housed 500 to 1,000 people for about 300 years before being abandoned around the year 1250, is one of the best-preserved examples of

mound-building Indian culture in America.

While the school's administrators prepare the required state applications for a new degree program, Wesler is taking stock of just what has been dug from the site since a geographer discovered it 100 years ago.

The mounds were undisturbed until around 1930, Wesler said, when workers putting a highway through the area began digging up a lot of artifacts.

"That got everybody pretty excited," he said.

Particularly excited was Colonel Fain White King, a Paducah lumberman who bought the surrounding land with the idea of developing Ancient Buried City.



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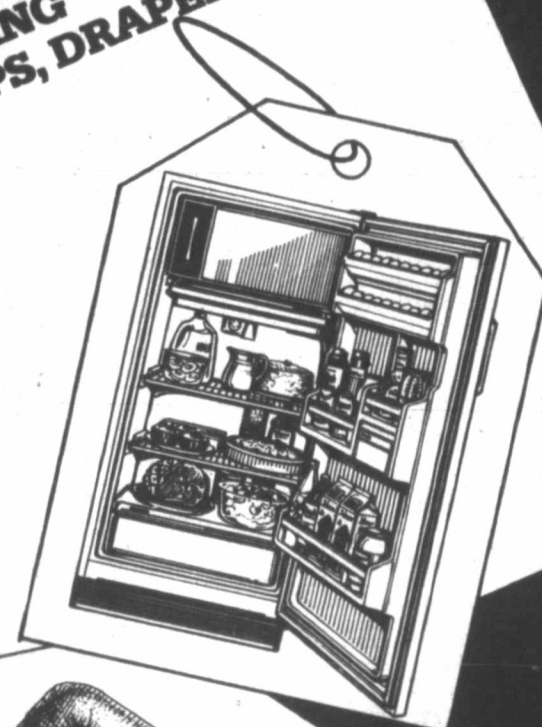
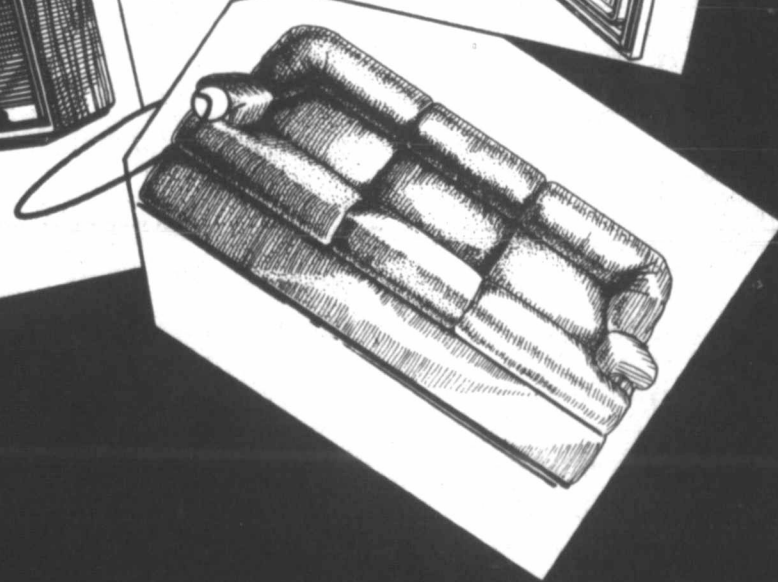
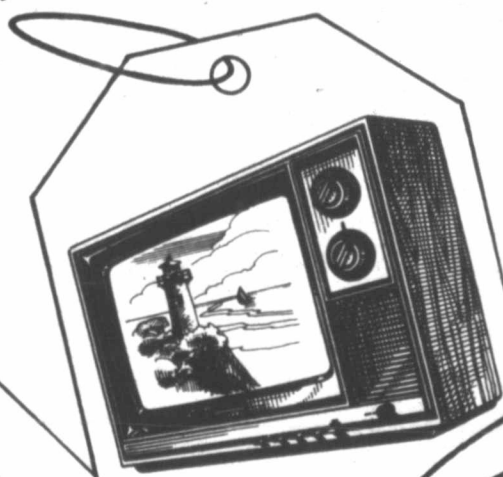
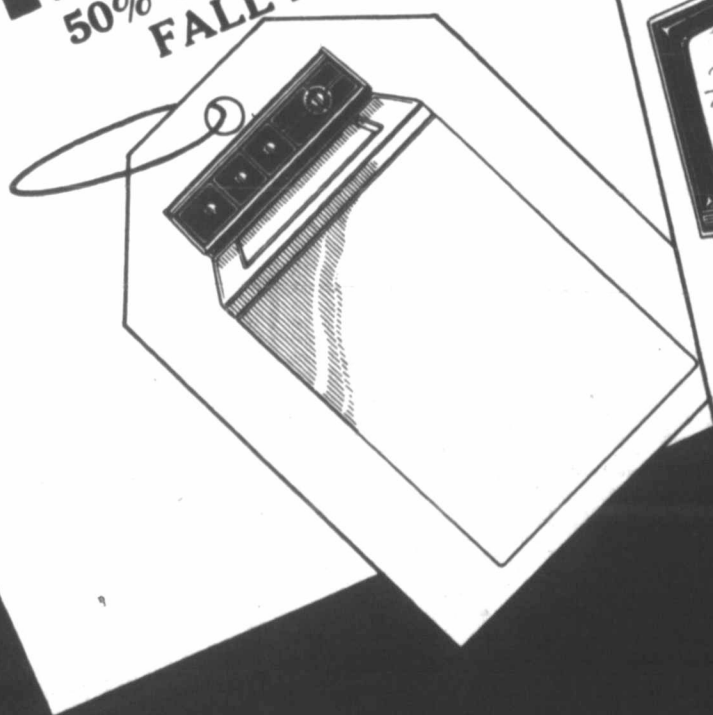
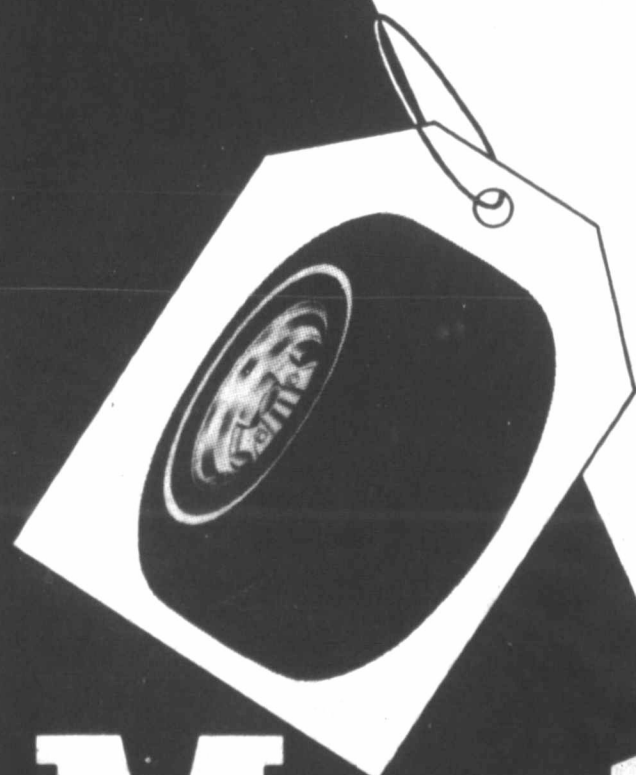
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