

Harassment of customers cited

Porn movie owners sue police

United Press International
HOUSTON — The owners of six sex movie theaters have filed suit to stop alleged police harassment which they say illegally cuts into their profits and violates their rights and the rights of their customers.

West and two other theaters, said in the federal court suit filed Monday that authorities had singled him out because he is an outspoken advocate of the rights of erotic materials handlers and their customers.

Spiegel and the other plaintiffs contend police intimidation over a two-year period has frightened off customers. According to the suit, the intimidation has included photographing customers and checking

their identifications. The other plaintiffs are David Gee, owner of Academy Theaters Inc.; Universal Amusement Co. (Village Theater), and Melody Hutchins, a theater employee.

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Illegal aliens ripped off

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HOUSTON — Federal agents have documented 63 cases of illegal alien workers being ripped-off by area employers.

The chief of a 10-member labor "strike force" said efforts to find abuse of illegal aliens was so successful that a similar team will soon operate in Dallas-Fort Worth.

"We knew Houston had a problem," Fred Worfe said, "but we didn't anticipate being this successful this soon."

Worfe, chief of the U.S. Department of Labor team, said he found more than \$150,000 in wages never

paid illegal aliens. "I'd estimate a full 15 to 20 percent of the employers we visit are in reasonable compliance, paying at least minimum wage, overtime and keeping records acceptably," Worfe said.

However, he said some construction companies, restaurants, hotels and retail gas operations violated the Fair Labor Standards Act. He anticipated going to court against three businesses.

Similar operations were possible in San Antonio, Little Rock and New Orleans, Worfe said.

Deputies testify on jail death

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HOUSTON — A sheriff's captain and four deputies testified Monday before a federal grand jury investigating the 1978 death of an inmate in the Harris County jail.

A county grand jury last year took no action after hearing evidence in the case, and Harris County Sheriff Jack Heard said the latest investigation was being made because the wife of Michael Wayne Pelley "went to the feds."

Pelley, 30, was arrested July 1 on

a public intoxication charge. While he was in the county jail, he went "berserk" and was struck on the head by a jail employee, Sheriff's Capt. C.R. Gaines said.

A medical examiner ruled that Pelley suffered a fractured skull and died from pneumonia and other complications from the injury. He died six days after being jailed.

Jail officials said the prisoner had been given the tranquilizer "thorazine" after the injury.

Twin critical after surgery

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DALLAS A 2-day-old boy who survived a 90-minute separation operation — during which his Siamese twin brother died — was in critical condition Tuesday.

The twins, delivered eight weeks prematurely through Caesarean section of an unidentified Dallas woman, required the separation when one of the infants developed heart and respiratory problems. The boys, born Sunday night, together weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and were joined at the chest.

Doctors said the separation was necessary to save one child, which was being maintained on a respirator. The survivor's biggest problems will be infection and bleeding from the separation of the liver he shared with the other infant.



New gate for vet school

Roy White, welder for the Texas A&M University Large Animal Clinic, puts finishing touches on a gate at the stallion barn. The fences and gates are being remodeled to hold

about 35 mares and colts, part of the maintained by the College of Veterinary Medicine, during weaning time.

Battalion photo by Marsha...

Wants research funding

Arkansas for dual-fuel kit

United Press International
LITTLE ROCK — Gov. Bill Clinton Tuesday put the state of Arkansas' energies behind the efforts of a Fort Smith businessman to convert combustion engines to dual-

fuel systems that can also burn alcohol fuels.

Clinton and Stanley Barber, owner of a Fort Smith construction company, appeared before the legislative Joint Interim Committee on Energy.

"I am well acquainted with Mr. Barber, and I think this committee could serve the state well by doing what it can to help Mr. Barber, who could save this country millions and millions of barrels of gasoline," Clinton said.

After hearing Clinton, who talked for five minutes, and Barber, who spoke and answered questions for almost two hours, the committee approved unanimously a resolution to appeal to the Federal Energy Office for some research money to assist Barber.

For four years, Barber has been trying to convince the federal government and private enterprise that he has successfully developed a kit that can be fitted to any standard make of car that will allow it to burn either gasoline or alcohol.

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true with their system. He said his system was proven by two personal tests that he had converted, and converted forklifts used in the Smith area industries.

He had copies of letters from Whirlpool Corp. and GenCorp. plants at Fort Smith, Ark., and other plants in the Smith area industries.

The cars, a 1974 Pontiac 453-cubic inch, V-8 engine, 1975 Dodge Colt with a cylinder engine, had achieved the same mileage per gallon of alcohol as with gasoline, Barber said.

He said there were 187 cars on the Pontiac, the last coming on alcohol, and 35 on the Dodge.

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