

Clements denounces immigration reforms

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AUSTIN — Gov. Bill Clements, preparing to meet Sunday with fellow U.S. and Mexican border governors, predicted the U.S. Senate-passed immigration reform act could bring more than 2 million Mexicans into Texas.

Clements said the act is the "worst possible" bill for the state, but predicted it would not become law this year. He said he doubted the full House would act on the proposal before it plans to adjourn Oct. 8, thereby causing the measure to be lost.

Clements said conservative estimates show each Mexican who qualifies for amnesty under the bill would bring four family members into the United States.

"If we have 500,000 (Mexican) workers in Texas who would qualify, and I think we do, then what you're talking about is probably 2 million people," he said. "It's not right for Texas."

"It will change our quality of life in Texas. It will change the direction of this state."

He said a large influx of Mexicans would put "enormous" pressures on housing, public

services, social programs, hospitals and schools.

"There's hardly anything that wouldn't suffer pressures under this kind of circumstance," he said.

Clements said the continuing problem of illegal Mexican aliens crossing the U.S.-Mexico border for jobs is expected to be high on the governors' agenda at their meeting Sunday and today in Tijuana, Mexico.

He said the governors also will focus on the Mexican economic crisis and its impact on U.S. border states.



Mud Bowl

staff photo by David Fisher

The residents of the north side dormitories decided to take advantage of the mess left by Wednesday's rain to have a muddy football game. The mud made for

a slippery and dirty game, and a great time was had by the participants — as well as the onlookers. Even though they had to wash clothes later, it beat studying

Committee appointed to study lake pollution

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AUSTIN — A committee of environmentalists and builders has been appointed to study wa-

ter pollution standards for Lake Travis and Lake Austin. Scientists say both lakes will be harmed by a proposed sewage treatment plant.

Gov. William Clements appointed the committee Friday, saying there is some question whether tighter standards are needed.

"Increased development around these lakes makes it imperative that our water quality

standards insure that their beauty will not deteriorate," Clements said. "I think this is the time to resolve the issue rather than waiting until we have water quality problems in the lakes."

Formation of the committee has nothing to do with a case pending before the Texas Water Commission, Clements said.

In that case, Baseline Corp., which is developing a 450-acre site on Lake Travis, is seeking permission to discharge 350,000 gallons of treated sewage daily from its proposed Comanche Peak subdivision.

Two scientists have told the commission that Lake Austin, Lake Travis and Town Lake would all be harmed by effluent from the proposed development near the Mansfield Dam.

The Baseline application is considered a test case for several other proposed subdivisions on the sprawling lake.

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Kidnapper still at large

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GREENVILLE — Authorities said Saturday they had few clues to help them nab a gunman who escaped with \$50,000 in ransom money for a bank president's 8-week-old son.

"We just don't have anything new," said a Hunt County dispatcher. "We're still looking for the man."

The gunman Friday returned the boy to his mother, Carol Lewis, after she was forced to drive from one telephone booth to another over a distance of 50 miles to receive ransom instructions.

Her husband, Gordon, is president of Interfirst Bank of Greenville. The kidnapper told Mrs. Lewis the bank turned him down for a loan, although bank officials told authorities they had no such recollection.

"He instructed Mrs. Lewis that if she wanted to see her son alive again to call her husband at work and tell him to get \$50,000 ready," said Hunt County sheriff's Capt. Rickey Click.

The suspect entered the Lewis residence, confronting Lewis and her young son at gun-

point, officers said.

The gunman took the child and instructed Lewis to wait 10 minutes before calling her husband at the bank. The suspect left with the baby in Lewis' car. Lewis was not injured.

The man, described as bearded, heavyset and about 25 to 30 years old, then called Lewis, launching a 50-mile journey that ended at a telephone booth in Mesquite, a Dallas suburb.

"He had her drive to several

different telephone booths. Click said. "He would call and move her to another each time."

"She finally stopped at a booth in Mesquite near Bell Road and Interstate 30 that had

two plastic bags inside. He called, told her to leave the money in the bags and to wait 10 minutes at a nearby restaurant."

Lewis returned to the booth and found her son unharmed and the money gone. Click said

Lawyers want separate trial

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SAN ANTONIO — Prosecutors claim a separate trial for imprisoned drug smuggler Jimmy Chagra in the 1979 slaying of a federal judge is needed to prevent his brother, Joe Chagra, from having to testify against him.

Government attorneys who asked for the separate trial Friday also argued that evidence against Jimmy Chagra's wife, Elizabeth, might incriminate him.

Joe Chagra pleaded guilty Friday to conspiracy to murder U.S. District Judge John Wood as part of a plea bargain that includes testifying for the government. Sources have said he

will testify against Charles Harrelson, accused of being the gunman in the Wood assassination.

"The government has reached an agreement with Joseph Chagra to testify for the government as an essential witness, but he has refused to testify against his brother," the prosecutors' motion said.

Prosecutors also indicated evidence against Mrs. Chagra, who reportedly confessed the couple's role in the slaying in a letter to the judge's widow last week, could incriminate Jimmy Chagra unless a separate trial is granted.

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