

County official is punished for forcing voodoo practices

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DALLAS — A Dallas County official, who allegedly forced subordinates to practice voodoo with her, has been demoted and put on probation.

Jan Irby was demoted from assistant director of operations for the Dallas County Community Corrections Department to supervisor of a work release program. The demotion cost her \$6,672 a year in salary, officials said Tuesday.

In addition, she was placed

on six months probation by Community Corrections Director Robert March.

March, in a letter to County Judge Garry Weber, said the punishment recognized Irby's 13 years of service to the department and "took into consideration some personal stress that she was undergoing during the period of time that the violations of the county's personnel rules took place."

According to an investigation by county officials, Irby ordered

an employee to sprinkle pepper in the county commissioners' chambers so they would be unable to hire a new director for the Community Corrections department.

On another occasion, Irby wrote the names of county officials on an eggshell and asked the same employee to throw the shell into a creek.

The creation of the Community Corrections Department and its incorporation of three other programs put Irby under closer supervision, officials said.

EPA to remove deadly soil

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WASHINGTON — Instead of taking emergency action, a top Environmental Protection Agency official is opting for planned removal of soil contaminated with deadly dioxin at two suburban St. Louis residential areas, agency sources say.

Residents of the contaminated sites in Imperial, Mo., were advised Tuesday night EPA is considering giving them an option of relocating while it carries out removal of the soil.

EPA officials scheduled a news conference Wednesday in St. Louis to detail the decision of Rita Lavelle, assistant agency administrator, that no emergency exists.

In disclosing her decision late Tuesday, EPA sources said no timetable was set for

what was called a "planned removal." The agency apparently will attempt to haul away the soil to a disposal site selected by the state.

"I don't like it. I want out. I don't think it can be cleaned up — not safe enough for me to live here," resident Dennis Lynch said after meeting with EPA officials.

Lavelle sent a letter to Missouri Gov. Christopher "Kit" Bond Tuesday disclosing her decision and planned to meet with him Wednesday. She also held a 3½-hour meeting Tuesday with Missouri environmental officials and health experts and officials of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Unless they move, residents face the risk of continued exposure to the deadly, cancer-causing agent.

They have faced that risk for several years, and health experts have said exposure should be ended as soon as possible.

"If they're planning to do it at some date in the future, the thing I can say is, I'll believe it when I see it," Harold Minker, on whose property much of the contaminated soil is located, said.

Minker noted that soil containing one part per billion of dioxin is "supposed to be bad, and we've got 900 parts per billion. That's only 900 times as bad. And they're going to plan on doing something in the future."

EPA sources said Lavelle based her decision on test results from more than 350 soil samples from the area contaminated for the last eight years with dioxin, a toxic con-

taminant of the Vietnam defoliant Agent Orange, believed to be the most dangerous chemical made. The chemical is considered dangerous at detectable levels in a range of a few parts per billion.

A Nov. 22 EPA risk assessment, obtained this week by the Environmental Defense Fund, disclosed children living routinely in the contaminated soil face a seven in 100 of suffering from cancer.

The contaminated area is the residence of Minker, the former home of Vice Gov. St. Louis are among 14 in Missouri where the presence of dioxin has been confirmed.

Another 41 sites are expected of containing dioxin, what has become a pervasive long-range health problem for the state.

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'Custer' game on last stand

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AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby has joined the Texas Indian Commission in attempting to pull the plug on "Custer's Revenge," described by commission members as a "sexually explicit" video game.

"We very strongly feel this game and others like it are vile, sexist, indecent and racist," said Raymond D. Apodaca, executive director of the Texas Indian Commission. "It is an offense to the public welfare and morality."

Hobby has asked that the game be withdrawn from the market because it "perpetuates racism and sexism."

Hobby's executive assistant, Jerry Chapman, Tuesday said

the game depicts a fictional General Custer clad in boots and an Indian "wearing even less."

The object of the game is to see how many times Custer the Indian warrior engages before Custer is hit by a

Chapman said. Hobby requested the game be withdrawn in a letter to the developer of the game, American Multiple Industries, Northridge, Calif.

"This game not only exploits women, it exploits the sex," Hobby said. "The intent is to harm, to degrade, to hurt and to violate kind of sex is to interpose battering is to touching."

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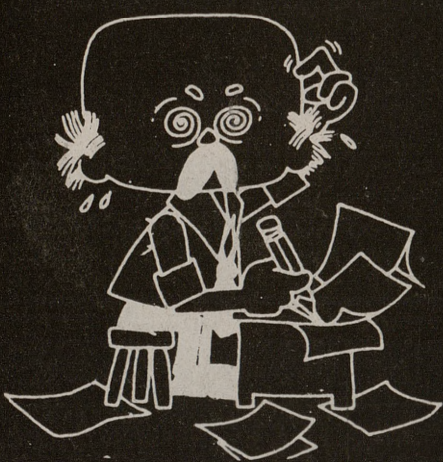
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