





Officials claim goal is keeping fair open, despite overdue bills

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NEW ORLEANS - World's Fair officials admitted Tuesday they had defaulted on a \$450,000 monthly interest payment for a group of bank loans, but insisted the failure to meet overdue bills would not affect Expo operations.

The issue of dealing with the default ... we did not make that interest payment, and they have a number of options," George Williams, fair marketing vice president, said.

The default action could force 138 fair guarantors to come up with

\$40 million promised to cover loans. 'The banks are holding legal papers from the guarantors and they can exercise the option of calling those in without informing LWE (Louisiana World Exposition)," he

said. Williams said Edward's statement Monday that "drastic action" might be forthcoming did not necessarily mean the fair would be closed.

"Cutting the spending budget in

"There really is not any significant reason to close," Williams said. "The half like he did would be drastic ac-tion," Williams said. "The goal is to state and the city have a great deal at stake. There still is \$35 million to be

ensure the fair would continue recouped from this fair.

through Nov. 11. U.S. Rep. Bob Livingston said Tuesday no chance existed of fed-eral funds to bolster the sagging fair.

he said.

"When they went into it, the (U.S.)

us and ask for any money, this is it,"

"The reputation of the city ar the state are at stake. There are on cessionaries who are only now begin ning to make any money. There an yet about 2 million people who will come to this fair between now an

Nov. 11." "They should not be denied in government said 'Don't come back to opportunity.'

> Floyd Lewis, chairman of Louis siana World Exposition Inc., whi runs the fair, blamed the miss payment on a "cash crunch" cause by record low attendance.



The band gets its news from the Batt.

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WILMER - Unless city officials and angry residents obtain a restraining order, tons of lead-contaminated soil will be dumped Thursday in this town south of Dallas. Jim Ewell of the Dallas County

sheriff's office and Wilmer Police Chief Preston Parks confirmed Tuesday the dumping that had been

An October 1983 order by state District Judge Nathan Hecht authorizing the dumping of tons of soil contaminated by a now-inoperative Dallas lead smelter has produced an dumpsite. outcry from residents in the commu-

nity of 4,000. When dumping began last week

Dallas dumping toxic soil in Wilmer set to resume Tuesday will instead take place Thursday. Wilmer officials immediately pro-tested. Eight residents, including two Wilmer city council members and a Baptist minister, were arrested for staging a sit-in protest at the

> Mayor Pro Tem Ralph Shotswell Tuesday said city officials and residents would seek a restraining order against Dallas and launch a publicity

campaign that features bump stickers reading "Dallas Stop Dum ing on Wilmer." Dallas officials said they are of

following Hecht's orders, and t the contaminated soil does not pr sent a health hazard at the Wilme dump. Wilmer residents have que tioned why, if that is the case, these is not being deposited at a Dalla dump.

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