

FTC unearths funeral home rip-offs

WASHINGTON-The Federal Trade Commission proposed rules recently to prohibit the \$2 billion funeral home industry from taking advantages of customers' grief and vulnerability to sell them unwanted services at undisclosed prices.

Violators could be subject to fines of \$10,000 for each offense.

After a two-year study, the commission said some of the country's 22,000 undertakers engage in the unscrupulous practices such as misrepresenting the need to embalm a body that is to be cremated, disparaging a customer's concern for price or "uglification"-the practice of showing customers unattractive caskets in ugly colors after they've asked to see something less expensive.

It cited as an example one California cemetery-mortuary which advertised, "Undertaking \$149-Complete." When a customer asked about the \$149 funeral, the FTC said, "the funeral director would condescendingly refer to it as 'the Chinaman's funeral' or 'pauper's funeral', telling the consumer that what he really needs is a funeral more in

keeping with his love and respect for the deceased."

The FTC said nearly two million people die each year in the United States and the average funeral, service and burial costs over \$3,100, but "even when the consumer goes to the funeral home to discuss arrangement it is difficult for him to obtain information or prices."

Under the rules, undertakers would be required to give prices over the telephone.

An industry fight against the rules proposed by the FTC staff-the first broad federal attempt to regulate the industry-was indicated.

Spokesmen for the industry said regulation by the states has proven adequate and said surveys showed most customers were not dissatisfied and only 1 per cent selected funeral homes on the basis of price.

The commission also announced that the country's largest funeral firm, Service Corporation International, had signed a consent agreement in which SCI promised to refund about \$100,000 to customers who paid for cremations.

NLV Art Festival

Are you an artist? Can you sing or dance? Are you a comedian or do you like to do magic tricks? If so then you should enter the International Arts Festival being sponsored by the North Las Vegas Arts Council on September 28.

This festival will feature arts and crafts and specialty acts from Japan, Spain, Mexico, Germany and America. Call Muriel Scrivner at 649-2076 or Helen Diamond at 648-6885, for more information.

Studded Tire Use Permitted

CARSON CITY---The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles reminds motorists that the use of studded tires is permitted by the law only during the period September 1 through April 30.

A bill passed by the 1975 Nevada legislature established the restricted time period for studded tire use, states Highway Patrol Chief, Col. James Lambert.

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