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# Plea bargain denied for former sheriff

United Press International HOUSTON — Calling it "most inappropriate," a federal judge Friday rejected a plea bargain for a long-time San Jacinto County sheriff accused of torturing prisoners and subjecting blacks, women and rock music

fans to strip-searches. A lawyer for recently-resigned Sheriff James C. "Humpy" Parker withdrew the former East Texas lawman's guilty plea after U.S. District Judge Gabrielle McDonald's ruling

Parker now faces trial and a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison and a \$30,000 fine. He was offered three years in prison and a \$15,000 fine in the plea

bargain. Prosecutors have said Parker tortured prisoners and subjected blacks, women and rock music fans to strip-searches. Parker is also charged with extorting money from a bail bondsman.

McDonald said she found the deal worked out by prosecutors "most inappropriate," adding she based the decision on her judgment and knowledge of the

Parker, 47, a sheriff since 1969, was prepared under terms of the agreement to cooperate with a grand jury's investigation of alleged brutality and kickbacks in the county, his lawyers

Parker resigned from office immediately after making the guilty plea March 13 on two felony civil rights charges and one extortion charge.

Coldspring city councilman Robert Brumley was appointed to complete Parker's term, which ends in 1984.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Woodward said a three-count criminal information accused Parker of water-torturing at least 15 prisoners, illegally arresting motorists on the U.S. 59 and extorting money from a

Coldspring bail bondsman.

"On the water tortures, that was reserved for major felonies where they could not solve the crime, but they had a suspect. They'd bring them in and torture them until they got a confession and then take that evidence to the prosecutor," Woodward said.

Parker was also charged with selectively stopping "hippies," blacks or motorists with license plate numbers which indicated they were from Shreveport, La., on the highway and searching

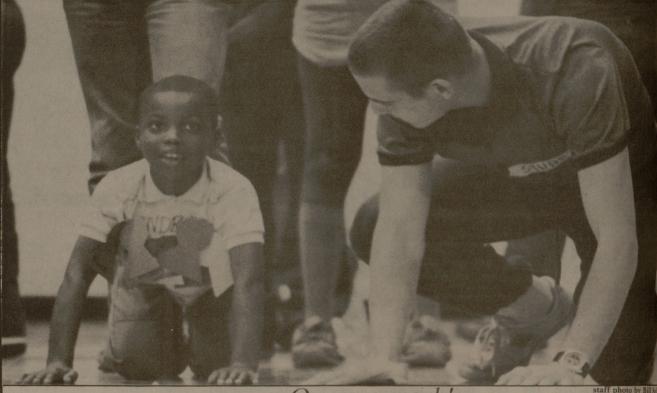
their cars for drugs.

Prosecutors claimed Parker and some of his deputies sometimes damaged taillights or other equipment on cars to make it appear the original traffic stop was legitimate.

The American Civil Liberties Union previously filed suit making many of the accusations against Parker. The case has not yet gone to trial.

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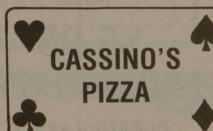
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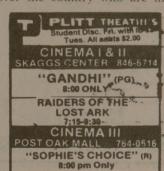
United Press International EL PASO — The many versions of Spanish spoken in borclude the place of reg dialect versus standard Sp and English in bilingual der states will be the topic of a national conference at the University of Texas at El Paso.

"We're not saying 'Tex-Mex' is good or bad," Professor Emeritus Jacob Ornstein-Galicia said Friday. "There are a number of different dialects used by Spanish-speaking peoples of the United States, and we are saying that they are deserving of research and study.'

The conference, the first of its kind in the nation, is tenta-tively set for Aug. 11-13, he said. Ornstein-Galicia said the dif-

ferent dialects of Spanish vary from state to state, with New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and California developing their own versions of the language

The conference will be a scientific study of the research needs of Mexican-American-Spanish," he said. "The program will feature people from all over the country who are in-



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added English words to and in the process, have veloped a separate dialectuding the use of new that are neither English Spanish, but have special ing on the border, 0 Galicia said.

Mexican-Americans

"In El Paso, you will! phrase, 'hay te watcho' best of circles," he said. '8 language purists and from Mexico or Spain ar fied. It means, 'I'll see y the so-called 'proper pl Spanish is 'hay te veo.

Other Americaniza the Spanish language include 'troca' for truck of the correct Spanish mion,' the border ver for type, instead of 'es maquina' and 'repollo'

bage instead of 'col.'
The conference will nanced in part with a gra the National Endowmen Humanities. Speakers Mexico and a Peruvian have been invited, On Galicia said.

"Rather than stressingth in this area, we are find much of the language to that found elsew the influence of English of degree," he said

Ornstein-Galicia, of the conference, d similar conference on r in Chicano English in Sq ber, 1981 at UT El Paso

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