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Police get guilty verdict

Dentist gets $2.1 million

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DALLAS — A federal court jury awarded a dentist more than $2.1 million in damages because three University Park policemen brutally beat him.

Earl Paschall's constitutional rights were violated by his arrest and when officers assaulted him at the police station, the jury ruled Monday. Otto B. Mullinax, Paschall's attorney, said he was pleased with the verdict and hoped it would send a message to University Park officials that "the rogue cops" were "grossly misusing their authority."

The posh city of University Park, one of the wealthiest areas of Dallas, was not named in the suit, filed against officers Richard Acree, F.R. Carr and John McDonnell, who are still on the force.

University Park Police Chief David Biedelman was out of the city and could not be reached for comment. Other police officials refused to comment.

Mullinax said the suit may not end the matter, because Paschall and others have appeared before a federal grand jury investigating the Dec. 16, 1981, arrest.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Cheryl Wattley said Paschall filed a civil rights complaint with federal authorities, and the Justice Department was investigating. Paschall was arrested during a Christmas party. He and guests testified that Acree, who was off-duty, came to his home and assaulted one of the guests.

The dentist said when he protested, McDonnell and Carr, who had been called to assist, began beating him. They handcuffed him, arrested him, took him to the police station and then beat him unconscious and dragged him by the hair into a cell. They also pulled ot some of his hair and threw it on the floor of his cell, he testified.

The beatings left him permanently injured and unable to work full time, Paschall said. The suit said the beatings caused spinal injuries resulting in numbness in his fingers and vertigo.

The jury ruled Acree and Carr did not have probable cause to arrrest Paschall, that the officers should have known the arrest was unlawful and that the arrest caused harm to the dentist. In addition, the panel also ruled that Acree and Carr used excessive force during the arrest and physically harmed Paschall.

All charges agaist the dentist were dismissed prior to the four-day trial on the suit.

Mayors warned gas revenues may not up funding to cities

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DENVER — Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole is putting the nation's mayors on notice that they should not expect additional federal money for public transportation subsidies despite the new federal gasoline tax.

Dole, addressing the 51st annual U.S. Conference of Mayors Monday, acknowledged billions of dollars will become available for public transportation due to the gas tax.

But, she said, "The federal role should focus on capital programs, and operating subsidies should be phased out. The feeling (in the Reagan administration) has been that operating subsidies do not produce enough flexibility at the local level."

A resolution being considered by the mayors conference calls on the federal government for "full funding for public transportation capital and operating assistance."

The federal gasoline tax, approved by Congress last year, earmarks 1 percent for public transportation. Dole said the legislation provides the first "assured" feral capital funding base for urban transportation systems.

While the legislation will help build "more efficient, more economical and more responsive" transportation systems, she said, "it cannot be done with federal money and federal programs alone."

Sen. Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, one of six Democrats running for president, addressed the conference earlier and criticized the Reagan administration for failing to formulate an urban policy. Hollings sided with the mayors in arguing the third year of President Reagan's tax cut should be canceled, and called for a one-year freeze on most federal entitlements and discretionary spending and a "3 percent growth freeze" in defense spending.

He also criticized Reagan for "turning back from good programs" designed to help America's cities.

The conference's first plenary session opened with an attack on the Reagan administration by Detroit Mayor Coleman Young, president of the mayors conference.

Young said the administration has taken a position of "benign neglect" toward the nation's cities.

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Reagan again pushing merit pay for teachers

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WASHINGTON — President Reagan was travelling Tuesday, advocating merit pay for teachers and other reforms to educators, government officials and tax-paying parents. Reagan's two-day trip includes lunch Tuesday with teachers in Tennessee and an address Wednesday to a PTA convention in New Mexico.

While at Farragut High School outside Knoxville, Tenn., Reagan plans to participate in a panel discussion focusing on a sharp indictment of the nation's schools by the National Commission on Excellence in Education. The event is billed as "a listening opportunity" for the president. At his first such out-of-town forum last week in Minneapolis, Reagan, then an active participant, had to defer to Education Secretary Terrel Bell to recite his education initiatives.

The Tennessee stop was intended to spotlight an administration-backed call for master teacher plans that would pay bonuses to top-rated educators as an incentive to attract qualified people and encourage them to excel. The idea is a less radical version of Reagan's broader proposal to pay teachers on the basis of merit rather than seniority, which has struck a sensitive nerve with teachers' unions.

Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander tried to push just such a plan through the state legislature, only to see it derailed by pressure from the 38,000 member Tennessee Education Association.

Reagan, who came into office vowing to attack the size and influence of the federal government, maintains the deterioration of the educational system over the last 20 years can be attributed at least in part to federal involvement.

The recent emphasis o cation has shoved aside co that dominated Reagan's tion during the first half year, such as commun Central America and d spending. One explanati vided by a White House "everyone is for educati Reagan will find it easier the public on his "back basics" philosophy of wh about America's schools controversial foreign po budget priorities.

The issue of fin however, is one Reagan yet fully addressed.

The president has sug that money could be red from areas with lower pri such new initiatives as teacher bonuses and school days. But he has identified those "lower pr areas.

Olympic ticket sales system gives everyone equal chance

United Press International

LOS ANGELES — The 5.6 million 1984 Olympics tickets on sale Tuesday under a computerized mail-order system — 70 percent of all seats for the summer games — will be as available to a gas pump attendant as to an oil company president.

Peter Ueberroth, president of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, said Monday even President Reagan and Mayor Tom Bradley, who will be given seats as official hosts of the mammoth sports festival, must fill out order forms for tickets for their families.

The tickets range in price from $3 for the cheapest seats at several events, including preliminary basketball and volleyball games, to $200 for the best viewing spots for the opening and closing ceremonies at the Coliseum. During the 1932 Olympics, held at the same stadium, ticket prices ranged from $1 to $3.

Tickets must be ordered on brochures being distributed nationally at 3,300 Sears, Roebuck and Co. stores and at 400 branches of the First Interstate Bank and Manufacturers Hanover Trust in Southern California and greater New York. Officials insisted the system would limit the potential of brokers to buy up and resell tickets at higher prices and eliminate favoritism for special interest groups. Tickets for most events will be available in unlimited quantities. But orders for 30 "premium expected to sell out wi stricted to two tickets ea orders for 45 other premium events" to four

"I don't believe that Solomon in all his wisdom have made everybody h Paul Ziffren, chairman LAOOC, said.

Olympics officials stress mail order forms are the authorized way to order and guarantee seats f games.

The forms describe Olympic sports and venu include a schedule listing ing times and prices for ap mately 370 individual They do not indicate sea tions, and do not show co ing countries in team eve

Candidate backs his pledges

United Press International

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — A candidate for the Westchester County Legislature is offering voters a "money back" guarantee that he will not break his campaign promises.

"If somebody contributes to my campaign because of the things I say, they should expect that their money will be well spent," Paul Feiner, 27, said Monday.

"If I don't keep my promises, I'll return the money out of my own pocket. I'm staking my financial well-being on this promise. How many politicians would be willing to do that?" he said.

Campaign contributors interested in Feiner's "money-back guarantee program state in writing which of his paign promises they guaranteed.

The candidate said he the name of the contribu amount donated, and the paign pledge with the B Elections in Westchester ty, which is made up o York City suburbs.

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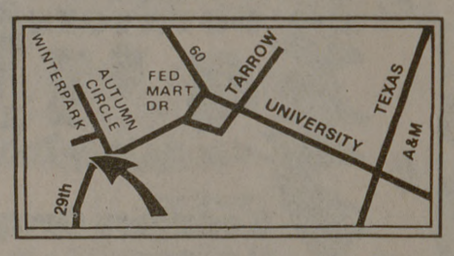

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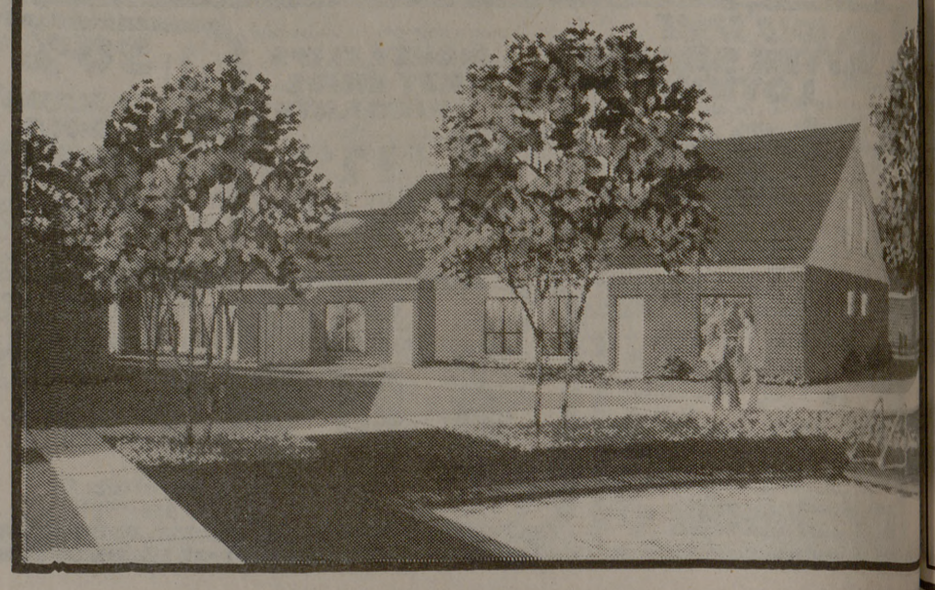
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