

Indictments sought in civil rights case

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SAN ANTONIO — A civil rights group is seeking indictments against several Texas Department of Corrections officials for the alleged beatings of inmates in the state prison system, a spokesman said Wednesday.

Ken Pallend of Alternatives to Imprisonment said San Antonio attorney Ruben Sandoval will serve as a special prosecutor

to try to obtain indictments against the TDC officials in Brazoria County in the next two weeks.

Sandoval will present evidence against David Christian, warden at the Darrington Unit at Rosharon, and other TDC officials, who allegedly participated in the Sept. 16 beating of inmate Frank Cerventes.

Cerventes, who had to be admitted to the intensive care

unit at John Sealy Hospital, was handcuffed when he was beaten by Christian and four TDC guards, Pallend said.

Christian was unavailable for comment.

Sandoval is seeking the cooperation of the Brazoria County district attorney's office in obtaining the indictments, but said he will act without it if necessary.

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Ex-sheriff is charged once more

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HOUSTON — Former San Jacinto County Sheriff James "Humpty" Parker, convicted of water-torturing prisoners to extract confessions, surrendered to federal marshals Wednesday on other charges.

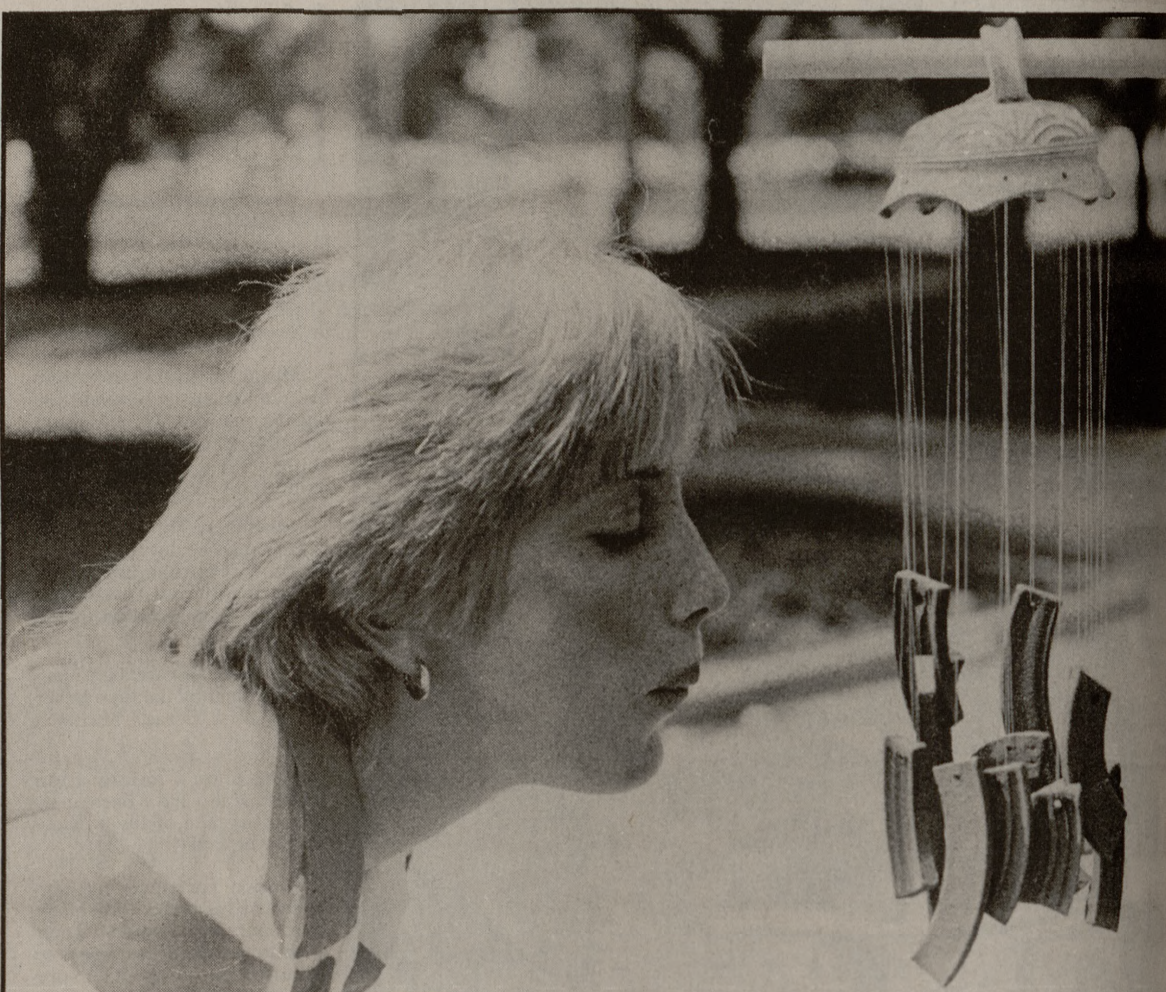
Parker, 47, went before a federal magistrate and was charged with conspiring to falsely arrest motorists near Coldspring to take money from them.

A prosecutor contends Parker and four others selected automobiles with Louisiana license plates or bumper stickers promoting a Houston rock music station to stop without probable cause.

The government charged the defendants strip-searched some motorists, took them to jail and made them pay \$300 to \$400 to get out. The defendants were also said to have damaged vehicles to create false evidence.

The others charged were Parker's son, Gary, a former reserve deputy sheriff; Robert Rice, a former deputy sheriff; and bail bondsmen James Browder and Herb Atwood.

Parker and three former San Jacinto County deputies were found guilty last month of violating the civil rights of prisoners by torturing them.



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Whispering chimes

Mia Kleinhenz, a freshman physical education major from Houston, helps these chimes to deliver their unique songs of the

wind. Kleinhenz was caught browsing around the Fall Craft Festival, near the Memorial Student Center.

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Safety standards blamed

Auto devices advocated

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SAN ANTONIO — The federal government made a "serious error" in rescinding airbag and seat belt regulations, and the decision has led to continued carnage on American highways, the president of the United Services Automobile Association said Wednesday.

USA insures about 1.5 million U.S. military personnel worldwide.

"When it comes to saving people's lives, a lot of the deregulation arguments go out the window," President Robert F. McDermott said. "There is a

case for enlightened government regulation where public safety is concerned."

McDermott, a retired air force general, told members of the American Association for Automotive Medicine that he is anxious to see the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration's new regulation regarding passive restraints, due for release Oct. 15.

McDermott, a long-time advocate of airbags, said such passive restraints as automatic seat belts and airbags would greatly reduce the number of

deaths and serious injuries caused by head-on and front-angle collisions.

Up to 63 percent of the accidents causing serious injury in 1981 involved a frontal or front-angle collision, he said.

"In my view, Washington made a serious error when the administration rescinded the passive restraint regulation," McDermott said. "Yet the administration, in the name of 'getting government of the people's backs,' rescinded the regulation, and so today the carnage on our highways and roads continues.

"I do believe that the deaths of thousands of people a year and serious injuries to thousands more need to be addressed without let up to segments of our society."

McDermott announced that USAA will replace its corporate fleet of 150 automobiles with new, airbag-equipped Motor Co. Tempos.

He praised Ford for its work with the Government Safety Administration's airbag program but criticized the General Motors Corp. for being "lousy."

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3 charged in caper; 11 saddles still missing

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CANYON — Two Randall County deputies left for Oklahoma and Kansas Wednesday in a search to recover more saddles stolen from Canyon in September, Sheriff Cliff Longest said.

Two men and a woman were in jail on burglary and theft

charges Wednesday.

Glen Edward Richardson, 23, was charged with burglary and a \$20,000 bond was set late Tuesday by Randall County Justice of the Peace E.J. Hail. Richardson listed no address.

Gloria Gamble, 34, of Canyon and Donald Ray Bass, 30,

of Florida each were charged with one count of burglary and one count of theft. Bond was set at \$25,000 for the burglary charge and \$30,000 for the theft charge, court officials said.

Authorities had recovered 17 of the 28 stolen saddles Wednesday afternoon.

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May stop

United Press International
EL PASO — El Jonathan Rogers, permanent boy British rock group, was arrested Wednesday.

The mayor of the League of American Citizens group which singer Joe Elliott of El Paso as "that greasy Mexican" in Tucson.

LULAC state Mata of Houston Hispanic groups in Texas to join in even though the group said a written apology coming.

El Paso's population of 450,000 is about 15 percent Hispanic.

Lifes elder

United Press International
BOSTON — The American is living longer before but much of this extension is due to better health, government officials said Wednesday.

Dr. Edward Schneider of the National Institute of Health said that the life expectancy has increased by 10 years with better health.

While the current life expectancy for men is 71 years and for women, by the year 2000, it should be over 75 years.

But not as much as has been made in the past, including arthritis, diabetes and Alzheimer's disease that men face. Schneider said that today's life expectancy is 20 years ago.

"The medical care has been appropriate with acute disease, now we are burdened with chronic disease and we are emphasizing it."

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