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Hispanic conference meets

Central America discussed

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BROWNSVILLE — A three-conference designed for Hispanics to oppose their 5. Hispanics to oppose their untry's policies in Central nerica will include talks by lef-s from both El Salvador and caragua, a spokeswoman for e of 16 organizations sponsor-the event said Tuesday. Immigration attorney Thel-O Carria of Harlingen said

O. Garcia of Harlingen said resentatives of the Sandanisregime of Nicaragua and a kesman for the revolution-front in El Salvador are ong speakers for the confere set for Thursday through urday at Pan American Uni-

sity in Edinburg. The speakers will include oldo Ramos, the U.S. repretative of the Democratic Reutionary Front which is ing to overthrow the govern-nt in El Salvador; Mariano rahona, a supreme court jusand president of the Assoion of Democratic Jurists of the governments of El Salvador,

Nicaragua, and Humberto Guatemala and Honduras - America, both contended Tues-Obregon, vice president of the Nicaraguan judges association.

At a news conference Tuesday, Garcia said that the U.S. government has given a dis-torted view of its role in Central

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America.

"We feel the people there have a right to self-determination," she said.

Dissension, war and economic hardship have developed to such an intolerable level in most Central American countries that many thousands of people have fled their homelands," the spon-soring groups said in a state-ment. "They are refugees from the grief and despair created by

racquetball court in East Kyle.

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Texas A&M I.D. card and sever-

tion of the United States. Other speakers will include Mario Obledo, the national

president of the League of United Latin American Citizens, and attorneys who represent Central Americans being held at an alien detention facility near the Texas-Mexico border for illegally entering the United States Among purposes announced

for the conference is "to voice the opposition of the Hispanic community to U.S. intervention in Central America."

> Garcia and Jim McCloud, president of the Valley Inter-Religious Task Force on Central

> > 7:30 p.m.

with the direct military interven- day that the U.S. government is using a false threat of spreading Marxism as a "smokescreen" for intervention in Central America.

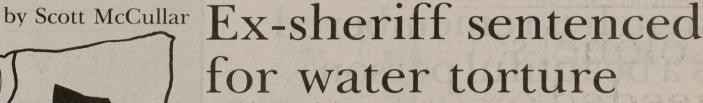
"It's (Russian presence in Central American) a crock," said McCloud, who recently re-turned from a visit to Nicaragua. "The Soviets have put forth a minimal investment in Central America for all the paranoia it's caused in our government. "The Soviet Union would not

go to war over Nicaragua or send troops to Nicaragua," he said.

Sponsors of the conference contend if the United States withdrew military aid to the region the wars would quickly end.

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United Press International HOUSTON — A former East Texas sheriff, who also faces charges of falsely arresting "hippies", blacks and rock music fans who drove through his county, was sentenced Tuesday to 10 years in prison for water-

torturing prisoners. U.S. District Judge James DeAnda ordered 10 years in prison and \$12,000 in fines for former San Jacinto County Sheriff James C. "Humpy" Par-

ker, 47. DeAnda also sentenced Parker's former deputy, Carl Lee, 63, to four years in prison followed by five years probation, and former deputy John Glover, 65, two years in prison.

A six-man, six-woman jury Sept. 13 convicted the three of conspiracy and civil rights violations in the water torture of six prisoners at the San Jacinto County jail in Coldspring, 80 miles northeast of Houston, from 1976 to 1980.

Victims of the torture testified they were handcuffed, had towels draped over their faces and water poured on the towels to force them to confess. They

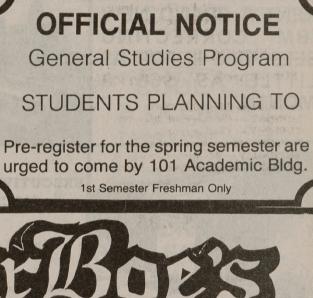
said it felt like drowning.

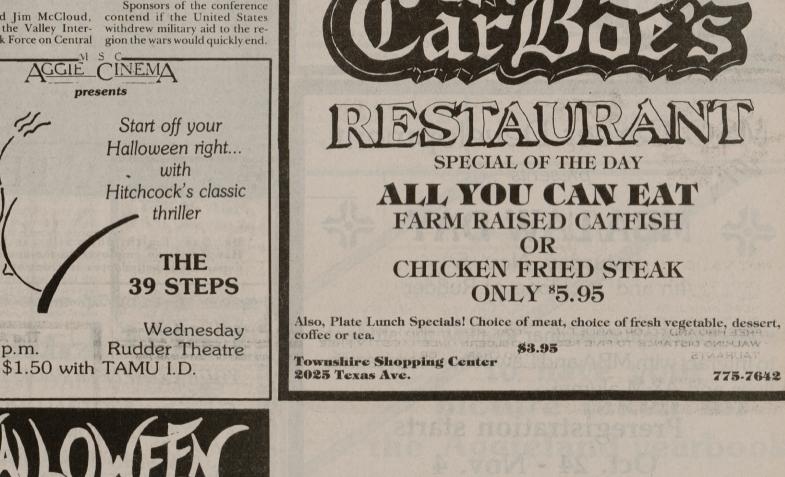
Another former deputy, Floyd Baker, 40, started trial with Parker, Glover and Lee, but surprised his co-defendants by testifying torture took place. His trial was severed from the others and was still pending.

After being convicted on the water-torture charges, Parker was indicted again Oct. 4 with his 24-year-old son, Gary Parker, a former reserve deputy, and three other men on charges of violating the civil rights of

motorists. Both Parkers were named in all seven counts of the new indictment alleging deputies damaged cars to justify stops, conducted roadside strip searches of men and women and kept drugs, guns and other property

taken from motorists. The indictment charged they stopped motorists who were black, looked like "hippies" or had bumper stickers from Houston and Shreveport, La. rock music radio stations





Police beat

The following incidents were orted to the University Police partment through Tuesday: THEFTS:

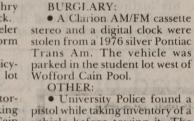
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A red Follis 10-speed bicyfrom the staff parking lot th of the Pavilion.

A red 1979 Honda motore from the student parking northwest of Wofford Cain

\$100 in cash from a room in rm 2

A wallet from 714 Harring-Tower. The wallet coned \$17 in cash, Texas drivlicense, Texas A&M I.D. and several credit cards. A red nylon wallet from a



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vehicle before towing it. The police gave the owner a warning and secured the pistol in the police department gun room.University Police found a

switch-blade knife while taking inventory of a 1980 Chevrolet station wagon before towing it. The knife was taken to the police department.

