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HOUSTON judge Thursday decided not to reduce the 10-year prison term for a former East Texas sheriff who was convicted of violating the rights of prisoners through water torture.

Former San Jacinto Sheriff James "Humpy" Parker originally was sentenced in October by U.S. District Judge James DeAnda to 10 years in prison and fined \$12,000.

At that time, the judge ordered a psychiatric evaluation of the 47-year-old Parker, but

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after reading the doctor's re-port, DeAnda decided to leave tortures that went on in his intact the sentence. Although the report revealed that Parker was suffering from an alcohol abuse problem, DeAnda said it confirmed he did not overlook

Parker and two of his deputies were convicted in September of conspiracy and civil rights violations in connection with a water torture treatment the men used on prisoners.

DeAnda said the tragedy of the case was that Parker cor-

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county for a number of years.

He called it a case of "aggravated civil rights" violations and not an isolated incident.

Several people testified that the lawmen placed towels over their faces, poured water into the cloth until the prisoner con-fessed to a crime. The men said they had been handcuffed to chairs at the time of the tor-

Former Deputy Carl Lee, 63, was sentenced in October to rupted other good officers and four years in prison and five years probation and former deputy John Glover, 65, was sentenced to two years in prison and five years probation.

Parker now returns to his cell at the Harris County Jail, where he is in solitary confinement.



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Court refuses Autry appeal

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NEW ORLEANS — A federal appeals court Thursday re-fused to block the upcoming ex-ecution of condemned killer James David Autry, who is scheduled to die by lethal injection March 14 at Huntsville

"Cowboy" Autry, as he was nicknamed by other inmates on death row at the state's maximum security prison, came within 30 minutes of being executed Oct. 4, 1983, but was saved by a last-minute stay from the U.S. Supreme Court.

The high court Jan. 23 rejected Autry's claim a proportionality review was required by Texas' constitution and ordered a new execution scheduled.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Thursday refused to priest in that incident.

delay the March 14 execution, rejecting the killer's argument his attorney was ineffective during the sentencing phase of his

Autry also alleged he was subjected to cruel and unusual punishment on Oct. 4, 1983, by being "placed on the gurney an entire hour prior to the time when respondent had a legal entitlement to end his life and ... was misled into believing a stay had in fact not been obtained and his death was imminent ... amounting to psychological torture.'

Autry was sentenced to death for the 1980 slaving of a convenience store clerk in Port Arthur during the robbery of a six-pack of beer. He also killed a

tended his attorney, Charles Carver, "failed to present any evidence in mitigation of punishment at the penalty stage of the proceedings.

Autry's appeal claimed witnesses were available during the sentencing who could have testified to his family background; of his parents' alcoholism and of violent and demeaning treatment by his father. Carver testified Autry asked

him not to fight the death penalty because he preferred death to life in prison. The attorney also testified he attempted to lo-cate witnesses, but Autry preferred not to publicize his trou-

Carver said he had planned

plemented because of strong resistance to a life

Autry denied rejecting a son, disputing Carver's mony that he had told here difficulty with Autry.

The three-judge app panel in New Orleans to Carver's testimony to be' ful, accurate and supporte the record.

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fire marshal Thursday investigated a blaze that destroyed the only high school in a small town already under state orders to ease overcrowding.
Classes were expected to re-

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sume Monday in temporary facilities after Wednesday's fire, which began in the gymnasium and gutted the structure, said

Leroy Boldt, fire chief of the fought the blaze. "We contained Johnson County town, located 40 miles south of Fort Worth. Two volunteer firefighters

suffered minor injuries. Asked if arson was suspected, Boldt said: "No comment. The state fire marshal is coming to check it out. At this time we

don't know the cause. "It spread awfully quick,"

it for a little while, but it just jury, he said. kept burning. We just didn't have enough trucks and enough manpower to contain

Principal Charles McGehee, who called the loss of the build-ing "a bad fix," said classes had been dismissed for the day shortly before the fire started. said Shelby Clowder, one of 50 Several girls attending a volunteer firefighters who cheerleading practice in the

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problem was not solved. School enrollment rose percent last fall over the e

the 1983 school year, wi additional students

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all children to attend accretion its 150 th schools. A recommendation lence from Committee on Public Education on Public Education of the state would permit children to bec ucated at home through sixth grade.

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"But I don't think it's a whether to s idea," said Parker, D-Port rede" said D thur. "I wouldn't do it for and co-owne children.

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The home schooling wo have to follow an organicourse of study. Superint dents would monitor the gress of home-taught child and could require them to tend public schools if their gress was insufficient.

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• A man's leather, wester

style coat was stolen from 41' Medical Science.

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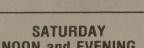
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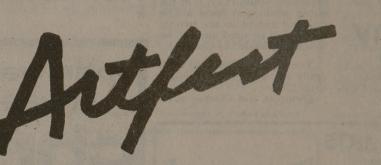


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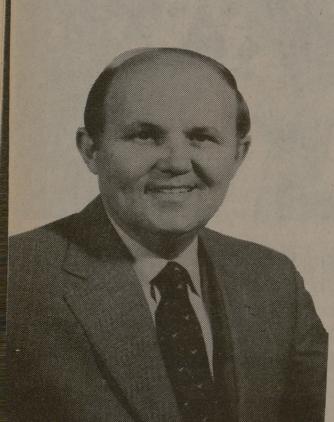


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Student Senate opposes election date

The bill states that because "students and faculty traditionally make vacation and travel plans during the break and are therefore expected to be out of town during the election, expecting such a large number of voters to vote absentee is both an inconvenience and increases the chances of misrepresentation of the 14th district's population.'

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Gov. Mark White Tuesday named March 10 as the special election date to fill the District 14 state representative vacancy. Democratic Secretary of State John Fainter said he did not know, nor had he heard it discussed, that March 10 was the beginning of spring break.

He said that March 10 had been described as "convenient day" by party officials.

But Fainter did say the election could have been called earlier, possibly March 3, another Saturday. **Bryan-College Station Eagle**

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Wednesday, January 25, 1984

Governor Mark White called this election special Representative during the Spring Break for Texas A&M, College Station and Bryan Independent School Districts, on March 10. If you plan to leave town, you need to vote absentee. The last day to vote absentee is March 6. Monday through Friday, vote at the College Station City Hall across from Campus or at the Brazos County Courthouse in Bryan. If You Have Registered To Vote, You Can Vote! (With or without Registration Card) Voter Shuttle Bus Schedule: Departs From: Time: 7:45 a.m. **Duncan Dining Hall** 10:00 a.m. MSC Commons 10:10 a.m. MSC 12:00 Noon 12:10 p.m. 2:00 p.m. MSC Commons 2:10 p.m. **Duncan Dining Hall** 4:00 p.m

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