Former inmate: halt strip searches

LUBBOCK — A former Lubbock County jail inmate has asked a federal judge to halt what he calls unconstitutional practices in the jail in-cluding weekly strip searches of prisoners, court records showed Wednesday.

Samuel Jackson, 22, requested \$28,000 in damages for the strip searches as well as for censuring inmates' mail and for limited access to what he called an outdated legal li-

Jackson said he spent about five months in the jail on an assault charge before he was released earlier this month.

"Plaintiff and all other detainees in his cell area were subjected to routine mass (strip) searches," attorney Stephen McIntyre said in the lawsuit he filed in U.S. District Court on Jackson's behalf.

"They're still doing it," Jackson said of the cell block strip searches, which he said occurred weekly while he was in the jail. "It's not right what they're doing to prisoners," Jackson

unconstitutional the jail's former policy of strip searching all people booked into custody.

That ruling stemmed from a case in which Barbara Wilkerson won \$15,000 in damages for a 1983 arrest and strip search. The jail's current policy gives people 24 hours after a bond-setting hearing before they can be strip searched.

Jackson also asked the federal court to rule invalid a new jail policy that prisoners cannot write letters to one another.

He said he wrote letters to a woman inmate, but she never received them. Two such letters were turned to him by jailers, Jackson

Jail administrator D.L. Young wrote a memo dated Oct. 10 saying that as of Oct. 15 jail inmates would not be allowed to receive mail from other Lubbock County prisoners.

"Due to the contents in some of the letters being written from one inmate to another, the policy of allowing one inmate to receive mail from uid. another inmate in the Lubbock U.S. District Judge Halbert County jail has been recended."

Guatemalan school granted protection

United Press International

GUATEMALA CITY — The Education Ministry Wednesday called on government agencies to grant protection to teachers at a rural school who were harassed by leftist guerrillas last week

Deputy Education Minister Adolo Juarez Toledo said the Interior Ministry and national defense forces had been asked to protect the teachers from La Palva agricultural cooperative in La Libertad.

Guerrillas from the Rebel Armed Forces, one of four rebel groups fighting in Guatemala, reportedly entered La Palva's small public school Thursday, burned examina-tion papers and threatened to kill the teachers, according to reports from the independent newspaper La

La Prensa reported accounts from villagers in La Palva with some 150

families who said that armed men occupied the village threatening the citizens that if they did not leave the town in 20 days, the rebels would return to burn it down.

A military source said that army patrols were searching for the group of rebels in the isolated region.

In other developments, Interior Minister Adolfo Lopez Sandoval re-jected a harsh report on human rights abuses in Guatemala released this week by the London-based Amnesty International.

The human rights group released a report criticizing 117 countries for human rights abuses.

In its section on Guatemala, Amnesty International charged that Guatemalan security forces and paramilitary groups acting on government orders continue "massive violations" of human rights, including torture, disappearances and extrajudicial executions.



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New trial for insurance dispute

United Press International

AUSTIN — The Texas Supreme Court Wednesday rejected arguments that the survivors of an airplane crash could not collect insurance benefits because the plane had not been inspected as required by the insurance policy.

The high court ordered a new trial in a dispute between Joe Beth Warren Puckett, the survivor of one of the plane crash victims, and U.S. Fire Insurance Co.

On July 18, a Cessna 337 aircraft co-owned by M. Hunter Puckett

two passengers were killed and a third passenger was seriously in-

jured.

U.S Fire claimed it was not obligated to pay any damages or defend any claims arising from the crash because the plane had not been inspected for air worthiness as required by the insurance policy.

A Randall County district court

agreed and the decision was upheld

But the Supreme Court noted that pilot error - not the failure to inspect the plane - had caused the

"It would be against public policy to allow the insurance company in that situation to avoid liability by way of a breach that amounts to nothing more than a technicality," Justice Franklin Spears wrote in the major-

ity opinion. But Chief Justice Jack Pope disagreed.

"Courts are not in the business of writing insurance contracts," he said. "The court has written out of the contract the clear and express provicertificate shall be kept in ful and effect.

In another case, the court to hear arguments on Jan. ing a workers compensa Lawana Bryant of Corsian sued the firm that insured the Street Bakery, a nationally i fruitcake firm.

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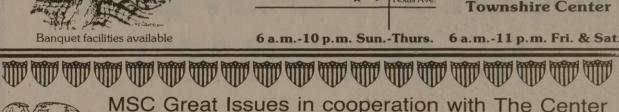
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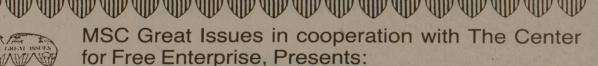
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