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Judge: Mail ban won't solve problem

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A federal judge has told lawyers for the Texas prison system that they will have a tough time convincing him to ban correspondence between inmates.

Texas Department of Corrections officials have argued inmate-to-inmate correspondence allows gang members to set up assaults, murders and organize other activities.

But U.S. District Judge John V. Singleton said Monday that the problem of gangs is directly related to a shortage of guards, and he said the Legislature apparently does not

feel compelled to address the problem.

"You will have a hard time convincing me you should change a rule that affects 40,000 inmates," Singleton told Assistant Texas Attorney General F. Scott McCown.

Singleton and U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice are hearing arguments this week about inmates' rights to correspond with each other.

Singleton said limiting inmate correspondence would not thwart violence caused by the more than 1,230 gang members that officials say are housed in Texas prisons.

to justify a rule like this to accommodate 1,230 inmates out of 40,000?" Singleton asked. "I don't think you can make the TDC a safer place or a safer world just by changing a rule."

Donna Brorby, one of the inmates' attorneys, agreed, saying that limiting mail privileges would unfairly punish non-gang members in Texas prisons.

In a single week in November, Texas inmates received 86,000 pieces of mail, and more than 9,000 of those were from other prisoners, said TDC spokesman Phil Guthrie. TDC officials temporarily

stopped all correspondence among inmates in September after Texas prisoners were killed in a week. Singleton at that time issued an order barring mail among gang members for 30 days.

Singleton's order expired, TDC officials are asking the judges for a new order barring inmate mail.

Singleton will decide whether prisoners will be allowed to correspond with one another, while he will determine whether inmates write other prisoners for legal advice.

White says he's kept inaugural promises

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Mark White told a major political action committee Tuesday that he is accomplishing the things he promised Texans in his 1983 inaugural address.

He said he has worked to provide the good schools and roads that serve as "a platform for business to operate from."

"In the speech I gave out here in 1983 on the front steps of the Capitol... we're accomplishing what we set out to do," White told the Texas Association of Realtors political action committee.

The governor, who is scheduled to launch his re-election bid Jan. 24, acknowledged that the realtors are a major political force. Their political committee is usually among the biggest spenders in Texas campaigns.

"You're known by others as the most effective organization, among many effective organizations, for your efforts to bring your thoughts to the Legislature," White said.

The governor drew an ovation by promising continued support for the no pass, no play rule that bars failing students from extracurricular activities.

"I'm not going to retreat on that,"

he said. "I believe we're right and I'm going to stick."

The three major GOP gubernatorial contenders — former Gov. Bill Clements, U.S. Rep. Tom Loeffler and former congressman Kent Hance — have suggested possible shortening of the six-week suspension period that the no pass, no play rule carries.

White said that would be a mistake.

"I think it's incredible to hear people stand up and say, 'Oh, retreat,'" he said. "The fact of the matter is we send our children to school to learn."

"When you have 85 percent pass all the courses, and somewhere along the line when you start falling back to four weeks, three weeks, two weeks, one week, you're going to see 80 percent pass, then only 75 percent pass."

"Then you're back to where you started, which is mediocre. I don't think Texans want that," White said.

Texans must remember that their state is in economic battle with the entire world, he added.

"We're the only country on earth that plays football," White said. "Almost all the other counties are playing hardball — hardball economics."

Can firewalking make you a hot shot in life?

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Fire. We've survived because of it, been destroyed with it and worshipped it. Today, some people are even paying to walk on it.

For \$495, Anthony Robbins will teach you how to be a more successful person by traipsing down a bed of red-hot coals. His is one of about a dozen firewalking seminars available throughout the country.

Robbins, a 25-year-old high school dropout, expects to make a million dollars this year through his three-part firewalking seminar, which also includes training in special diet and health techniques.

Firewalking is nothing new. It was an ancient ritual in Fiji, Japan, Greece, Brazil and India. The practice found its way to the United States about four years ago.

Robbins, of Del Mar, Calif., began his seminars in 1983 and now boasts 30,000 graduates. He says most have trekked over coals averaging between 1,200 and 2,000 degrees.

Robbins says the purpose of his firewalks is not to entertain thrill seekers or teach a new picnic game, but rather to break down basic fears that can inhibit a person's success in life.

"What if every time you said 'I can't,' you said 'I must' and took action?" Robbins asks. With firewalking, "I want to offer a metaphor for that lifestyle."

Robbins' attorney and fellow firewalker, Richard Greene, 31, explains further: Firewalking "is an incredible metaphor for personal effectiveness," he says. "It's the ability to re-experience the triumph, confidence and energy which comes in just overcoming an obstacle."

Edward Sparks, 46, a Los Angeles County traffic signal inspector and a veteran hot-footer, says it this way: "If I can do this, I can do anything."

There are those who appreciate the message but disagree with the method. Bernard J. Leikind, 37, a UCLA research physicist, thinks it's great for people to learn courage and do things they've never done before.

Police Beat

The following incidents were reported to University Police through Monday:

MISDEMEANOR THEFT:

• Five bicycles were stolen from various locations on campus.

• Four wire wheel covers were stolen from a 1982 Ford Mustang parked in the Hensel Apartment parking lot.

• A Goodyear tire and rim were stolen from a Ford pickup parked in PA 51.

• University Police observed a pickup truck operating in a "suspicious manner" in the Married Student Housing area. After the policemen pulled the vehicle over, they saw two blue and orange plastic tricycles in the bed of the truck. Police said the driver and passengers in the truck said they stole the tricycles from one of the apartment complexes. University Police confiscated the tricycles and the suspects were allowed to leave.

• A white metal table and a Monroe Model 2125 adding machine were stolen from the Sterling C. Evans Library.

• A telephone was stolen from the Zachry Engineering Center.

• An Irvin Electric Heater was stolen from the Veterinary Diagnostic Lab.

FELONY THEFT:

• A 1 1/2 HP 60-gallon air compressor was stolen from the New Ocean Drilling project site.

BURGLARY OF A BUILDING:

• An Emglo air compressor and electric motor were stolen from the Doherty Building.

• University Police responded to an alarm from the tunnel entrance to the Memorial Student Center. The police dispatcher then advised the responding officers that the camera at the MSC main desk had been moved and

the picture was blocked. When police at the scene entered the MSC they saw three men near a candy store. The suspects ran to the flag room and down to the basement area. Officers pursuing the suspects to the basement area found a wooden gate separating the loading dock from the rest of the MSC broken and pulled back. The suspects escaped. Nothing else in the area had been stolen or damaged.

BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE:

• A velcro wallet was stolen from a vehicle parked in PA 60.

• A box of Craftsman tools, Radio Shack AM/FM cassette player and cassette tapes were stolen from a 1984 Toyota pickup truck parked on Avenue D.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:

• The left tires of a vehicle parked on Clark Street were punctured.

• Someone punctured the radiator hoses of three vehicles parked in PA 56 and PA 9.

• Someone sprayed fake snow and placed Oreo cookies on a 1978 Chevrolet Monte Carlo parked in PA 61.

ASSAULT:

• A man reported that he was involved in an argument and fight with another man followed a traffic incident on East Main Drive.

• A woman said that while she was walking to her dorm room from the Sterling C. Evans Library someone wearing a mask grabbed her by the back of the neck and said, "You can have him." The woman ran back to her dorm and the suspect ran in the opposite direction.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS:

• Someone used the printer on the micro-computer in the LRD on the sixth floor of the Sterling C. Evans Library.

fore. But he objects to Robbins' misleading people about what makes it possible to walk on hot coals.

"You need to find the courage to take the steps, and if you do, you'll make it," Leikind said. "It has nothing to do with his training."

The researcher speaks from experience. Not only did he walk Robbins' coals unscathed, he did so without attending Robbins' five-hour preparatory seminar.

Particularly offensive to Leikind is Robbins' suggestion that the mind can overcome the laws of physics, in this case, heat's ability to burn flesh.

"Burning is something I create in my mind," Robbins lectures. "You can change the reality in your world by choosing to believe and experience something else."

While Robbins credits the biological instinct to protect itself by biologically changing the way flesh responds to intense heat, others credit less spiritual factors.

Bruce Zawacki, director of health services at Los Angeles County Medical Center, witnessed a student walk a short bed of hot coals and was unimpressed by it.

Robbins acknowledges that walking on hot coals can be risky, especially without his help.

"People have gotten first, second and third degree burns. ... Some have had skin grafts and three people have died," warned Robbins. "None of them attended my seminar."

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