

## 2 prison officers jailed for assault of prisoner

HOUSTON (AP) — A state prison supervisor and a former prison officer are heading to jail while a third former official is on probation after pleading guilty to charges stemming from the brutal beating of an inmate.

U.S. District Judge Gabrielle McDonald on Monday sentenced former Maj. Wilton David Wallace to five months in jail for violating the civil rights of Frank Navarro Cervantes, an inmate who spent more than a week in the hospital after a 1983 assault.

The judge also sentenced Lt. Daryl French, the supervisor, to three

months in jail and former Sgt. Paul Sanford to two years' probation for being accessories after the fact.

The three pleaded guilty Dec. 15 to misdemeanors. Charges against eight others were dismissed.

A seven-count indictment accused the men of beating Cervantes, an inmate at the Darrington Unit near Rosharon in September 1983, and then attempted to cover up the incident.

Prosecutors claimed Cervantes attacked two guards with a board, then dropped it and barricaded himself in a prison dayroom.

They said prison employees broke into the room and beat the unarmed Cervantes with nightsticks, then launched the cover-up plot.

Defense attorneys said their clients honestly reported what they saw during the incident that also sent at least two prison employees to the hospital.

Cervantes was convicted in 1984 of two counts of aggravated assault for attacking the guards with the board.

He was given a 25-year term to be served concurrently with the 15 years he was serving for aggravated robbery.

## Police find drugs, arrest Texas activist

HOUSTON (AP) — A local activist best known for his efforts to free death row inmate Clarence Brandley was arrested Tuesday and charged with possession of cocaine.

The Rev. Jew Don Boney was later released on \$5,000 bond.

Boney, 36, was arrested early Tuesday after arguing with a doughnut shop waitress over whether to turn off a television. Police said they found about a gram of cocaine and some drug paraphernalia on Boney while searching him after the arrest.

John Ball, manager of the Mrs. Baker's Donuts store, said Boney argued with the waitress after she turned off the television. After the woman refused to turn on the television, Boney followed her into an office and she called the police, Ball said.

U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Houston, went to the police station to learn more about Boney's arrest.

Leland said he was surprised at the arrest of Boney, whom he has worked with at several occasions on issues dealing with the black community.

## Texas high court: Constables entitled to reasonable pay

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that a county constable is entitled to more than a badge, a gun and \$1 a year.

The case involved C.A. Douthit, Ector County's Precinct No. 3 constable from January 1977 through December 1980. While in office Douthit collected the \$1-a-year salary set by county commissioners without ever asking for more, court records indicate.

But 10 months after he left office, Douthit submitted a claim for \$80,500 and filed a lawsuit seeking "reasonable compensation" for his years of service.

A state district court in Odessa ruled against Douthit, but the El Paso Court of Appeals on Sept. 30, 1987, overturned that decision, ordering Ector County to set "a reasonable amount of compensation, office expense and travel expense" for Douthit.

Attorney Steve Hershberger of Odessa, who represented Ector County in the appeal, said Wednesday that the commissioners court had set a salary of \$20 per month for two other constables who had complained of inadequate pay. That also

is the salary now paid Ector County constables.

In its argument to the Supreme Court, Ector County pointed out that Douthit knew the salary when he ran for the job and that a court ruling in his favor would set "an unwise precedent for hindsight judgment of salaries paid all county officeholders."

The county also told the Supreme Court that the constable job carried other compensation including "the right to wear a badge and carry a gun."

"Historically, that was kind of a big deal," Hershberger said Wednesday. "In Ector County, it was why people ran for the office."

The Supreme Court sent the case back to the district court, which will decide just compensation with Ector County commissioners.

Will Hadden, Douthit's lawyer, said he and his client would prepare a proposal for commissioners to review.

Douthit is now a house mover in Odessa, Hadden said.

"It's a constitutional office," the lawyer said. "He performed the duties and he's entitled to the salary."

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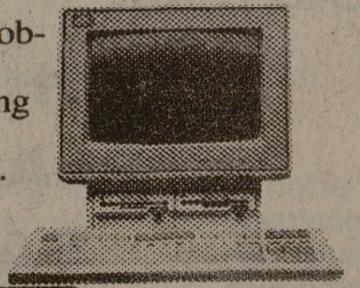


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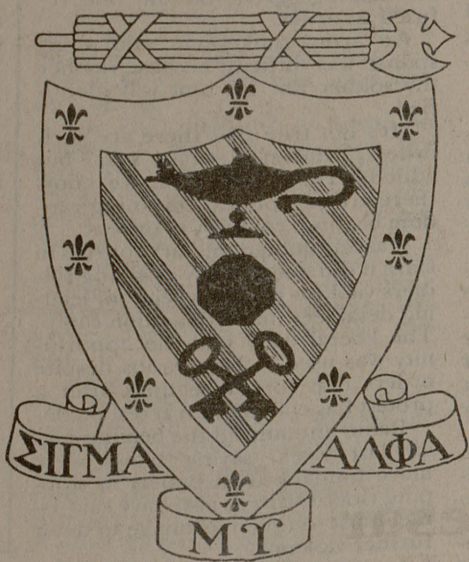
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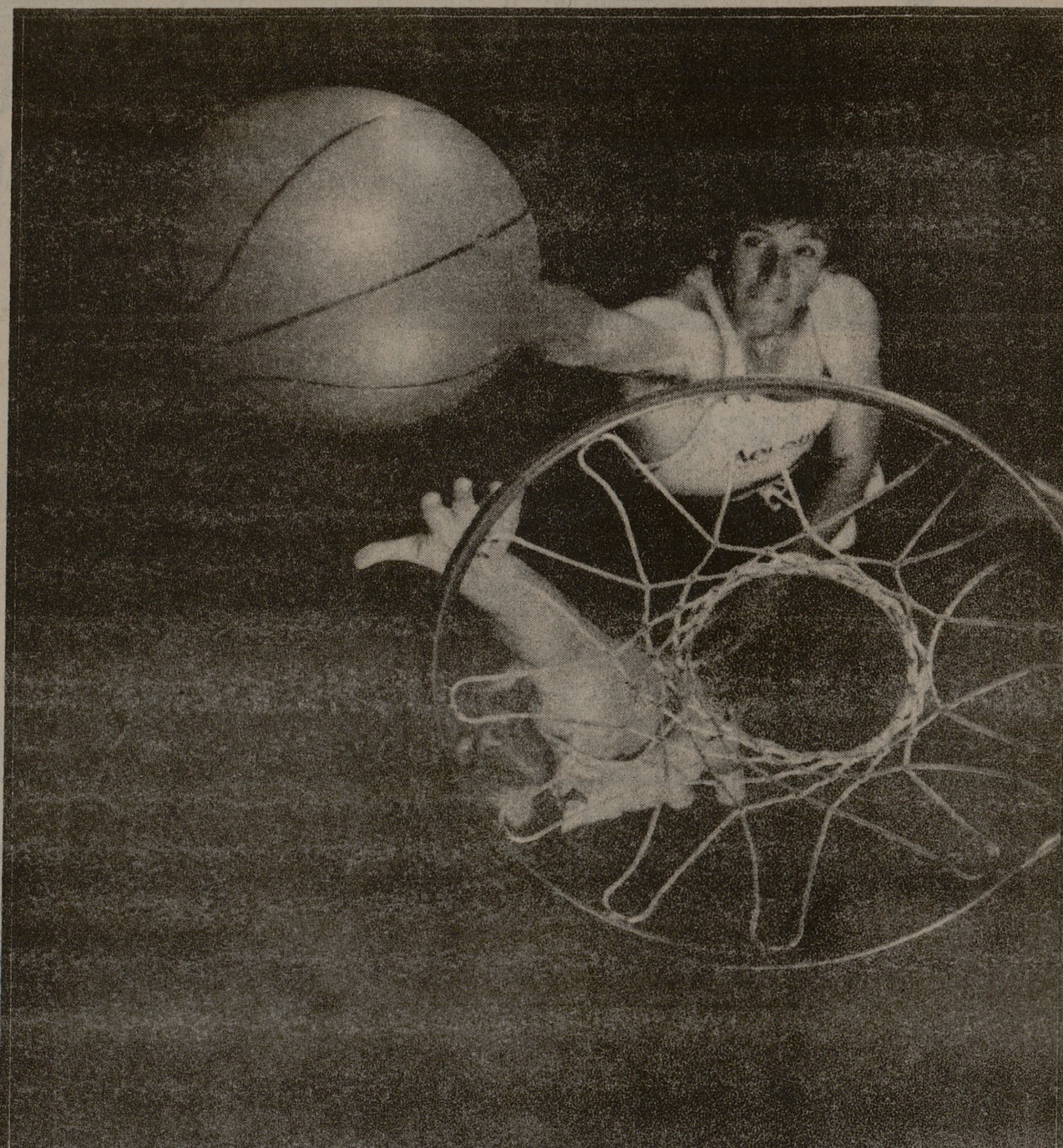
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