

what's up

Thursday

CRAFTS: The MSC Crafts Shop will hold classes in china painting tonight in 140 MSC.

DINNER THEATER: The MSC Summer Dinner Theater continues with the presentation of Leonard Gershe's "Butterflies Are Free," a comedy, tonight at 6:30 in the MSC Ballroom.

GROVE: "The Longest Yard." Burt Reynolds captains a team of convicts in a football game that pits the inmates against the warden and guards. Eddie Albert plays the warden.

Friday

DINNER THEATER: A performance of "Butterflies Are Free" by Leonard Gershe is scheduled for 6:30 tonight in the MSC Ballroom.

GROVE: "M-A-S-H." Donald Sutherland stars as Hawkeye Pierce in this smash comedy hit about a zany mobile army surgical hospital staff struggling through the Korean war.

Saturday

DINNER THEATER: The MSC Summer Dinner Theater's final performance of "Butterflies Are Free" is set for 6:30 tonight in the MSC ballroom.

GROVE: "Serpico." Al Pacino stars in the portrayal of a tough, undercover cop who fought widespread corruption in the New York City police force.

Sunday

GROVE: "Kelly's Heroes" Clint Eastwood stars in this comedy about a group of fast-thinking army hustlers during WWII who sneak 30 miles behind German lines to rob a German bank of millions of dollars. Telly Savalas and Don Rickles also star.

Monday

CLINIC: A four-day-long clinic for volleyball coaches will be held on the Texas A&M University campus today.

Tuesday

WORKSHOP: The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station has scheduled an administrative workshop today.

No butterflies for cast

'Butterflies Are Free' delightful

By Scott Pendleton
Battalion Staff

The title is "Butterflies Are Free."

But "free of butterflies" would make a good subtitle, as there were none among the cast for their opening night Wednesday. Their confidence set the audience completely

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at ease in an intimate arrangement of stage and tables that could have created a distracting nervousness.

Instead, the audience relaxed and enjoyed a delightful performance of Leonard Gershe's play by the MSC Dinner Theatre troupe. The quick pace and sharp dialogue kept the audience laughing much of the play and attentive all of it.

"Butterflies Are Free" is the story of Don Baker, a young blind man

living away from home. He wants to prove to his domineering mother that he can make it alone. When he gets involved with the girl next door, Jill Tanner, the results are both touching and hilarious.

Steve King keeps up a convincing portrayal of Don Baker. He pays careful attention to the little details that denote not just a blind person, but one who is so well-adjusted that his blindness is rarely apparent.

The role of Jill Tanner is well performed by Christi Binz. She has to shift from flighty while with Don to worldly and perceptive with Mrs. Baker. Miss Binz does so successfully, giving depth to the character rather than weakening it.

Though Mrs. Baker is in some ways the "villain" of the story, Tricia Cox brings out the humor of the character so well that the audience enjoys her presence on stage as much as that of Jill or Don. Phillip Hafer also does a good job as Ralph

Austin, a minor character. Hafer establishes Austin as a believable character in a very short time.

Director Lawrence Leach deserves special recognition for conquering the difficulties of a theater in the round. To avoid shutting out any part of the audience for very long, Mr. Leach has his actors constantly on the move. But their movements seem so natural and spontaneous that the direction goes undetected.

If there is any problem it is with the program and not the performance. The program provides no information other than the names of the characters. It would have been

nice to know in advance at least the period of time in which the action takes place (one day). Otherwise, the play explains itself as it goes along.

All in all, "Butterflies Are Free" is sure to please anyone lucky enough to get a ticket. After last night's audience spreads the word, the play is sure to sell out quickly.

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Briscoe may fail in limiting session topics

United Press International
JUSTIN — Gov. Dolph Briscoe not be able to limit the scope of matters considered by a special legislative session because of a Supreme Court decision, Lt. William P. Hobby said Wednesday.

Hobby and Speaker Bill Clayton with the governor to discuss the opinion and Briscoe's attempts narrowly define the issues which he considered during the 30-day session on which he plans to convene.

The court ruling indicates that a general topic — such as taxes — has been included in a governor's special session, any legislative dealing with that general subject can be considered.

Clayton said in a previous special session he had sidetracked items he thought were unrelated to the governor's call by not referring those to committee. But he conceded tactics could be subject to challenge in the upcoming session.

Clayton also expressed reservations about Briscoe's proposal to add the state constitution. Briscoe wants to require a two-thirds majority of each house in order to pass increasing or levying new taxes.

"We need some extraordinary spirit on tax bills, but whether it would be two-thirds, three-fifths or four-fifths, I don't know," Clayton said. "A two-thirds majority really ties the hands of the Legislature if you think about it. History shows that all but a few tax bills have been passed by simple majorities."

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