

# what's up

MONDAY

- AGGIELAND PHOTOGRAPHERS:** There will be a mandatory meeting for anyone interested in working as a photographer at 7:30 p.m. in 014 Reed McDonald.
- ACCOUNTING SOCIETY:** Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Theater.
- TAMU RELIGIOUS COUNCIL:** Will meet at 5 p.m. in the All Faiths Chapel. Two representatives from each recognized religious student organization should attend.
- TEXAS A&M SCUBA CLUB:** Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder to discuss the formation of an underwater hockey team.
- WOMEN'S LACROSSE CLUB:** Will meet at 7 p.m. in the MSC Lounge.
- TEXAS A&M WATER POLO CLUB:** Will meet at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.
- TAMU WOMEN'S SOCCER CLUB:** Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 109 Military Sciences.
- TEXAS A&M WATER SKI CLUB:** Will meet at 7 p.m. in 110 Military Sciences. New members will be accepted.

TUESDAY

- PHI THETA KAPPA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:** All junior college members and alumni members should attend a meeting at 7 p.m. in 201 Physics. Plans will be made for the state leadership conference which will be held in September.
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE COLLEGE ORGANIZATION:** Will meet at 7 p.m. in 138 MSC.
- OFF CAMPUS AGGIES:** Will meet at 6:30 p.m. in 201 MSC.
- MSC VIDEO TAPE COMMITTEE:** Will meet at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder.
- RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION:** Will meet at 7 p.m. in 204 Harrington.
- MANAGEMENT SOCIETY:** Will meet at 6:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder.
- AIAA:** Frank A. Liberato will speak on "Life Aboard Aircraft Carriers" at 7 p.m. in 203 Zachry.
- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS:** Richard Braden from Boeing, Corp. will speak at 7:30 p.m. in 100 Heldenfels.
- ORAL INTERPRETATION PERFORMANCE GROUP:** Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 203 Academic.
- DANCE ARTS SOCIETY:** Will meet at 7 p.m. in 267 G. Rollie White Coliseum. Ballet, tap, jazz and modern dance classes will be available.
- BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION:** Will meet to elect officers at 7:30 p.m. in 201 Veterinary Medicine Complex.
- AMERICAN HUMANICS:** Will hold a student workshop at 6 p.m. in 404 Rudder.
- CAP & GOWN HONOR SOCIETY:** Will meet at 6:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder.
- PRE-MED/PRE-DENT SOCIETY:** Will have their annual fall mixer at 6:30 p.m. in the Grove.
- TAMU INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS:** Will meet for recreational dancing at 7:45 p.m. in 230 MSC.
- MSC BASEMENT COMMITTEE:** Will meet at 7 p.m. in the MSC Basement Coffeehouse.
- RECREATION AND PARKS CLUB:** Will meet at 8 p.m. in 141 Rudder.

# Smallpox vaccine said unnecessary

**United Press International**  
**ATLANTA**—The national Center for Disease Control, which normally promotes immunization against disease, is trying to stop one type of vaccination — the inoculation for smallpox.

The last natural case of smallpox occurred in Somalia in October 1977. Since then, the World Health Organization has declared the disease eliminated from the world. Still, smallpox vaccinations continue to be given and some countries require proof of vaccination from travelers.

Dr. Jason Weisfeld, the CDC physician who treated and cured Ali Maow Maalin, a hospital cook in Merka, Somalia, the world's last case of endemic smallpox, says seven countries insist on smallpox vaccination proof, down from 12 in April. They are Benin, Chad, Kampuchea

(Cambodia), Djibouti, Lesotho, Madagascar and Mali.

"In five of those countries — Benin, Djibouti, Lesotho, Madagascar and Mali — administrative problems probably are the reason smallpox vaccination requirements have not been lifted," Weisfeld said. In the other two — Kampuchea and Chad — Weisfeld said civil unrest makes it impossible to predict when the smallpox vaccination will no longer be required.

"We really don't expect any change in policies in those two countries," he said.

Although the smallpox vaccine was extremely effective in eradicating the disease, the immunization shot can produce adverse side effects. For this reason WHO and CDC are seeking to halt its use in all but laboratory workers at special risk, Weisfeld said.

"The risk does outweigh the benefit," he said, "and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices will issue a revised statement on smallpox vaccination." The commission helps set national policy on immunizations.

Weisfeld said the statement will urge physicians to issue a letter of contra-indication (the vaccine should not be given) to persons traveling to countries where the smallpox inoculation is still required.

He said there have been widespread reports of dermatologists and general practitioners using the smallpox vaccine to treat other diseases, principally skin ailments caused by herpes infections.

The CDC is trying to stop this practice. Weisfeld said the vaccine is not licensed for any medical treatment.

The smallpox program of the CDC and WHO will continue for at least the next five years, carrying out a variety of tasks, one of them being investigations of related viral diseases, such as human monkeypox. Weisfeld said monkeypox is similar to smallpox and 45 cases of the disease in humans have been detected in Africa since 1970. But he said monkeypox "does not constitute a threat to the permanence of smallpox eradication."

Two medical teams are now in Zaire looking for human monkeypox cases and trying to identify its natural reservoir.

Weisfeld said that with the conquest of smallpox, it is hoped that the money used in that effort can be diverted to an expanded program to immunize children across the world against the main childhood diseases — diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, measles and tuberculosis.

Guarding against a possible new outbreak of smallpox, WHO is stockpiling 200 million doses of vaccine, along with a similar number of the two pronged needles needed to give the inoculation. The United States, under a separate program, is stockpiling 20 million doses of smallpox vaccine.

## Men bound, hung from tree

# 'Lone Ranger' saves woman

**United Press International**  
**BROWNSVILLE** — This "Lone Ranger" is short and squat and doesn't wear a mask, but he knows a lot about frontier-style justice as evidenced by the way he went to the aid of a 100-year-old woman early Friday and strung up the two men who were attempting to rape and rob her.

The Lone Ranger — so named by Cameron County sheriff's deputies who didn't learn his identity — swung into action while he apparently was driving in a semi-rural area near the home of Dona Clarita Garcia and heard her cries for help.

Two men, identified as Mexican nationals who had just crossed the Rio Grande nearby and crept through the underbrush to Garcia's home, had beaten the elderly woman, ransacked her home and were attempting to rape her when the Lone Ranger burst in, the victim told investigators.

He wrestled the attackers to the floor, beat them and trussed their hands and feet with rope, the woman said.

Then he took them outside and strung them from a tree before going next door to tell a neighbor what had happened and to suggest that the neighbor call the sheriff. The Lone Ranger then drove away.

Twenty minutes later, officers ar-

rived and found the two men hanging from the tree.

"That's where we found them," said Deputy Al Rousett, "all neatly tied up by the wrists and ankles and hanging from a tree."

"Whoever the Lone Ranger was, he did one hell of a job of rescuing the woman," the deputy said. "He saved her from getting raped and robbed. I'd like to shake his hand."

The Lone Ranger was described as Hispanic, short and squat and extremely good with ropes. An

emergency service technician who arrived to take the two men and Garcia to a hospital said it was the best job of knot-tying he ever had seen.

After the two men, one 26 and the other a juvenile, were treated for rope burns on their necks, wrists and ankles, they were jailed on charges of aggravated assault and attempted aggravated robbery.

Their elderly victim was in stable condition at a Brownsville hospital Friday.

## Ex Six Flags employees to be quizzed after mishap

**United Press International**  
**DALLAS** — The Consumer Product Safety Commission will question 16 former employees of Six Flags Over Texas who were fired after admitting they violated safety rules and rode two rides when the park was closed, one of the former workers says.

An accident Sunday in which Jamie Pratt, 17, of Irving, was thrown from the Shock Wave, a double-loop roller coaster, while riding it without a safety bar lowered, brought the investigation. She suffered a broken arm and jaw in a 25-foot fall.

A spokesman for Six Flags, Bruce Neal, said a commission investigator was at the park Monday to examine the ride and photograph it, but the Six Flags official said he did not expect the investigation to go any further.

Another former employee told the newspaper a ground maintenance employee saw him riding the Shock Wave without safety bars a week before Pratt was injured.

"He told one of the ride supervisors what we were doing, but no one ever said anything to us," he said.

Neal said, however, he was aware of the incident and it was reported to a safety supervisor, who cautioned the employees.

The 16 former employees were fired after they admitted they had violated park rules by using the rides while the park was closed. Several of them felt they were unjustly fired for being honest.

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