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Bad habits can be fatal on vacations

Boating tips may help save a life

Texas lakes are summer havens for boaters and the skiers, swimmers and fishers that accompany them. "Texas Water Resources," a publication of the Texas Water Resources Institute at Texas A&M University, said that water sports are the number one outdoor recreation choice of Texans. Over a million people will set out this summer on Texas reservoirs in just about anything that floats.

Wonderful fun for everyone, but the waters of the state are experiencing crowded conditions. As a result of this, boat-related accidents and drownings are increasing. Coast Guard figures indicate that over half of these accidents could have been prevented through appropriate inaction or action by the boat operator. Four of the five major causes of boat accidents are preventable. They include fires caused

by spills or fumes during refueling; capsizing caused by overloading or improper loading; capsizing because of ignored weather warnings, and accidents caused by failing to observe forward dangers. The fifth reason is passengers falling over the edge, a condition which is not always under the control of the operator. The most commonly broken boating rule is that which requires each boat to have a Coast

Guard-approved personal flotation device for each passenger. Other common violations are not having light on the boat after sunset and operating a boat without a fire extinguisher. Fires are the major cause of equipment loss on boats. Every motorboat on Texas waters must be registered with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and must display its registration numbers prominently on its hull.

This registration is updated every two years. Another common violation is operating at unsafe speeds, in unauthorized zones or while intoxicated. The latter is extremely dangerous, TPWD says, because alcohol and drugs are a factor in 50 to 60 percent of all accidents in the state. The TPWD has a toll-free number to answer questions about boating regulations (1-800-252-9327).

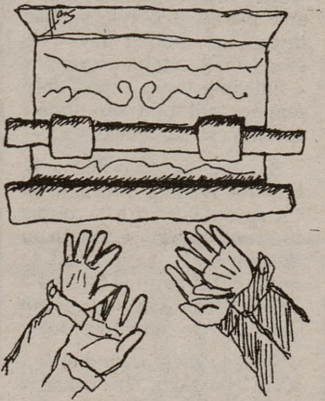
THIS WEEK

Movies

Check theatres for specific times and prices. Movies subject to change without notice. All listings are current through press time.

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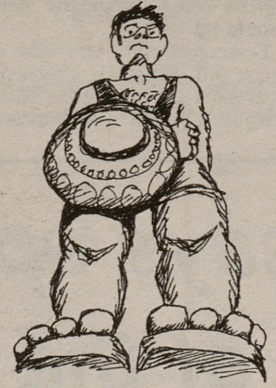
Raiders of the Lost Ark: A collaboration of Steven "Jaws" Spielberg and George "Star Wars" Lucas. Harrison Ford stars as a mercenary-adventurer-archaeologist in competition with Nazis searching for the lost tablets from the ark of the covenant.



The Fox and The Hound: The latest animated feature from Walt Disney studio, this is the studio's 20th. The story of two young friends, a fox and the hounddog, who grow up not knowing they're supposed to be enemies. Features the voices of Kurt Russell, Jack Albertson and Sandy Duncan. Also, an animated short featuring 60 years of Mickey Mouse film. Rated G.

Clash of the Titans: The classic Greek tale of how Perseus saves Andromeda from the Kracken, a mean sea monster with a taste for virgins. Special effects by Ray Harryhausen. Stars Sir Laurence Olivier, Harry Hamlin

and Burgess Meredith. Rated PG. See review on page 4.



Campus Theater
846-6512

Gas: If you can't afford to buy it, see the movie. A screwball comedy about cars and gasoline and other things. Rated R.

Maraschino Cherry: Those who go see this XXX-Rated film deserve their just desserts. Maybe it's legitimate — it could actually be about banana splits or something along those lines. Let's just say that Julia Child never cooked up anything like this. Friday and Saturday at midnight. Rated X.

Plitt Cinema I&II
846-6714

Superman II: The long-awaited sequel is still going strong. Christopher Reeve stars as the Man of Steel, again. This time, Superman takes on three villains with super powers like his own. He ends up in fist fights in the sky and other amazing things you'd expect in a Superman movie. Plus, it has a plot. Superman II outshines its parent movie by three leaps over tall buildings. Rated PG.

Stripes: Bill Murray stars in this summer's male version of "Private Benjamin." Murray forms his own army brigade, teaching them everything he

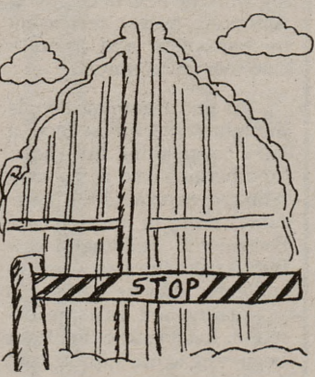
knows. Obviously, that kind of training could and almost does cause World War III. Let's hope we all die laughing. Rated R.

Scanners: Watch people inflate and explode as they use their wonderful powers to blow up. They say there are only a few of these people around. Thank goodness. Friday and Saturday at midnight.

The Grove
845-2916

All movies start at 8:45 unless otherwise indicated.

Heaven Can Wait: Warren Beatty and Julie Christy star in the story of a football player who is the victim of a bumbling angel. He gets a second chance after being taken from life on earth just a few decades early. Thursday night.



Chapter Two: Marsha Mason and James Caan star in Neil Simon's comedy about starting over. The film is based on Simon's own experiences with none other than Miss Mason. Friday night.

Meatballs: Bill Murray stars as a counselor at a summer camp

for the rich and pampered. Typical Murray humor, which usually means a decent laugh. Rated R. Friday at midnight.

Silver Streak: Gene Wilder, Richard Pryor and Jill Clayburgh star in the story of a trainride across the country. Mystery, suspense and comedy. Rated PG. Saturday night.

Julia: This movie explores the relationship between two women in the 1930s. Jane Fonda plays a writer and Vanessa Redgrave is a revolutionary. Sunday night.

The Thin Man: William Powell and Myrna Loy star in the classic old detective story of a man and his female cohort. Monday night.

Harold and Maude: The first film from Collin Higgins, who also made Silver Streak. The story of a teenager obsessed with suicide hoaxes, and his relationship with an 80-year old woman. Ruth Gordon and Bud Cort star. Music by Cat Stevens. Tuesday night.

Chinatown: A detective film starring Jack Nicholson and Faye Dunaway. Set in the 30s, with a plot similar to the classic suspense films of years ago. Wednesday night.

Music

Backstage: Backstage presents Jim Stargill Friday and Saturday nights, playing guitar and singing. Cover is \$1.50. Guests may eat dinner, or simply enjoy happy hour when draft beer is 35 cents, bar drinks are 75 cents and all call drinks are half price.

Grins: Thursday night, Godee Headlee performs. Cover is \$1. Friday and Saturday nights,

Grin's presents folk singer Lyle Lovett, playing a variety of blues, folk and bluegrass songs. Happy hour is 4-7 p.m. weekdays.

Lakeview: Benny McArthur and Rainbow perform play country hits until midnight Thursday. Cover is \$1 for women and \$3 for men, with Lone Star draught beer 5¢ a cup and \$1 a pitcher. Saturday night, it's Bubba Cox and Easygoing. Cover is \$3.

Rebels: Music starts at 8 on Friday and 9 on Saturday with the Dave Thomas band, playing progressive country, some rock and a mix of music. No cover. Happy hour features half-price drinks and appetizers Friday and Saturday.

Rosewood Junction: The Loners, a country and western band, perform this weekend. Cover is \$1 Friday and Saturday. Two-for-one happy hour daily from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Texas Hall of Fame: The Debonaires play Thursday night, for \$2 cover charge. Friday's band is Roy Robbins and the Availables. Cover is \$2. Saturday night Easy, with special guest Vern Gosden, perform. Cover is \$4. Wednesday night it's Silver Creek, and all Aggies get in free with student I.D. and valid identification.

Etc.

Play: The Premiere Players, a group of junior high and high school drama students, presents "Picnic," a play by William Inge, this weekend. The play starts at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Rudder Forum. Tickets are \$1 for Texas A&M students and \$2 for the general public. See story on page 1.