

What's Up

Thursday

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY: There will be a group viewing of "Heaven Can Wait" at 8:15 p.m. in the Grove.

Friday

EPISCOPAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION: The group will meet for Holy Eucharist and breakfast at 6:30 a.m. in the Canterbury House, 902 Jersey St.

Saturday

CALDWELL FEED CENTER: There will be a free dog dip from 8 a.m. to noon at 103 S. Front St. in Caldwell.

Two border agents convicted of rape

United Press International
EL PASO, Texas — Two U.S. Border Patrol agents convicted of raping two Mexican women they arrested for entering the country illegally face automatic suspension and possible prison terms.

Agents David M. Davila and

Robert Jacques were found guilty Tuesday of raping the two women on Oct. 18, 1980, after arresting them near the Bridge of the Americas. Davila also was convicted on two counts of forgery stemming from arrest reports prosecutors said he falsified.

Davila faces a maximum 27 years in prison and Jacques could receive a seven-year prison term when the two go before U.S. Judge Harry Lee Hudspeth for sentencing July 13.

Prosecutor Elsa Lamelas said she was elated at the federal jury's verdict.

"It is real difficult to win civil rights cases against law enforcement officers," she said. "They have a lot of power."

Co-defense counsel Jack Luscombe said he was shocked at the verdict.

"I think the government was shocked also," he said. "This is the last time I will ever feel good about a case before they reach a

verdict." Luscombe said his defense case was damaged by Hudspeth's decision not to allow jurors to hear evidence pertaining to whether the two women were prostitutes. He declined to say if the two officers would appeal the verdict.

Prosecutors contended Davila and Jacques stopped the two women and two Fort Bliss soldiers who were with them, and released the soldiers before taking the women to Davila's apartment where they were raped.

Federal prosecutor Nora Jean Flanagan told the jury Monday the two women were arrested at the bridge at 4:30 a.m. and "driven through little dark alleys" until they reached Davila's apartment.

Flanagan also told the jury the agents later attempted to cover up the incident by creating false arrest records, saying they had processed two illegal alien women that morning.

Fisherman, 64, drowns; violent storm blamed

United Press International
GALVESTON — A violent storm that quickly swept through this island city is blamed for the drowning death of a fisherman, 64, and the sinking of two boats.

Theron Berts Huddle, of Houston, drowned when his 17-foot Runabout pleasure craft was pushed by pounding waves onto Redfish Island but no one was hurt.

A Houston Coast Guard officer said he received a call that the tow boat Cherokee Warrior in Galveston Bay was taking water, but it stabilized and stayed afloat when the storm passed.

Many other small vessels were caught out of the harbor when the storm hit, but most made it to shelter because of warnings from the National Weather Service, Coast Guard Operations Officer Matthew Walter said.

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Lake. Both crewmen were rescued by another shrimper but the boat sank.

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"I've seen a worse situation but never here in the Galveston

area," said Walter, who has also worked in ports on the Atlantic coast. "The storm just came through so fast."

However, he added, "There were broadcasts out before it hit. You could see it coming. Most people did take shelter. Some didn't."

The storm rode the front edge of a cool front that swept South Texas early Tuesday and Galveston just before noon.

Three funnel clouds were sighted over the beach but none touched down, police said. Several waterspouts were also spotted over the ocean, but a coast guardsman said they did little more than excite ships' officers.

"The radio traffic was something else for a while there," Lt. Gregory Jones said.

The world's Finks plan celebration — in Fink

United Press International
FINK — 1982 is not a Fink Olympic year, but the president of the International Organization of Finks expects the annual Fink Day celebration to be a live-ince people's event.

Every four years is a Fink Olympiad, featuring such events as a cowchip throwing contest, but Robert Fink of Congress said this is not one of the special years.

"I think the off years are more than the Olympics," said Fink, president of the Interna-

tional Organization of Finks.

Finks, that is, people with the last name Fink, are expected Saturday to converge on the town of Fink for the annual festivities. The celebration has been going on for nearly a quarter of a century, but Gov. Bill Clements made it official in 1979 when he declared every fourth Saturday in June, Fink Day.

The Fink Day schedule of activities includes the annual Fink Invitational Golf Classic at the Tanglewood Country Club

at nearby Lake Texoma. So far nary a Fink has entered.

The first Fink Fun Sailboat Regatta also is planned. Three Finks will be inducted into the Fink Hall of Fame, and there is, of course, the annual Fink of the Year award.

Thirty Finks, spread from coast to coast and ranging into Mexico and Canada, are expected to migrate to tiny Fink — population 7 — for the annual convention.

Fink is near Lake Texoma on the Texas-Oklahoma border.

Cigarette cause of Hilton fire

United Press International
HOUSTON — A cigarette which was carelessly dropped in an overstuffed chair and left to smolder for an hour caused a March hotel fire which killed 12 people and injured 75 others, investigators have ruled.

"We cannot prove malicious intent. It was a human error," Houston Fire Department spokesman Chief Leonard Mikeska said Wednesday. "We have no reason to believe the fire was anything by an accident."

In releasing the official report on the Westchase Hilton Hotel fire on March 6, Mikeska said no criminal charges will be filed in connection with the fire.

There was some speculation that the fire was intentionally set in the 317-room, 15-month-old building. But he said the investigation showed that a carelessly discarded cigarette, which had fallen into an overstuffed chair located at the rear of the room, was the cause.

The arson investigator said the fire ignited and spread to other parts of the hotel and caused the deaths and injuries because the resident of the room left the door open when he fled the smoke.

As the fire spread, melting plastic furniture emitted poisonous fumes.

Because a uniformed desk clerk turned off the fire alarm, the fumes were quickly sucked into nearby rooms, officials said.

The clerk, who said he was not properly trained in using the fire alarm system, turned off an annoying buzzer on the switchboard, which actually was the fire alarm. Each time the alarm was turned off, the ventilation system was activated and allowed poisonous air to circulate through the hotel.

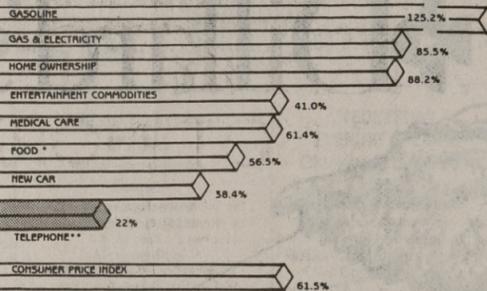
This ruling closes the investigation. But I'm sure we'll be subpoenaed to civil litigation for the next seven to 10 years," Mikeska said.

Two families died in the blaze, and most of the deaths were attributed to smoke inhalation.

YOUR TELEPHONE SERVICE - A REAL BARGAIN

All things considered, talking is a real bargain. The chart below shows how your telephone costs compare against other goods and services you use daily.

(Figures based on data gathered from U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics from October 1976 to October 1981.)



* Away from home
** Basic local service in GTSW's Texas exchanges

Frequently, the convenience of the telephone is taken for granted.

For instance, a few things you use your phone for:

1. Shop ahead, save gas.
2. Make appointments (doctor, sales calls, lawyer, preacher)
3. Emergencies (police, fire, ambulance)
4. Talking with loved ones in other towns
5. Conducting business via long-distance, save on travel cost
6. Calling scout troop, civic club, little league team, etc.
7. Visit with a friend across town.

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