

Pink hotel in trouble for 'Flintstone Room'

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LOS ANGELES — A federal judge must decide if the reputations of Fred, Wilma and their friends — as well as the sanctity of the phrase "Yabba Dabba Doo!" — are being damaged by a motel offering guests a night in the "Flintstone Room."

Hanna-Barbera Productions Inc. filed suit last week against the Madonna Inn of San Luis Obispo, a pink motel on the

Central California coast, for copyright infringement of the cartoon characters.

The suit charged the Madonna Inn's "Flintstone Room" features the word Flintstone, likenesses of Fred and Wilma and the phrase "Yabba Dabba Doo (sic)," which Fred yells out "when he is especially pleased or excited."

Hanna-Barbera's attorneys are asking for an unspecified

amount of monetary damages and an injunction prohibiting the Madonna Inn from using the likenesses of Fred and Wilma as well as the words "Yabba Dabba Doo," whether it is spelled with one "O" or two.

"They haven't got a leg to stand on," motel owner Alexander Madonna said of the suit. Madonna said he has had the "Flintstone Room" in operation for 10 years.

Police beat

The following incidents were reported the University Police Department between June 24 and July 5.

THEFTS:

- Keys, credit cards and \$10 from a purse in Sterling C. Evans Library. The empty purse was found later in a trash can in a fourth floor men's room.
- Two textbooks from the Common's Dining Hall. The books had been sold to Loupot's Bookstore.
- A Texas Instruments SR 54 calculator from the Soil and Crop Sciences Building.
- A man's wallet containing \$7 from 310 Neeley.
- A Panasonic am/fm radio and cassette player from 201 Biological Sciences.

Bicycles:

- A red 10-speed Scorchler from the bike rack at Briggs Hall.
- A 12-speed Sears Free Spirit from the Ball Street Apartments.
- An 18-speed Trek from the bike rack at the Academic and Agency Building.
- A pink 10-speed Schwinn from the Sterling C. Evans Library.
- A black 10-speed Schwinn from Nagle Hall.
- A maroon 10-speed Sears Free Spirit from the Ball Street Apartments.

ASSAULT:

- Firecrackers were thrown at a

couple walking on Mosher Drive from a pick-up truck driven by three white males.

ARRESTS:

- An arrest at Ross and Spence streets for driving while intoxicated. The person was placed in Brazos County Jail.
- An arrest at Ross and Spence streets for running a stop sign. The person was arrested for driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance and taken to Brazos County Jail.
- An arrest on Lamar Street for driving while intoxicated. The person was taken to Brazos County Jail.

Summer shower

staff photo by Barry Papke

Several people were caught unprepared for Tuesday's surprise rainstorm. Although it soaked a few pedestrians, the storm did cool things down for a few hours.

Man ingenious, but guilty

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DALLAS — A federal judge implemented a Brazos county business man for his ingenuity as sentenced him to 20 years in federal prison for mail fraud.

"I don't know of any scheme to defraud more ingenious than this one," U.S. District Judge Robert M. Hill told Bert P. Hicks last week as he ordered him to begin serving his sentence immediately.

and The Texas Tech Ex Students Foundation.

Hicks was found guilty on June 3 of 13 counts of mail fraud.

According to testimony in Hicks' three-day trial, the phony donations were made in the names of employees of oil companies that match employees' donations to educational institutions.

Hicks arranged with college officials to have the matching funds put in an account at the First National Bank of Franklin, in his home county of Robertson, where he told college officials the money would be be

boosting commerce and collecting interest.

Hicks told Bishop college officials the funds would be specifically used for black businesses.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Cheryl Wattlely said Hicks' scheme collected \$425,000, of which he pocketed \$232,850.

Hicks' attorney, Wendell A. Odom of Houston, said Hicks has been unsuccessful in attempting to reach a repayment plan with Bishop College but that he has a tentative agreement with Texas Tech ExStudents Association for the repayment of \$53,750 to be secured by property he owns in Bryan.

Prosecutors said Hicks, 32, asked \$640,000 from educational foundations of at least 11 companies through phony pledges of scholarship donations to Bishop College in Dallas.

Wife stabbed, dies husband arrested

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SAN ANTONIO — Police said a man, 18, became angry when he found another man in his common-law wife and stabbed both to death.

Police said Morales stabbed Mendez to death then chased Ms. Filoteo around the block before he caught her and stabbed her in the chest.

Authorities said Ms. Filoteo's brother witnessed the incident, and the woman's two young daughters were asleep in another room.

Police said Morales was being held in the Bexar County jail in lieu of \$40,000 bond.

Light to life march protests nuke build-up

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FORT WORTH — It was called a right to life march, but the demonstrators were not talking about abortion.

These protesters heard speakers demanding America abandon its "militaristic" policies and save future lives.

About 75 demonstrators converged on Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth Monday for the Fourth of July.

About 25 marchers made the 15-mile walk from Dallas to the base, where they merged with the 50 members of the Comanche Peak Life Force who two days earlier began a 50-mile walk from Glen Rose, the site of the Comanche Peak nuclear power plant.

"The right to life has never been so threatened as it is by our government's escalating nuclear buildup," a group spokesman

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