

# What's up

Friday

**INDIA ASSOCIATION:** is having a memorial service for the late Indira Gandhi at 6 p.m. in 102 Zachry.  
**TRADITIONS COUNCIL:** will be selling long-sleeve Howdy T-shirts for \$6 in the MSC through 4 p.m. today.  
**AGGIE ALLEMANDERS:** is having a square dance from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in 212 MSC. The cost is \$6 per couple. The class comes free.  
**PUERTO RICAN STRUDNET ASSOCIATION:** is meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 607 Rudder.  
**UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY:** is having Bible studies at 6:15 p.m. in the MSC lounge and at A&M Presbyterian Church.  
**TAMU CHESS CLUB:** is meeting at 7 p.m. in 407 Rudder. Players of all strengths are welcome.  
**VOICE OF PROPHECY CLUB:** Bill Fitts will continue the Bible study on getting to know Jesus Christ at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.  
**WOMEN'S RUGBY:** is playing in a tournament in Houston this weekend.

Saturday

**AGGIE BONFIRE:** This is a cutting weekend for bonfire. Come out to the site.  
**OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES:** are meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Duncan Field to go out to the cutting site. Bring a lunch and wear boots. Cutting cards are available.  
**LDSSA:** Don Lind, NASA astronaut, will speak free to the student body about Science vs. Religion.

Sunday

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**LUTHERAN STUDENT MOVEMENT:** is meeting for a Bible study at 5 p.m. in University Lutheran Chapel.  
**TEXAS A&M JAYCEES:** is discussing "Brainstorming" at the weekly meeting at 8 p.m. in 401 Rudder.  
**MARANATHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:** is meeting at 10 a.m. in Rudder Tower. Check the screen for room number.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three days prior to desired publication date.

# Bankruptcy

## World's Fair in financial trouble despite improvements

United Press International

NEW ORLEANS — Gov. Edwin Edwards' representative on the committee that controls World's Fair finances said Wednesday the exposition probably will declare bankruptcy after it closes Nov. 11. Bankruptcy would let the courts decide how to settle an estimated \$140 million in debts that probably will remain despite recent improvement in fair finances, Bob d'Hemecourt said. Lee Randall, the fair's chief financial officer, said increased attendance in the closing weeks of the six-month expo has generated more

than enough money to pay weekly bills.

Randall said the fair collected \$2 million last week and now has \$2.6 million available to pay bills. Fair expenses are declining, he said, because many employees are quitting.

The independent financial committee said the fair will pay \$3.2 million in back taxes it owes New Orleans and also will pay its October and November taxes on time.

The committee also authorized fair officials to pay Spartan Building Corp. of Mandeville about \$203,000 of the \$500,000 that is owed them. The money will come from pay-

ments to the fair by the Rouse Co., which is planning a shopping and entertainment complex on part of the fair site, panel officials said.

Spartan, which is suing the fair, is the only major contractor that did not sign an agreement that prevents fair contractors from suing while the fair is open.

Committee members said the money owed New Orleans — sales, amusement and special admission taxes for August — will be paid out of a \$5.5 million account the fair created to ensure it had enough money to pay its taxes.

D'Hemecourt said the city might

use part of the money to help move fair structures surrounding the New Orleans Convention Center before its first convention in January.

But he said he expects Mayor Ernest Morial to use the tax money to clear streets. Morial last week asked Edwards to give the expo \$1 million from a fair emergency account to restore streets surrounding the convention center, which is part of the exposition.

The city needs to restore streets surrounding the convention center by Jan. 31, when a convention is scheduled.

# Deputy race separation is 'by choice'

United Press International

GALENA PARK — An east Harris County constable said Thursday his reserve officers are separated racially into companies by choice, and the system will not change unless an officer challenges it.

"They're separated because they want to be," said Constable George Larkin. "They just call them two different units. They do the same thing, they have joint meetings. They've got their own officers in the blacks and their own officers in the whites, and that's the way they want it."

Larkin has been constable of Precinct 2, which covers Galena Park, Jacinto City and part of Pasadena, for 32 years.

"It has never been an issue in my office since I've been there," he said. There has never been an objection to the separation of whites into Company A and blacks into Company D, Larkin said.

Capt. Lloyd Brown, who heads the 18 Company D reserve officers, said separation into companies is all that separates the deputies.

"Actually, we don't even think of it as two companies," Brown said.

The companies do everything from patrol duties to social events together, he said.

Precinct 2 Deputy Fred Taylor, who is in charge of reservist coordination, said the separation is a sort of tradition, but if any reserve officers expressed dissatisfaction, the situation would be changed.

"If this is a problem we would do it in a second," he said. The black officers "have done too much for Harris County to slight them in any way, certainly not intentionally."

A former reserve officer for Larkin, who is now the only black con-

stable in the county, said he suggested a change years ago, but the chief deputy at the time did not want just one unit. He said he didn't mention the idea to Larkin.

"I didn't make any waves," said A.B. Chambers, who became a constable in 1973. "I'm greatly opposed to separation of deputies on the basis of race, but I had no control over it."

Larkin's precinct is the only one of the eight precincts to separate officers by race. He also said he would be willing to change the situation if it is requested by the reserve officers.

# Race fight hurts 9, police set curfew

United Press International

FRANKLIN, Tenn.— A dusk-to-dawn curfew was in effect Thursday after Halloween night racial violence left at least nine people injured, including one critically beaten, officials said.

"People were just wild," said Franklin police officer Barbara Dericks. "Then, boom, boom. Someone starts shooting and people start falling."

Authorities said the violence started about 11 p.m. when two white youths allegedly fired a shotgun and struck four black men after their car window was smashed by a rock. The shooting triggered a series of other violent incidents in the city, 30 miles south of Nashville, that left three whites beaten and two with minor shotgun wounds.

Dirk Pewitt, 18, of Nashville, and Darin Brothers, 17, of Franklin, were charged with four counts of attempted murder, police said. Lisa Palmer, 19, of Monticello, and Lisa Davis, 16, of Franklin, were charged as accessories. Bond was set at \$50,000 each for the males and \$10,000 each for the females.

The wounded blacks, Willis Harrison Jr., 16, Phillip Scruggs, 22, James Taylor, 21, and Johnny

Christman, 21, were treated and released at Williamson County Hospital.

Also treated and released were two white teenagers, Timothy Galavin and Richard Tidwell, who had been wounded later by shotgun fire in separate incidents.

Two more whites later told police they were beaten in front of a cafe.

The violence then spread to a nearby street where a group of about 10 black men dragged Donald Donoho, 22, from his car and beat him on the head with bricks and rocks. Police said they found Donoho lying in the street about 30 minutes after the shooting at the cafe.

Donoho, who had not regained consciousness, underwent brain surgery Thursday at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville where he was listed in guarded condition, said his father, Donald Donoho Sr.

Galavin and Tidwell were wounded about a mile from the original shooting. One was hit by shotgun fire from a passing car. The other was hit by eight pellets in the abdomen, head, arms and legs.

Police said they were not seriously injured.

# 4 inmates stabbed

United Press International

Texas Department of Corrections officials Thursday were investigating separate stabbing incidents at two prison units that left four inmates hospitalized.

The incidents at the Coffield and Darrington units brought the number of inmates stabbed at TDC prisons to 327 this year. Nineteen of the victims have died.

The violence at the Coffield Unit in Tennessee Colony late Oct. 31 happened about 5.5 hours before the stabbing of an inmate at the Darrington Unit in Rosharon.

Four Coffield inmates attacked the three victims at about 11 p.m. Wednesday as they were being locked in their cells for the night, said TDC spokesman Charles Brown.

The men suffered multiple stab wounds and were in serious condition at Anderson County Memorial Hospital in Palestine.

One of the victims of the Coffield stabbing was George Guerra, 22, who is serving a life sentence for capital murder in Medina County. The second victim was John Anthony Ryan, 21, who is serving five years for theft and burglary in Collin County, and possession of a prohibited

weapon and unauthorized use of a vehicle from Dallas County. The third victim, Luckey Marshall Wright, 41, is serving 15 years for possession of marijuana and cocaine in Tarrant County, and conspiracy to commit murder in Parker County.

The suspects were placed in prehearing detention. They were Mike Chavez, 24, serving 30 years for murder from Harris County; Ruben Barragan, 23, serving 12 years for aggravated kidnapping in El Paso County; William Goolsby 26, serving 20 years for aggravated rape in Lubbock County; and Donnie Moman Jr., 23, serving 20 years for aggravated robbery in Franklin County and three counts of burglary in Hopkins County.

The victim at the Darrington Unit, Youree McDonald, 30, was in stable condition Thursday at Angleton-Dansbury Hospital with four stab wounds he received when he was attacked.

He was stabbed by Ernest Rosco Calton Jr., 28, who was serving 15 years for two counts of murder in Harris and Eastland counties.

Calton was placed in prehearing detention pending an investigation by the TDC and Brazoria County deputies, Brown said.

# Robbers use copter to escape from bank

United Press International

PLAINSVILLE — Two men in custody in Nevada were indicted Thursday on state charges in the robbery of a Valley View bank in which a helicopter was used as an escape vehicle.

The Cooke County grand jury returned aggravated robbery indictments against Russell Auzton, 36 of Conroe and Charles Ray Holden, also in his 30s.

Auzton was arrested in Las Vegas, Nev., Oct. 5 for the September robbery of the Valley Bank of Nevada in Overton, Nev. Holden surrendered to Texas authorities Oct. 12. Both men are being held in lieu of \$500,000 bonds.

The two men are believed to be part of a gang of former military pi-

lots who have robbed at least three banks in the past year, according to FBI agents.

George Lyford, an FBI agent in Las Vegas, said the gang operated the airborne bank theft ring from the Houston area. Helicopters used in two of the three holdups were stolen near Houston.

In July, a precision squad of robbers descended by helicopter on the Valley View National Bank, 60 miles northwest of Dallas. The gang held customers and employees at gunpoint and then escaped with an undisclosed amount of money.

Earlier this week a federal arrest warrant was issued in Sherman for James Richard Little, 40, and Marvin Rodgers, 38, of Houston in the July 20 robbery in Cooke County.

# A&M Student Leaders Speak Out

We, the following student leaders at Texas A&M University, would like to thank State Representative Neeley Lewis for his service to Texas A&M and Brazos County. Neeley Lewis stood up for Texas A&M during the special session this summer when he fought an ill-conceived tuition increase and we know he will continue to work for us. All students can thank Neeley Lewis for keeping Aggies' interests at heart. We know that he is a tight-fisted conservative who has earned our vote. We urge all Texas A&M students to join us in voting for Neeley Lewis for State Representative.

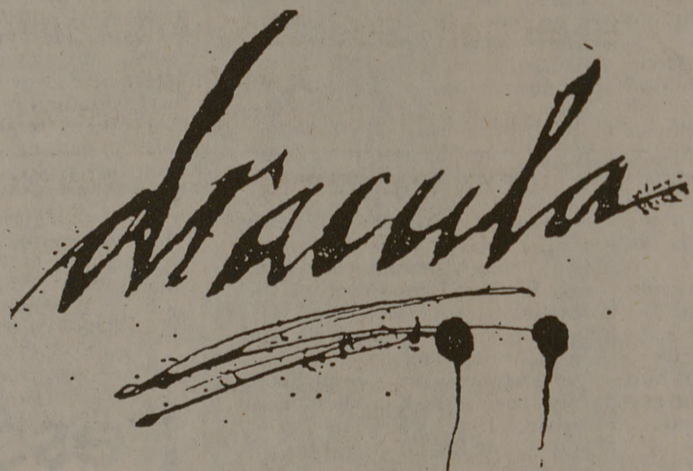
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