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## Appeals court throws out death sentence

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has thrown out the death sentence of a Lubbock murderer, ordering instead that he spend life in prison.

In a 5-4 decision, the appeals court on Wednesday said there was insufficient evidence to prove that Jim David Huffman would commit future acts of criminal violence if not executed.

The court let the capital murder conviction stand, but changed the sentence to life in prison.

Huffman was found guilty in the Feb. 14, 1984, strangulation of Jeanette Peters, 48, a nurse who was a neighbor of Huffman's in a Lubbock trailer park.

Huffman, 22 at the time of the slaying, had a history of drug and alcohol abuse and a prior criminal record, court records indicate. But the appeals court said there was no evidence of prior criminal acts of violence.

Presiding Judge John Onion's majority opinion was joined by Judges Sam Houston Clinton, Marvin Teague, Michael McCormick and Chuck Miller. Dissenting were Judges W.C. Davis, Charles Campbell, Bill White and M.P. Duncan.

Also Wednesday, the appeals court let stand the death sentence ordered for an Austin man convicted in the 1983 slaying of a University of Texas student who was abducted on campus and sexually assaulted before being shot to death in Williamson County.

Teague was the only dissenter in the Court of Criminal Appeals decision, registering his opposition to the majority's ruling on one of Jackson's appeal points.

## What's Up

Thursday

**PARENTS WEEKEND COMMITTEE:** Remember to nominate your parents Parents of the Year. Applications are available in the MSC Student Publications Office and in Sterling C. Evans Library through Feb. 5.

**SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS:** will have its first meeting of the semester at 6 p.m. in 105C Zachry.

**WILEY LECTURE SERIES:** will have an information session at 7:30 p.m. in 307 Rudder. Membership applications are available in 216 MSC.

**DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION:** Coca-Cola Foods present information on careers in data processing at 7 p.m. in the Ramada penthouse suite.

**CLASS OF '89, '90:** will meet to discuss class ball preparations at 7 p.m. in 307 Rudder.

**LEBANESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will meet to discuss International Week at 8:30 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

**SPEECH COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION:** will have a happy-hour social at 5 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.

**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION:** will meet at 6 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.

**INTRAMURALS:** will have a team-bowling captain's meeting at 5 p.m. in 307 Rudder.

**PARANEMIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

**ASSOCIATION FOR SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT:** will discuss the association and the events to come at 7:30 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.

**AGGIE SPACE DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 139 MSC to discuss planning a trip to the Aggie Space Development Conference.

Friday

**MANAGEMENT 481:** will feature a speaker during the Distinguished Visiting Executive Series at 10 a.m. in 114 Blocker.

**HILLEL JEWISH STUDENT FOUNDATION:** will have a movie night at 8:30 p.m. at the Hillel building.

**CENTURY SINGERS:** will have an open rehearsal at noon to promote auditions in the MSC flagroom. The auditions will be held Friday and Saturday in 102 MSC.

**CAP AND GOWN SENIOR HONOR SOCIETY:** Junior information sheets are due by 5 p.m. in 110 YMCA.

**CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 108 Harrington.

**THE POLITICAL SCIENCE SOCIETY:** will have a faculty/student mixer at 5:30 p.m. at the Sundance Club in the College Station Hilton.

**INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:** will have an open house for all committees at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder. Everyone is invited to attend.

**STUDENT "Y" TRANSFER CAMP:** applications are available in 210 Pavilion through Feb. 19.

**MSC LITERARY ARTS:** is accepting submissions of poetry, prose and graphic art through Feb. 20 for the 1988 Litmus.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McCort, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

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## Loan default results in sale of historic hotel

GALVESTON (AP) — The historic Hotel Galvez, a Galveston island landmark since 1911, was sold Tuesday during a foreclosure auction after its owner defaulted on a \$7 million loan.

Owned by Mariner-Galvez Ltd., a hotel-motel development company headed by Houston Port Commissioner Chairman Archie Bennett Jr., the luxury hotel was listed for foreclosure by Aetna Life Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn., after Mariner defaulted on the loan.

The hotel, which has remained open for business, was auctioned off to Aetna for \$7.6 million.

Mariner bought the Galvez in 1979 from Dr. Leon Bromberg of Galveston and Harvey McCarty of Rock Island, Ill., who closed its doors in 1978.

After a \$10 million facelift that restored it to its plush splendor, it was finally reopened in June 1980 under the management of the Marriott Hotels and Resorts chain.

Since its initial opening in 1911, the 225-room Galvez has been host to such notables as President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, entertainer Frank Sinatra and thousands of tourists.

The Galvez, like Galveston, is named for Bernardo de Galvez, the Spanish grandee who was viceroy of Mexico at the time of the American Revolution.

It was built 77 years ago for \$1 million.

"The Queen of the Gulf," as it was known, flourished for decades, attracting the greatest notoriety when President Roosevelt used it as the Summer White House while on a tarpon fishing vacation in the Gulf of Mexico before World War II.

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the Galvez also served as U.S. Coast Guard headquarters from 1942-44.

The hotel, however, gradually deteriorated, becoming vacant in 1978.

Heart surgeon Dr. Denton Cooley, who is now in bankruptcy reorganization of his real estate holdings, and Bennett, head of the Houston-based Mariner Corp., completed renovation of the property and held a gala reopening in the early 1980s.

The Galvez later underwent extensive repairs after being heavily damaged by Hurricane Alicia in 1983.

## Weather Watch



**Key:**

- ⚡ - Lightning
- ☁ - Fog
- ⚡ - Thunderstorm
- - Rain
- ❄ - Snow
- ☂ - Drizzle
- ⚠ - Ice Pellets
- ☔ - Rain Shower
- - Freezing Rain

Sunset Today: 6:03 p.m. Sunrise Friday: 7:13 a.m.

**Map Discussion:**  
There are two primary considerations in making the forecast today; first, the advance of a very strong arctic air mass from the North Central U.S. that will lead to much colder temperatures Friday night and Saturday. Secondly, there is strong concern regarding the moisture from Baja across northern Mexico and the southern half of Texas. This combination may lead to a freezing rain/drizzle situation late Friday night and Saturday. Elsewhere, snow will occur from the Great Lakes through New England and through the Northern Rockies.

**Forecast:**  
Today: Cloudy and cool. High 46 degrees. Winds northeast at 12 mph, with intermittent drizzle or light rain.  
Tonight: Overcast and cold. Low of 36 with light east-northeasterly winds and continuing light drizzle.


Friday: Continued cloud cover and turning colder, high 42, with intermittent drizzle, and northeast winds of 7 to 15 mph. The greatest threat of freezing precipitation will be Friday night and Saturday. Expect Saturday's high to only be near 30 degrees.

**Weather Fact:** Freezing rain/drizzle - Precipitation that falls in liquid form but freezes upon impact with the ground or exposed object. Temperature must be near or below freezing. It is necessary for the water drops/droplets to be supercooled before striking.

When encountered in flight by aircraft, freezing rain can cause a dangerous accretion of clear icing.

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