

What's Up

Tuesday

NORTH SIDE RESIDENCE HALLS: Donations drive (belongings and food) benefiting international students and Brazos Food Bank. For more information, contact Chong Hsu Liu at 847-1083.

COMMUNITY OF SINGLE ADULTS: Dancing at 8 p.m. at Texas Hall of Fame. For more information, contact Don Ball at 846-1370.

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KANM 99.0 CABLE FM: Dr. Garland Cannon, a linguistics professor who has lived and researched in Kuwait, will discuss pre-war Kuwait and Iraq at 6:00 p.m.

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Visit will show students' cultural differences

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Social activities are not needed to attract students to the halls like they are at A&M, she said.

Mexican culture also heavily influences students' academic concerns during their college careers.

Flores said students involved with the program will have a chance to see how their system

differs from the one in Mexico and why both programs are important.

"Students will have a chance to practice their English and exhibit some freedom while getting to know what opportunities, both academically and socially A&M has to offer," she said.

Tom Murray, associate direc-

tor of Student Affairs, is in charge of the Mexican visitors' life. Murray said the Mexican students will have many opportunities at A&M.

"The first purpose is a cultural exchange where students have an opportunity to learn about our culture, and the second purpose is to allow the students to

compare residence hall terms," Murray said. "We have a chance to show off Aggie culture."

Osterbuhr said cultural differences can be challenging, covering how people are sometimes locked in their perspective how they use words and the portance they give to certain things can also be fun, he said.

Evangelist's wife testifies to 'great sexual life' in defamation suit against Swaggart

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The wife of the Rev. Marvin Gorman testified Monday that they enjoyed "a great sexual life" and she forgave him for his indiscretions.

Virginia Gorman took the stand after sitting in the audi-

ence for nearly a month listening to testimony that included allegations her husband had ongoing affairs by 1987 with more than 100 women.

Gorman came to trial with a \$90 million defamation suit against rival television evangelist

Jimmy Swaggart.

Swaggart has been accused of spreading false accusations about Gorman's sex life to get rid of a rival who was a big competitor in the television ratings war.

Mrs. Gorman, 56, testified that on July 15, 1986, her husband

confessed that he had been involved in an affair with a church worker, Linda Savage, with another Assembly of God minister.

"I was very shocked, very disappointed but yet I knew I loved him," she said.

Crew abandoned sinking cruise ship, passengers say

EAST LONDON, South Africa (AP) — Angry passengers said Monday that some officers and crew members grabbed the first available lifeboat and abandoned hundreds of people on a Greek cruise liner that later sank in stormy seas.

All of the more than 570 passengers and crew were confirmed safe, said Ian Hunter,

managing director of TFC Tours of Johannesburg, which leased the Oceanos liner.

Those aboard the ship were rescued in a dramatic operation Sunday that was completed only 90 minutes before the ship sank a mile from the country's Indian Ocean coast near the village of Coffee Bay.

Passengers praised rescue ef-

forts by the South African military and tour company officials aboard the ship, but said they were outraged with the behavior of the crew.

They claimed crew members took the ship's only two motorized lifeboats, leaving tourists to try to launch regular lifeboats. Also, many complained that no announcements were made dur-

ing the 12-hour ordeal.

"They left us in the lurch. They knew ... the ship was going to sink and didn't say a thing," passenger Kevin Ellis said of the crew. "All the crew who knew how to operate lifeboats had gone."

Capt. Yiannis Avranas was not among the first to leave, but passengers said he left while

there were still many tourists on board. Avranas defended his action, saying he had to direct the rescue effort from shore.

"I don't care what these people say about me. I am separated from my family, who were rescued by one of the other ships, and I lost my own ship, he told reporters late Sunday night.

"When I order abandon ship,

it doesn't matter what time I leave," Avranas said in a separate interview with ABC.

"Abandon is for everybody — some people like to stay, some can stay."

The 7,554-ton Oceanos was carrying mostly South African passengers. It had left East London on Saturday for Durban.

Democrats investigate 1980 hostage dealings

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic leaders of Congress formally launched an investigation Monday into whether the 1980 Reagan-Bush campaign secretly conspired with Iran to delay release of 52 American hostages until after the presidential election.



President Bush

House Republican leader Robert Michel quickly labeled the move political. The speaker of the House, Rep. Thomas Foley, D-Wash., and Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, issued a joint statement calling the allegations "persistent and disturbing."

"They have led us to conclude, along with former presidents Carter and Reagan, and President Bush, that these allegations should be laid to rest once and for all," the two leaders said.

Senate agrees to give \$50 million in aid for suffering hospital trauma centers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate has authorized \$50 million in aid for the nation's trauma centers, which are suffering staggering financial losses as they treat the victims of gang violence and drug wars, says Sen. Lloyd Bentsen.

The Senate agreed late Friday to a bill sponsored by Bentsen, D-Texas, that would authorize \$50 million in direct grants to hospital trauma centers whose existence is threatened by escalating violence. Funding for the measure

would also have to be provided by Congress.

"Many of our cities have become war zones," says Sen. Al Gore, D-Tenn., a cosponsor of the Trauma Center Revitalization Act. "Residents are getting caught in the cross fire and are being injured and in many cases killed. Yet, in these same areas, trauma centers are closing because they lack the funds to stay open."

Bentsen said the centers most at risk are generally in larger cities where battles be-

tween gangs and drug traffickers have become a way of life.

"Each night the wounded are transported to these specialized emergency rooms," he told the Senate. But trauma centers are losing millions of dollars because patients frequently can't or don't pay for their treatment.

The legislation, approved on a voice vote as an amendment to another bill, focuses largely on the unpaid care trauma centers given to victims of drug-related, penetrating trauma.

Atlantis' astronauts experiment with futuristic space equipment

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Atlantis' astronauts logged their fourth day in orbit Monday by testing futuristic spaceship technology and conducting a real eye-opening experiment — inserting eyedrops in space.

James Adamson squirted eyedrops into his right eye, then left. A middeck camera zoomed in on each wet eye.

"It turns out it's pretty easy," Adamson said, blinking and wiping away tears. "You get a little bit around somewhere, but ... it works OK."

"Anything for science, right?" Mission Con-

trol's Jan Davis asked.

"Anything at all," Adamson replied.

Liquid forms into little floating beads in weightlessness. A NASA optometrist wanted to see how eyedrops would work and asked the crew to tape the event on video.

In addition to magnified pictures of Adamson's eyes, the crew of four men and one woman beamed back video images of an even bigger eye, that of Hurricane Fefa, located over the Pacific Ocean east of Hawaii.

Program endangers double-decker bus

LONDON (AP) — The red double-decker bus, on which dogs ride free and tourists ride on top, could soon be rolling off into the English sunset.

As part of a program to improve Britain's wobbly public services, Prime Minister John Major has pledged to deregulate London's buses and sell the system to private owners.

"Every company will choose its own livery to run under, so the red bus is probably already gone," said David Hales, a press officer for London Regional Transport.

"It's a great shame I think. We've already lost the red phone boxes; next we'll be losing the royal guardsmen."

Among passengers and crew interviewed on London's oldest existing bus route, the No. 9, the plan is extremely unpopular.

"The buses are going to be painted any color you like," said driver Alf Basauri. "The company will say, 'I'll have mine pink, with black spots.' Who will stop them?"

"Red London buses are part of our heritage!" said passenger Penny Bevan-Jones. "You see a

postcard of a red bus and you know what city you're in. It's that's awfully sad."

Transportation department spokesman Duncan Stroud said London's fleet of 5,000 buses would simply have new owners under privatization. "There's absolutely no reason at all to think that deregulation would mean the end of the red buses," he said.

The London Tourist Board agrees.

"Already around the corner where buses are deregulated the red bus is gone," said Kate Chellew, a tourist bus spokeswoman. "The red bus is a symbol of London, just like Ben or the Houses of Parliament. It's part of the tourist experience to get a picture of one, and ride in one."

Meanwhile, the European Community is considering uniform headroom standards for newly manufactured buses. Such a rule, according to Stephen Morris, editor of the monthly magazine Buses, "will spell the end of double-deckers."



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