

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Thursday, July 3

MSC Visual Arts Committee: Study for your finals free, in the peace and quiet of the air-conditioned MSC Forsyth Center Galleries, across from the Aggieland Post Office in the MSC. Extended hours on Sunday, July 6, from noon - 10 p.m. For more information contact Lalaine Little at 845-9251.

The Writing Center (Dept. of English, Texas A&M): The Writing Center in 249 Blocker will consult with any TAMU student who needs help with his or her writing projects for Summer I. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Come by or call 862-4181 for more information.

Aggie Roadrunners: There will be a daily run of 2-3 miles beginning at 7 p.m. in front of G. Rollie White. Runners of all levels are encouraged to attend. For more information call Hank Bullinger at 821-6339.

Texas A&M Women's Rugby: There will be practice from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the TAMU Rugby Field. No experience is necessary. For more information contact Wendy at 696-9012.

Friday, July 4

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State predicts 36 highway deaths

AUSTIN (AP) — As many as 36 people could die on Texas highways over the long Fourth of July weekend, the Department of Public Safety said today.

Sixteen people died last year during the 30-hour holiday period. But with July 4 falling on a Friday this year, the holiday period stretches to 78 hours — from 6 p.m. Thursday through midnight Sunday.

"We're asking drivers to do everything within their power to have a safe, enjoyable July Fourth holiday," said Lt. Col. Thomas Davis Jr., acting DPS director.

At least five of last year's 16 deaths were attributed to drinking and driving. July 3, 1994, remains the deadliest day in Texas traffic history, with 46 people killed in accidents that day.

Alien frenzy marks UFO celebration

ROSWELL, N.M. (AP) — Souvenir sales soared like the thermometer Wednesday at the 50th anniversary celebration of an alleged alien encounter known as the Roswell Incident.

As temperatures topped 100 degrees for the second straight day, stores were selling out of such items as pinatas, a Hispanic Christmas tradition that perhaps recalled cooler times — only these were alien pinatas.

"We're primarily an Indian gallery but with the UFO festival going on, we've added a lot to the store," said Michael Amador, the shopkeeper at the Apache Gallery. "We also sell Mexican imports, so we had a friend make the pinatas."

A group of promotional dummies made to resemble aliens sat in a weathered Jeep in front of the gallery. These five aliens, each about 4 feet tall, were supposed to

represent the five spacemen who purportedly crashed northwest of here in July 1947. But with their costumes and headgear — including cowboy hat and chaps, a feathered Indian war bonnet, a military camouflage uniform and a sombrero — they were more reminiscent of the Village People pop music group.

By noon, Amador said the store had sold about 50 of its 250 alien pinatas at \$7.95 each.

As he spoke, tourists paraded along the sidewalks and the mercury climbed to 101, according to the National Weather Service. It had been 105 Tuesday.

The alien designs are everywhere. There are alien T-shirts, alien mannequins, alien refrigerator magnets and alien guitar picks.

Michelle Watts, who co-owns the Quilt Talk fabric store, wore a sleeveless minidress and wire-mesh

vest made with her copyrighted "fabric from outer space," a black-based print pattern showing silvery space aliens and maps of New Mexico with Roswell highlighted.

"I'm weird. I look at everything in relation to 'Can you make a quilt or sew with it or make something interesting out of it.' This is interesting," she said, motioning to her outfit. "It's a woven (fabric) from outer space. It definitely won't unravel."

The fabric has already sold out, but the store is accepting orders.

Down the street at the International UFO Museum and Research Center, guests browsed through exhibits on, among other things, crop circles, abduction stories and the Air Force's Project Mogul, a 1940s effort to monitor Soviet nuclear testing.

Military officials say it was a top-secret experimental spy bal-

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loon from that project — and not a UFO — that crashed near Roswell in July 1947.

Joyce Kiess, who greets each guest at the museum's door, says 2,067 visitors entered Tuesday, the first official day of the celebration, and the number was expected to

rise daily as the week continues. Most visitors were from Texas, California, she said, with some as far away as Vermont.

Some visitors expressed belief in the UFO story. Most, like 7-year-old Colby Kraft of Bradford, Pa., just having a good time. Asked whether he believed in space aliens, he shrugged and smiled.

"I don't know," he said.

Added Jason York, 19, of Amarillo, Texas: "I know something happened. I'm just not sure what."

Festival organizers said several hotel rooms became available Wednesday when a television production company cancelled plans to cover the event.

But there was still overflow. Representatives of some news outlets were housed at a retirement center.

"So obviously, there's a need for rooms," said publicist Tom

Non-military lawyer approved for Marine

REDFORD, Texas (AP) — The Marine who killed a teen-ager near the Mexican border needs to have his side of the story "more forcefully presented," said a civilian attorney retained by the soldier Wednesday.

Cpl. Clemente Banuelos, who already has a military attorney, requested private counsel to represent him as the Texas Rangers investigate the May 20 shooting of Ezequiel Hernandez Jr., a Redford high school student.

The U.S. Justice Department approved the request and contacted Houston attorney Jack Zimmermann, a retired Marine Corps colonel, who agreed to take Banuelos as a client.

Such a move "doesn't happen very often because there's not many times when a federal official acting in his official capacity is threatened with prosecution by state authorities," said Zimmermann.

Zimmermann said he was not yet prepared to discuss the case because he had only been hired Wednesday, but added: "I do think that his side of the story needs to be more forcefully presented."

Military officials say Hernandez was shot after the teen-ager had fired twice at a four-man Marine surveillance team that was

watching a suspected drug route at the request of the Border Patrol.

The military maintains Hernandez had raised his .22-caliber rifle for a third shot when the Marine opened fire.

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Attorney Jack Zimmermann on investigation of Marine who shot a West Texas teenager

The Marine Corps has said it stands behind its personnel, but civilian investigators have raised questions about the series of events. Authorities say the evidence has not matched the Marines' account and suggest Hernandez was not facing the soldiers when he was killed.

Presidio County District Attorney Albert Valadez plans to present the case to a grand jury later this month.

Judge hushes murder defendant

LIBERTY, Texas (AP) — State District Judge W.G. "Dub" Woods Jr. is barring capital murder defendant Robert Morrow from speaking with anyone except his attorney and family members.

Woods' restraining order was issued in the wake of a Houston Chronicle story last week quoting Morrow saying he is innocent of fatally stabbing a former Liberty councilman's daughter.

In the newspaper interview, Morrow, 27, an oil field worker from Liberty, said he knew who killed Myra Elisabeth "Lisa" Allison, 21, a University of Nevada at Las Vegas student who vanished from a car wash while home on spring break on April 3, 1996.

Morrow acknowledges his blood was found in her car but contended he was picked up by the killer after her death and injured during a fight over drug paraphernalia.

Woods said he was concerned more publicity might contaminate the jury pool. The judge earlier had issued a gag order telling participants in the case not to discuss it.

Morrow, however, told the newspaper because he faces a possible death sentence he believes he has nothing to lose by discussing the case and could benefit from having his side heard.

Chronicle attorney Joel White, who is appealing Woods' decision to seal public records leading Morrow's arrest, believes the restraining order is unconstitutional.

"You can't prohibit a defendant from talking to any subject at all against his will," White said Tuesday. "It's one thing to protect a defendant's right to a fair trial, but it's another to shove it down his throat."

No arrests made in baby's death

GEORGETOWN, Texas (AP) — Police are continuing to pursue tips regarding the death of a newborn boy whose body was found in a portable toilet at a public park.

"Just anonymous tips that people are calling in — nothing concrete we can go on yet," Georgetown Police Detective Steve Benton said today.

Police named the boy Michael Gabriel because they didn't want him to be buried as John Doe. Funeral services are planned for Monday.

The death of the baby, who is believed to have been born within 24 hours of when he was found Saturday, is being pursued as a homicide. Police said the baby was full-term, weighed 4 pounds, 8 ounces and

had brown hair.

Police suspect the baby was delivered inside the toilet sometime after dark Friday. His body was found by a woman who was at park with her children.

An autopsy on the infant was conclusive about the cause of death, so Williamson County Justice of the Peace Jimmy Bitz has ordered more tests.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Sunny High: 94° Low: 75°	Sunny High: 94° Low: 75°	Sunny High: 95° Low: 75°

Arrests tarnish 'Speed-Trap' police

LAVON, Texas (AP) — The police department of the city that became known as "Speed-Trap, Texas" because of its reliance on ticket money is now waging another war to repair its tarnished image.

Jeff Gardner, a lieutenant whose successful drug operations were beginning to erase the department's notoriety, and another former officer are facing criminal charges.

"I hate what it's done to our city and our police department," Mayor Chris Wess said. "It's hurt our reputation. It's stirred up hard feelings and may cost us part of

the department."

Critics say the recent trouble just shows that the small Collin County town of 350 people doesn't need a police force.

"We can't afford it, and we don't have any crime," said resident Will Morrow. "The police department is the only criminal element in this town."

The city lost two of its five paid officers June 10. Gardner, 44, is facing federal charges of stealing money during drug raids. He is free on \$20,000 bail and confined to his home with electronic monitoring.

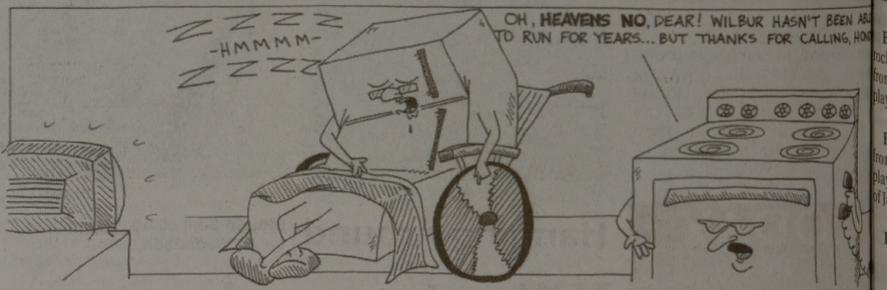
Thomas Wayne Merryman, 30,

resigned after his arrest on charges of stealing a shotgun and supplying a firearm to a minor. He is free on \$10,000 bail.

Three Lavon officers were with Gardner April 10 when federal agents say they secretly videotaped him putting cash in his waistband during what he thought was a drug raid. The sting was set up by state and federal authorities and is included in the complaint against Gardner.

Gardner's drug raids brought in \$79,989, more than a third of the city's total income this year, Lavon records show.

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