

what's up

Monday

AGGIE PLAYERS: Tryouts for "Three Penny Opera" will begin at 7 p.m. in Rudder Forum. The tryouts are open to everyone.

WELCOME BACK DANCE: Sponsored by the Class of '79, will be held at Lakeview 8-12 p.m. Everyone is invited.

OCEANOGRAPHY SEMINAR: Christopher Mathewson will discuss "Hurricanes in Texas — Are They The Planned Disaster" at 3:30 p.m. in Room 112, Oceanography and Meteorology Building.

KARATE DEMONSTRATIONS AND REGISTRATION: The TAMU Tae Kwon Do Club will give demonstrations and classes at 7 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum tonight through Thursday night. For more information call 846-3013.

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BASKETBALL: The men's team will play Arkansas at 7:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

BASKETBALL: The women's team will play Texas Southern University at 5:15 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

M.L. King honored by stamp

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service has issued a 15-cent commemorative stamp honoring the late Martin Luther King Jr., who was born 50 years ago today.

The Postal Service scheduled a first day of issue ceremony at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga., Sunday, and will make the stamp available in post offices

Epidemic may be brewing

Alcohol can harm unborn babies

United Press International
ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Pregnant women who drink heavily often are ignorant of the dangers because their doctors never raise a warning flag, researchers say.

Alcohol abuse specialists see the problem of excessive drinking by expectant mothers as a potential epidemic in the United States. It already is cited as the third most common cause of mental retardation in infancy.

Abnormalities in offspring have been classified as the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, or FAS. These include growth, weight and cardiac deficiencies, lower IQ and malfunctions of the brain.

"You really have to think of this situation that when a mother drinks during her pregnancy, her unborn baby is drinking, too," pediatrician Kenneth Lyons Jones said at a recent FAS conference at the University of Michigan.

"So, if you will, the baby is being pickled in alcohol during the entire time that the mother is drinking during her pregnancy," said Jones, an assistant professor of pediatrics at University of California-San Diego.

Researchers generally agree heavy drinking by pregnant women is risky, but have been unable to pinpoint how much alcohol is damaging, said Dr. Michael Liepman, a U-M psychiatrist and conference coordinator.

In one study cited at the conference, there was some evidence of damage in children born to mothers who drank as little as one ounce of pure alcohol per day, or about two drinks, Liepman said.

Drinking would seem to be one of those things pregnant women would be aware of as a potential danger to their unborn child, Liepman said, but many apparently remain unaware of FAS.

"I think there are a lot of obstetricians who never mention it to

throughout the country today.

King, who played a major role in civil rights activities until his assassination in Memphis, Tenn., in 1968, received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

The stamp is the second in the Black Heritage USA series honoring black Americans that began with the issuance of the Harriet Tubman

commemorative on Feb. 1, 1978. Both stamps were designed by Jerry Pinkney of Croton-on-Hudson, New York, an illustrator of children's books.

The stamp is yellow, ochre, magenta, cyan, brown and black. It shows King full face in clerical attire above civil rights marchers carrying placards.

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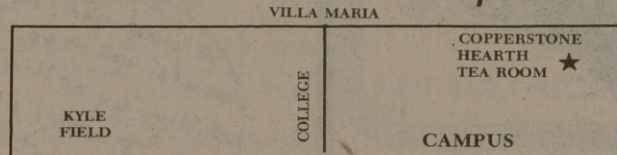


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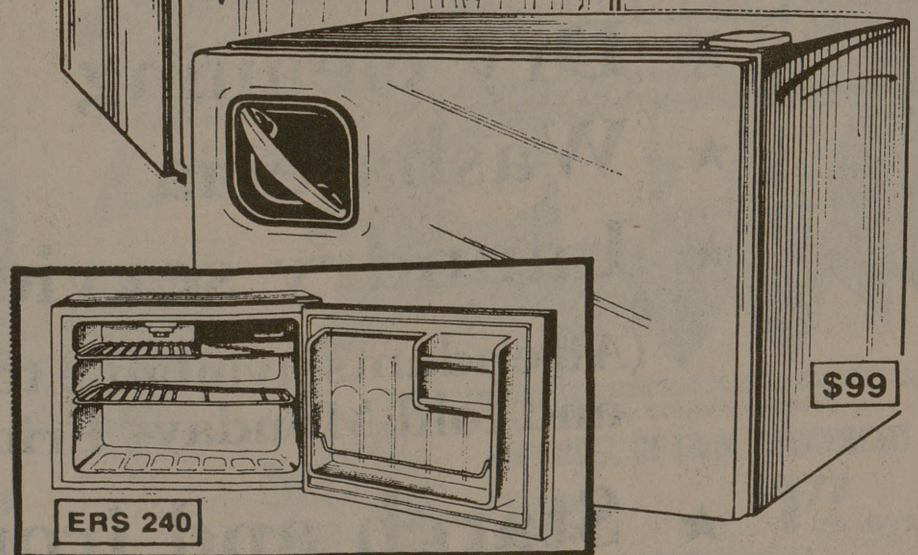
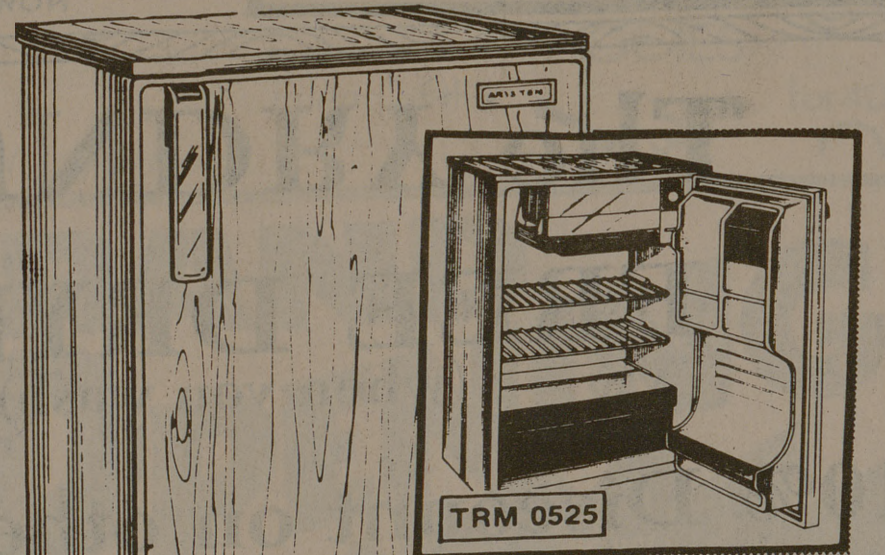
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