

What's up

MONDAY

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: A meeting to discuss the new mid-term grade legislation will be held at 8:30 p.m. in 203 of the MSC. For more information, call Paul Davis.

ALPHA KAPPA PSI: A general meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in 158 Blocker. Business attire is requested. Contact Brad Phillips at 823-7456.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION: A joint meeting with Sigma Iota Epsilon will be held at 7 p.m. in 134 Blocker. Jack Kocher, co-op coordinator of the training branch of NASA, will speak. For more information, contact Joy Smith at 693-2809.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: A night prayer will be conducted in the Church at 10 p.m.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: A daily luncheon and Bible study will be conducted on MWF from 12-12:50 p.m. and on TTH from 11 a.m.-noon in the student center (behind Kinko's). For more information, call Mike Jack.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS/STUDY ABROAD OFFICE: A Study Abroad slide show will be presented at 4 p.m. in 203 Harrington. Information on Liberal Arts Summer Programs in Great Britain and Italy will be discussed. Call Dr. Candida Lutes at 845-5162 for more information.

CORPS OF CADETS: There will be a meeting at 7:15 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium for those participating in the 'March to the Brazos' fund raiser. For more information, contact Mark Schulze at 260-1459.

MSC CAMAC: A general meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in 704 Rudder Tower. Call Jose Acosta at 260-1370 for more information.

MSC VARIETY SHOW: Tickets are now on sale at the MSC Box Office. Student tickets are \$3 and adult tickets are \$3.50.

NAUTICAL ARCHAEOLOGY STUDENT LECTURE SERIES: Ruby Lang will be speaking on 'Mittie Stephens and the Art of Historical Detection' at 7 p.m. in 311 Bolton. For more information, call Shirley Gotelipe at 845-6398 or 846-7476.

PHI THETA KAPPA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: A meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in 604 Rudder Tower.

PLANO HOMETOWN CLUB: A meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder Tower. Call Steve Middleton at 260-2175 or Elizabeth Welman at 260-5654 for more information.

SIGMA IOTA EPSILON: A joint meeting with ASPA will be held at 7 p.m. in 134 Blocker. Contact Joy Smith at 693-2809 for more information.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION ALLOCATION BUDGETS: Budget forms are available at the Student Finance Center in 217 of the MSC. Deadline for all budgets is March 30.

TAMU POETRY CONTEST: Students interested in participating in the poetry contest can submit entries at four locations: Blocker Building (English Department, faculty lounge), Sterling Evans Library entrance, Zachry (outside of the Engineering Department offices), and in the Kleberg student lounge. Deadline for entries is March 23. For more information, contact Melissa Romine at 260-0682.

Assistant attorney general favors change

United Press International

LUBBOCK — The new assistant attorney general for West Texas favors workmen's compensation benefits for farm workers and also wants to make the legal system available to poor people.

Maria Luisa Mercado, the daughter of a farm laborer from Zacatecas, Mexico, said she thinks the state should have to share the burden of helping the injured farm worker.

She said her father, who came to West Texas when she was 5, was injured on the job and county agencies were the only ones that helped the family.

"In the long run it's a detriment," she said. "We have all these programs for everyone else except farm workers."

"These are the folks that are the backbone of the agriculture industry ... and yet they don't reap any of the benefits," she said.

State District Judge Harley Clark of Austin recently struck down the portion of the Texas workmen's compensation act that prevented farm workers from receiving workmen's compensation insurance coverage.

Farm workers and a coalition of mostly Hispanic elected officials challenged the law in a class action suit.

Clark's ruling, effective in mid-March, means most agricultural producers must start carrying workmen's compensation insurance coverage for their workers. The order provided only limited relief for workers previously hurt on the job.

Current law did not require that producers buy workmen's compensation coverage —

meaning lawsuits were the only option for workers seeking compensation for on-the-job injuries.

Mercado, 30, joined the attorney general's office in November after working two years for West Texas Legal Services.

Mercado said one of her goals as assistant attorney general was making the legal system accessible to low-income people.

"Poor people on the whole tend to be taken advantage of. A lot of it is that they don't have the power behind them to fight it," she said. "If there is a consumer deception, more than likely the higher percentage (of victims) is going to be minorities."

Ms. Mercado has a staff of three to handle 70 to 100 com-

plaints a month. Her office, which covers the area from San Angelo through the Panhandle, receives primarily consumer problems.

They include checking on interstate gas stations accused of bilking motorists by tampering with their engines or tires, and then charging them for repairs.

A common complaint from senior citizens and low-income people concerns home improvement deals in which the people refuse to pay for poor quality labor, but then are surprised by foreclosure actions against them, she said.

The rolling back of odometers or the sale of swimming pools by companies that disappear are other types of complaints. She estimated that less than 10 percent of the com-

plaints actually go to trial. Most are settled out of court.

She said the most disheartening part of her job for the state has been the negative public reaction to the recent closing of unlicensed nursing homes in the Lubbock area.

"It's really a catch 22," Mercado said.

She said she does not believe the public realizes that the homes were warned repeatedly to comply with state health standards.

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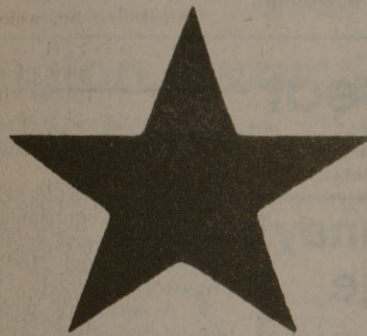
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