

What's up

WEDNESDAY

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS: There will be a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 203 Zachry. Officer elections will be held. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Shirts are on sale for \$11. Call Kevin Williams at 260-1264 for more information.

FLORICULTURE-ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE CLUB: A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in 106 Plant Sciences. Officer elections will be held. For more information, call Monique Dubrule at 260-2698.

MSC VARIETY SHOW: Tickets are on sale at the MSC Box Office for the show, April 13 at 7 p.m. Student tickets are \$3 and non-student tickets are \$3.50.

TAMU THEATRE ARTS: "Romeo & Juliet" is being performed through Saturday in Rudder Theatre at 8 p.m. Call Gay at 845-2621 for more information.

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL: A candlelight communion service will be held at 10 p.m. in the Chapel. Contact Pastor Hubert Beck for more information.

Median home price down from '81

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The West is the only region where median home prices are continuing to rise, reaching \$97,000 last year, a nationwide homebuyers survey showed Tuesday. The U.S. League of Savings Institutions said its latest survey, which placed Texas in the South, showed the median cost of a house nationwide dropped to \$65,000 last year from 1981's \$72,000. The South, North Central and Northeast regions recorded decreases as well. However, the price in the region including Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming reached \$97,000 — up more than \$2,000 from two years earlier and \$32,000 above the next

most expensive region, the Northeast. The league's biennial nationwide study of housing trends, culled from more than 13,000 mortgage loans made last year at 371 participating savings institutions, showed the median household income in the West was \$44,377 and a second income figured in over half of the loans. The League said its survey indicated the 1983 housing recovery was fueled by an economic climate that unlocked the market of older, generally less expensive housing and a record influx of first-time home buyers. Colorado, New Mexico and

Wyoming were considered part of the West for purposes of the survey, which also included the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington. The median total monthly housing costs in the West was the highest nationwide at \$973 for mortgage, real estate taxes, utilities and hazard insurance. Meanwhile, the nationwide median total was \$709. The median down payment in the West was \$20,000, down nearly \$2,000 from two years ago. More than half of the buyers put down less than 20 percent, however. In the Denver-Boulder area,

for example, the median price was \$90,100, the monthly cost was \$892 and the down payment totaled \$25,300. The League said the area ranked atop the nation's 10 most expensive housing markets. Nationwide more than 1/3 of the homebuyers had to devote over 25 percent of their income to meeting housing expenses — more than 1/2 did so in the West. The breakdown showed 56.4 percent spending over 1/4 while

35.8 percent were spending over 30 percent on housing costs. In the West and South, first-time buyers made less dramatic — but nonetheless substantial gains — to 37 percent in 1983 from 13.4 percent in 1981. Condominiums were stronger in the West and South, but still registered declines compared to two years ago.

Citizens spruce up town to entice more tourists

United Press International
BALMORHEA — An old hotel built in the 1920s is being restored to its former grandeur by citizens of a West Texas town preparing for the summer tourist season. When the \$150,000 renovation project is completed, the Old Spanish Trail Inn will have 15 rooms, a lobby and a bar. Citizens of Balmorhea, population 605, hope the hotel will entice a few tourists to stay a little longer in the area, where open-air camping sites are plentiful but hotel and motel facilities are scarce. The prime mover in the hotel renovation project is Art Climer, owner of "Chicken Charlie's," and Climer's Barbecue a block away. Climer said the hotel will be ready for occupancy within three months, just in time for the steady stream of tourists from throughout Texas who will be pouring in to visit nearby Balmorhea State Park, a 3.5-acre pool fed by spring water. "We've got the largest swimming hole in Texas just 4 miles from here," said Climer's wife, Connie. "We're located close to the Big Bend country and the West Davis Mountains. There's a lot to see and do out here and now we'll have a comfortable hotel for people to spend the night." The Climers are partners in the new hotel venture with El

Paso banker-businessman Charles Gaither and former Balmorhea Mayor Helen Humphries. Gaither said the town of Balmorhea is being spruced up by residents. He said most of the businessmen in the downtown area have renovated their store fronts. "There's an irrigation canal that runs through the center of town, like the river that flows through San Antonio," he said. "The canal is being beautified, with bridges crossing the rushing water and brick walls being built throughout." Gaither said he and his partners are erecting an outdoor patio on the bank of the canal near the hotel in order to make the town more attractive to tourists. "People spend lots of money to go to Paris and other places and they don't even know their own state," Mrs. Climer lamented. "It's a shame. We want more people to come out here and visit us in West Texas. We've got some of the most spectacular scenery anywhere in the world." Balmorhea is 32 miles northeast of Fort Davis and is accessible by U.S. Highway 290 to Park Road 30. The state park is 189 miles east of El Paso, about a four-hour drive. The park is a 10-hour drive from Dallas. Camping is available all year round. Cabins are available at the state park.

Other tourist attractions in the Balmorhea area, Mrs. Climer said, include: — Davis Mountain State Park. Main attraction is camping in the tree-covered Davis Mountains. Accommodations are available at the state-owned Indian Lodge, but reservations must be made three months in advance. — Fort Davis. Named a national historic site, the old fort includes some of the original buildings constructed in 1854 when the outpost was established to protect travelers against raiding Apache and Comanche Indians. The fort features an audio presentation of an 1875 retreat. — McDonald Observatory. Located 16 miles northwest of Fort Davis, the observatory houses the world's 12th largest telescope. — Big Bend National Park. Near Alpine, the park has 1,141 square miles of rough country. Rio Grande raft trips are available year round. — West of the Pecos Rodeo. Held every year on the Fourth of July, it is the nation's oldest rodeo. — Guadalupe Mountains National Park. Located 100 miles east of El Paso, the national park includes Guadalupe Peak, 8,571 feet above sea level, the highest point in Texas.

FALN backers will serve 3 years in jail

United Press International
NEW YORK — Four suspected leaders of a Puerto Rican terrorist group — Fuerzas Armadas de Liberacion Nacional, or Armed forces of the National Liberation — surrendered Tuesday to begin three-year jail terms for refusing to answer questions posed by a federal grand jury investigating the group. Julio Rosado, 45, his brother Andres, 39, and Steven Guerra, 30, appeared at the federal courthouse at Cadman Plaza in Brooklyn, accompanied by family and friends. The three were guarded by at least 20 police and court security officers. They maintained they were

not members of FALN but supported the group's cause. "Our being in prison is generating more support for Puerto Rican independence," said Julio Rosado. A total of five suspected leaders of the group were arrested in 1982 for refusing to answer questions about FALN activities, including explosives expert William Morales' 1979 escape from Bellevue Hospital's prison ward. The elder Rosado said that while the jail terms cause "a lot of personal difficulties, we are as certain of the correctness of what we're doing as we were the first day went into court."

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

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COURSE CONTENT

The content and organization of the seminar will emphasize practical application rather than theoretical concepts. Instruction will cover such topics as:

- Principles of leadership
- Goal setting
- Communication skills
- Motivating student members/volunteers
- Running a meeting effectively
- Publicity and public relations techniques

INSTRUCTORS

The course will be taught primarily by the professional staff of the Student Activities Office. The instructors will utilize various guest speakers in addition to a team teaching approach in order to provide the most effective presentation of course material.

REGISTRATION

Due to demand, this course will be offered twice in the fall. Students interested in taking the course should register/add "Seminar in Management" 481 C, Section 505 (meeting on Tuesday) or Section 506 (meeting on Thursday) to their fall 1984 schedule. Each class will meet at 2:00 p.m. in Room 205, Agriculture Bldg. The course is worth one credit hour. Questions? Call 845-1133.

PARTICIPANTS

While the seminar is intended primarily for leaders, potential officers, or officers of student organizations, it is open to any Texas A & M student interested in learning more about working with student groups.

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