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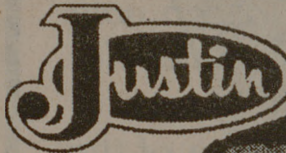
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What's up

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MSC HOSPITALITY: applications for the 1985 Miss TAMU Scholarship Pageant are available in the MSC Main Hall. For more information, contact Amy Glynn 764-1724.

TRADITIONS COUNCIL: is selling boutonnieres for SWITCH OFF FOR THE KICKOFF in the MSC all week.

CLASS OF '86: is having a picnic at Bee Creek Park from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. There will be hotdogs, volleyball and softball. Tickets are \$3.50 and are on sale now in the MSC.

TAMU WOMEN'S CHORUS: is sponsoring an awareness week — a chance for the student body to learn about the Chorus, what its goals are and what it is doing.

WRITING OUTREACH: Steve Brennan will teach a session on "Revising for Clear, Readable Sentences and Paragraphs" at 3:30 p.m. in 251 Francis. All are welcome.

RICHMOND-ROSENBERG AREA HOMETOWN CLUB: is having their picture taken for the Aggeland at 6 p.m. in the MSC lounge. All members and those wanting to be members are encouraged to attend. The cost of the picture and dues is approximately \$3.

TEXAS A&M ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB: is meeting at 7 p.m. in 137A MSC.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES: is meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 228 MSC. There will be a guest speaker, food, fun and fellowship.

ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS: Stephen Huff, of Tribble & Stephens, will speak on subcontractor-contractor relations at 7:30 p.m. in 207 Harrington.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS: is meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the MSC lounge. Aggeland pictures will be taken.

MSC ALL NITE FAIR: is having a general committee meeting at 7 p.m. in 216T MSC.

ORC: is having a backpacking meeting. For more information contact the ORC cubicle at 845-1515.

CLASS OF '87: is meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 701 Rudder. Road trips, class parties, the ball and the class gift will be discussed.

BONFIRE COOKIE CREW: is meeting at 7 p.m. in 201 MSC to explain what cookie crew does, see a slide show about bonfire and meet people directly connected with bonfire.

MSC HOSPITALITY: is having a general committee meeting in 701 Rudder at 7 p.m. Important information about the children's Halloween party will be discussed.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE: is meeting at 5:30 p.m. in 105C. The guest lecturer, Debra Mitchell of Amphion Inc., will speak on "In Search of Excellence — Landscape Architecture."

STUDENT GOVERNMENT BIG EVENT: is having a planning meeting at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

MSC ARTS: Aggeland picture will be taken at 8 p.m. in the MSC main lobby.

STUDENT AGGIE CLUB: is meeting at 7 p.m. for a general meeting and to discuss the Arkansas trip. Contact the office for location.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three days prior to desired publication date.

Farm worker suit alleges benefit loss

United Press International

AUSTIN — A class action suit filed Monday on behalf of an estimated 200,000 Texas farm workers alleged the state's denial of unemployment benefits to farm laborers unconstitutionally discriminates against Mexican-Americans.

The United Farm Workers and the Texas Civil Liberties Union filed suit in state district court seeking to strike a section of the state's unemployment compensation law that the UFW and TCLU said makes only 5 percent of Texas farmworkers eligible to collect unemployment benefits.

A hearing on the suit was scheduled for Wednesday. Defendants in the suit included the three members of the Texas Employment Commission and Attorney General Jim Mattox.

Texas law requires employers with payrolls of at least \$1,500 in any of four yearly quarters to provide unemployment compensation for their workers. However, agricultural employers can have payrolls as high as \$20,000 per quarter before they are required to cover their workers.

The law also stipulates that a farm crew leader — not the farmer or grower — is considered the employer for purposes of unemployment benefits.

"That means a large grower... can employ 100 crew leaders and if each one pays less than \$80,000 a year (in wages), the worker still would not be provided with unemployment compensation," TCLU Director Jim Harrington said. "It's a subterfuge."

The suit seeks to strike the special provisions for agricultural employers and place them under the provisions governing most other employers in Texas.

UFW Director Rebecca Flores Harrington said an estimated 200,000 people — 90 percent of them Mexican-American — are currently employed as farm workers in Texas.

The UFW and TCLU successfully sued the state earlier this year to force the inclusion of farm workers under Texas workers compensation insurance coverage.

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Super-achievers

Foundation announces 25 no-strings gifts

United Press International

CHICAGO — The MacArthur Foundation announced Monday the names of 25 new fellows — super-achievers who will receive no strings attached gifts of between \$176,000 and \$300,000 over the next five years to follow their own creative bent.

Among the winners, all U.S. citizens, are a quadriplegic seeking equal rights for the disabled and a scholar exploring how black and white children develop language skills. Others include educators, writers, scientists and mathematicians.

The announcement was made by John E. Corbally, president of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and J. Roderick

MacArthur, chairman of the MacArthur Fellows program. MacArthur's father, the late insurance magnate John D. MacArthur, created the \$1.5 billion foundation.

The younger MacArthur — critical of the foundation's generosity — has tried to sue foundation board members and has sought their resignations, contending they violated their responsibilities by wasting millions of the foundation's assets.

He also criticized the foundation's handling of the divestiture of Banker's Life, the insurance company his father founded, and said the mismanagement by the board has cost the foundation millions.

The latest winners brought the number of foundation super-achievers to 141. The foundation has do-

nated \$43 million since it started the program in May 1981.

The winners, ranging in age from 33 to 78, will be free to do nothing but follow their own creative bent during the next five years, the foundation said. Six winners are from California, and five from New York and five from Massachusetts.

The amount each fellow receives will depend on age.

A 21-year-old fellow would receive \$24,000 a year, or an award of \$128,000, and a fellow at least 66 would receive \$60,000 a year. The payments increase by \$800 per year for each year of age.

Winners do not apply for the award, but are nominated anonymously.

Farm worker's life changed by union

United Press International

SAN JUAN — By the usual measure of success, the United Farm Workers union is a failure.

It has never won a single contract with a grower employing migrants in all of the Rio Grande Valley.

Still, Zulema Hernandez, a Mexican-American who has worked beside her husband and 10 children to harvest fruit and vegetables for the other Americans, apparently has never lost faith in her union.

Through bad times and hard traveling, roaming far to the north when there was no work in the valley, Hernandez seems to have kept the faith.

The Hernandez family lives in a trailer in a shantytown colonia — Spanish for neighborhood. They have added a couple of lean-to additions to the dwelling, which is cramped but clean.

No matter how tough times are, the Hernandez family never goes north before school is out, and always returns before classes start. They believe that education is the path that leads out of the fields.

Sister Carol Messina, a Roman Catholic nun who works at the union hall, does not measure success in signed labor contracts.

"Even if we never get a contract," Messina said, "this union has changed lives. People who never had a chance to speak, now have a forum. What we're talking about is dignity in people's lives."

The union, led in California by Cesar Chavez, was instrumental in

securing the 1981 banning of the Texas Legislature of the dangerous short-handled hoe.

Now growers must supply portable toilets in the fields and soap and water so farm workers can wash off dangerous pesticides.

Despite such relatively modest victories, migrants remain the poorest of America's working poor.

On this sweltering night, Hernandez met with about 100 other workers at the union hall. There was talk on pesticides from an expert, and how to guard against their dangers.

Don't work while the crop-dusting planes are spraying, the expert warned. Wear hats, gloves and socks while working. Teach children the rules, he said, because they are the most vulnerable.

A union cap was raffled after the talk. Then it was time for politics.

Many of those present had just returned by bus from nearby Harlingen where they had cheered Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., as he delivered a stem-winding speech urging the election of Democratic presidential hopeful Walter Mondale.

The union members already had registered as many of their neighbors as they could before the deadline.

So, on this night, the talk was of getting out the vote for Mondale.

Then, business over, the union members joined hands and sang, "No mas moveran." We shall not be moved.

Columbia receives a new crew

United Press International

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space agency officials announced Monday that they have named a new shuttle crew and that China has reserved space on two shuttle flights to launch a pair of domestic communications satellites.

The new space shuttle crew is scheduled for a seven-day mission next year to launch two communications satellites.

Cmdr. Robert L. Gibson, pilot Charles F. Bolden and crew members Franklin R. Chang-Diaz, Steven Hawley and George Nelson are scheduled to blast off aboard the shuttle Columbia on Aug. 8, 1985.

The mission includes experiments to demonstrate materials processing in weightlessness and the launch of two communications satellites. One satellite is owned by American Satellite Co. and the other leased by the Navy for ground, sea and air communications.

Chinese officials have paid NASA \$200,000 earnest money to reserve the shuttle slots, said Chet Lee, director of customer services for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.



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