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Political Awareness Day is Wednesday in MSC

By **LESLIE MALONE**
 Reporter
 Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, Amnesty International, the Texas Prison Union, and the League of United Latin American Citizens are a few of the groups expected to participate in Political Awareness Day Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center.
 About 20 groups are expected to participate in the event, sponsored by Political Forum.
 Tim Fitzgibbons, of Political Forum, says the groups will give students a chance to expand their knowledge of political affairs by

learning about current issues.
 Ann Levy, chairman of Political Awareness Day, says other groups dealing with "hot topics" also will be on campus. Among these are Choice, an abortion group; Texas Women's Political Caucus; the Socialist Workers Party; and Greenpeace.
 The majority of the groups represented are from the Bryan-College Station area but are groups that serve state interests. Other groups are coming from Austin and Dallas.
 This will be the third year for the awareness day which Levy says has been very successful.

"Everyone can benefit from the awareness day because there is usually an interest group that everyone would like to know more about and want to discuss an issue that they disagree with," Levy says.
 Fitzgibbons says more groups participate every year and thousands of students usually come through the MSC.
 The groups participating will have tables set up on the first floor of the MSC from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Representatives will provide information about their organizations and answer any questions regarding their functions or activities.

Harris County dragnet serves warrants to hot check writers

Associated Press
 HOUSTON — A countywide dragnet "put the fear of God" into hot check writers, causing scores to show up with cash-in-hand to pay more than \$600,000 in restitution and \$11,000 in fines.
 Harris County chief deputy constable Don Chumley said the hot check crackdown that started over the weekend gained a momentum of its own, with many people volunteering to come in with what they owe.
 "They're still coming in," Chumley said Monday. "With media publicity, it's put the fear of God into them. It's given them encouragement to come in and get right."

County law enforcement officials announced last week that they were starting a sweep to pick up hot check writers. The officials encouraged those owing for bad checks to voluntarily make the checks good.
 On Saturday, 403 officers started serving warrants. The rainy weather kept many people at home, said Chumley, and officers made a total of 272 arrests by Monday morning.
 The arrests cleared 4,485 bad checks, brought in \$600,000 "or better" and raised \$11,000 in fines, he said.
 Chumley said hot check writers were hauled before a judge and given the option of paying off or setting a trial date. Most, he said, paid or were released on their own recognizance. However, officers jailed 23 people who had other warrants outstanding, he said.
 The offenders could not write checks to cover their hot checks.
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Jazz, swing concert set for tonight

The Texas A&M Revelers will perform its Spring Concert tonight in Rudder Theater.
 The group, which specializes in swing and jazz music, will be performing pieces including "Lullaby of Birdland" and "I Can't Stop Loving You."
 Fourteen singers and a four-piece band and brass section make up the 18-member group.
 Tickets are available at the Rudder Box Office and the Vocal Music Office. Cost is \$4.00 for non-students and \$3.50 for students.
 The concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

Drive-in services attract devoted

Associated Press
 GRAND PRAIRIE — The paths of prayer led some motorists to a drive-in devotional featuring a parking lot pastor on Palm Sunday.
 The Rev. Bob Skipper preached from a pulpit behind a bay window of Abundant Life Assembly of God, which overlooks a parking lot.
 There, motorists meditated on his words in the first drive-in service in the area.
 "Being here 25 years, this is something I had wanted to do. I saw a need for an outreach for our ministry," Skipper told the Dallas Times Herald. "They can come as they are."
 "It's good for handicapped as well as those on the road who would like to honor God on the Lord's day, have some inspiration and feel like they've been to church," he said. "At 10 o'clock, they can be at Six Flags."

An usher greeted parishioners Sunday through their car windows after another church member directed drivers where to park on the yellow-striped lot.
 Usher Richard Healey handed each driver a church bulletin and a palm leaf.
 Motorists rolled down their windows to hear the service through speakers.
 "Welcome to the first drive-in service on Palm Sunday and welcome to this cool temperature we have," Skipper began after a few minutes of taped inspirational music. "We do trust you're comfortable in your automobile."
 "I'd like for you to bow your heads with me in your automobile and let's pray," he continued. "Bless those who might feel lonely today..."

House OKs bill about crimes within penitentiaries

Associated Press
 AUSTIN — In a bill intended as a message to convicts, the House voted Monday to order inmates to serve additional time in prison for offenses committed in the penitentiary.
 Now, sentences for in-prison crimes can be set to run concurrently with previous sentences, effectively adding no additional prison time.
 "I look at this as a deterrent," said sponsor Ray Keller, R-Duncanville. "It's one more reason not to get involved in that activity."
 The bill, already approved in the Senate, won tentative House approval in an 87-16 vote. It faces another vote before going to the governor.
 Also Monday, the House tentatively approved Senate Bills authorizing the Railroad Commission to regulate rail safety, requiring toilets and drinking water on trains and regulating timeshare property.
 The inmate sentencing bill was sparked by prison violence in recent months, Keller said. But Houston Rep. Larry Evans said the message might not get through to criminals, who already have shown disdain for the law.
 "We should reinforce positive behavior with positive rewards," Evans said.

The rail safety bill, sponsored in the House by Belton Rep. Bill Messer, authorizes the Texas Railroad Commission to set rules allowed by the federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970. The bill was amended on the Senate floor to take out a provision giving local rail ordinances priority over state rules.

In a separate bill, the House backed a Senate bill requiring sanitary drinking water in engines and cabs. Railroad companies also would have to make sure that engine and caboose toilets are working.
 The Texas Timeshare Act was written in response to consumer complaints about timeshare sales, primarily in resort areas. Under the timeshare arrangement, several people buy the same property, allowing them to use it for a specified period each year.

The bill requires registration of timeshare sellers and detailed statements concerning exchange programs. It would also allow purchasers to cancel contracts within three days.

Mildred Stewart, 70, said she suffers from arthritis, but wants to come to church and would rather sit in the comfort of her car than suffer through services inside.
 "I have arthritis and have a lot of difficulty walking," said Stewart. "If I stay at home, I hurt. If I go out to church, I'll hurt. So I thought, 'I'll just drive out to the service.' It's a real nice day. I can sit in the car and move and not attract too much attention."

Evangelist Robert Schuller's Crystal Cathedral drive-in service in Garden Grove, Calif., has brought thousands to church since 1955 and a few smaller churches in Oklahoma and North Carolina also have drive-in congregations.

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