

What's up

Monday

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING: Dr. Bill Moses will hold a review/help session on thermodynamics at 6:30 p.m. in 103 Zachry.

PEER ADVISOR: will hold an information session at 7 p.m. in 308 Rudder. Applications are available in 108 YMCA through Friday.

AGGIE ALLEMANDERS: will hold square dance lessons and nominate new officers at 7 p.m. in 226 MSC.

TAMU MEN'S RUGBY: will hold practice at 4:30 p.m. in the parking lot behind Zachry Engineering Center.

TAMU POLO CLUB: will hold practice at 6:30 p.m. at Dick Freeman Arena.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BUDGET WORKSHOP: two workshops for treasurers of eligible student organizations will be held at 3:30 and 4:45 p.m. in 225 MSC. Budget request forms are due at 4 p.m. Friday, in 217 MSC.

TRANSFER CAMP '87/STUDENT Y: applications for counselors are available through Friday on the second floor of the Pavilion.

Tuesday

ALTERNATIVE CINEMA: will show "Seduced and Abandoned," an Italian postwar comedy, at 8 p.m. in Langford Auditorium.

TAMU MACINTOSH USERS GROUP: Alan Kay will speak on the future of personal computing at 7 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

OUTDOOR RECREATION CLUB: Dr. D.J. Pisan will speak on environmental conservation at 7 p.m. in 205 MSC.

COWBOYS FOR CHRIST: will meet for Bible study at 8 p.m. in 101 Kleberg.

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

A&M professor: Animals can give people diseases

By Sandra Voelkel
Reporter

Many people are unaware of a group of diseases called zoonoses man can contract from animals, a Texas A&M professor says.

Brucellosis is the most widely distributed zoonoses in the world today, with about a million cases reported a year, Dr. Leon Russell, professor of veterinary public health, says.

Russell says humans acquire brucellosis through animals, such as cattle and swine, or through ingestion of raw milk or undercooked meat containing the infectious organism.

Russell says brucellosis is characterized by fever, night sweat, pain, head and muscle aches, arthritis, weight loss and depression. The fever has an erratic pattern, he says, making the diagnosis of the disease difficult.

The disease can become chronic and is difficult to cure, Russell says. He adds that the bacterial disease may last for months or years and eventually can get into bones, causing severe damage.

Russell says brucellosis also shows up in workers who slaughter ani-

mals, in ranchers and farmers with hangnails and in veterinarians who have treated infected animals.

Vaccinations and slaughter of infected animals are some of the preventive measures used, Russell says.

He says dairy products should be made out of pasteurized milk and cream to prevent the spread of the disease.

The Federal Drug Association is considering the elimination of the transport of raw dairy products from one state to another, he says.

The proposal has sparked a controversy because some people believe they are being deprived of the right to have the natural food product, he says.

Russell says scientists have determined the time and temperature it takes to heat milk and kill the organism, but brucellosis is one of the most resistant organisms transmitted in milk.

"Pasteurization was designed to remove disease-causing organisms in dairy products by killing the organisms with the heat process," he says.

As long as a person buys pasteurized dairy products from reputable grocery stores and eats well-cooked meat, there is no need to worry, Russell says.

Children of illegal aliens taken from schools

ZAPATA (AP) — The 5-year-old girl was in her kindergarten class when the school principal walked in and told her she had to leave.

Anselmi Trevino, principal of North Elementary School, says he could not bring himself to tell her that Border Patrol agents arrested her mother and father on illegal immigration charges and that they were being held in a van in the school parking lot.

"A Border Patrol agent came into the office and said, 'I'm coming for the little girl,'" Trevino says, adding that he didn't let the agent go into the classroom.

Critics say the Border Patrol has moved into Zapata schools in a crackdown to prevent families from

applying for amnesty under the new federal immigration law.

The Border Patrol, however, says it takes children of undocumented aliens out of school to keep deported families together.

Arresting potential amnesty applicants, says the Border Patrol, has nothing to do with removing children from schools or deporting their parents.

School officials say the Border Patrol's move into local schools is unprecedented in the community of 8,000, about 50 miles southeast of Laredo.

Officials at Zapata's high school, elementary, middle and junior high schools say uniformed Border Patrol agents recently have taken nine children from their classrooms.

Alberto Luera, executive director of Centro Atzlan in Laredo, a non-profit group, says arresting families, including picking up children at schools, is becoming common in rural areas but not in cities such as Laredo, where such a move would enrage the public.

The center, says Luera, is considering a class-action lawsuit against the Border Patrol.

School officials say that all of the children's families have lived in Zapata for years. But the officials could not say whether the families lived in the United States before Jan. 1, 1982, a condition of amnesty under the new law.

Aliens who can prove they have lived in the United States since 1981 qualify for amnesty under the new

law. But the Immigration and Naturalization Service will not begin taking applications until May 5.

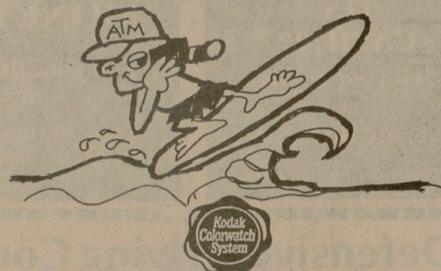
Rafael Torres of the American Friends Service Committee in Laredo says the action in Zapata is an unprecedented move by the Border Patrol to disqualify as many families as possible before amnesty applications are accepted.

Border Patrol Agent Richard Marroquin, second in command at the Border Patrol sector in Laredo, denies the accusation. Marroquin says agents picked up the children so that they would not be left without someone to care for them.

Marroquin also denies that taking children from school is unprecedented.

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