What's Up

Monday

MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a presentation and discussion on Islam at 7:15 p.m. in 145 MSC. Call Hisham at 693-3309 or Taqiyuddin at 846-7426 for more information.

SCUBA CLUB: will have a speaker from Houston Underwater Photography at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

AGGIES FOR RAINS: will have an open forum to meet Jack Rains at 7 p.m. in 201 MSC. Everyone is welcome. Call Shelly at 696-1571 for more information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will have a general discussion at noon. Call C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.

A&M DEBATE SOCIETY: will meet at 7 p.m. in 135 Blocker for tryouts for debate on Wednesday. Call 847-2117 for more information.

MSC AGGIE CINEMA: will meet at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder. Call Dee at 845-1515 for more information.

TSEA: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

ALPHA ZETA HONOR FRATERNITY: will meet at 7:15 p.m. in 101 Heep.

HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 501 Rudder. Call 847-0052 for more information.

CLASS OF '91: will have Awareness Week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the MSC. Tables will be set up all week with information on special events and offices for interested juniors.

KAMU-FM: will present classic music of India at 8 p.m. on KAMU-FM 90.9. Call Dr. Rao at 845-3414 for more information.

AGGIE TOASTERS: will have a meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 229 MSC. Contact Robert 268-1447 for more information.

AGGIES FOR CLAYTON WILLIAMS FOR GOVERNOR: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder. Contact Dave at 822-9236 for more information.

MSC NOVA: will meet at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder. Call 696-7786 for more information.

MINORITY ASSOCIATION OF PRE-HEALTH AGGIES: will meet at 7 p.m. in 231 MSC. Call 847-0432 for more information.

AGGIES AGAINST BONFIRE: will meet in front of the Academic Building. Contact Brian at 693-4408 for more information.

Tuesday

GAY AND LESBIAN STUDENT SERVICES: will have a discussion at 8:30 p.m. in 231 MSC. Call 847-0321 for more information.

PHI ETA SIGMA: will have fun and games with refreshments at 8:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder. Call 847-2029 for more information.

LE CIRCLE FRANCAIS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 127 Academic. Contact Priscilla at 764-6766 for more information.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: will have a general discussion at 8:30 p.m. Call C.P.D.E. at 845-0280 for more information.

MSC GREAT ISSUES: Michel T. Halbouty will lecture on 'Moral and Ethical Values in Free Enterprise' at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder to be followed by a reception in Rudder Exhibit Hall. Call 845-1515 for more information.

CAP AND GOWN: applications are due in 110 YMCA, 208 Pavilion and the SPO. Contact Ken at 847-1100 for more information.

CLASS OF '91: will have a table in the MSC from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY INC.: will have their first annual spring rush for interested undergraduates at 7 p.m. in 507 AB Rudder. Contact Muriel at 846-6897 for more information.

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP: will have a worship service at 7 p.m. in All Faiths Chapel. Call 847-7000 for more information.

CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL: will have a meeting and nominations for 1990-91 offices at 7 p.m. in 223 B Zachry. Call 847-0247 for more information.

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 510 Rudder. Call 847-4087 for more information.

SADDLE AND SIRLOIN CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 115 Kleberg.

AMERICAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION: will meet and discuss the New Orleans trip and officer elections at 7 p.m. in 150 Blocker. Contact Teri at 693-7028 for more information.

UPSILON P. EPSILON: will have their first spring meeting at 7 p.m. in 115 AECS. Call 764-0595 or 693-9230 for more information.

CATHOLICS ON CAMPUS: will give a tour at 9 p.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church. Call 846-5718 for more information.

AGGIES FOR DIABETES AWARENESS: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Medical Sciences Building. Contact Cindy at 823-1145 or Shannon at 846-2827 for more information.

AGGIES RALLY FOR CLAYTON WILLIAMS: will meet at 5 p.m. in the Grove. Contact Dave at 822-9236 for more information.

AGGIES ABROAD CLUB: A Peace Corps representative will speak about the Amazon Highlands at 8:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder. Call 696-1944 for more information.

INSTITUTE FOR THE HEALING OF RACISM: will have a general discusion at 8:30 p.m. in 146 MSC. Call 846-1599 for more information.

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB: will have a speaker on marital distress at 7 p.m. in 338 Psychology. Contact Kelley at 847-8395 for more information.

CHI ALPHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: will meet at 7 p.m. in All Faiths Chapel. Call 846-3119 for more information.

TEXAS A&M NUTRITION SOCIETY: will meet and discuss expanded nutrition programs at 7:30 p.m. in 127 KLCT. Contact Karen at 847-7269 for more information.

AGGIE ROTARACT CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 140 MSC. Contact Jim at 847-4562 for more information.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

Charity pays bills charged by leaders

Thousands spent with credit

HOUSTON — Thousands of dollars in questionable charges — ranging from restaurant bills to the purchase of residential homes — have been paid out by a feeding program for the elderly to the charity's leaders, according to published reports.

Union Y Progreso Barrio Development Inc., a 15-year-old program that feeds senior citizens at several centers and on a home-delivery basis, has paid thousands of dollars a month for four American Express credit cards held by the charity's executive director, its chairwoman and her husband and son, the Houston Post reported Thursday in a copyright story.

Chairwoman Mary Tudon, 47, her husband, Fred Tudon Jr., 47, and their son, Fred Tudon III, 23, and Executive Director Frank Velasquez, 45, have charged air fare, hotel bills, restaurant tabs, clothing and jewelry, concert tickets, flowers and designer items to the charity's credit cards, the Post reported.

In addition, the Post reported, two businesses run by the elder Tudon received thousands of dollars most months from the charity for services left unspecified in contracts and most vouchers. Between July 1987 and June 1989, Tudon's firms, TU Enterprises and Capitol Catering, received more than $300,000 from the charity for invoices specifying only "services rendered," the paper said.

The charity also has purchased properties around the city, including a $1 million apartment complex and property next door to the Tudons' home, the paper reported. Some of the property is boarded up and has been refused tax-exempt status because the county appraisal district ruled the properties are not used for charitable purposes, the newspaper reported.

In addition, records from Union Y Progreso Barrio Development show that the charity, which delivers meals to homes, has spent thousands of dollars each month renting vehicles and purchasing gas, car insurance and paying tickets, the Post reported.

Union Y Progreso Barrio Development Inc., with an annual operating budget of about $1.5 million, is supported largely by an annual $1 million donation from The Houston Endowment, a charitable foundation.

This fiscal year Union Y Progreso, which has been getting money for food and elderly programs through the city since 1979, also will receive $580,000 in state and federal money through city-controlled contracts, city records show. The Post reported that the charity feeds senior citizens at El Centro and at six other senior center locations around town and through a meal delivery program.

Police detain twins abandoned at store

HOUSTON (AP) — Two-year-old twin girls abandoned at a convenience store were placed in foster care as authorities continued their investigation Sunday, police said.

A woman who said she was the girls' mother called Harris County Children's Protective Service Sunday morning, and officials there were trying to verify her identity. Other people claiming to be relatives also called, said Judy Hay, Children Protective Services spokeswoman.

Officer R.E. Sisk said the mother has not checked in with police.

"We know who she is and know who (the girls) are," Sisk said, but declined to release their names.

Police will have to talk to the mother before deciding whether to file charges, Sisk said. "We really have to talk to her and determine the exact circumstances," he said.

In order to file child abandonment charges, children must be left unattended and the parent must not have any intention of returning, he said.

"It'll probably be a matter handled by CPS as to what the best welfare is for the children," he said.

Officers from the Houston Police Department's juvenile division picked up the girls Saturday afternoon from a convenience store near Hobby Airport, Sisk said.

A caller told police she had been asked by the girls' mother to watch her children for a short while. The caller said she believed the mother would return shortly, but finally called police after waiting more than four hours at the store.

The mother returned to the store later Saturday, and didn't appear upset when the caller told her the children had been taken into police custody, said Yasmeen Khan, a clerk at the store.

Plan to delay gun sales angers rifle association

DALLAS (AP) — A police department plan to delay sales of firearms has drawn the fire of the Texas State Rifle Association who label the proposal an empty gesture.

The proposal, which would require a 10- to 14-day waiting period on the sale of firearms, is among 11 steps suggested by Police Chief Mack Vines to help eliminate the drug problem in Dallas County.

The measures were laid out in a report sent to the City Council late Friday. The report also recommended more money for drug prevention programs, narcotics investigators and equipment.

The report, however, does not say how much the new efforts would cost or how they would be funded.

David M. Edmondson, executive director of the 25,000-member Texas State Rifle Association — the state affiliate of the National Rifle Association — said the firearms proposal would likely fail.

"There is no sympathy for such a bill in the Legislature," Edmondson told the Dallas Morning News. "Where it has been tried, it has never worked to reduce crime."

Law enforcement officials say the waiting period on the purchase of guns would allow a record check on the buyer before the weapon is delivered.

In 1988, the Dallas City Council endorsed a bill for a similar waiting period, but the measure failed during the last legislative session.

Edmondson said his organization did not spend much time protesting the 1988 City Council resolution because cities cannot regulate the sale, possession or transfer of weapons.

"We have seen this kind of thing requested before, and it is almost always at the request of police associations and union," Edmondson said. "But when we talk to the rank-and-file police officers, the ones who are actually on the street ... they don't agree with the position taken by their own police association or union."

Vines will present the report to the City Council on Wednesday.

Mayor Annette Strauss said Saturday that she would support a waiting period on handgun sales. Strauss sponsored the 1988 resolution.

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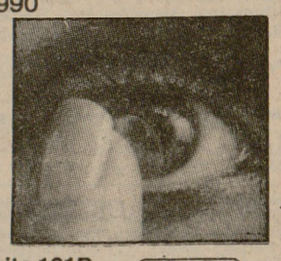
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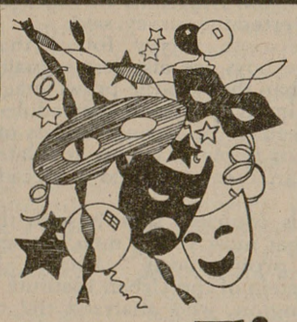
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