

What's Up

Thursday

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS: will have a general discussion from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Call the Center for Drug Prevention and Education at 845-0280 for more information.

BONFIRE RELOAD CREW: applications are available for crew assistant positions in 103 YMCA. Applications are due Saturday.

CLASS OF '92 COUNCIL: applications for committees can be picked up and returned in 216 MSC through Sept 12. Call Jennifer at 847-1057 or Greg at 847-6048 for more information.

AGGIE SUPPORT GROUPS: people with alcoholic parents support group will meet from 8:30 to 10 p.m. in 407 Rudder.

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER: will have a mixer at 8 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Call 846-4701 for more information.

ALPHA KAPPA PSI: will meet chapter members at 7:30 p.m. in 224 MSC. Call Chris at 693-8209 for more information.

CEPHEID VARIABLE: will have a showing of the animated movie "Heavy Metal" at 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. Freshmen get in free with paid fee slip; others, \$2.

RADIO TELEVISION NEWS DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION: will have a general meeting and orientation of new members at 7 p.m. in the reading room of Reed McDonald. Call Kristi Taylor at 846-6486 or Jay Socol at 823-6820 for more information.

AGGIE SISTERS FOR CHRIST: short informational meeting at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder. Call Janel or Hayley at 764-6978 for more information.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a general assembly meeting in 108 Harrington at 7 p.m. to welcome new members. Call Mariu Ballina at 693-2501 for more information.

ASIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION: will have its first meeting from 8:30 to 10 p.m. in 510 Rudder. New members are welcome.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION: will have an informational meeting at 7 p.m. in 158 Blocker.

SOCIETY OF MEXICAN-AMERICAN ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS: will have its first meeting, introduction of officers and discussion of planned activities at 7 p.m. in 102 Zachry. Call Albert Rodriguez at 696-5923 for more information.

STUDY ABROAD OFFICE: will have an information table on study abroad opportunities at 9 a.m.-noon in 1st floor Blocker.

KOREAN AGGIES ASSOCIATION: will have introduction of the club and discussion of activities at 8:30 p.m. in 501 Rudder.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION FOURTH DAY: will have a meeting for all who made an Aggie Awakening at 6:15 p.m. in St Mary's Student Center. Call 846-5717 for more information.

ASSOCIATION OF AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS: will have an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. in 202 Physics/Engineering Building. Call Roger Smith at 845-4179 for more information.

PHI BETA LAMBDA: will have a rush social at 5:30 p.m. at Sundance Club at the College Station Hilton. Call Brett Dietz at 823-6614 for more information.

SMART: will have an informational meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder. Call Teresa Lamm at 847-2133 for more information.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION: will have a general meeting and membership drive at 7 p.m. in 158 Blocker. Call Todd Tomlin at 847-1881 for more information.

MEXICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder. Call Alejandro at 696-0098 for more information.

OUTDOOR SPORT AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND SAILING CLUB: will hold a windsurfing seminar at 7 p.m. in 164 Read. Call Ed Cook at 696-3884 for more information.

KANM STUDENT RADIO: will host a Showtime Comedy Club at 8:30 p.m. at the College Station Hilton.

ACCOUNTING SOCIETY: will have accounting society signups in the lobby of Blocker.

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 publish the name and phone number of the contact only if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities.

\$2M legal battle begins County battles opening of dump

EL PASO (AP) — El Paso County's three-year, \$2 million battle against the state's plans to put a low-level nuclear waste dump in neighboring Hudspeth County moves this week to a courtroom.

El Paso and Hudspeth counties and a handful of Hudspeth County landowners claim that the authority doesn't have the political pull to block it, Gayle Garner, first assistant county attorney, said.

While attorneys make final preparations for a possible two-week trial, the state is drawing up plans for a temporary storage site. State officials think the trial will keep them from meeting a 1993 federal deadline for having a dump set up.

But Lee Matthews, the authority's legal counsel, says El Paso and Hudspeth counties are suffering from the "not-in-my-back-yard syndrome."

After 1993, out-of-state dumps can stop accepting low-level nuclear waste from Texas under federal law. Rick Jacobi, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Authority general manager, doesn't expect to have a dump operating until 1996.

"The reason we ended up in West Texas is because the Legislature in 1985 said we should give preference to state-owned land," he said. "Most state-owned land is in West Texas."

The trial — which begins Thursday before 34th District Judge William Moody — will bring some of the nation's top geological consultants to the El Paso County courtroom.

No other site is under consideration by the authority.

In a lawsuit filed in 1987, El Paso claims the state violated its own standards in selecting the proposed dump site 37 miles east of El Paso, close to Fort Hancock.

The dump would store tons of tools, gloves and other low-level nuclear waste from nuclear power plants, hospitals and university laboratories. The waste would be put in concrete containers and buried.

Attorneys on both sides promise to appeal and expect the case to be finally decided by the Texas Supreme Court.

The real point of contention, attorneys say, is whether radioactive waste can be safely stored.

Health officials promote recycling

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans must get serious about recycling or face being overrun by garbage, the state's chief health officials said Tuesday.

from recycled materials, provided they cost no more than 10 percent more than non-recyclable products. He also called for the elimination of freight structures that make it more expensive to haul recycled products in-state than out-of-state.

Each Texan generates one ton of waste per year, or about 17 million tons, but little is done to handle the accumulation, Health Commissioner Robert Bernstein told a legislative committee studying the state's solid waste problem.

He also called for new laws that would force Texans to recycle everything from Sunday comics to truck tires.

He offered a dozen suggestions for slowing the buildup, including barring Texas cities from dumping lawn clippings in municipal landfills and forcing newspapers to use recycled newsprint.

"I think we have to get serious about (recycling) and push, push, push," Bernstein said. "In the metropolitan areas, there is already a (garbage) crisis and it's not going to get better."

Bernstein said the health department will complete a statewide solid waste plan by 1992, but he said the state Legislature should work to reduce landfill waste by 25 percent in 1994 and 40 percent in 1998.

Only about a dozen, mostly mid-sized Texas cities offer curbside recycling. Austin, with a population of about a half million, has the largest recycling program. Many of the larger cities have only recently initiated pilot programs, said health department planners.

To do that, he suggested requiring state and local governments to purchase products made

from recycled materials, provided they cost no more than 10 percent more than non-recyclable products. He also called for the elimination of freight structures that make it more expensive to haul recycled products in-state than out-of-state.

Expanding the state's landfill capacity is difficult because the federal Environmental Protection Agency's regulations governing landfill construction and operation are stringent and expensive for cities to enforce, said Frank Sturzl, executive director of the Texas Municipal League.

Consequently, many cities are getting out of the garbage business, turning over solid waste to private firms. In the past five years, he said, at least 30 percent of Texas cities that had their own landfills now use ones operated by other entities.

Youth says documented age at conviction is true

DALLAS (AP) — A Vietnamese youth who spent four years in an adult prison insists that a church document showing he was 13 when he was convicted of robbery is "not just some kind of trick."

Dallas County prosecutors have refused to accept Luan's claims — backed by records from government agencies, a private agency and the Catholic Church — that he was only 13 when he was tried.

Luan Van Hoang's 38-year prison sentence was overturned in February by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, which ruled that a felony court had no jurisdiction over a juvenile.

They argued recently that Luan was a "massive con artist" who was 16 at the time of the trial. Their contention was based largely on a 1985 California court ruling and on testimony from forensic experts.

The ruling triggered Luan's transfer from the adult prison in Huntsville to the Lew Sterrett Justice Center in Dallas. He has been imprisoned since 1986.

Luan has been certified as an adult to face the same charges again. He faces a potential life sentence.



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