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# Barney impersonators may be fine

Stores face lawsuits for selling look-alike dinosaur costume

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) -Millions of preschool children may think of Barney as a lovable, purple dinosaur, but for hundreds of costume shops around the nation he may herald extinction.

Apparently Barney, while extremely amicable to small children, doesn't like imitators.

Several hundred costume shops nationwide are being threatened with legal action by the creators of Barney for selling costume look-alikes from a national manufacturer, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today.

Four Tarrant County shops received letters two weeks ago from a San Francisco law firm representing The Lyons Group of Allen seeking settlements ranging from \$7,500 to \$75,000 and the return of all costumes.

Those shops entertaining the idea of not paying Barney his due will be slapped with another lawsuit for twice the amount originally assessed.

Costume shop owners, who usually have much to celebrate at this time of year, are now scrambling to review their options before a Nov. 12 deadline

Fort Worth's Harris Costume is being asked to pay \$75,000 for

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> Susan Elsner Furman The Lyons Group

renting 11 costumes that were sold to the Texas Department of Health for children's promotions.

We haven't profited \$75,000 in total sales in the last 10 years," said Phyllis Doyle, the store's owner.

'Just the lawyers' fees will put you out of business

Susan Elsner Furman, a spokeswoman for The Lyons Group, said the company is protecting Barney's image

Barney was created to be a wholesome, nurturing and loving character for very young children," Furman said. "Children should be able to believe in the integrity of the character. Children place their trust in Barney. We must be able to control the actions of anybody in a Barney costume.

But store owners say the lawsuit will leave them in the same condition as Barney's ancestors.

"Do they realize how many shops they will put out of business?" said LaNita Moore, who coowns Arlington's House of Make Believe with her mother. The shop is being asked to pay \$7,500.

"Will that satisfy them?" Moore said. "Why didn't they just ask for the costume back?

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## ➤ What's Up?

## Thursday

The Learning Skills Center of the Student Counseling Service: There will be a workshop on study survival and learning tactics from 2-3 p.m. in 103 Henderson Hall. For more information call the Student Counseling Service at

Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Aggies: There will be a rap group session and Halloween party with a costume contest from 7-8:15 p.m. in Koldus Governance Room. Food and beverages will be provided. For more information call the Gay Line at 847-0321.

Macintosh Users Group: There will be a general meeting to see and hear the latest from Apple at 7:30 p.m. in 104 Halbouty. There will also be a live Internet connection, software demos, and door prizes. For more information contact the Mac users group URL at http://www-mac.tamu.edu/TAMUG/.

Navigators: There will be a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 110 Koldus. Everyone is welcome For more information, call Rachel at 847-2457 or e-mail r-grasso@tamu.edu.

Baptist Student Ministries: We will be collecting donations for our Nov. 2 yard sale to fund summer mission trips. To help by donating, call

Bryan-College Station Convention & Visitor Bureau: The Third Annual Meeting Planners Showcase will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m at the College Station Conference Center. Learn how to create the perfect meeting, conference or event. Representatives from distinguished conference and meeting planning services will be available for questions. For more information call 260-9898.

Off-Campus Aggies: Off-campus students can at 696-4101 or Tina at 775-7266.

meet for the arrival of Centerpole at 4 p.m. at Bonfire site. For details call Corbin Wickman at

Zeta Tau Alpha: The Sixth Annual Halloween on Sorority Row will be held from 6-9 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to participate in free games and activities.

Haunted House by the Veterinary Class of 2000: Come visit the haunted house on Halloween night from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Vet

Southern Cone Student Association: There will be a symposium on the works of Jorge Luis Borges (Argentinian writer) at 5 p.m. in 225 MSC. For more information contact Professor Eduardo Espina at 845-2125.

International Student Association, Caribbean Student Association and Europe Club: We are having a Halloween party at Third Floor Cantina in downtown Bryan at 8 p.m. There will be door discounts for people in costume. For more information call the ISA at 845-1825.

RHA (Hall-O-Ween): Various on-campus dorms will be open to the public for trick-or-treating at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Meet in front of the MSC. Parking is available at Kyle Field. For more information call the RHA office in the Koldus

Muslim Students Association: The Islam 101 Session on The Islamic Family: Cornerstone of Civilization will begin at 7:30 p.m. in 407 Rudder. All faiths are welcome to join the informal discussion. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Faisal at 260-9764 or email fisalc@cs.tamu.edu.

Aggie Speleological Society: There will be a meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 202 Francis. The topic will be bats. For more information call Dennis Alpha Phi Omega: The Boys Club Ser

Lutheran Student Fellowship: Come j 6 p.m. in the University Lutheran Student Center for the evening's to Church in Russia," and supper. For m mation contact Rev. Richard Manus

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Pagan Student Association: There will cial meeting at 7 p.m. at the Copaset For more information, call Carrie at 2685

Collegiate 4-H: There will be a Hallow cial, costume contest, trick-or-treat for goods, and potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. map on the 4-H bulletin board for the For additional information call Angelati

Alpha Phi Omega: The Kemp Gym sen ject will take place from 6-10 p.m.

Distinguished Visiting Executive Series er Cottrell, chairman and CEO of Proli poration, will be speaking about his and personal success from 10:20:11: in 114 Koldus.

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