

# What's up

**Thursday**  
**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** will meet at 12:15 p.m. Call 845-5826 for the location of the meeting.  
**00501301WRITING OUTREACH:** Celia Ellery will discuss "Punctuation: Accessories to the Word" at 6:30 p.m. in 110 Blocker.  
**SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS:** Gene Zdziarski will discuss time management at 6 p.m. in 105C Zachry.  
**MSC JORDAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS:** will present "International Aid — are we helping or hurting?" at 7:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.  
**THE ASSOCIATION FOR SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT:** will meet at 6 p.m. in 131 Blocker.  
**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM:** will discuss local events at 7 p.m. in 607 Rudder.  
**COMMITTEE FOR THE STUDY OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE:** Dr. Dan Levine will discuss "The Parable of the Watchmaker Revisited: Principles of Neural Network Architecture" at 5 p.m. in 510 Rudder.  
**COLLEGE STATION BIBLE CONFERENCE:** Herman H. Mattox, Th.M., will discuss "Make Christ-Centered Decisions Rather Than Self-Centered Decisions" at 7:30 p.m. at the College Station Community Center, 1300 Jersey St.  
**ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS:** will meet at 6 p.m. in 145 MSC.  
**MSC PAGEANT:** applications are available through Nov. 13 in 216 MSC.  
**ALPHA PHI OMEGA:** will have Prof/Faculty Night Out. Volunteers will babysit for professors and faculty from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in 701 Rudder. They also will pass out "Don't Mess With Texas" bumper stickers and trash bags from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Commons, MSC and all residence halls.  
**STUDENT Y YOUTH FUN DAY:** Applications for coaches and counselors are available through Nov. 6 on the second floor of the Pavilion.  
**Friday**  
**AGGIE PARTNERS FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS:** will begin setting up their haunted house at 3:30 p.m. in the Corps Quadrangle Lounge B. The house will open to the public at 8 p.m.  
**OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES:** will meet for yell practice at 11:30 p.m. at Mt. Aggie.  
**STUDY ABROAD OFFICE:** will have a financial aid information meeting at 2 p.m. in 504 Rudder.  
**UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES:** will have a Bible study at 6:30 p.m. at the A&M Presbyterian Church and a peanut-butter fellowship at 11:30 a.m. at Rudder Fountain.  
**COLLEGE STATION BIBLE CONFERENCE:** Herman H. Mattox, Th.M., will discuss "Fulfill your spiritual destiny" at 7:30 p.m. at the College Station Community Center.

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

# Foster father role for officer causes emotional tangles

**FORT WORTH (AP) —** A mother is fighting attempts to strip her of parental rights over her daughter, who became a policeman's foster child after he investigated claims that the girl was forced into prostitution.

Capt. Jerry Lee Blaisdell led the investigation of James Earl Davis, a former safecracker who was accused of forcing the girl, then 11, into prostitution.

The 1984 case against Davis was dismissed late last year after Blaisdell became the girl's foster father.

Court records indicated that Davis succeeded in convincing prosecutors to spare the girl from the trauma of testimony. The girl's name has been withheld because of her age.

Since the case was dismissed, Shirley Littlejohn, the girl's natural mother, has filed a motion to dismiss the state's lawsuit seeking to terminate her parental rights.

Her motion is scheduled to be heard by a district judge in Tarrant County later this month. She was known in the 1960s as the "Cinderella Bandit" after she left a tell-tale slipper in the lobby of a motel she robbed.

"It was a conflict of interest for him to take her into his home like that because he was the primary investigator on the case," Littlejohn said Monday. "He didn't only jeopardize it, he gave it away."

Blaisdell has spent 21 years with the Fort Worth Police Department and has been praised many times for his dedication, politeness and law enforcement savvy. Colleagues have dubbed him "Captain America" because of his enthusiasm and hard work.

When Blaisdell was investigating the accusations against Davis, Littlejohn signed an agreement temporarily allowing Blaisdell to arrange care for her daughter.

At the time, she said, she was unable to care for the girl and was worried about a pending drug case against her that was later dismissed.

Blaisdell initially placed the girl with another family and then with the Lena Pope Home for Children.

"She continually ran away," Ted Blevins, Lena Pope Home executive director said.

The girl, friends with Blaisdell's daughter, asked to stay at their home and quickly became a member of the family.

"She became our daughter," Blaisdell said. "It's not something that happened overnight."

At Blaisdell's home, the girl completed her first year of school and excelled in sports. She began to refer to Blaisdell as "daddy."

The Blaisdells became licensed foster parents in 1984 and the girl

stayed with the family until spring 1985, when she went to live with her mother. By the summer of 1985, she wanted to return to Blaisdell's home.

Littlejohn, meanwhile, was arrested on firearms violations and sent to the Federal Correctional Institution in Fort Worth for a five-year sentence. That's when child welfare workers began trying to terminate Littlejohn's parental rights, court records show.

The girl was sent back to the Lena Pope Home, which returned her to the Blaisdells.

Blaisdell and his wife began having marital problems. Carol Blaisdell eventually moved out, but indicated she would return to their home to help care for the girl, Blaisdell said.

Mrs. Blaisdell said the couple was afraid of moving the girl because she was just becoming settled.

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 — Shirley Littlejohn, child's natural mother

# Ballistic tests to determine gun used in killing

**MIDLOTHIAN (AP) —** Ballistic tests should determine if the gun used to kill an undercover police officer belonged to a Dallas officer whose son is charged with capital murder in the case, authorities said Wednesday.

George William Raffield Jr. was a narcotics officer posing as a student at Midlothian High School when he was shot to death Friday. Richard Goeglein, 17, and a 16-year-old suspect are being held on capital murder charges.

Sources told the Dallas Times Herald that authorities suspect a .38-caliber pistol owned by the 16-year-old's father was used in the slaying.

Ballistic-test results will be sent to the Ellis County Sheriff's office, Chief Deputy James Ledbetter said. He said he did not know when they would be sent.

Meanwhile, Goeglein's father said his son may have been in the area of the shooting, but that the youth told his mother he did not pull the trigger.

"He said he just wanted to run and to get out of there," the elder Goeglein said. "But he is new here, and he didn't know where to run."

Raffield's body was found Saturday with two bullet wounds, lying face down beside his truck in a field. He was buried Tuesday in Waxahachie, where fellow officers, family and friends gathered for the service.

"I don't know what happened that night... I don't know what he... is guilty of," the elder Goeglein told the Dallas Morning News. "The boy was there, and he may well be an accomplice, but he didn't kill anybody."

Dallas lawyer Brad Lollar said Goeglein gave Midlothian police a statement Saturday night in which he accused the juvenile of killing the officer.

Lollar said he was asked by Goeglein's mother to counsel him on his legal rights until an attorney is appointed to represent him.

"He (Goeglein) said the first time he met the officer was Friday night. He said he had seen him in the hall at school but had never met him...."

The statement that he gave implicates him to some degree, but clearly delineates that he was not the gunman," Lollar said.

The family moved to Midlothian in August from Arizona.

Acquaintances of the two boys say they were troubled youths, and some said the Goeglein was involved in devil worshiping.

"He likes to prick his finger and draw pentagrams and write words like 'slayer' in blood," said Michele Karr, a Midlothian High School junior. "He told us that in his devil-worshiping group he went by the name of Richard Dark."

Goeglein's mother, however, called her son "a good boy."

# Houston mayor foresees easy victory in race

**HOUSTON (AP) —** Mayor Kathy Whitmire seems to be coasting to an easy fourth win, despite Houston's depressed oil-driven economy in some sectors might be reason for an over-optimistic City Hall.

Whitmire faces no strong opposition from six known and under-funded candidates rounded up in the non-partisan election Tuesday.

While the (economic) environment might be a challenge, there just wasn't a candidate, says David Hill, a Houston political writer.

The mayor's opponents include Richard Dimond, Shelby B. Oringderff, Bill Anderson, Mary J. Pritchard, Glenn Edward Arnett

Jr. and Don W. Geil. None has raised much in campaign contributions, financial disclosure records show.

"It's hard to raise money in this economy," Dimond says.

Anderson agrees campaign money has been difficult to find.

Both say they have been campaigning at civic and church functions and trying to get support from minority groups.


"I'm going after it full blast and trying to make a runoff," Anderson says. Analysts, however, doubt one will occur.

Unlike two years ago, this mayoral race seems destined to remain low-key.

In 1985, former Mayor Louie Welch heated up a humdrum campaign against Whitmire by inadvertently making a wisecrack over a live television microphone that one way to halt the spread of the deadly disease AIDS was to "shoot the queers."

The gay community was enraged. And Welch, who had held the city's top job for 10 years before retiring in 1974, had to don a bulletproof vest after getting death threats.

Whitmire, who subsequently defeated Welch by a 3-2 margin, says she always is concerned about an election, but acknowledges this campaign has been easier.



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