

## What's Up

### Thursday

**STUDY ABROAD OFFICE:** will have an informational meeting on Fulbright Grants and Marshall Scholarships at 10 a.m. in 251 Bizzell Hall West. For more information contact Cathy Schutt at 845-0544.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. For more information contact the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280.

**ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS:** will meet at 6 p.m. For more information contact the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** will meet at noon. For more information contact the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280.

### Friday

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## Richards says incompetence cost state \$6 million

AUSTIN (AP) — Incompetence in the Texas Department of Commerce forced the state to return at least \$6 million in job training funds that now will go to other states, Treasurer Ann Richards charged Wednesday.

"The result is going to be that more than 4,000 unemployed Texans will suffer, not the bureaucrats in Austin who are responsible for this travesty," she said.

Richards, who is seeking the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, blamed management of the new department that was created at Gov. Bill Clement's urging. But she said a governor cannot escape the blame. "I don't think Gov. Clements or any governor has time to actually direct the day-to-day activities of an agency," she said. "I do think that the chief executive officer of this state should make certain that the people who are responsible to that officer are doing the job."

Clements, a Republican, rejected Richards' criticism as the rhetoric of a political candidate and little more. "Under the circumstances of her running for office, she's prone to say

some things that are perhaps not exactly true," Clements said. "She might be better advised to tend to her business in her own department."

Clements said he was satisfied with the department's management.

The money returned had been included in federal funds given to the state by the U.S. Department of Labor. Under federal regulations, the state loses 70 percent of unspent funds under the Job Training Partnership Act.

Money from the federal program goes to "dislocated" workers, including those who have been laid off, farmers, the long-term unemployed and those who lost jobs through plant closings. The program is designed to provide training and education for new jobs, relocation and other benefits for the unemployed, Richards said.

But because the Texas Department of Commerce left \$9 million of that money unspent last year, \$6 million of it now is going to other states, she said.

"The money is going to be spent to train jobless men and women in

Maine and Wyoming," she said. "They probably need job training, but not any more than our own 500,000 Texans who are now out of work."

The failure to train those additional workers also means additional unemployment taxes for business to cover benefits to the jobless, she said. "So we have now sent back \$6 mil-

lion to Washington and now Texas businesses to do it," she said. "I think it's incompetence."

J. William Lauderback, executive director of the commerce department, wasn't in his office Wednesday to respond to Richards' criticism, secretary said. A department spokesman was in a meeting and immediately available, the office said.

## In Advance

### Juvenile Services to host Satanism workshop

"Cults, Witchcraft and Satanism" is the topic of a workshop sponsored by the Brazos County Juvenile Services Department from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Brazos Center on July 19.

The guest speaker is Lou Sloat, director of the Texas Ritualistic Crime Information Network. He will give an overview on topics including:

- Cults, witchcraft and Satanism.
- The Dabblers/Satanists —

What do their symbols mean? Heavy metal rock music and its effects on teen-agers.

• Profiles of susceptible people: symptoms, how to help where to go for help.

• Fantasy role-playing games. A \$5 registration fee includes reference materials and literature. A four-hour training certificate will be awarded to participants.

For more information contact Irma Cauley at 361-4195.

### A&M fire school gears up for conference

The Texas Firemen's Training School at Texas A&M, the largest firefighter school in the world, will begin its 60th annual conference July 23. Registration begins Sunday July 16.

Chief Tom Foster, assistant division head of fire protection and training, said the firefighter's school is designed to teach firefighters techniques that will improve their firefighting skills.

The conference is sponsored by the state Fireman's and Fire Marshal's Association and the

Texas Engineering Extension Service. The conference will concentrate on industrial and municipal firefighting techniques.

"Firefighters from the United States and abroad are expected to attend the three-week conference," Foster said. "We are expecting more than 4,000 firefighters total."

Three different sessions will be offered which will teach firefighters how to spot and work with hazardous materials while fighting a fire.

## House, Senate OK bill to repeal confidentiality law

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Legislature sent the governor a bill Wednesday to repeal a new law allowing police to withhold the names of felony crime victims.

The repeal was approved by the House with a 134-0 vote after it was amended to protect certain crime victims from being contacted by companies soliciting business, such as those selling home security systems.

The Senate concurred with the House amendment, 27-0, and sent the bill to Gov. Bill Clements for his consideration. Rossanna Salazar, deputy press secretary to the governor, said Clements would sign the measure.

News organizations decried the confidentiality

law after a number of law enforcement agencies began withholding information they previously had made public. The law was passed in the regular session that ended May 29.

Some agencies withheld information on missing children and accident victims, George Irish, *San Antonio Light* publisher, said in testimony this week to a House committee. Irish represented Texas Media, a first amendment and freedom-of-information coalition of seven Texas news media organizations, in urging repeal of the new law.

Rep. Fred Blair, who sponsored the confidentiality law and the bill repealing it, said the original measure "was being broadly applied to acci-

dent victims, DWIs, missing children — all the kinds of things that we want to provide information on."

"So we repealed it, and we're going to take a look at it in the future," Blair, D-Dallas said. Sen. John Leedom, R-Dallas, was the Senate sponsor of both measures.

Blair said the bill sent to the governor accomplishes "about half" of what he wants in order to protect crime victims, but that he wanted "an ample opportunity for full discussion."

The bill, in addition to the repeal, would prohibit using crime victim information obtained from law enforcement agencies to solicit business from the victim or a family member of the victim.



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