What's Up

Wednesday

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK ACCOUNTANTS: will have a meeting at 8 p.m. in 302 Rudder. Call Tawanda at 847-5478 for more information.

PLACEMENT CENTER: will have a Government Career Fair in 225 MSC. Come as you are and bring resumes. Call 845-5139 for more information.

GLSS AWARENESS WEEK: will have a film at 2 p.m. Call 847-0321 for more information.

AGGIE DEMOCRATS: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 510 Rudder. Call 693-7345 for more information.

TAMU SAILING TEAM: will meet at 8 a.m. in 104 Zachry.

RHA GENERAL ASSEMBLY: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

A&M CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 102 Zachry.

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

EUROPE CLUB: will meet at 10:30 p.m. at Sneakers.

STUDENTS AGAINST APARTHEID: will have a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at 8:30 p.m. in 305 Rudder. Call 846-3225 for more information.

AGGIE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: will have officer elections at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder. Call Brenda at 693-3973 for more information.

AGGIES FOR DIABETES AWARENESS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 119C Zachry. Call Cindy at 823-1145 for more information.

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

ALPHA EPSILON DELTA: will have a general meeting at 6 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

TAMU CANCER SOCIETY: will have a general meeting to talk about upcoming fund-raisers at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder. Call Geetha at 696-7366 for more information.

AGGIES FOR THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS: will meet at 7:30 p.m in 133 Animal Industries. Call 696-4486 for more information.

MSC COMMITTEE FOR AWARENESS OF MEXICAN-AMERICAN CULTURE: will have a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder. Contact Mike at 847-1772 for more information.

ISA DISCUSSION SERIES: will have a group discussion "Understanding U.S.A. in Relationship to the Outside World" at 7 p.m. in 230 MSC. Call 845-5982 or 846-2757 for more information.

A&M HILLEL: will have a mystery dinner and Shabbat Services at 6 p.m. in the Hillel Jewish Student Center. Call 847-7680 for more information.

Thursday

MSC POLITICAL FORUM: will discuss the changes in South Africa from the perspective of the African National Congress at 7 p.m. in 100 Heldenfels. Call 845-1515 for more information.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT: will have an open forum to discuss issues concerning international students at 6 p.m. in 407 A&B Rudder. Contact Phillip at 847-1762 or Zach at 846-6675 or Miguel at 693-0692 for more information.

PHI BETA CHI: will have a mid-semester rush and Bible study at 7 p.m. in University Lutheran Chapel. Contact Jennifer at 847-0815 for more information.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS: will have a general discussion at 6 p.m. Call C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.

RADIO TELEVISION NEWS DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION: will have a guest speaker for general meeting at 6 p.m. in 015 RDMC. Contact Kristi at 846-6486 for more information.

SOCIETY OF FLIGHT TEST ENGINEERS: test pilot McElmurray will show a film on NASA test flights at 7 p.m. in 131 Engineering & Sciences Bldg. Contact Scott at 696-4010 for more information.

MANAGEMENT SOCIETY: will have happy hour and volleyball at 8 p.m. at Sneakers. Contact Karl at 764-2184 for more information.

PRE-MED/PRE-DENT SOCIETY: will have a meeting at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder. Contact Tammy at 846-1243 for more information.

GLSS AWARENESS WEEK: will show "Before Stonewall" at 11 a.m., "Desert Hearts" at 2 p.m. and "The Times of Harvey Milk" at 8:15 p.m. Call 847-0321 for more information.

INDIA ASSOCIATION: will have a general meeting and elections and discuss the Variety Show at 7:30 p.m. in 102 Blocker. Contact Sudhir at 846-6744 for more information.

MEXICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have an annual report and elections at 7 p.m. in 502 Rudder. Call 847-5900 for more information.

NAVAL AVIATION SOCIETY: will have an Aeronautical Navigation class at 7 p.m. in 108 Trigon. Contact Jay at 847-3693 for more information.

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES: applications for the Ed Guthrie Adviser Award are being accepted. Deadline is April 20.

UNITED STATES STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION: will have a general club meeting and officer elections at 7 p.m. in Bizzell Hall West Basement. Contact Alan at 847-1878 for more information.

TAMU SYMPHONIC BAND: will play classical works at 8 p.m. in Rudder. Contact Brent at 693-0195 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.

In Advance

Students Against Apartheid honor MLK

Students Against Apartheid will dedicate its Wednesday meeting to the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who was gunned down on a Memphis motel balcony 22 years ago today.

The group plans to show part of a PBS series about King, "Eyes on the Prize."

The meeting will be held at **8:30 p.m. in 305 Rudder.**

Residents request change of precinct numbered 666

HOUSTON (AP) — Residents of a suburban neighborhood have asked the Harris County commissioner's court to renumber voting Precinct 666 because many view the number as symbolic of the Antichrist of the Bible.

Commissioner's court planned to consider a resolution Tuesday night to change the precinct number in Deer Park.

"Deer Park is a fairly conservative, religious community, and it's just a stigma they don't want," said Harvey Petree, a Deer Park city councilman who lives in the precinct.

Petree said he has fielded a dozen or so complaints from residents who find the number 666 offensive. Some residents have said they would not vote if the number is not changed, he said.

The number 666 is the sign of the beast in the New Testament book of the Revelation. The beast in those passages of Scripture symbolizes the Antichrist, the final opponent of Christ.

"I don't believe it should be the intention of elected city and county officials to discourage voting, and that's the effect (the precinct number) has had," he said.

Petree said Democrats and Republicans already have passed similar resolutions in their respective State Senate District 11 conventions.

Deer Park Mayor Jimmy Burke said the problem arose last year when population levels forced county commissioners to realign several precincts.

Precinct 666 was established Jan. 1 with about 1,500 residents who once lived in Precinct 470.

But Harris County Clerk Anita Rodeheaver doubts the number can be changed since all new precincts are part of a continuous series.

"A public hearing on the new precincts was held last year, and the law says you can only change numbers during certain times of the year, and this isn't one of them," she said.

The county clerk said she never heard of a precinct being renumbered simply because people didn't like the number.

Jury declines to indict former police officer

HOUSTON (AP) — A Harris County grand jury Tuesday declined to indict a former police officer who fatally shot an off-duty security guard after he stopped the man on a traffic violation.

Grand jurors deliberated 1½ hours before they no-billed Scott M. Tschirhart in the Nov. 5 shooting of Byron Gillum. The jury had finished hearing testimony from the last of 31 witnesses in the 3½-week hearing Tuesday morning.

"The case was presented to us — the 12 people that were in that jury room," said Jim Overpriller, a member of the 182nd District Court grand jury. "We heard the facts that the rest of the city and the rest of the county does not know. We know what the facts were and we voted our conscience."

Tschirhart, who is white, told police department investigators he stopped Gillum, who was black, for speeding near the University of Houston. The officer said he opened fire when Gillum allegedly reached for a .357-caliber Magnum revolver on his car seat.

An autopsy showed Gillum, 24, received six gunshot wounds, including four in the back.

Tschirhart, 27, was fired from the police department, but he has appealed his dismissal. The shooting was the third black civilian killed by Tschirhart in his seven years on the force, records show. He was not indicted in the other two shootings.

Police Chief Elizabeth Watson said a civil service arbitrator will review Tschirhart's case before he can be reinstated to the department. Watson said she wouldn't decide whether to rehire the officer.

"It wouldn't be fair for me to render a decision," she said. "It would be influential to the arbitrators for me to make a statement one way or the other."

Watson urged officers and community groups not to assume the justice system had failed.

"I would only urge our citizenry and our officers to try to keep perspective and to understand that there is a great deal about which they cannot know and about which I cannot tell them — and to let this issue run its course," she said.

Prosecutor Don Smyth said the grand jury apparently believed that Tschirhart shot Gillum because he "reasonably believed" the security guard was a threat to him. He said at least one witness discounted what others told reporters about the shooting.

State Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, said he was shocked by the grand jury's action.

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"It's basically a problem of abject, absolute, incontroverted racism," Wilson said in Austin. "I think if Tschirhart had been Hispanic or black, he would have been indicted."

Wilson and members of the Ida Lee Delaney Justice Committee have asked for another grand jury investigation of Gillum's death. Committee members met at Shape Community Center across the street from Gillum's home Tuesday night.

Wilson and the committee also want an independent prosecutor assigned to the case and have sought a federal justice department investigation of the incident.

"Nothing to this point surprises me," Deloyd Parker, director of Shape, said. "That's why we are firmly sold for the need for a civilian review board in the city because the system is not working."

Wilson said a letter by former Police Chief Lee Brown to the Houston Firefighters and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission concerning Tschirhart's suspension from the force shows that the officer killed Gillum "basically in cold blood."

Senators grill state health officials

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas senators grilled Department of Human Services officials Tuesday on the agency's projected $550 million two-year deficit and how they intend to solve it.

Lawmakers faulted DHS board chairman Rob Mosbacher for supporting a plan to borrow $32 million from 1991 appropriations to pay for the state's portion of the 1990 shortfall.

"What you want to move from 1991 is an impossibility, because we're broke," said Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston. "Where are the dollars that you could put your hands on and spend them?"

Mosbacher said the $32 million, plus $178 million more needed by the state to meet the DHS's budget in 1991, can be obtained by increasing the amount of federal dollars leveraged by the state.

The remainder of the $550 million budget deficit is in federal matching funds.

Gov. Bill Clements has said he would add such a measure to the agenda of the current special session, according to the governor's spokeswoman. Rossanna Salazar.

Sen. Kent Caperton, D-Bryan, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said Mosbacher's proposal could worsen the budget crisis.

"To suggest that we're going to solve the shortfall problem by somehow magically capturing these federal dollars is naive at best, and probably worse," Caperton said. "We shouldn't perpetrate that kind of fraud upon the people whom we represent."

Senators also said they were confused by last week's downward revision of the projected deficit from a January estimate of $851 million to $550 million.

Mosbacher said the reduction had come from lower than expected medical services and fewer pregnant women and children using services.

The remarks were made at a politically charged joint meeting of the Senate Finance and Health and Human Services committees called to allow Mosbacher and DHS Commissioner Ron Lindsey to explain the budget status.

Mosbacher is the Republican candidate for lieutenant governor. His Democratic opponent, State Comptroller Bob Bullock, has been highly critical of Mosbacher's handling of the budget crisis.

Mosbacher said the budget problems had created a "political firestorm."

"The issue here is not (the) campaign ... but whether or not we can find solutions to a problem so that thousands of needy Texans will endure no reduction in services provided to them," he said.

Also during the meeting, officials from the departments of Health and Mental Health and Mental Retardation testified that together they need more than $84 million in new state funding over the next two years.

That brings the total needed from the state to nearly $300 million in new appropriations for 1990 and 1991, Caperton said.

Members of the Texas State Employees Union who work in human services called for state leaders to institute personal and corporate income taxes to avoid cutting services.

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