

## Contest invented to monitor shrimp

Gulf shrimpers may be seeing something a bit unusual in their nets for the next few months. Attached to some of the brown shrimp will be either orange, blue or black ribbons which when returned to the proper authorities could mean \$500 from the shrimper.

The shrimp is tagged through its body and the ribbon has a number printed.

It's all part of a year-long shrimp-contest underway on the Texas Gulf Coast by several state and federal agencies to monitor shrimp movements.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is tagging 100,000 brown shrimp for release along Texas, Louisiana and Mexico coasts over a six-month period, said Dr. Wallace Klusman, extension sea-grant program leader at Texas A&M University. The first tagged shrimp were released in May.

Klusman says the project is a cooperative effort between NMFS, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Marine Advisory Program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, with funding through the Texas A&M Research Foundation.

Knowing the movement of shrimp populations is extremely important in the face of extended jurisdictions of the 200-mile fishing limit by the United States, Mexico and other countries," said the program leader. "However, tagging the shrimp is only one-half of the operation," he said.

No information can be gained unless numbers of the tagged shrimp are returned," said Mike Carrack, chief of shrimp research for the Galveston NMFS lab. "As an incentive for shrimpers to return tagged specimens, prizes are being awarded for the lucky numbered shrimp.

The Texas A&M Marine Advisory Program, a sea-grant activity, is handling the contest publicity, details and collection of the tagged shrimp. County extension marine agents located in major shrimping areas along the coast are collecting the numbered ribbons.

Nine different sets of prizes will

## Citizens start petitions that recall mayor

United Press International  
ROUND ROCK — Seven citizens Tuesday initiated petitions to recall Mayor Ray Litton and Mayor pro-tem Robert Griffith because they refused to vote to suspend issuance of building permits in the city.

Residents of Round Rock, a rapidly growing bedroom community 15 miles north of Austin, have been short of water during the summer and the city council Monday banned watering of all outside vegetation for at least 60 days.

A motion to halt issuance of building permits until the water problem resolved failed on a 4-3 vote.

The citizens wrote the city secretary officially requesting petitions for the recall. They must gather at least 250 signatures in the next 45 days to call the first recall election in the city's history.

## New police chief stresses crime prevention

Texas A&M University's new police chief John "Russ" McDonald plans to step up the campus crime prevention program this school year.

McDonald, 47, who was named chief of the University police force last week, replaces O.L. Luther who died in early June. McDonald served as acting police chief until his appointment as chief by President Jarvis Miller.

Thefts are the biggest problem on campus right now, McDonald said. He plans to have his men make periodic checks on the locks used in the campus buildings. He also intends to study the procedure of issuing keys.

"We have stepped up our inspections of buildings both day and night to prevent burglaries or thefts," McDonald said.

McDonald went to a crime prevention school in March and said he intends to send as many of his officers there as possible.

"Every school I can get one of my officers in without sacrificing our mission here I will," McDonald said.

McDonald also plans to give talks to organizations on campus to tell them how to keep dorm rooms and apartments more secure.

Another area on which McDonald intends to concentrate is reduction of vehicle accidents. He is presently conducting a study on the number

and types of accidents on campus and hopes to find ways to prevent them.

He said that there have been 277 accidents on campus to date this school year and that the major cause has been failure to yield right of way.

"I have instructed my officers to especially be on the lookout for this violation so that we can keep it under control," he said.

McDonald, who has been with the A&M police force for three years, says he has watched traffic

violations grow with the rising student population. He especially noted an increase in parking violations and said that 100 to 150 tickets are issued each day.

McDonald came to the police force in October 1975 and was named a sergeant in August 1976.

Although his work on the A&M force is the only experience he has had in law enforcement, McDonald says his Army training has helped him in this job. He said the chains of command in the two organizations are similar.



John McDonald

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