

Illegal parkers beware

# Police issuing tickets

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A word of warning to those students who have made it so far without getting a parking sticker or a parking ticket — the free ride is over.

As of Monday, tickets are being issued for illegal parking in student parking areas, although the emphasis will remain on staff parking lots, said Thomas Parsons, director of security and traffic with the University Police.

The Texas A&M University Motor Vehicle Regulations state that all vehicles must be registered within 48 hours after arrival on campus. However, during the first week of classes, the University Police did not write out tickets for cars parked in student lots without displaying the proper sticker, Parsons said.

Not only are tickets being issued, but now the fine costs more.

An increase in ticket fees took effect Sept. 1, raising the fine for a parking violation from \$5 to \$10 and a

moving violation from \$10 to \$20. Parsons said he opposes the fee increase. The increase was a recommendation of the University Traffic Panel and not the Police Department, he added.

"We get all the flack," he said, referring to the complaints received from people who come to the Police Department to pay tickets.

Parsons suggested that the panel's reason for the rate increase was to deter parking illegally since a doubled fine "hurts twice as bad."

The money raised from tickets and parking permits goes into a Parking Reserve Account which is used to pay for further construction of parking lots, Parsons said. Approximately \$660,000 from that account were used to construct 511 additional parking spaces at Kyle Field, he said.

Parsons said that 40 percent of his operating budget also comes from that money, while 60 percent comes from state appropriations.

A free shuttle bus service between campus and the all-permits parking

lots west of Wellborn Road is operated out of the Parking Reserve funds as well. Although the shuttle bus runs about every 10 minutes, it is fairly empty, Parsons said, since only 50 to 100 cars park in those lots, although they have 801 available spaces.

"It's hard to justify additional parking when there is parking not being used," he said.

Meanwhile, other parking lots are overflowing.

Parsons said Lot 50 next to Zachry Engineering Building is "the biggest mess that we have."

"People are parking all over the grass out there."

The staff and dorm lots are also full most of the time, he said.

Parsons expressed frustration at the loss of Lot 23 behind Aston Hall to the construction of a modular dorm.

"We keep adding to our population and where do we add it — in our parking lots," he said.

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# Tropical storm brings new flooding in the Hill Country

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KERRVILLE — Waters from day-long rains triggered by tropical storm Danielle glugged creeks and rivers in the Hill Country Monday.

The rains, which fell steadily for 24 hours beginning Saturday, measured more than 10 inches in some areas and averaged between 5 and 8 inches across much of the Hill Country.

Volunteer firefighters evacuated 25 families from their homes along Parker Creek in D'Hanis in western Medina County as the creek left its banks.

The Guadalupe and Medina rivers reached flood stage Sunday, but earth dried by the extended summer drought soaked up acres of water and the rivers had receded by early Monday.

But there was concern that more rain might heighten the threat of flooding.

Though the southern half of the state has been soaked by rains produced by Hurricane Allen and then tropical storm Danielle, the northern half is still locked in the drought. National Weather Service forecasters said 0.8 inches of rain fell at the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport Sunday.

"As tropical storms move inland,"

a spokesman said, "they lose wind speed and some other characteristics, but Danielle will maintain its moisture another day or so."

Several low-water crossings in Kerr, Bandera and Kendall counties were closed Sunday after an afternoon deluge sent creeks on the rampage. No injuries or major property damage were reported. San Antonio, to the south, received rains ranging from 0.75 of an inch to 1 1/2 inches.



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### PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 35 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the Legislature to permit banks to establish and operate unmanned teller machines within the county or city where the banks are located and to share the use of teller machines on a basis consistent with anti-trust laws, if it finds such operation will serve the convenience of the public. The Legislature has already passed enabling legislation (H.B. 1510) for this proposed amendment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment permitting the legislature to authorize banks to use unmanned teller machines within the county or the city of their domicile on a shared basis to serve the public convenience."

stitutional requirement that the county commissioners court sit as a board of equalization would be eliminated, and elected officials of the county or governing body of the taxing unit would be prohibited from serving as members of the board of equalization.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment requiring a single appraisal and a single board of equalization within each county for ad valorem tax purposes."

### PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 18 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Legislature to authorize the conduct of bingo games by certain specified groups for charitable purposes, subject to the limitations that operation of the games must be approved in local option elections and that all proceeds must be spent in Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize bingo games on a local option election basis if the games are conducted by a church, synagogue, religious society, volunteer fire department, nonprofit veterans organization, fraternal organization, or nonprofit organization supporting medical research or treatment programs and if the proceeds are to be spent in Texas for charitable purposes of the organizations."

### PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 97 proposes a constitutional amendment that would grant the State and the accused the right to an interlocutory appeal from the following trial court rulings in criminal cases: pretrial rulings on the constitutionality of a statute; on a motion to quash, dismiss, or set aside an indictment; and on a motion to suppress evidence.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing appeal of certain pretrial rulings of a trial court in a criminal case by either the state or the accused."

### PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 98 proposes a constitutional amendment that would require a single appraisal of all property subject to ad valorem taxation and would provide for a single board of equalization within each county. The con-

proval of a budget execution committee that would be composed of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to grant the governor power to exercise fiscal control over the expenditure of appropriated funds as provided by law."

### PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 8 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Governor who appointed a previously confirmed official to remove that official from office subject to the advice and consent of the Senate; and if the Legislature is not in session, to call a special session of the Senate which may last no longer than 2 days for consideration of the removal.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the governor to remove appointed officers with the advice and consent of the senate."

### PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 121 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize counties with a population of 5000 or less to construct and maintain private roads if they impose a reasonable charge for the work. The Legislature by general law may limit this authority. Revenue received from private road work may be used only for the construction, including right-of-way acquisition, or maintenance of public roads.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing counties with a population of 5000 or less to perform private road work."

### PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 36 proposes a constitutional

amendment that would change the jurisdiction and authority of the State's appellate courts. The amendment would change the name of the Courts of Civil Appeals to Courts of Appeal and provide that these courts have intermediate appellate jurisdiction over both criminal and civil cases. The amendment would change titles for the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court to Justices and would require members of the Supreme Court to be attorneys licensed in this state while holding office.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to change the name of the Courts of Civil Appeals and the names and qualifications of the justices of the Supreme Court and to prescribe the jurisdiction and authority of the appellate courts."

### PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 54 proposes a constitutional amendment which defines separate property owned by either spouse as all property, both real and personal, of a spouse owned or claimed before marriage, and that acquired afterward by gift, devise or descent. Persons about to marry and spouses, without the intent to defraud pre-existing creditors, may by written instrument from time to time partition between themselves all or part of their property. Spouses may exchange a community interest in property owned or to be acquired for a community interest in other community property. The amendment would allow spouses to agree in writing that income or property arising from any separate property is to be separate property rather than as community property as it would be in the absence of an agreement. The amendment proposes that a gift from one spouse to another is presumed to include all income or property deriving from such gift.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment allowing spouses to agree that income or property arising from separate property is to be separate property."

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