

Bryan welcomes first city marshal

Caddell to issue warrants for overdue traffic violation fines



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Roger Caddell, Bryan's first city marshal, bears his latest badge.

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The Bryan City Council hired a city marshal this month to help eliminate the backlog of more than 7,000 arrest warrants, many of which are for students of Texas A&M University.

Roger Caddell was sworn in June 1 as Bryan's first city marshal and will issue warrants for individuals who have not paid fines for Class C misdemeanors dating back to 1983.

Class C misdemeanors are crimes such as traffic violations or city ordinance violations.

When tickets for Class C misdemeanors are issued, people receiving tickets have until a certain date to pay the ticket or take some other form of action. If people do not take action by that date, warrants are issued for their arrests.

"I was hired to try to take care of these outstanding warrants," Caddell said. "This many warrants is going to keep me really busy."

Caddell will notify people about their arrest warrants and encourage them to pay the fines by a certain time. If the fine is not paid, he will arrest them.

"Instead of putting people in jail, we prefer to arrange for them to pay their fines," he said. "Arresting people is the final thing we want to do."

Caddell said that most people don't re-

member about the ticket or assume they had taken care of it.

"Mostly, people have forgotten about the ticket or have forgotten to take defensive driving," he said. "Occasionally, there are people who just will not pay the tickets, and those are the ones we have to arrest."

Mary Galloway, Bryan city secretary, said if people know that they have outstanding tickets, they should take care of them soon.

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of time- and space-consuming paperwork. Galloway said Caddell's work will bring money into the city as well.

A conservative estimate of the 11 years' worth of fines is \$2 million, she said.

"That's a lot of money," she said. "Caddell will more than pay for his salary."

After the state receives its share of the fine money, the remainder will be put into the city's general fund.

Caddell said he will be working with juveniles and plans to talk to driver's education classes about actions people need to take when they are issued a ticket.

"We want to help the juveniles know the laws," he said, "and let them know what they have to do with a violation."

Juveniles who are issued tickets have the option of doing community service instead of paying a fine. Caddell said he will be monitoring this community service to make sure it is done.

Caddell, 41, has been in law enforcement for about 15 years. He started as a jailer for the Tarrant County Sheriff Department. He received his peace officer training from the Texas A&M University Extension Service in Arlington and was a patrol officer in Lacy Lakeview, outside of Waco.

He was also the deputy city marshal in North Richland Hills, northeast of Fort Worth.

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Bryan Police Sergeant Christopher Jadowski, said Caddell's work will give the police department more time to deal with other crimes.

"Someone whose main job is to issue these warrants will ease our work load in that area and free us up to take care of more pressing issues," he said.

Galloway said that eliminating these outstanding warrants will make the city more efficient by clearing out a great deal

Shamrock in Laredo by her father.

She is the first instant millionaire in the state's 2nd birthday instant game lottery. After taxes are deducted, she will receive the entire \$720,000 at one time, not in installments.

Campus water safe, free from pollution

Texas A&M University's water supply has officially been deemed safe from contaminants by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

The commission, the state agency responsible for regulating and protecting public drinking water, conducts annual inspections and supervises routine testing of water supplies.

A new program also has been initiated to test the underground sources of drinking water to ensure that they are sufficiently protected from contaminants.

The campus drinking water supply originates in a well field north of Texas A&M's Riverside campus, which contains two well sites, each of which was tested for any potential harmful pollution.

As a result of the water supply's safety, the water system will not have to pay for testing for the 1993-96 period, saving thousands of dollars in unnecessary sampling costs, commission officials note. However, campus authorities say they will continue to conduct monthly tests to further ensure safety.

A&M chemistry prof joins Royal Society

Dr. F. Albert Cotton received his second major honor within two weeks on Thursday, when he was voted into membership in the Royal Society of London.

Cotton, distinguished professor of chemistry, was named recipient of the prestigious Robert H. Welch award in Chemistry on June 1. He shares the award with Dr. Jack Halpern of the University of Chicago.

The Royal Society, founded in 1660, is dedicated to the promotion of the natural sciences. Its membership includes internationally recognized scholars.

He is known for his research on multiple bonds between molecules.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

CS voices support for events center

The College Station City Council approved Thursday the purchase of 18 lots of land to be used for a parking lot near Wolf Pen Creek.

The \$189,000 purchase for the land off of Colgate Avenue was approved to be financed by the Hotel/Motel tax fund.

Ron Fulton, president of the Brazos Valley Hotel/Motel Association, argued that the fund should not be used.

The Hotel/Motel tax fund states

that revenue from the hotel/motel tax may be used only to promote tourism and allows it to be used for improvements on "convention center facilities."

The fund allows civic centers, auditoriums, exhibition halls and coliseums to be considered "convention center facilities."

Fulton argued that the Wolf Pen Creek amphitheater is not a convention center and therefore the funds for the parking lot cannot legally be taken from the hotel/motel tax fund.

Mary Margaret Sexton, junior city attorney, said an amphitheater is an outdoor auditorium and falls under the fund's use for convention center improvements.

The Council also unanimously approved a resolution supporting Texas

A&M University's Board of Regents' efforts to request a special events center.

College Station City Council has no financial obligation to assist the Board of Regents with the convention center, Ringer said.

A&M senior wins \$1 million in lottery

A Texas A&M International University student won \$1 million in the Texas Lottery Friday.

Carmen Valdez, a senior accounting major from Laredo, picked up her check Friday after scratching off the winning ticket the week before. The ticket was bought at a Diamond

Branch Davidians to be sentenced

Prosecutors seeking 30 years

WACO (AP) — Prosecutors say they'll seek minimum 30-year prison terms for seven Branch Davidians scheduled to be sentenced this week for their roles in the 1993 shooting deaths of four federal agents.

In a brief submitted Friday to U.S. District Judge Walter S. Smith Jr. of Waco, prosecutors claim that weapons charges reinstated against the Davidians should bring stiff sentences.

Eight Davidians return to court Thursday and Friday in San Antonio, where 11 followers of doomsday preacher David Koresh were tried earlier this year.

The Davidians were accused of murder-conspiracy in the shooting deaths of four Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents on Feb. 28, 1993. The agents were attempting to arrest Koresh on weapons charges. Six members of the

religious group were killed in the gunbattle.

Five of the 11 defendants were convicted of voluntary manslaughter and three others were convicted of various weapons charges. Three defendants were acquitted of all charges.

Smith initially said he would throw out the jury's conviction of Renos Avraam, Brad Branch, Jaime Castillo, Livingston Fagan, Kevin Whitecliff, Graeme Craddock and Ruth Riddle for carrying a firearm during the commission of a crime. The convictions were invalid because the jury had found the Davidians innocent of the superseding murder conspiracy charge, Smith said.

But Smith reversed himself after prosecutors provided case law showing that inconsistent verdicts are legally valid.

Those seven now face a minimum of 30 years in prison.

Cancer rates rise near nuclear plant

FORT WORTH (AP) — Cancer rates in counties surrounding the Pantex plant have risen, leading residents to suspect a link between the disease and the nuclear weapons facility, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in Sunday's editions.

In Carson County, just a few miles east of the Pantex plant, the leukemia death rate among 6,800 residents was twice the statewide rate between 1981 to 1991, the Star-Telegram reported, citing Texas Department of Health statistics.

"If they are valid, they are clearly alarming," Dr. Steven Galson said. "Elevated cancer rates of that order of magnitude warrant further investigation as to the cause."

Galson is the chief medical officer in the U.S. Department of Energy environmental, safety and health office. The department oversees the 16,000-acre Pantex Weapons Plant, the nation's primary assembly and disassembly plant for nu-

clear weapons located 17 miles northeast of Amarillo.

To the west, in Potter County, thyroid cancer death rates among women were the highest in the state, the Star-Telegram said.

Tom Walton, a DOE spokesman at the plant, said he doubts the plant is responsible for the cancer rates.

But nearby residents aren't so sure. They are marking maps with colored pins to note neighbors who have died of cancer.

Jeri Osborne's Carson County map has 285 pins.

To the south, retired schoolteacher Dorothy Bell has used Armstrong County death certificates to plot 71 cancer deaths she found in the county of 2,100 residents.

Federal studies are under way at the national atomic laboratories in Los Alamos, N.M.; Rocky Flats, Colo.; and Hanford, Wash.

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