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SBP to be arrested

Carl Baggett to participate in March of Dimes fund-raiser

By Wesley Poston
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Student Body President Carl Baggett and The Battalion Editor Chief Michael Landauer will be arrested today as part of the March of Dimes Jail and Bail fund-raiser.

Business and community leaders are being voluntarily arrested and brought to Norwest Bank where a judge will charge them with their crimes and set their bail. Sharon Spies, March of Dimes division director, said the criminals will be charged with offenses like reckless golf cart driving, penny-pinching and evading the fashion police.

"Most are surrendering," she said. "But the rest will be picked up by uniformed police officers."

The offenders will then have one hour to raise their bail money to benefit the March of Dimes.

Ten Texas A&M faculty and staff members will also be voluntarily arrested.

Carolyn Allen, an administra-

tive assistant to the provost, said she will be representing her office in the fund-raiser during lunch this week.

"Anything to do with potential future students we definitely want to support," she said. "I've gotten quite a few pledges from the staff, community and family."

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Dr. Jerry Elledge
Community and allied health coordinator

and allied health coordinator and an associate professor of health and kinesiology, assigns his stu-

dents to work with organizations like the March of Dimes as a part of his classes. Some of those students volunteered him to take part in Jail and Bail, he said.

"I fairly well know who did this to me," he said. "I can't imagine why."

Elledge said the March of Dimes does an excellent job of using donations for their intended purposes compared to the other organizations he has seen.

"With a lot of organizations, the money goes to administration," he said. "With the March of Dimes, a high percentage of the money goes to people who need the services and into research."

The March of Dimes was started by President Franklin Roosevelt to combat polio, a disease from which he suffered.

Spies said after finding the polio vaccine, the March of Dimes set a mission "... to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality."

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The Seventh Wonder



Pat James, THE BATTALION

Rodney Hill, an associate dean for student services in the College of Architecture, makes some of the first strikes in the seventh panel of wood carvings that hang in the MSC. The carvings represent life at Texas A&M. This panel focuses on student life with student organization logos.

A&M comes out on top

Aggies buy the most collegiate license plates

By Erica Roy
THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M collegiate license plate program has raised more than \$800,000 for scholarships, surpassing the combined funds raised by the other Texas schools participating in the program.

Students, alumni and A&M supporters are responsible for 6,361 "Aggie Pride" license plates on the road this year. The University of Texas at Austin sold 2,068 license plates and Texas Tech University sold 1,947.

Bill Pool, manager of the special plates branch of the Texas Department of Transportation, said A&M has been the leader in license plate sales since the program began in 1990.

"They're number one, always have been," Pool said. "They've

been on top of this thing from the beginning."

The remaining 34 Texas schools have sold as many as 700 license plates and as few as one.

Pool said A&M is one of the top sellers of the license plates because of its encouragement and support of the program.

"From the get-go, A&M went out and really got behind the program," Pool said. "They've just made an all-out effort, more than other universities."

Pool said the University of Texas and Texas Tech have met to discuss the success of the "Aggie Pride" program, but they have not been able to match the A&M sales.

The license plates, which bear ATM on the left side, cost \$30 more than regular license plates and must be renewed annually.

Of the extra \$30, \$25 is put

into a scholarship fund for A&M. The remaining \$5 covers office costs.

Pool said the University pulls money from the fund to provide scholarship money for students.

Scholarships from the sales of the "Aggie Pride" license plates benefit about 200 A&M students. Each scholarship is \$750 for the school year.

Pat Williford, a senior civil engineering major, has an "Aggie Pride" license plate that reads "Ag BQ 97."

Williford said he bought one of the special license plates because it displayed his pride in A&M and the Aggie Band and helped other A&M students.

"I wanted to support the University," Williford said. "My parents got it because the money went to the scholarship fund, and they thought it was a good idea."

Jewell lets loose tears, anger

ATLANTA (AP) — For 88 days, Richard Jewell stoically stood his ground, professing his innocence while he was branded the FBI's chief suspect in the Olympic park-pipe bombing. Finally cleared by prosecutors, the weight of suspicion lifted, he let his guard down and cried.

The tears came Monday as he recalled the bodies of friends injured by the blast, and when he turned to his mother, who buried her head in her hand.

"Mom, thanks for standing by me and believing in me," he said, his voice choking. "I love you."

Another emotion — anger — came out as he lashed out at reporters and investigators who had depicted him as the man who

brought the specter of terrorism to the Summer Olympics.

But at the end of the press

"I thank God that it has now ended, and that you now know what I have known all along."

Richard Jewell
Former bombing suspect

conference, he calmly delivered a message.

"I thank God that it has now ended, and that you now know what I have known all along," he said in a firm voice. "I am an innocent man."

The July 27 bomb blast at Centennial Olympic Park — the informal gathering place for spectators at the Games — killed one woman outright, was blamed for a cameraman's death and injured more than 100.

Jewell initially was hailed as a hero for alerting authorities to a suspicious knapsack and helping to evacuate the area. He gave numerous interviews, but three days after the bombing, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported he was a suspect.

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About 14,000 collegiate plates are on the road

- 6,361 Texas A&M plates have been sold
- 2,068 University of Texas plates
- 1,947 Texas Tech Plates
- The other 34 participating universities account for the remaining 3,568 plates

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Students battle to build healthy lifestyle in B-CS' "steak-and-potato" community. Aggilelife, Page 3

Guiding Force

Hobbie Krause and Carlos Tori lead the A&M Men's Tennis team into a new era. Sports, Page 7

High on heroin

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Texas cities receive boost in police funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — A torrent of dollars is flowing from federal coffers to communities large and

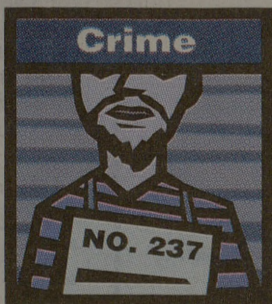
small under the 100,000 cops-on-the-beat initiative President Clinton is fond of bragging about.

Texas law enforcement agencies received \$126 million of the \$2.2 billion awarded by August — for a gain of 2,274 Texas officers — according to an Associated Press computer analysis of Justice Department figures.

A tiny trickle of that money found its way to Bovina, a town of 1,500 in the Texas Panhandle.

Bovina's two-man police force did not increase. But the department is reaping dividends nonetheless, says Police Chief Leon Saddler.

With a \$3,000 grant, Saddler bought a computer



that he and his deputy use to file paperwork.

"Computerizing our office was like adding two more people," he said. "It just frees us up to do lots more things."

Bovina is not the mecca of crime that advocates of the federal program described as they prodded Congress to endorse Clinton's 1994 crime bill authorizing 100,000 cops. To date, some 43,000 cops have been funded.

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By Brandon Hausenfluck
THE BATTALION

The Reed House is home to the Texas A&M University System Chancellor Barry Thompson, his wife Sandra and their feline pet Big Cat.

Mrs. Thompson said she and the chancellor have made the house a home.

"We love it here," she said. "A lot of people don't know about [the house], and it's very peaceful."

The chancellor's home is located off George Bush Drive and stands surrounded by a pasture, a white fence and trees that hide it from the traffic.

Construction began July 26, 1983, on the almost 7,000-square-foot home and was completed July 27, 1984.

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Off the beaten path

Chancellor Thompson and wife make Reed house a home



Dave House, THE BATTALION

The front entrance of the chancellor's house includes a courtyard. The house was completed in one year. It is located off George Bush Drive.