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The BATTIPS number is 845-3315.

Ideas can include news stories, feature ideas and personality profiles of interesting people. Readers also are encouraged to offer any other suggestions that could improve the newspaper.

Local city councils to control cable rates

By Peggy O'Hare
The Battalion

New FCC regulations will allow the Bryan and College Station city councils to control the local TCA cable rates.

The revised regulations are an update of a 1984 cable act that deregulated cable TV companies.

The revisions do not apply to

cable systems that compete against six or more broadcast stations or another multichannel operator.

TCA Cable, however, does not fall in this competitive category and as a result faces local control of the cable rates.

Randy Rogers, manager for TCA Cable, said the new regulations will not have an immediate effect on local cable service.

"The new regulations will not

cause prices to change," Rogers said. "But it could in some ways limit future ideas in programming."

"For instance, if we wanted to add five, six or 10 channels to the package in a few years, we may not be able to do so if we are not able to pass the added cost on to our customers," he continued.

"If there are any effects from the regulations, they will be down the line."

Rogers said the FCC has not stated when the new regulations will take effect.

Ernie Clark, Bryan's city manager, could not be reached for comment.

However, Joe Brown, the public relations director for the City of Bryan, agreed with Rogers' statement that immediate effects would not take place.

"I hate to speculate, but I wouldn't expect to see any

changes now," Brown said. "Now if TCA wanted to raise rates in the future, then the council may get more involved."

Brown added that he did not believe that the Bryan City Council would implement changes with the present regulations.

Ron Ragland, College Station's city manager, could not be reached for comment.

Beware of allergic reactions to bug bites, stings

Editor's note: This is the first in a five-part series on health tips for summertime activity from the A.P. Beutel Health Center.

By Andrea Beshara
Special to The Battalion

Summertime is here and most people stay outdoors for extended periods of time in hot, humid weather, which can put them at a higher risk for being stung or bitten by bees, chiggers, spiders, ticks, mosquitoes and other creatures that lurk outside.

Follow these easy tips to help you prevent and care for insect stings and bites:

First, evaluate and inspect the outdoor area where the activity might take place. Use an outdoor insect spray to prepare the area. Pre-spraying will help kill many insects before the fun begins.

Carefully read the directions of any product you use. Mosquitoes can be found in areas where there is standing water, so you might want to avoid those areas.

Be sure to check for ants, wasp nests or other insect habitats. Activity might

aggravate some bugs and cause them to swarm.

Second, protect yourself by wearing protective clothing. If you are engaging in a sports activity, you should wear shorts, shoes, socks and a short-sleeved shirt.

If the activity is hiking or camping, you might be at an increased risk for insect bites. Wear long pants and a long-sleeved shirt if the weather is not too hot. Always wear long socks with shoes if you are hiking to protect your legs from insects and poison ivy.

Third, use an insect repellent in the form of lotion, spray or other topical means. These repellents are most effective if applied several times throughout the day. Many brands are available, and you should always follow the directions carefully.

If you are bitten by an insect, you should take care of the bite or wound immediately. Follow these tips:

For bee stings, wash the area thoroughly with water and apply ice to the sting. Ice helps reduce swelling and discomfort.

Watch carefully for severe swelling at the sting site, nausea, breathing difficul-



ties and generalized itching. These symptoms could be a sign of allergic reaction. See a physician immediately if these symptoms appear.

For chigger and mosquito bites, apply a calamine lotion to relieve itching. Help prevent these bites by wearing protective clothing and avoiding wooded areas. If redness, swelling, drainage of pus or other discharges develop, consult a physician.

For spider bites, identify the type of spider. Black widows are spiders with a red hourglass on the "stomach." Black widow bites are painful, but rarely critical.

The bite of the brown recluse spider, however, might be more serious. The bite of this spider is intensely painful and reaction might be quite severe.

The bite might produce a spreading inflammation and ulceration to the underlying tissue and even muscle.

If you suspect you have been bitten by a brown recluse spider, see a physician as soon as possible. The brown recluse has a characteristic marking in the shape of a violin on its back.

For tick bites, avoid brushy, wooded areas, mountainous areas and tall grasses. If you find a tick, do not pull it off with your fingers.

A tick usually will let go if coated with nail polish or petroleum jelly. Then move the tick with a pair of tweezers.

Wash the site with soap and water. Consult a physician if loss of appetite, rash, chills, fever or severe headache are experienced.

If you are not sure what caused the bite or sting or if the area becomes infected, see a physician immediately. Some people are allergic to certain insect bites, and some bites require treatment to allow proper healing.

Enjoy your outdoor summer activities but beware of insects and bugs that might put a damper on your fun.

Police seek information on robbery

During the early morning hours of March 24, two Texas A&M students were seated on a picnic table in the rest area near Keathley Hall on the northwest part of campus.

As the couple was talking, a man approached them, pulled out a knife and threatened them. The suspect announced that "this is a stick-up" and then demanded all of the couple's cash and valuables.

After taking some jewelry and cash, the suspect fled to his car and was last seen driving south in a white or tan four-door car. Witnesses describe the suspect as a black man in his late 20s, about 5 foot 10 inches tall, with a medium build, with light facial hair and a goatee.

This week the University Police Department and Crime Stoppers need your help in identifying the man responsible for this robbery. If you have information that could be helpful, call Crime Stoppers at 775-TIPS.

When you call, Crime Stoppers will assign you a special coded number to protect your identity.

If your call leads to the suspect's arrest and grand jury indictment, crime Stoppers will pay you up to \$1,000. Crime Stoppers also pays cash for information on any felony crime or the location of any wanted fugitive.

Texans ask for return of flag from Mexico

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas officials want back from Mexico a flag that might have flown during the bloody battle of the Alamo, and they have asked President Bush to try and retrieve the banner during free trade negotiations.

Gov. Ann Richards, without signing the measure, allowed a resolution to take effect Sunday that asks Mexico's President Salinas de Gortari to either give the flag back or loan it to Texas "as a gesture of good will."

It also urges Bush, through his intermediaries in trade talks, to push for return of the banner.

The flag was used by the New Orleans Greys, a volun-

teer outfit in the Texas Revolution against Mexico, according to The Handbook of Texas.

Given to them by a group of East Texas women, the Greys left the flag at San Antonio when they went on to Goliad and Refugio. The banner was captured by Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna when the Alamo fell March 6, 1836, and was taken to Mexico City, the handbook said.

In "A Time to Stand," a history of the fall of the Alamo, Walter Lord wrote that the flag was ripped down during the battle by Lt. Jose Maria Torres, and the Mexican colors were raised in its place. Torres was shot and killed in the process.

Minorities, Republicans accuse Richards, Legislature of drawing unfair district plans

AUSTIN (AP) — Civil and minority rights groups Monday filed new lawsuits against the state after Gov. Ann Richards allowed the state House and Senate redistricting plans to become law.

Richards also was criticized by state Republican Party chairman Fred Meyer, who called the governor's decision a "slap in the face" to minorities and Republicans.

The Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund,

Texas Rural Legal Aid and the Texas Civil Rights Project allege the legislative redistricting plan fails to ensure enough minority representation that reflects the state's minority population.

In their amended lawsuits filed in state and federal court in Brownsville, the groups also allege that because the Legislature failed to draw new congressional and State Board of Education districts, the 1980 lines could remain in effect for another 10 years.

Two A&M students die in unrelated car accidents

Two Texas A&M students died Sunday in separate automobile accidents.

Brian S. Goldberg, 19, a freshman psychology major from Houston, died in an accident in Prairie View.

Jeffrey Neil Blankenship, a graduate student in chemistry from Dallas, died on Highway 59 south of College Station.

The Silver Taps ceremony in their honor is scheduled Sept. 10.

What's Up

Tuesday

MSC SUMMER PROGRAMS: Sand sculpting contest registration in 216 MSC. Sand sculpting contest is June 22 at Sneaker's from 1 to 5 p.m. Cost is \$10 per team of 4 people. Prizes will be awarded. Call 845-1515 for more information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: General discussion at noon. Call CDPE at 845-0280 for more information.

TAMU WATERSKI CLUB: General meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder. Call Toni Shores at 846-4136 or Brandon Wyrick at 693-4553 for more information.

Wednesday

EPISCOPAL STUDENT CENTER: Eucharist and free community dinner. 6:15 p.m. at the Canterbury House, 902 George Bush Drive. Contact James at 822-4653 for more information.

LUTHERAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP: Evening prayer at 6:30 p.m. at the University Lutheran Chapel.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: General discussion at noon. Call CDPE at 845-0280 for more information.

TAMU SAILING CLUB: General meeting at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder. Call Russell Powell at 823-6503 for more information.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, later than three business days before the desired run date. We publish the name and phone number of the contact only 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 845-3316.

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