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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.

Officials offer tips for safe use of fireworks

By Jeff M. Brown
The Battalion

You can have a blast during the July 4th holiday while not getting burned if you take a few simple precautions and follow your common sense, local officials say.

George Spain, College Station's fire inspector, said fireworks can cause more than just physical damage.

According to College Station ordinances, the transportation or firing of fireworks within the city limits is prohibited.

Spain said anyone pulled over carrying fireworks will be fined from \$10 to \$1,000 and the fireworks will be confiscated.

Spain said the fines are so high because of the potential for destruction by fires started by fireworks.

Spain said he encouraged people to attend local fireworks shows instead of endangering themselves with a home fireworks show.

Post Oak Mall will blast off the holiday with a fireworks display at 9 p.m. Wednesday. College Station and Texas A&M, along with several other sponsors, will shoot off their own fireworks show Thursday at Olsen Field.

Spain said the only other location to shoot fireworks is outside city limits.

He suggested going to a friend's house but warned against shooting fireworks on a roadway because it is illegal.



Rockets' red glare
Betty Curtis works at Discount Fireworks off of Highway 60 on the way to Summerville. Firework sales will continue until midnight on Thursday.

Lt. Bert Kretzschmar with UPD's Crime Prevention Unit said that under University regulations, the unauthorized use, possession or storage of any weapon, fireworks or explosive on University premises or at a University-sponsored activity is prohibited.

Approximately 12,400 people were treated for fireworks-related injuries in 1990, according to a release by Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

and the National Council on Fireworks Safety (NCFCS). In Brazos County, however, that trend seems to be decreasing, said Millie Patterson, head nurse at Humana Hospital.

"After looking back at our records, we have noticed a decrease of incidents at our emergency room," Patterson said. "We just don't see as many tragic injuries like we use to."

The CPSC and the NCFCS have developed the following safety

- tips for shooting fireworks:
- Always read and follow label directions.
 - Have water readily available.
 - Buy from reliable fireworks sellers.
 - Never experiment or attempt to make your own fireworks.
 - Light one at a time.
 - Never reignite malfunctioning fireworks.
 - Never throw fireworks at another person.
 - Never shoot them in metal or glass containers.
 - Ignite the fireworks outdoors.
 - Store in a cool, dry place.
 - Dispose of fireworks properly.
 - Never carry fireworks in your pocket.

Austin works to own closing air force base

AUSTIN (AP) — City officials have begun working to gain outright ownership of Bergstrom Air Force Base, which a presidential commission has recommended for closure.

Austin Mayor Bruce Todd met with U.S. Rep. J.J. "Jake" Pickle, D-Texas, on Monday to discuss ways of speeding the government's transfer of the base to the city when it closes.

"That's the first issue we have to resolve and, hopefully, it can be done quickly because the ownership will determine to a great extent who's in charge of the decision-making process," Todd said.

The city contends it can establish ownership if challenged legally because it purchased the land for the base in 1942 for \$600,000.

Todd said the city would apply immediately for up to \$100,000 available from the Defense Department's Office of Economic Adjustment to study converting Bergstrom to other uses.

One possible use for the soon-to-be-abandoned airbase is as a new city airport.

Suspects sought in burglary

Sometime during the night of June 2, thieves pried open the door to the vehicle maintenance shop of Young Brothers Construction Co. on Highway 21, west of Bryan.

Once inside, the thieves searched through the shop and then loaded up several mechanics' tool boxes, power tools and a hydraulic jack into the bed of a Young Brothers pickup truck that was parked in the shop.

The thieves opened the garage, cut open the front gate and drove off in the truck. The value of the items stolen was assessed at more than \$12,000.

The pickup was recovered three days later under the Little Brazos River Bridge on Highway 21, where evidence indicated that another vehicle was used to haul the stolen tools away.

The mechanics report that most of the stolen tool sets were MAC and SNAP-ON brands. Investigators believe that the suspects might be from the surrounding area and that they will attempt to sell or trade these goods.

This week the Brazos County Sheriff's Department and Crime Stoppers need your help in identifying the people responsible for

this burglary.

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 that will protect your identity.

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Dallas police 'give the boot' to motorists with unpaid tickets

DALLAS (AP) — Motorists with delinquent parking tickets are getting the boot in Dallas.

City Transportation Department officials this week began placing a lock on the wheels of cars whose owners have three or more overdue parking tickets.

Officials hope that by hobbling cars, they can claim most of the \$6 million in overdue

parking fines owed by the owners of 28,000 cars.

The \$350 device, called the "Denver boot," locks onto a car's wheel, rendering the vehicle undrivable.

The device is named for the city where it was invented in the 1950s.

City officials say the boot is cheaper and safer than towing, and they hope its visibility on streets will persuade people with overdue tickets to come forward voluntarily to pay what they owe.

Stickers on the car windows direct drivers to the Parking Violations Office at Dallas City Hall.

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