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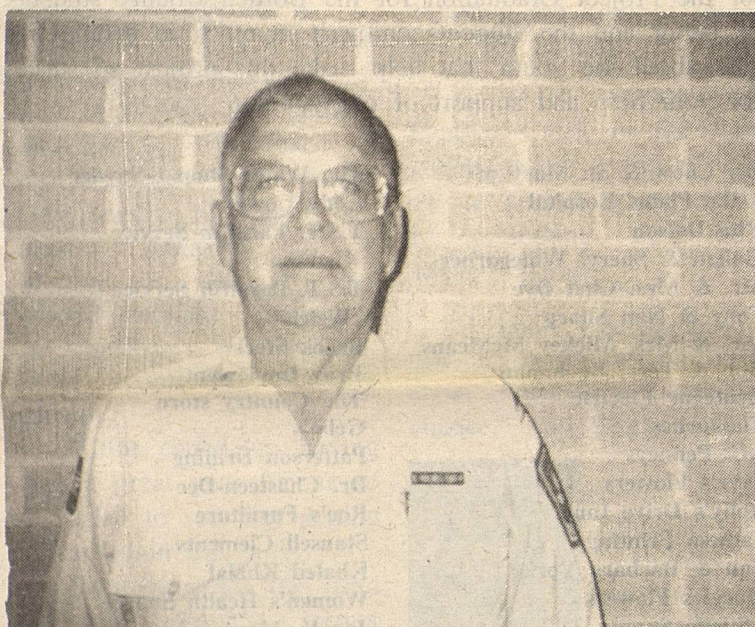
Meet Your Borden Co. EMS

This summer, the Borden Star will be introducing a new article called "Meet Your EMT's". Each week, different Borden County EMT members will be featured to help the community to get familiar with the people that volunteer their time to become Borden County EMS personnel.

These people give up a lot of their personal time in training and attending classes to help benefit the people of Borden County. We thought it would be of value to take the time to present these very helpful people to you and tell you a little about them.

The first Borden County EMS we will be focusing on this week is Kent Holmes. He is the heart and soul of the Borden County EMS. He is the director and has been in service for the last 12 years. He is an EMT Paramedic and Advanced Cardiac Life Instructor. Kent has also taken classes in Advanced Life Support, Pre-hospital Advanced Trauma Life Support, and Pediatric Advanced Life Support and he is also a CPR instructor Trainer as well as a Skills Examiner.

Kent and his wife Ollie live and farm in eastern Borden County. They are both graduates of Borden County High School and



Kent Holmes

they have a daughter, tremendous amount to Dawn of El Paso. bring the Borden County

Kent Holmes is truly a very dedicated EMS volunteer. He has done a devotion.

Legends of Western Swing Music Festival to be held in Snyder

Snyder will host the Legends of Western Swing Music Festival for the third time on June 17-20 in the Scurry County coliseum.

Music starts at noon the first three days and continues until midnight. On Saturday (June 20) the music begins at 10 a.m. and continues to midnight. Tickets are \$20 per day June 17-19 and on Saturday tickets are \$25.00

for the entire day or \$15 for either half.

Ray Price and the Cherokee Cowboys will headline the event and perform on Saturday. Bob Wills Texas Playboys will be returning and the Light Crust Doughboys will be making their first appearance here.

Ted Scanlon and the Desperadoes will be the host band and will be

First Week of Summer spent playing "Around of Golf" at Camp

While many students were sleeping in during their first week of summer, Borden County's Caden Nowlain decided to get up and play "a round". A round of golf, that is.

Caden spent June 1-5 attending the Western Texas College Golf camp. Instructors were local golf pros, high school golf coaches and their assistants. Other players from Andrews and Snyder also attended.

Giving up his mornings was not a hard decision for Caden. "I'd like to play in high school," the fifth grader said. And judging by the results of his efforts, Caden is probably well on his way.

He finished first in pitching and putting skills (groups also participated in driving and sand shots.)

playing daily. Featured entertainers on June 17 will be Smokey Montgomery, the Light Crust Doughboys, Terry Sneed and Up the Creek and Snyder's own Texas Sand.

On June 18, featured bands will be Tommy Morrel and the Time Warp Tophands, Alvin Crow and

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Caden Nowlain

Most coaches will say that pitching and putting are the finesse aspects of the game that are often overlooked.

Caden enjoys golf because it's "entertaining" and because "he likes to hit the ball real hard." Caden's interest in golf began when his family took him to Post to play at an early age. He took out a driver and promptly hit it some 30 yards and was hooked.

Most people know that Tiger Woods -- golf's latest phenom, began his career at an early age. Caden's favorite golfer is non other than Mr. Woods. And, someday, maybe he can be the new kid on the course and play "a round" with Tiger himself.

Making The Grade!

BETA ACHIEVEMENT for the year High School

Senior:
Bryce Dye

Junior:
Jeff Dennis
Colt McCook
Kati Merritt

Sophomore:
Jana Himes
Ky Merritt
Staci O'Brien

To be eligible for the Beta Achievement a student must make the Beta for each consecutive six-weeks during the school year.

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT for the year High School

Senior:
Tera Stamper

Junior:
Colt Miller

Sophomore:
Nick Flanigan
Julie Mayes
Kevin Pinkerton

Freshman:
Ross Aten
Abby Flanigan
Rebekah Hensley
Shawna Kempf
Krystle Lee
Holly Thomas

Junior High

Eighth Grade:
Andrea Lozano

Seventh Grade:
Micah Hensley

Sixth Grade:
Clay John Anderson

To be eligible for the Scholastic Achievement Award, a student must make the Honor Roll or Beta for each consecutive six-weeks during the school year.

6th Six Weeks BETA

High School

Senior:
Chrissy Armstrong
Bryce Dye
Tera Stamper

Junior:
Jeff Dennis
Colt McCook
Kati Merritt

Sophomore:
Jana Himes
Julie Mayes
Ky Merritt
Staci O'Brien

Freshman:
Abby Flanigan
Shawna Kempf
Bekah Hensley
Krystle Lee

Junior High

Eighth Grade:
Andrea Lozano

Seventh Grade:
NONE

Sixth Grade:
Clay John Anderson
John Stamper

To be eligible for the Six-Weeks Beta, a student must make a ninety or above in each academic class for a six weeks grading period.

6th Six-Weeks HONOR ROLL

High School

Senior:
Randi Farmer
Clint Scott

Junior:
Colt Miller

Sophomore:
Eva Abalos
Nick Flanigan
Marianna Mendoza
Kevin Pinkerton

Freshman:
Ross Aten
Abby Flanigan
Kandace Kimmel
Holly Thomas

Junior High

Eighth Grade:

Seventh Grade:
Micah Hensley

Sixth Grade:
Kyle Pinkerton
Evan Winegarner

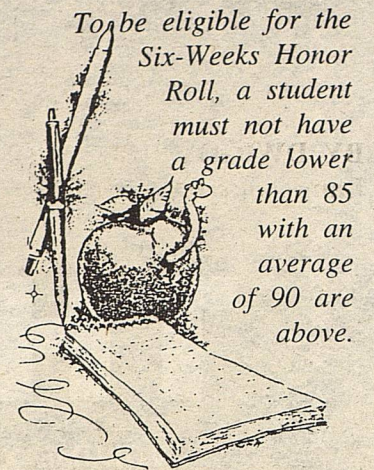
Elementary

Fifth Grade:
LaShae Johnson
Emily Mayes
Cassidy Rinehart
Billy Roper
John Wilson

Fourth Grade:
Whitney Anderson
Billy Crawford
Cassidy Ogden
Shiloh Poole
Garrett Thomas

Third Grade:
Rowdy Clary
Alejandra Mujica
Kalli Poole

Second Grade:
Heather Brooks
Autumn Garcia
Sharelle Gass
Shelby Roberts
Miller Valentine
Kate Wallace
Rachel Wilson



To be eligible for the Six-Weeks Honor Roll, a student must not have a grade lower than 85 with an average of 90 or above.

THANK YOU!

The Project Graduation Committee would like to thank the following merchants and individuals for their donations to help make this year's graduation party so successful. Thanks to people like these, our graduates and their friends and guest can have a safe celebration and enjoy their success in a fun and exciting way. This is the fourth year for the Project Graduation for the Borden County students and each time it seems to be better and the students enjoy it more. It is people like you that are concerned and care about the youth that help make this project so successful. We thank you so much for your help and support of our youth.

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Signs college football scholarship Coyote all-stater tackles dream

BY DWIGHT HEINS
Lamesa Press-Reporter

Clint Scott has never been one to shy away from contact.

The Borden County all-state linebacker is now focusing his sights on tackling one of the biggest challenges of his football career after helping the Coyotes capture their first ever state six-man championship.

Scott announced that he's signed a scholarship agreement to play football at Hastings (Neb.) College.

"I really thought my playing days were pretty much over. I really didn't think that I had much of a chance at playing anymore until one day some guy called me up from Nebraska. I've been excited ever since," said Scott.

Scott, his parents Tony and Sue Scott and his older brother Jason, visited the NAIA school a few weeks ago.

"It's real nice and green up there. The school was real nice. The classes weren't that big which is even better for me. Coming out of a smaller high school I also wanted to go to a smaller college," said Scott.

"At first the idea of being that far away from home bothered me. I realize that there won't be that many weekend visits. I never thought that I'd get this chance so I figured that I better go ahead and take advantage of this opportunity."

Borden County football coach Bobby Avery is glad to see Scott getting this chance.

"It looks like a pretty good deal for Clint," said Avery.

"He's always had a good eye for the football which helped him develop into a pretty good defensive player for us. A lot of people who scouted us

this past season commented how Clint covered more ground at middle linebacker than any player that they had seen in a long time."

Avery noted that Hastings College first got interested in Scott through the Jay Novacheck Football Camp last summer at East Texas State University.

"Getting the chance to play on a team that won a state championship didn't hurt either," said Avery.

Coyote defensive coordinator Trey Richey is also excited to see Scott getting this opportunity.

"Clint Scott is a young man who has put a lot of hard work into this game," said Richey. "He wasn't in the limelight very much. Offensively, he spent all season basically as a blocker at fullback. He played middle linebacker on defense. In six-man, most people try running outside."

"Clint ended up having just a great year for us so I'm glad to see him getting rewarded in this way."

Scott becomes the third one of Avery's former pupils to get an opportunity at the college ranks.

Grant Key, a 1997 Borden County graduate, spent last season playing on Hardin-Simmons University's jayvee football team.

Kurt Hess, another former Coyotes, is preparing for his senior season at McMurry University where he has started at tight end the past two years.

Richey is living proof that six-man exes can survive in the grueling world of college football.

After helping Jayton win a pair of state crowns during his own schoolboy career, Richey went on to play college football one season at Texas Tech before transferring to McMurry where he played tailback and later free safety.

"Clint seems to have

the kind of attitude it takes," said Richey. "He not only feels blessed to be getting this opportunity but he's also determined to make the most out of it."

Richey believes that six-man roots have their advantages.

"I think one of the benefits from playing six-man football is that it helps make better tacklers since so much of this game is one-on-one," said Richey.

Scott wasn't prepared to hang up his cleats after enjoying the kind of senior year that he did.

A 48-16 victory over Panther Creek in the state championship game to cap off a perfect 15-0 season is something that he'll always cherish.

"I know it's something that I enjoy talking now about every time I get the chance," said Scott.

Scott logged 126 tackles while coming up with six interceptions and recovering eight fumbles on his way to all-district, all-South Plains, all-region and all-state accolades at linebacker.

"Clint has got the kind of mentality it takes to make it. He loves to hit but probably more than anything, he just has a love for the game," said Richey.

Scott also contributed 12 TDs in the Coyotes' drive to the crown.

That same footwork helped Scott qualify for regionals the past couple of seasons in both the 100-meter dash and the 400-meter sprint relay.

Scott, however, knows that he's got a challenge ahead of him.

"I haven't played an 11-man football since my freshman year at Lamesa so it'll be a whole new learning process," said Scott. "Everything from playing on a bigger field to being out there with

more people is going to feel pretty different at first."

Scott will also be having to adjust to a new position.

"The coaches up there are looking at me at defensive back. Right now, it looks like it's going to be either strong or free safety," said Scott.

"It's still a matter of keeping an eye on the ball and staying with your man."

Scott still has one game remaining in his schoolboy career.

Scott and Coyotes teammate Oscar Baeza will be playing in the six-man all-American Bowl July 25 at Breckenridge.

That contest pits Texas's best six-man football players against their counterparts from the rest of the United States.

"It should be a lot of fun meeting people from all over the country. Plus, this game will give me the chance to play six-man one more time," said Scott.



PURSUIT OF A DREAM -- Borden County all-state linebacker Clint Scott has signed a college football scholarship with Hastings (Neb.) College. Pictured with the 1998 Borden County graduate are (left) Coyote defensive coordinator Trey Richey and (right) head football coach Bobby Avery.

Borden County EMS Holds Monthly Meeting

The Borden County EMS held their monthly meeting on Monday evening, May 4th.

Those present were Kent Holmes, Shirley Bennett, Nelda Burnett, Danita Roe, Carrie Hart, Tina Stansell, James Aaron, Buddy Wallace, Royce Nance and Mike Valentine.

Minutes were ready and accepted from the last meeting. The Borden County EMS is asking for a Grant to help pay for a Paramedic Class that is scheduled to start in September. There are seven EMS members that will be taking this class.

9-1-1 was discussed and hopefully in the process of being operational in the near future.

The Borden County EMS personnel have been busy attending different classes during the past few months. These volunteers take these courses on their own time, to stay in touch and also to be better prepared to serve the people of our community. Some of these classes attended were as follows.

An EMT-D class was held the last of April and seven members participated. Those who finished the class were Buddy Wallace,

Tina Stansell, Carrie Hart, Nelda Burnett, Danita Roe and Cody Furlow.

Carrie, Nelda, and Danita also attended the Skills Examiner class and are now certified to be examiners.

Mike Valentine traveled to Lubbock for a Burn School the first of April and did exceptionally well.

Nelda Burnett, Carrie Hart, Danita Roe, Cody Furlow and James Aaron attended a CPR Instructor Course that was taught this spring and are now certified CPR instructors.

The Borden County EMS would like to have a community CPR Class soon. If you would be interested please let any EMS personnel know or call 915/573-2970 or 573-4164.



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KLVT Radio has joined with the Levelland Main Street Program and South Plains College to bring the world's largest country music talent search, the True Value/Jimmy Dean Country Showdown, to

Levelland.

The Showdown will be held June 25 in conjunction with the South Plains Opry, a musical variety show produced each week through July 4 by the SPC Creative Arts Department. The South Plains Opry is presented by the Levelland Main Street Program, Levelland Downtown Association, Levelland Area chamber of Commerce and South Plains College.

"The competition will spotlight some of the best and brightest talent this area has to offer," said Russ Nelson, station manager for KLVT Radio.

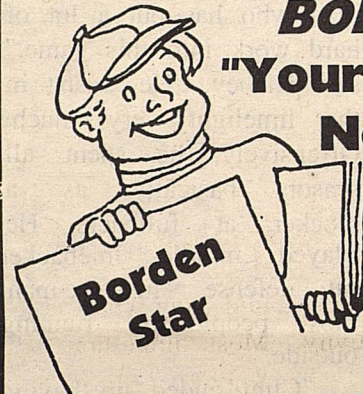
The True Value/Jimmy Dean Country Showdown is open to vocal and or instrumental performers, individuals or groups of up to seven members who have not performed on a record listed in the national record charts of Billboard, Radio and Records or the Gavin Report within 18 months preceding the local competition.

Acts will compete for the opportunity to perform in the state competition to

be held later this year, Nelson noted. The winner of the national final will receive \$50,000 in cash.

Entry forms are available at participating merchants, including Ann's Furniture, Burger Kitchen, Gentry Auto Outlet, Ideal Gas, Country Road Restaurant, Hanna Automatic Carwash, Treasures for You, Satellite City at Lone Star Communications, Dairy Mart, Polly's and Harrell's True Value Building Supply in

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Legends of Western Swing

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the Pleasant Valley Boys, and Hal Rugg/Herby Wallace and the Twin Steel Band. Bob Willis Texas Playboys will be performing on June 19 along with Clyde Brewer and the River Road Boys, Austin & Coleman, the Fiddlers Two, and Dave Alexander and Legends of Western Swing. On June 10, bands will be McBay Bros. & Swing Max, Sounds of the Southwest, Dave Alexander and Legends of Western Swing, and Price and the Cherokee Cowboys.

Information about the Festival can be obtained by calling the Snyder Chamber of Commerce at 915/573-3558.

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Entries and a cassette tape sample must be received at KLVT Radio, Box 967, Levelland, Texas, by June 12. For more information, contact KLVT Radio at 894-3134.

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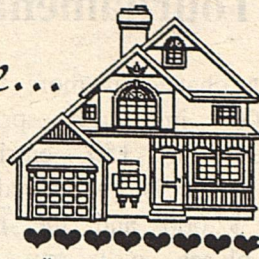
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Heart and home...

By Julie D. Mumme
Borden County Extension Agent -
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Sure Cures For Kids Nothing-to-do Blues

Even though school has only been out a little over a week, chances are that your child is starting to say they have nothing-to-do. Even though they're just two little words, "I'm bored," can should like fingernails scratching a chalkboard. It doesn't matter if there is a college tuition's worth of video games on the shelf, the dog is panting for a game of fetch, the family room is buried in toys and the bicycles are gathering dust in the garage. Kids have selective vision. They can look at it all and still wail that there's "nothing to doooo."

The trick is to teach them to amuse themselves. Here are a few tips:

1. Remind yourself that boredom can be a good thing. Since it's often during quiet, restless moments that imaginative thoughts gel, you'd think boredom would be considered a positive state.

2. Put a thoughtful limit on high-tech diversions. Youngsters often fill their leisure hours with television, move in a video/

computer games. The consequences of this electronic involvement? When everything is turned off, the unaccustomed silence can be deafening. Have them read books, draw or color, help with meal preparation, etc.

3. Realize what bored kids really want. The TV is turned off and you've pointed to the clouds. The kids still look decidedly less stimulated. Know that children's moans of boredom are often cries for your attention, and there's nothing wrong with that.

4. Help build your child's creativity. Most important, lay a strong foundation by being a good, self-motivated role model. If you are easily bored and don't actively seek ways to challenge yourself, then your child will follow in your footsteps. Work together to plant a flower/vegetable garden, draw with your child, teach them how to cook and or sew, write a fun book together, rearrange your furniture in your home, or do something you both like to do together.

Mixing Medications Could Be Dangerous

It is very important to be aware of this danger. Adults over 65 buy 30% of all prescription drugs, and 40% of all over the counter drugs. Older adults are more at risk because they are more likely to be taking more than one drug.

Aspirin should not be taken with drugs that thin blood, like blood pressure medications. Antacids

should not be taken with drugs for high blood pressure, heart disease, and Parkinson's disease. If you experience constipation, upset stomach, dizziness, diarrhea, incontinence, sleep changes, mood changes, blurred vision, or a rash after taking a drug, please consult your doctor as soon as possible.

Other suggestions that may

help:

--The doctor should know about all the medications you take. If you have two or three doctors, make sure they know what the others are prescribing.

--Take all medications with you on a visit, or keep a current list of your medications with dosages and directions for each with you in your wallet or purse, in case you forget the names of those medications.

--If possible, ask for drugs that treat more than one condition (blood pressure medication may also be good for heart disease).

--Keep track of side effects (keep a diary or journal).

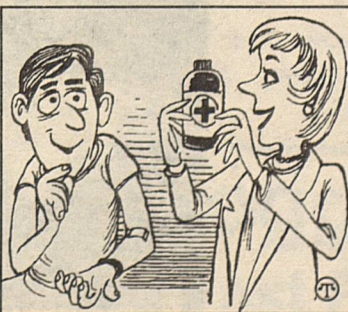
--Ask questions and read the package inserts (if a question arises, contact your pharmacist or doctor).

--Ask questions. Such as, "When can I stop taking this drug?" or "How do we know this drug is still working?"

--Ask a pharmacist if there is a relationship between certain foods and the medications that you are about to take.

--Follow directions. Understand labeling, the timing and dosage. Keep track with a calendar, pill box or timer/alarm.

[*Adapted from Healthline, November 1997.]



World Championship Boer Goat Cookoff

The World Championship Boer Goat Cookoff Association will be holding the 4th Annual Cookoff in Colorado City's Ruddick Park the third weekend in July.

Contestants, their families or any team member may begin setting up their camps on the grounds Friday, July 17, 1998. It is "first come, first serve" on team spaces, so get there early. There will be a cook's party Friday evening for all who will participating in the cookoff.

Each team will be allowed one vehicle inside the park. Parking will be available for additional vehicles in the Public Parking Area. Vehicle access permits will be issued upon arrival.

All cooking must be done in the designated area

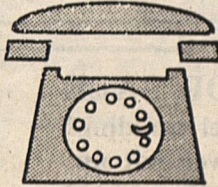
for the contest. Meat to be judged will be turned in 3:30 p.m., Saturday. Judging will begin around 4:00 p.m. Contestants will provide their own wood.

The WCBG Cookoff Association will not furnish anything needed to cook, including a pit as ground pits are not allowed.

No firearms, glass containers or gambling allowed in the Cool-off area. Violators will be asked to leave the area and will not be allowed to participate.

The WCBG Cookoff Association shall not be responsible for any lost equipment or accidents or hurt feelings. And there will be no refunds--rain or shine.

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Texas Historical Commission Draws Closer To identifying Newly Discovered Shipwreck

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) has completed an initial assessment of the recently discovered shipwreck in Matagorda Bay. Archeologists are using high-resolution sonar to conduct a thorough survey. The THC plans to do additional diving in to recover additional artifacts for analysis.

Because visibility at the shipwreck site is less than a foot, identification of artifacts is difficult. Archeologists believe they have found iron bar stock, unidentified wooden timbers, a stalk and trigger guard from a musket, rounded concretion cannon balls and ballast stones at the current shipwreck site just off the Texas Coast. It is thought the ship may be the *Aimable*, a 180-ton store-ship that was part of French explorer Rene Robert Cavalier, Sieur de LaSalle's 17th-century expedition to the New World.

Artifacts from the *Belle*, another La Salle ship excavated by the THC in 1996 and 1997 in Matagorda Bay, are currently undergoing conservation at the Conservation Research Laboratory at

Texas A&M University in College Station. The approximately 500 hull timbers recovered during the excavation are being cleaned and readied for re-assembly.

THC contracted with an independent film director to create a documentary on the *Belle* that will air in Europe in September 1998 and on prime time television in the U.S. in 1999. A book for general audiences detailing the excavation and conservation of the *Belle* is also scheduled for release in 1999. For more information contact: Renee Peterson, director of marketing, Texas Historical Commission, (512)463-7096.

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Aggies study El Nino effects on lightning

COLLEGE STATION - The effects of El Nino are everywhere — it has waterlogged the west coast, pummeled Florida with tornadoes and turned winter snows into winter sunshine — but scientists have yet to determine the effects of the system on thunderstorms and lightning.

By studying lightning, Texas A&M University meteorologists hope to better predict where lightning will occur next in order to protect lives and property and help power companies anticipate power outages.

The scientists will combine radar, satellite and lightning data to get a more complete picture of storms. The lightning data will come from the National Lightning Detection Network, which is run out of Tucson.

"It's going to be interesting this

year to see what El Nino is doing to lightning activity," said meteorologist Richard Orville.

Lightning is classified as either positively or negatively charged with positive-charged lightning being the more dangerous. Researchers expect to see not only more lightning associated with El Nino but also more positively-charged lightning, Orville said.

"Being able to look into a storm system and see where the most dangerous lightning is occurring means you can tell what parts on the ground will be most threatened by the lightning activity," he said.

With this knowledge, power companies can deploy repair crews to areas where and when lightning is likely to cut power, he said. The companies also will be better able to predict where lightning may occur, so they can reroute power to minimize the lightning damage and power outages.

Annual Black Bass Tournament

The eighth annual Fisherman Appreciation Black Bass Open Tournament will be held at Lake Colorado City State Park and Lake Champion on Saturday, June 13. The tournament is sponsored annually by the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce.

Contestants may fish by kayak, boat, tube or wade

for a chance at more than \$4,200 in cash prizes (based on 150 entries). First place is guaranteed to pay \$2,000 and the next 19 places will pay out according to the number of registered entries.

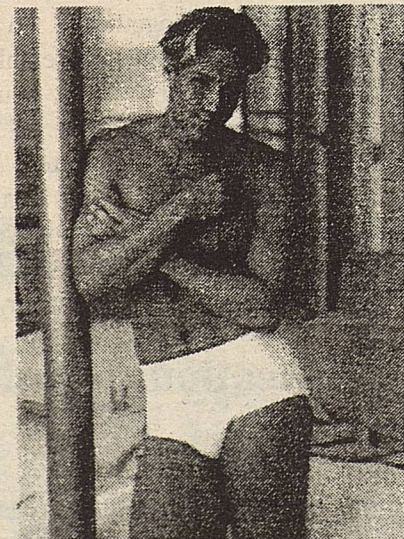
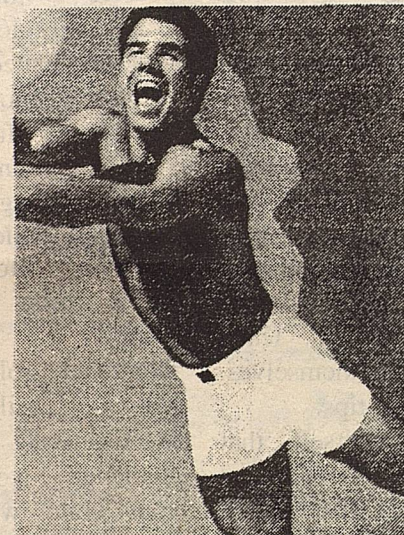
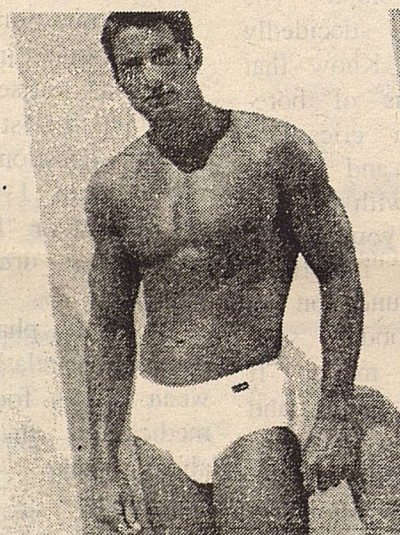
The \$35 entry fee includes a catered meal for all fishermen on Friday, June 12, at the tournament headquarters located at

First and Elm in downtown Colorado City. Headquarters will be open from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, and from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. on Saturday. All fishermen must register to be eligible for cash prizes.

Contact the Chamber of Commerce at (915)728-3403 or Tournament Director Ronnie Conner at (915)728-8436 for additional information.

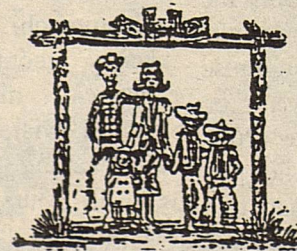
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LEGAL MATTERS

BY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAN MORALES

DON'T TAKE FATHERS FOR GRANTED

JUNE 21st IS FATHER'S DAY, a time when many of us will reflect on how much our fathers have meant to us. Others, who may not have known their fathers, or whose fathers left their lives early for one reason or another, may be even more acutely aware of how important fathers are.

Here at the Office of the Attorney General, we are responsible for enforcing laws that require fathers to support the children they bring into the world. Father's Day has a special meaning for us.

Did you know?

Most of you know that the Texas Child Support Program collects court-ordered child support from absent parents — usually absent fathers. Some absent parents are women, and we work just as hard to collect from them, but the vast majority are men. When a child lives with just one of his or her parents, it is still most likely that the custodial parent is the child's mother.

What few people realize is that when most children first join our caseload, they do not even have legal fathers. Why? Because the parents were not married when the child was born. When married parents divorce, the child support order is usually part of a divorce settlement, and payment of child support is likely to be handled through a county child support registry.



the activity and take steps to cool the body, prevention is the key.

Single mothers need help

In Texas, tens of thousands of children are born out of wedlock. Under state law, a child born out of wedlock does not have a legal father. Supporting a family alone every year is very difficult. Our welfare rolls are largely populated by single mothers who simply cannot provide for their children without assistance.

The Texas Child Support Program exists for this reason. Our primary job is to provide child support enforcement services to families, mostly single mothers and their children, who apply for public assistance. Those single mothers need help, and it is the children's fathers who should be providing it.

This makes good sense fiscally for taxpayers. But it also makes good sense for children. Our experience tells us that children need more than money from their fathers. Children need to know who their fathers are, and they need to know that their fathers care about them.

What do we do for children?

Most of the families who come to us first need to find out who their fathers are. The law requires a parent who receives public assistance to cooperate with us in our efforts to identify and locate the child's biological father.

Once we find the child's father, we must establish a legal relationship of fatherhood. If the alleged father does not believe he is the father or refuses to cooperate, the court can order him to take a blood test which will show whether he is the biological father. If he is, the court will establish paternity and order him to pay child support.

Fathers who care

In our line of work, we unfortunately encounter many fathers who deny their children's identities, run away, hide, defy the law, and refuse to help support their children. We are ready, willing, and able to get tough with these men.

We also encounter thousands of fathers who do care about their children and make great sacrifices to provide for their children both financially and in ways that are even more important. They give their children time, love, advice, and attention.

Because we see both sides, we do not take it for granted that every child has a father to appreciate on Father's Day.

If you are an absent father

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Farmers and Ranchers Can Beat the Heat

With the hot summer days in full swing, farmers and ranchers face several health concerns. Heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke are just a few of the risks faced when the summer sun arrives.

Even short periods of high temperatures can cause problems. Farmers and ranchers need to be aware of the dangers associated with working outdoors. If the body temperature gets too hot, heat problems can occur. The body has its own way of regulating body temperature and avoiding heat problems most of the time.

During exercise, work outside or in hot environments, or even during inactivity in hot weather, you perspire or sweat. The evaporation of this sweat results in cooling, but if the climate is hot and humid the process is less effective.

Heat cramps are the least severe and are the first signals that the body is having trouble with heat. They are painful muscle spasms that usually occur in the legs and abdomen. Usually rest and fluids are all the person needs to recover.

Heat exhaustion is a more severe condition than heat cramps. Heat exhaustion results from loss of fluid through sweating when a person has failed to drink enough fluids. The person still sweats but experiences weakness, fatigue, nausea or a headache. The person experiencing heat exhaustion should rest

in a cool place and drink an electrolyte solution, like a commercial sports drink.

Heat stroke is a medical emergency. It develops when the body systems are overwhelmed by heat and begin to stop functioning. A heat stroke victim's skin is hot, dry and red or spotted. The victim is usually mentally confused, delirious or unconscious. Unless the victim received quick and appropriate treatment, death can occur.

Any person with signs or symptoms of heat stroke required immediate hospitalization. However, first aid should be administered until medical personnel can arrive. Victims of heat stroke should be moved to a cool area. Loosen any tight clothing and apply cool, wet cloths.

Several precautions should be taken to prevent heat disorders. Water is one of the most important nutrients in your diet. Those who work outdoors should try to drink 4 ounces of cool water every 15 minutes. Consumption of soft drinks and caffeine should be avoided, and consumption of salt or salt solutions are not necessary.

People should limit activity in hot or humid environments. Try to find something to do inside or in the shade. Wearing white or light colors and porous clothing also prevent heat-related illnesses.

The most important thing to do is to watch for signs and symptoms of heat problems in yourself and those around you. If the signs are present stop

Back Talk

Chiropractic Care Questions & Answers

A friend suggested that my headaches could be caused by a problem with my neck or back. Could that be true?

There are many causes of headaches. There is no "one-size-fits-all" answer. Because the head controls the rest of the body, nothing gets your attention like a bad headache. Headaches come in many types--from tension headaches to significant neurological problems. That is one reason why it is important to check with your chiropractor. Recurring headache is a sign that something is wrong. Your friend is right, your headaches could be caused by problems with your back or neck. A frequently overlooked cause of headaches is the misalignment of spinal bones in the neck or upper back. When these spinal bones

lose their normal position or motion, delicate nerves and blood vessels to the head can be affected resulting in headache. Tension headaches are quite common, affecting up to 95% of the population at one time or another. It may be tension headaches, vascular headaches, migraine or another type of head pain, but it is important to identify the cause of the problem and that is one of chiropractic's strong points.

My shoulder blade hurts when I move it. Could this be caused by my back problem?

Certainly. If you have an existing back problem it may be affecting other parts of your body as well. Only your chiropractor can tell you

for certain, but it is possible for pain in one part to be caused from a different location. Your head, arms, and legs all connect to the spine. The entire muscle and skeletal system acts as a single unit even though it is made up of many different parts. For example, if you wore a shoe only on one foot, your opposite leg would be elevated causing your pelvis to shift in order to compensate for the different leg lengths when you walk. At first you would notice a limp, but in time the limp itself would begin to lessen as the body compensated. This would affect the rest of the back and "sympathetic" pain in distant areas such as the shoulder blades could eventually occur. A practitioner who treats only symptoms would treat only for shoulder blade pain and

the problem (elevation of one leg) would not be corrected and pain might recur. This is one reason why a chiropractor's education and training focus on diagnosing the cause of the pain rather than just treating the symptoms.

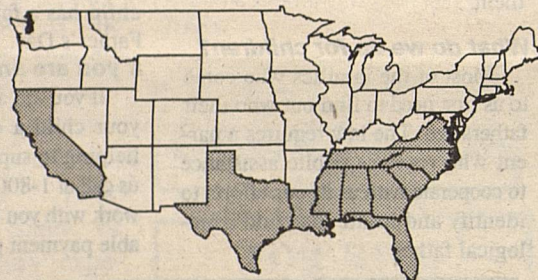
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Formosan Termites Pose Serious Threat to Homeowners

You've heard the saying there's strength in numbers. Well, this is especially true when it comes to Formosan termites. A native of Japan, these pale yellow-brown creatures, who barely measure a quarter inch, are causing serious damage to homes, buildings, national landmarks, living trees and agriculture crops.



▣ Possible Formosan Termite Territory

It's no surprise why they're becoming one of the most destructive pests in coastal America.

The city of New Orleans knows this destruction firsthand. Formosans have destroyed nearly one-quarter of the city-owned trees. The U.S. Forestry Service price tags this municipal problem at more than \$630 million.

Their destruction isn't limited to Louisiana. Formosan thrive in humid tropical environments. That's why residents in coastal areas cannot afford to overlook the very real threat they post.

Termites in general cause \$2 billion in damage annually. That's more damage to homes than damage caused by fires, storms and earthquakes. Controlling termites with the help of a professional is critical.

A More Aggressive Termite

Formosans are the most aggressive kind of termite in the United States. Physically they are better equipped than native termite species. This unfortunately makes them even more difficult to control.

Compared to native termites, Formosans are much more destructive. Their colonies are up to ten times larger in size. A mature colony can number in the millions, where native colonies rarely exceed 300,000. Formosans reproduce quicker and consume at a much faster rate, up to seven times faster than native termites. A well established colony can devour a one-foot, two-by-four in less than one month.

And if that's not enough to warrant

concern, Formosans can build and sustain above-ground carton nests. These nests are made of soil, wood debris and saliva. They work like a sponge and retain moisture so they don't require a ground-based water source for the Formosans' survival. A bulging wall is a sure sign of a carton nest.

Effective Control

Formosans can be controlled in a variety of ways. Fumigation, baits and liquid applications are all options. Yet, fumigation and baits can be costly and soil applied applications alone won't typically control Formosans because of their ability to build above-ground nests. However, some liquid termiticides can effectively control Formosans in these nests because of their ability to be foamed. Foam can go where liquids cannot. Foaming can ensure a thorough treatment of hard-to-reach areas including wall voids, chimneys, under porches and around pipes.

PREMISE[®] Insecticide from Bayer Corporation is effective on Formosans because it is non-repellent and because it has excellent foaming abilities that allow for application to control difficult aerial nests. PREMISE also has benefits consumers have come to expect. It has no odor and best of all, it's low-risk to your family and pets because PREMISE has a lower toxicity.

It's important that you consult a professional pest control operator to conduct an initial inspection and prescribe an effective treatment, if you suspect you have Formosan infestation.

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