

THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING

► **Campus**

TAMU System, TEA form direct link

The Texas A&M University System named Wednesday a former Tarleton State University administrator to a new joint position with the Texas Education Agency.

Dr. William E. Reaves Jr., former dean of the College of Education and Fine Arts at TSU, will assume the mantle of director of educational programs. The position will provide a direct link between the System and Texas public schools.

The appointment marks the first time the TEA and the System have collaborated for a shared managerial position.

A&M begins fundraising campaign

The 1996 State Employee Charitable Campaign got under way at Texas A&M facilities Monday.

Campaign workers started collecting contributions toward the University's goal of \$160,000. Texas A&M University System offices and agencies began collect-

ing money for their \$92,500 goal.

Donations are made to a variety of charitable organizations with cash, check, bank draft or payroll deductions.

The campaign ends Oct. 31.

► **State**

Bats make home in high school

JOHNSON CITY, Texas (AP) — Students in this Central Texas town are getting an extended Labor Day holiday because of a bat colony that took up residence in the high school.

Teachers will report back to work Thursday and classes will resume Monday, Superintendent John Lands said Tuesday.

A professional bat excluder from San Antonio will work this week to prevent the small, winged animals from returning to their lofty roosts on the campus, which also houses the elementary and middle schools.

A bat was found last Wednesday in a teachers' lounge, caught and placed in a small brown trash bag, which was left outside with a pile of trash, Lands said. However, the bag somehow did not get picked up with the other garbage.

► **Nation**

Step by Step actor shot by L.A. couple

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Brandon Call, who plays J.T. Lambert on the ABC-TV series *Step by Step*, was shot while trying to elude two people who chased his car, police said today.

Call, 19, also known for his earlier role as the young boy Hobie on *Baywatch*, was wounded in both arms and was able to drive to University of California, Los Angeles, Medical Center. He was listed in good condition.

The actor told police he was driving on the city's west side Tuesday evening when he realized he was being followed by a man and woman in a car, said Lt. Anthony Alba.

"He tried to get away from them, but they chased him to a cul-de-sac and opened fire," said Officer Mike Partain.

The motive for the shooting wasn't immediately determined.

Step by Step, a family comedy, stars Patrick Duffy and Suzanne Sommers.

Dead four-year-old was size of infant

NEW YORK (AP) — The 4-year-old girl who allegedly starved to death in a crib as her mother cared for six other children in their apartment weighed just 15 1/2 pounds when she died, the medical examiner said Wednesday.

"You would expect a normal 1-year-old to be heavier than this," said Dr. Charles Hirsch, the medical examiner.

The autopsy found that the girl, Nadine Lockwood, died from malnutrition and dehydration caused by starvation.

The average 4-year-old girl weighs 35 pounds, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

The girl's mother, 32-year-old Carla Lockwood, is charged with second-degree murder and endangering the welfare of a minor.

Lockwood told police she didn't feed Nadine regularly for a year or seek medical help even when she realized the girl was dying.

Police responded Saturday night to a call of a child's having trouble breathing. They found Nadine dead in her apartment.



Fire Fighter Paul Pirkle, a senior civil engineering major, extinguishes a fire for a lab.

► **This day in history**

(AP) — Today is Thursday, Sept. 5, the 249th day of 1996. There are 117 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1774, the first Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia.

In 1939, the United States proclaimed its neutrality in World War II.

In 1975, President Ford survived an attempt on his life by Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a disciple of Charles Manson, in Sacramento, Calif.

Ten years ago: 21 people were killed and dozens wounded after four hijackers who had seized a Pan Am jumbo jet in Karachi, Pakistan, opened fire when the lights inside the plane failed.

Five years ago: In Moscow, Soviet lawmakers approved the creation of an interim government to usher in a new confederation. Jury selection began in

Miami in the drug and racketeering trial of former Panamanian ruler Manuel Noriega.

One year ago: France ended its three-year moratorium on nuclear tests, setting off an underground blast on a South Pacific atoll. O.J. Simpson jurors heard testimony that police detective Mark Fuhrman had uttered a racist slur and advocated the killing of blacks.

► **Today's birthdays**

Today's Birthdays: The president of the Motion Picture Association of America, Jack Valenti, is 75. Comedian-actor Bob Newhart is 67. Actor William Devane is 57. Actress Raquel Welch is 56. "Cathy" cartoonist Cathy Guisewite is 46. Rock musician Brad Wilk of Rage Against The Machine is 28. TV personality Dweezil Zappa is 27. Actor Andrew Ducote of *Dave's World* is 10.

► **Weather**

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