

# THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING



Pat James, THE BATTALION

## Play ball

Miles Zuniga, guitarist and vocalist for the Austin band Fastball, performs on the steps of the Wayne Stark Galleries during a midday performance Monday sponsored by MSC Town Hall.

### ► Campus

#### Rape suspect's dad still jailed Monday

Don Davis Sr. remained in jail Monday on charges that he helped his 23-year-old son disappear five days before his trial on charges of rape was set to begin.

Davis' son, Don Davis Jr., a 1995 Texas A&M graduate, was indicted in March on charges of aggravated sexual assault in connection with two rapes on the A&M campus.

Davis Sr. and his wife, Linda, were indicted Thursday for hindering the prosecution and apprehension of a felon. Prosecutors maintain the couple gave their son money and a car shortly before he fled.

Linda Davis was released this weekend on a \$20,000 bond.

#### APO, Red Cross host campus blood drive

The Red Cross and Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity are teaming up to sponsor a blood drive on campus for the remain-

der of the week.

Students may donate blood from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at any of the five campus locations through Friday.

Locations include the Memorial Student Center, West Campus and the Commons.

### ► Nation

#### Minors urged to aid state tobacco stings

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a little publicized provision, President Clinton's crackdown on youth smoking encourages states to use minors in sting operations to detect illegal tobacco sales — or risk losing federal aid.

The government says its new rule did generate a many responses from citizens about the physical and psychological safety of undercover children and their ability to understand legal issues like entrapment.

But it says examples around the country — including an Illinois town where stings using junior high school students have had a dramatic impact — show that such problems can be solved with prop-

er adult supervision.

The rule was issued in January by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, which distributes \$1.2 billion a year in drug treatment and prevention funds.

#### Lucid to return home Wednesday

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Relief is on the way for NASA astronaut Shannon Lucid.

Space shuttle Atlantis blasted off Monday on a mission to bring her home from the Russian space station Mir, where she has spent a record-breaking six months in orbit.

Atlantis, more than six weeks late because of mechanical trouble and two hurricanes, is supposed to dock with Mir late Wednesday, despite the failure of a critical power unit that could force NASA to cut the flight short.

NASA briefly considered moving up the docking to Tuesday because of the mysterious shutdown of one of three hydraulic power units minutes after liftoff.

#### Americans flout toilet hygiene

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Most Americans routinely ignore Mom's most important piece of advice: Wash your hands after to the bathroom.

This unsettling item of research gathered in the only way possible by actually watching what people (or don't do) in public restrooms.

The researchers — in stalls or pretended to be in stalls while observing men and women do their business in five cities last month.

Among the results: —Just 60 percent of Yorkers using restrooms in Station washed up afterward. —The watchers in Chicago 78 percent take the time to after using the bathroom at Navy Pier.

—The survey found 74 percent wash after using the toilet, compared with 61 percent of men. Only in New York and New Orleans did men use soap and water slightly more than women.

### ► This day in history

(AP) — Today is Tuesday, Sept. 17, the 261st day of 1996. There are 105 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1787, the U.S. Constitution was completed and signed by a majority of delegates attending the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

In 1862, Union forces hurled back a Confederate invasion of Maryland in the Civil War Battle of Antietam.

In 1920, the American Professional Football Association — a precursor of the NFL — was formed in Canton, Ohio.

In 1966, "Mission: Impossible" premiered on CBS.

In 1976, NASA publicly unveiled the space shuttle "Enterprise" at ceremonies in Palmdale, Calif.

In 1983, Vanessa Williams of New York became the first black contestant to be crowned Miss America. (The following July, she also became the first Miss America to resign in the wake of her Penthouse magazine scandal.)

Ten years ago: Seven people were killed and 51 wounded when a bomb exploded outside a Paris department store.

Five years ago: The U.N. General Assembly opened its 46th session, welcoming new members Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, North and South Korea, the Marshall Islands and Micronesia.

One year ago: Hong Kong held its last legislative election before the 1997 takeover by China, with some of Beijing's fiercest critics the big winners.

### ► Today's birthdays

(AP) — Actress Anne Bancroft is 65. U.S. Supreme Court Justice David H. Souter is 57. Cartoonist Jeff MacNelly is 49. Actor John Ritter is 48. Actress Cassandra Peterson ("Elvira, Mistress of the Dark") is 45. Rapper Doug E. Fresh is 30. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marcus Sanders (Hi-Five) is 23.

### ► Weather

#### Today



Partly cloudy with easterly winds 5-10 mph.

#### Tonight



Increasing clouds with east winds near 5 mph.

#### Tomorrow



Mostly cloudy to cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

#### Highs & Lows

Yesterday's High: 94°F  
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Today's Expected High: 95°F  
Today's Expected Low: 74°F

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SEPT. 18: KARAOKE NIGHT-BULLWINKLES 8:00 P.M.  
SEPT. 19: SPORTS NIGHT-REC. CENTER 8:00P.M.  
SEPT. 20: PARTY-EL TEJANO RANCH 9:00 P.M.  
SEPT. 21 BAR-B-Q- CENTRAL PARK 1:00 P.M.

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