

THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING

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Getting the Boot

Rachel Redington, THE BATTALION
PTTS officer Jesse Kochenderfer checks on a car that had a boot put on it in 30-minute parking.

► **Campus**

PTTS, UPD sponsor free bike program

A free all-day bicycle identification and registration program is being held today in the breezeway between the Rudder Complex and the Memorial Student Center. The program is sponsored by the University Police Department and the Department of Parking, Traffic and Transportation. Officers from PTTs will complete all paperwork to register bicycles, and officers from UPD will engrave bicycles with the owner's drivers license number.

'Superman' pushed out of chimney

DALLAS (AP) — It was a good deed that turned bad, but it had a happy ending. It all started Monday night when a woman and her 16-year-old son got locked out of their house in the Lake Highlands area and the boy decided to come to the rescue by playing "Superman" for his mom," police said. The boy tried to climb down the chimney and got stuck about 20 feet down when it began narrowing. Dallas firefighters had to spend about two hours rescuing him. "He was very tired, very scared,

and it hurt to pull him through the chimney," said Lt. Steve Coffman of the Dallas Fire Department's high angle rescue team. Fire department spokeswoman Sherrie Wilson said the boy was trying to help his mother when he climbed into the chimney.

El Paso developers sue CBS for libel

EL PASO (AP) — A group of developers have sued CBS in federal court, alleging their reputations were ruined by a 60 Minutes segment depicting poor living conditions in border developments called colonias. Kasco Ventures Inc. and five individuals are asking for more than \$50,000 in damages. They say the Oct. 8, 1995, story cast them as villains. The news program revealed their ownership in several El Paso County colonias. 60 Minutes stands by the segment, titled "The Other America," said Kevin Tedesco, spokesman for CBS Inc. in New York. The story featured an interview with Deborah Kastrian, one of the plaintiffs. The other plaintiffs are listed as William J. Kastrian, Socorro Kastrian, William F. "Fred" Kastrian and Veronica Kastrian Callaghan. The segment alleged fraudulent real-estate development and unhealthy living conditions in Texas

colonias, some of which are standard subdivisions lacking even basic water and sewage service. Also featured were allegations of unethical business practices between developers and politicians involving prosecution of colonia developers. The report questioned how U.S. Rep. Ron Coleman, D-El Paso, could have close personal and political ties to the Kastrian family while also fighting for federal money to improve conditions in the colonias. After the report, Coleman dropped William "Bill" Kastrian as his re-election campaign chairman and Kastrian's son, Fred, as trustee of Coleman's blind trust.

Edwards Aquifer water level rises

AUSTIN (AP) — Water levels in the Edwards Aquifer are steadily improving, and a few good rains should bring the levels back to normal, officials said Tuesday. "The water levels in the wells are starting to come up, and we are just hoping for rain — big, intense rains in the right places ... in the recharge and contribution zones," said Steve Schriver, environmental analyst for the Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District. "And we need people to conserve." The district, which includes

southern Travis and northern counties, is in a Stage 2 water alert declared last summer. There are three stages of water alerts. Stage 3 is the most severe with required reductions in consumption by up to 33 percent. A couple of storms with three inches of rain each were enough to get water into the aquifer and sinkholes to replenish, Schriver said. The aquifer is the sole source of drinking water for the nearly 2 million residents in San Antonio. Some residents in south Austin also serve as home to endangered plants, fish and amphibians. Rainfall and soil conditions at near-normal levels across the state, according to the drought severity index of the Texas Water Development Board.

Correction

In a front page story on Oct. 30, an editing mistake was made. Dr. Larry Crumbley, an anatomy professor, should have been quoted as saying the policy would encourage professors to concentrate on receiving good evaluations. "The professors who are getting the better grades (to students) are covering the least material (in their evaluations)," Crumbley said.

► **This day in history**

(AP) — Today is Wednesday, Oct. 9, the 283rd day of 1996. There are 83 days left in the year. On this date: In 1701, the Collegiate School of Connecticut — later Yale University — was chartered in New Haven. In 1776, a group of Spanish missionaries settled in present-day San Francisco. In 1888, the public was first admitted to the Washington Monument. In 1930, Laura Ingalls became the first woman to fly across the United States as she completed a nine-stop journey from Roosevelt Field, N.Y., to Glendale, Calif. In 1958, Pope Pius XII died, 19 years after he was elevated to the papacy. In 1967, Latin American guerrilla leader Che Guevara was executed while attempting to incite revolution in Bolivia. In 1974, Czech-born German businessman Oskar

Schindler, credited with saving about 1,200 Jews during the Holocaust, died in Frankfurt, West Germany; at his request, he was buried in Jerusalem. In 1975, Soviet scientist Andrei Sakharov was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. In 1985, the hijackers of the "Achille Lauro" cruise liner surrendered after the ship arrived in Port Said, Egypt. Five years ago: President Bush declared "total confidence" in his nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court, Clarence Thomas, who was accused of sexual harassment by former aide Anita Hill. ► **Today's birthdays** Rock musician John Entwistle (The Who) is 52. Singer Jackson Browne is 48. Actor Scott Bakula is 41. Football player Mike Singletary is 38. Sean Lennon is 21. Actor Zachery Ty Bryan (Home Improvement) is 15.

► **Weather**

Today	Tonight	Tomorrow	Highs & Lows
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