

THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING

► State

New Houston area code to take effect

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston's new 281 area code for areas outside the city center take effect Nov. 2.

The old 713 code will remain in place for areas inside a boundary that roughly follows the Sam Houston Tollway-Beltway Loop 8.

Southwestern Bell will introduce the new code in two stages. Between Nov. 2 and May 2, most calls placed between the two area codes can be made by dialing just the usual seven digits. If they wish, callers may dial the appropriate area code as well.

Southwestern Bell spokesman Chris Talley said the six-month period of transitional, or "permissive," dialing is designed to help people in Houston get used to the change.

"We're trying to keep people from doing 17-digit dialing," said Talley.

"That's when they dial only seven digits, get the wrong phone number and then have to dial 10 digits to finally get the right number."

Correction:

In a front page article Friday, the first president of Texas A&M was misidentified. Thomas Gathright was the first president of A&M.

Water recycling to be considered

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio, which depends on a fragile aquifer for its water supply, will consider a new source this week.

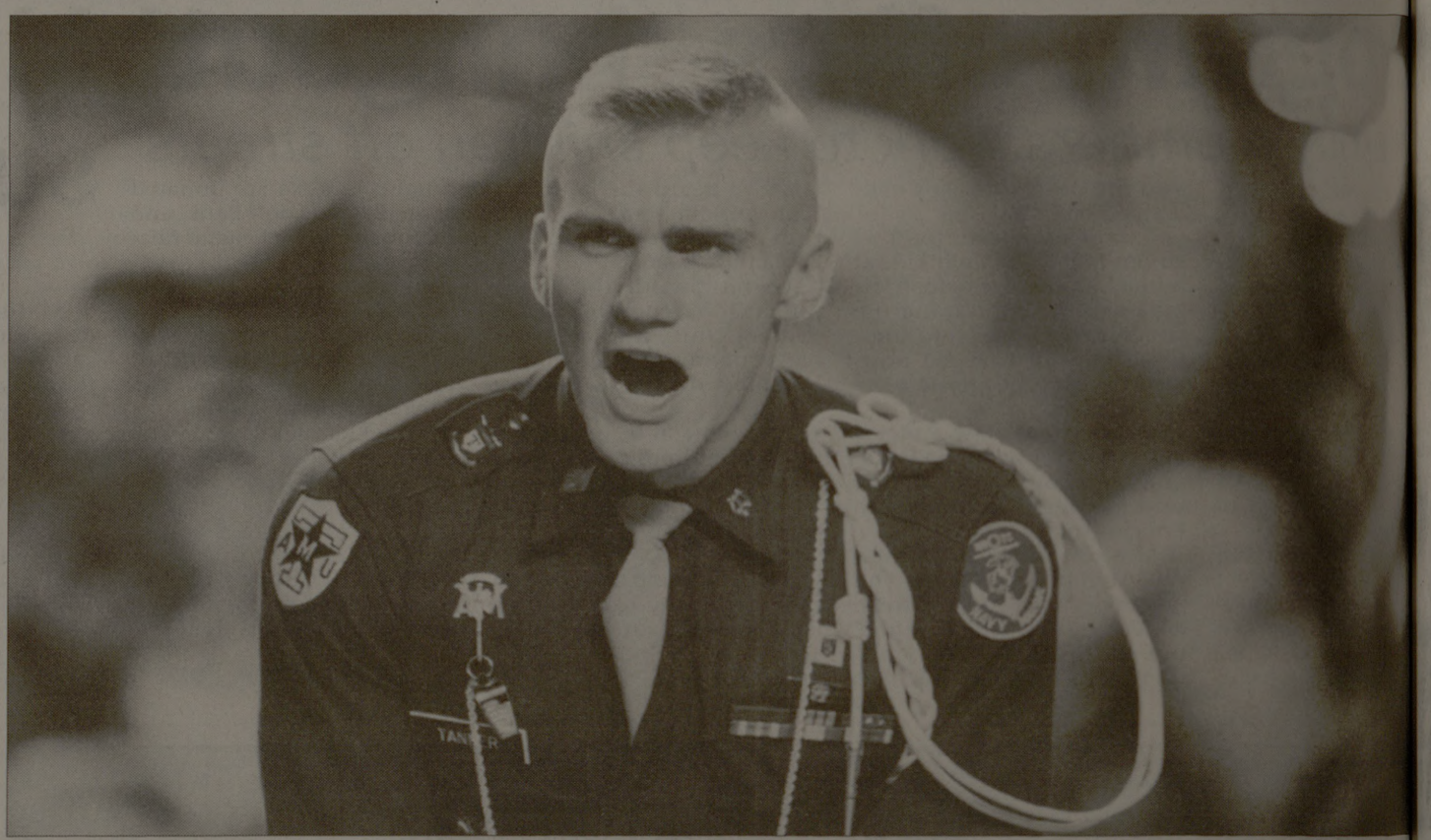
The lines of a new \$81 million treated-wastewater recycling system would deliver to golf courses and other industrial customers up to 20 percent of what the system currently pumps from the Edwards Aquifer.

The board of the city's water company is expected to approve the final concept Tuesday.

After decades of talking about the need to develop alternative sources to the aquifer, the utility is planning to make use of the only other water it controls.

Demand has increased recently with the creation of the Edwards Aquifer Authority, a new state agency to regulate pumping from the aquifer. No longer will the city be able to supply unlimited water from the aquifer to new growth.

Also applying pressure on the city and all of the federal agencies operating here, including five military installations, is a federal judge acting under complaints from the Sierra Club. U.S. District Judge Lucius Burton III has ordered limits on aquifer pumping to maintain aquifer-fed springs supporting five federally protected species.



Sound Off Shane Tanner, head drum major and a senior community health major, leads fans in a post-game yell practice Sunday after the Aggies lost to Kansas State 23 to 20. See related coverage on Page 7.

► This day in history

(AP) — Today is Monday, Oct. 21, the 295th day of 1996. There are 71 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1797, the U.S. Navy frigate Constitution, also known as "Old Ironsides," was launched in Boston's harbor.

In 1879, Thomas Edison invented a workable electric light at his laboratory in Menlo Park, N.J.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. troops captured the German city of Aachen.

In 1959, the Guggenheim Museum opened to the public in New York.

In 1960, Democrat John F. Kennedy and Republican Richard M. Nixon clashed in their fourth and final presidential debate.

In 1966, more than 140 people, mostly children, were killed when a coal waste landslide engulfed a school and several houses in south Wales.

In 1967, tens of thousands of Vietnam War protesters marched in Washington, D.C.

In 1971, President Nixon nominated Lewis F. Powell and William H. Rehnquist to the Supreme Court.

In 1976, Saul Bellow won the Nobel Prize for literature, the first American honored since John Steinbeck in 1962.

Five years ago: American hostage Jesse Turner was freed by his kidnapers in Lebanon after nearly five years in captivity.

► Today's birthdays

Singer Elvin Bishop is 54. Musician Lee Loughnane of the group Chicago is 50. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is 47. Actress-author Carrie Fisher is 40. Actor Jeremy Miller (*Growing Pains*) is 20. Actor Will Estes (*Kirk*) is 19.

► Weather

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