

THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING

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Rachel Redington, THE BATTALION

Partisan Pet Sunny Lasley, a senior agriculture development major, pets Tom, a donkey owned by Sonny and Lynn Ellen of Bryan. The donkey was part of a display in front of the MSC sponsored by the Aggie Democrats.

► **Campus**

PTTS, UPD to help register bicycles

There will be a bicycle identification and registration program from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today between the Wehner Building and the West Campus Library.

Officers from Parking, Traffic and Transportation will complete all necessary paperwork on regis-

tration, and officers from the University Police Department will engrave bicycles with the owner's driver's license number. The services are free.

Symposium takes global approach

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages is hosting an international symposium on literature at 5 p.m. in 226 MSC.

The symposium is commemorating Jorge Luis Borges, a Latin American writer who died 10 years ago.

Speakers from Australia, Europe and Latin America will be in attendance.

Clinic, B-2 freshmen sponsor donor drive

The Scott and White Marrow Donor Program is holding a drive on campus today for the National

Marrow Donor Program Registry.

The freshmen of Company B-2 in the Corps of Cadets are sponsoring the drive.

It is being held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Study Lounge B on the Quadrangle.

► **State**

Cast, crew finish tribute to Selena

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Work has concluded in San Antonio on the movie about Tejano singer Selena.

The cast and crew members of the movie celebrated with a bash at a San Antonio cafe Monday night. Now they move on to Corpus Christi, where more filming is scheduled to begin on Friday.

The movie is scheduled for release next April.

Actor Edward James Olmos is playing the role of Selena's father, Abraham Quintanilla Jr. Members of the Quintanilla family were at Monday night's dinner.

Olmos says it's the toughest role he's ever taken, because of the tragedy. Selena was shot and killed at Corpus Christi in 1994.

Surgeon deals to avoid prosecution

FORT WORTH (AP) — A neurosurgeon has surrendered his medical license as part of an agreement to avoid further criminal prosecution in sexual assaults on three girls.

Dr. Charles L. Webster Jr. has pleaded no contest to two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a

child. He surrendered his license in exchange for a 10-year deferred sentence and dismissal of two other assault counts.

The State Board of Medical Examiners earlier this month accepted Webster's voluntary and permanent surrender of his license. He had entered his plea July 29 before state District Judge Wayne Salvant.

Webster, 65, had been scheduled to go to trial in July following his indictment two years ago in the attacks on three girls under age 14.

In a separate action on Oct. 5, the board revoked the professional credentials of Dr. Beiden J.L. Coomansingh. The 57-year-old obstetrician-gynecologist was accused of giving drugs to an undercover police officer for the promise of sex. He was fined \$25,000 by the board, which had had suspended Coomansingh's license after his arrest Aug. 3.

► **Nation**

Gates, classmate help out Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — What's \$25 million between friends? If you're Bill Gates, it's enough to build a new computer science center at Harvard University with one of your best pals.

The contribution from Gates and Harvard classmate Steve Ballmer is the fifth-largest in the school's history. The building — named for their mothers — will house the computer science and electrical engineering programs.

"What Harvard had as a facility — and I can say this, because I

was there a lot — was not a facility," Gates said Tuesday in Seattle. "It's gotten better over the last years, but it's not as good as some of the other departments at the school."

The gift "underscores the importance of computer information technology in education as well as in society," said President Neil Rudenstine.

Lawyers confront conspiracy charge

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Mark Fuhrman was never charged with the evidence needed to frame O.J. Simpson, a police officer testified Tuesday. The testimony was part of a lawsuit filed by the defense team in San Diego.

Detective Ron Phillips said he and Fuhrman arrived together at the condominium where Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were stabbed to death hours earlier, and that Fuhrman never left his side.

"He was standing behind me," Phillips said. "Did you see a second glove?" Phillips' attorney Edward Wehner asked.

"I just saw one glove," Phillips said.

Later in the morning after June 12, 1994 slayings, Phillips reported finding the metal glove on a pathway next to a guest house on Simpson's estate. The defense team in San Diego is targeting Fuhrman as a racist who planted the glove to frame Simpson.

► **This day in history**

(AP) — Today is Wednesday, Oct. 30, the 304th day of 1996. There are 62 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1938, the radio play that panicked the nation, *The War of the Worlds*, starring Orson Welles, aired on CBS.

In 1945, the U.S. government announced the end of shoe rationing.

In 1953, Gen. George C. Marshall was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Dr. Albert Schweitzer received the Peace Prize for 1952.

In 1961, the Soviet Union tested a hydrogen bomb with a force estimated at 58 megatons.

In 1961, the Soviet Party Congress unanimously approved a resolution ordering the removal of Josef Stalin's body from Lenin's tomb.

In 1974, Muhammad Ali knocked out George Foreman in the eighth round of a 15-round bout in Kinshasa, Zaire, to regain his world heavyweight title.

In 1975, the (New York) Daily News ran the headline "Ford to City: Drop Dead" a day after President Gerald Ford said he would veto any proposed federal bailout of New York City.

In 1985, the launch of the space shuttle Challenger was witnessed by the schoolteacher scheduled to fly aboard the spacecraft the following January, Christa McAuliffe of New Hampshire.

One year ago: By a vote of 50.6 percent to 49.4 percent, Federalists prevailed over separatists in Quebec in a secession referendum.

► **Today's Birthdays**

Actor Henry Winkler is 51. Actor Harry Hamlin is 45. Rock singer-musician Jerry DeBorg (Jesus Jones) is 33. Rock singer-musician Gavin Rossdale (Bush) is 29.

► **Weather**

Today	Tonight	Tomorrow	Highs & Lows
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