

Pat James, THE BATTALION

Practice Makes Perfect Robert Zipp, a junior management major and a member of the Meatball Platoon of the Ross Volunteers, practices in front of the O&M Building Monday.

In 1920, baseball got its first "czar" as Judge er of the American and National Leagues.

In 1921, representatives of nine nations gathered for the start of the Washington Conference for Limitation of Armaments.

ruler of the Soviet Union as Leon Trotsky was expelled from the Communist Party.

canal began. (The Americans ended up winning a major victory over the Japanese.)

In 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and several other World War II Japanese leaders

In 1954, Ellis Island closed after processing more than 20 million immigrants since opening in New York Harbor in 1892.

In 1980, the U.S. space probe Voyager 1 came within 77,000 miles of Saturn.

In 1982, Yuri V. Andropov was elected to succeed the late Leonid I. Brezhnev as general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee.

#### ► Today's birthdays

Actress Kim Hunter is 74. Actor-playwright Wallace Shawn is 53. Singer Brian Hyland is 53. Singer-songwriter Neil Young is 51. Olympic gold medal gymnast Nadia Comaneci is 35. Actor David Schwimmer is 30. Figure skater Tonya Harding is 26. Singer Tevin Campbell is 20.

**►** State

## Grandfather held in prison for extra time

FORT WORTH (AP) - A grandfather accused of sexual abuse by his grandson spent an extra two months in jail because Child Protective Services workers did not promptly inform prosecutors that the child had recanted his story, officials say.

It eventually took a letter from Louis D. Martin, 58, to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram to secure the man's release from the Tarrant County Jail. The newspaper forwarded the letter to prosecutors handling the case.

Martin was released four months after he was jailed and two months after nis grandson told case workers that he had made up the story of abuse because he "was unhappy with his grandfather."

CPS officials say they will re-examine their procedures because of what they said was an unintentional error.

Both CPS workers and prosecutors say the Martin case is an example of the problems of prosecuting accusations of assault against children, who often recant or change their stories as investigations continue.

Martin was arrested in May and jailed on three counts of aggravated sexual assault based on the word of his 12-year-old grandson.

## Juveniles esca from state so

GIDDINGS (AP) - Two convicted of attempted mu another convicted of ag sexual assault escaped fr dings State School Monday saulting a youth activity sur

Linda Ward of the Lee heriff's Department said fled the maximum-security detention facility 50 miles Austin about 1:30 a.m. Mon

The youths grabbed the visor, took his keys and him into a closet that the with one of the keys.

The youths used the sam keys to unlock the dormi crawled under a nearby feno cape, said Tom Tye, directo nile corrections and halfway for the Texas Youth Com

Ward identified two of the as Leocadio Martinez, 17, County, sentenced to a ma 40 years for attempted m Densy Jimenez, 18, of Ho sentenced to a minimum years for attempted murder.

She would not give then the third youth, a 16-yeard Nueces County, who she s serving a maximum 30-ye tence for aggravated sexual

Giddings State School is the Texas Youth Commission.

### ► This day in history

(AP) — Today is Tuesday, Nov. 12, the 317th day of 1996. There are 49 days left in the year.

Kenesaw Mountain Landis was elected commission-

In 1927, Joseph Stalin became the undisputed

In 1942, the World War II naval Battle of Guadal-

were sentenced to death by a war crimes tribunal.

**►** Weather



Today

Partly cloudy with light south winds.

**Tonight** 



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**Tomorrow** 



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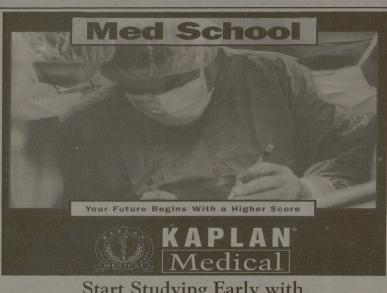
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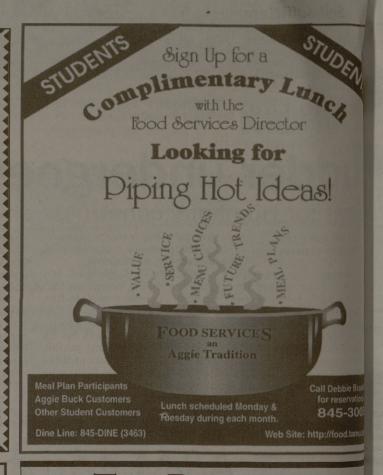
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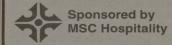


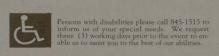
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