

# THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING

► **Campus**

## Project produces interactive designs

Architectural designs for a model middle school in the Waller Independent School District will be displayed in Harrington Tower from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. today.

The designs are the culmination of a semester-long research project of Texas A&M and Prairie View A&M architecture students. The students worked with teachers, administrators and students from H.T. Jones Intermediate School in Waller to research and design a model school.

The designs will be presented Wednesday to officials at Jones Intermediate School.

► **Nation**

## Doe! Police capture escaped reindeer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Christmas is more than three weeks away, but one of Santa's reindeer has been prancing through town

a little early.

"You're not going to believe this — I'm in pursuit of one of Santa's reindeer," police officer Richard Smith announced Sunday morning over the police radio.

It was the beginning of what became a five-mile chase through downtown San Antonio and Victoria Courts, a public housing complex.

"I called it in like a car chase, a dark brown deer headed south on Alamo, east on Durango," Smith said.

It began when a doe named Peppa escaped from a display of Santa's "reindeer" at the Little Christmas Village at La Villita. La Villita is a historic village filled with specialty shops in the heart of downtown.

Smith was working as a security guard at La Villita when he saw the deer and a fawn walking through the park. The fawn stayed in the park and was quickly returned to the pen. But the doe had other ideas.

"I thought [the deer] might be real tame, so I tried to lure it with some food, but it got scared and took off," Smith said.

## Judge says Keating jury contaminated

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The federal fraud and racketeering conviction of former Lincoln Savings boss Charles Keating Jr. was thrown out Monday by a judge who ruled the jurors were contaminated by learning of an earlier conviction.

Prosecutors told U.S. District Judge Mariana Pfaelzer that it wasn't clear the jurors had learned of Keating's prior state court conviction, and if they had, the effect on their deliberations was negligible.

But Pfaelzer sided with Keating's lawyer, who said that similar cases had been reversed when the contamination was nowhere near "as pervasive or as detailed as it was in this case."

After more than an hour of arguments, Pfaelzer simply said "Alright, the motion's granted," and ordered both sides back for a status conference Jan. 16.

Prosecutor Sharon McCaslin said the government "absolutely" will prosecute Keating again.



**Carded!** Emily Stroop, a sophomore general studies student, looks at "I Love You" cards at the Underground Market Monday evening.

► **Weather**

Today	Tonight	Tomorrow
Mostly cloudy and breezy.	Mostly cloudy and cool with slight winds.	Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain.

Highs & Lows
Today's Expected High 64°F
Today's Expected Low 38°F
Tomorrow's Expected High 58°F
Tomorrow Night's Expected Low 43°

Information courtesy of TAMSCAM

► **This day in history**

(AP) — Today is Tuesday, Dec. 3, the 338th day of 1996. There are 28 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1818, Illinois was admitted as the 21st state.

In 1833, Oberlin College in Ohio — the first truly co-educational school of higher learning in the United States — opened its doors.

In 1964, police arrested some 800 students at the University of California at Berkeley, one day after the students stormed the administration building and staged a massive sit-in.

In 1967, a team of surgeons in Cape Town, South Africa, headed by Dr. Christiaan Barnard, performed the first human heart transplant on Louis Washkansky, who lived 18 days with the new heart.

In 1979, 11 people were killed in a crush of fans at Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum, where the British rock group The Who was performing.

In 1984, more than 4,000 people were fatally injured after a cloud of poisonous gas escaped from a pesticide plant operated by a Union Carbide subsidiary in Bhopal, India.

Ten years ago: Saying, "clearly, mistakes were made," Vice President George Bush defended the administration's secret dealings with Iran, and not knowing anything about the diversion of funds to Nicaraguan rebels.

Five years ago: Radicals in Lebanon released a Palestinian hostage Allan Steen, who had been held for nearly five years.

► **Today's Birthdays**

Movie director Jean-Luc Godard is 66. Singer Morgan is 65. Rock singer Ozzy Osbourne is 55. Actress Daryl Hannah is 36. Actress Anna Chlumsky (*Girl*) is 16.

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