

THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING



Amy Dunlap, THE BATTALION

Ticketmaster Officer Brockett of the University Police Department writes Brian Craft, a junior biomedical science major, a ticket for a license plate violation.

► State

Dallas, Houston need more area code relief

AUSTIN (AP) — Just months after introducing new area codes in Houston and Dallas, the Texas Public Utility Commission says the cities will need additional codes before the year 2000.

PUC commissioners on Monday announced that there will not be available phone numbers in the four area codes that now cover Houston and Dallas by mid-1999. The commission is developing a plan now to deal with the problem.

Houston and Dallas each recently split into two area codes, 281 and 713 in and around Houston, and 972 and 214 in and around Dallas.

"We had hoped to provide long-term relief for Dallas and Houston with the new 972 and 281 area codes," said Pat Woods, chairman of the commission.

The commission said the growing number of fax machines, cellular phones and additional lines for computers is one reason available numbers are being taken so quickly.

UT's stadium plans get Bullock's support

AUSTIN (AP) — A planned new upper deck for the University of Texas football stadium, which has run into trouble because it would obstruct a view of the Capitol, has the support of Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

"I would be in favor of proceeding at this point," Bullock said Monday, citing Texas' entry into "the Big 10, the Big Eight, whatever it's called."

Actually, it is the Big 12. But while no avid football fan, Bullock says the expansion appears necessary for the university's sports future.

The planned renovation to UT's Royal Memorial Stadium would obstruct the view from the Capitol to the Lyndon B. Johnson Library — one of 30 sight corridors currently protected by state law.

The university must either change its plans or seek an exemption.

Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, has introduced a bill that would exempt the university from the Capitol view law for the stadium expansion.

UT regents last February approved

the expansion plan. The deck on stadium's east side, scheduled for completion in 1998, would obstruct views from the Lyndon B. Johnson Library.

Future expansion plans, with completion date, would add a deck on the north and south ends and would interfere with another

Sharp has no plan for property taxes

AUSTIN (AP) — State Comptroller John Sharp says he is not writing a Democratic alternative to George W. Bush's plan to replace state's local property taxes.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and Paul Sadler, both Democrats, challenged Sharp last week to draft two versions of Bush's plan to raise state sales tax and create a business tax.

The new taxes are part of an effort to lower Texans' local school property taxes.

Sharp, who is expected by many to challenge Bush for the governor's office, said Monday that Bush's plan has flaws. But the comptroller says he is not pushing an alternative

► This day in history

(AP) — Today is Tuesday, Feb. 11, the 42nd day of 1997. There are 323 days left in the year.

On this date:
In 1812, Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry signed a redistricting law that favored his party — giving rise to the term "gerrymandering."

In 1847, American inventor Thomas Alva Edison was born in Milan, Ohio.

In 1858, a French girl, Bernadette Soubirous, claimed for the first time to have seen a vision of the Virgin Mary near Lourdes, France.

In 1861, President-elect Abraham Lincoln departed Springfield, Ill., for Washington.

In 1929, the Lateran Treaty was signed, with Italy recognizing the independence and sovereignty of Vatican City.

In 1945, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement during World War II.

In 1972, McGraw-Hill Publishing Company and Life magazine canceled plans to publish what had turned out to be a fake autobiography of reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes.

In 1979, followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini seized power in Iran, nine days after the religious leader returned to his home country following 15 years of exile.

In 1990, South African black activist Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in captivity.

► Today's birthdays

Author Sidney Sheldon is 80. Former Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen is 76. Actor Leslie Nielsen is 71. Actor Conrad Janis is 69. Actor Burt Reynolds is 61. Singer Bobby "Boris" Pickett is 57. Actress Carey Lowell is 36. Actress Jennifer Aniston is 28. Singer D'Angelo is 23. Singer-actress Brandy (Mo'Nique) is 18.

► Weather

Today	Tonight	Tomorrow	Highs & Lows
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The conference "Adapting to a Changing World" which will take place on Saturday, February 22, 1997, at the MSC on the Texas A&M campus, will focus on giving participants the skills and insights needed to succeed in the scientific and technological workplace of the year 2000 and beyond.

Participants will select from topics such as:
A Room of Your Own: At the Top,
How to Get Your Research Funded,
Sex Differences and Evolution,
Conflict Resolution, and others.

This year's keynote speaker will be the former Chief Scientist for NASA and current Vice Chancellor for Research at the University of California, Santa Barbara, Dr. France Cordova.

Contact Nancy Magnussen at (409) 845-5587 or via e-mail at nancym@isc.tamu.edu for registration information. Free child care will be provided on site. Registration deadline is February 19.

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