



Catching Rays | Lindsey Herman, a junior biotech major, sunbathes at the Rec Center. Pat James, THE BATTALION

► This day in history

(AP) — Today is Monday, Sept. 2, the 246th day of 1996. There are 120 days left in the year. This is Labor Day.

In 1789, the United States Treasury Department was established.

On Sept. 2, 1945, Tokyo time, Japan formally surrendered to the Allies in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri, ending World War II.

In 1963, *The CBS Evening News* with Walter Cronkite was lengthened from 15 to 30 minutes.

In 1969, Ho Chi Minh died.

Ten years ago: A judge in Los Angeles sentenced Cathy Evelyn Smith to three years in prison for involuntary manslaughter in connection with the 1982 drug overdose death of comedian John Belushi.

Five years ago: President Bush formally recognized the independence of the Baltic states of Lithuania,

Latvia and Estonia. In Moscow, the Soviet Congress of People's Deputies opened its first session since the failed coup, taking up proposals aimed at drastically restructuring the country.

One year ago: At a military cemetery on a hill high above Honolulu, President Clinton marked the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, saying it taught Americans that "the blessings of freedom are never easy or free."

► Today's Birthdays

Today's Birthdays: Author-conservationist Cleveland Amory is 79. Former Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth is 59. Football hall-of-famer Terry Bradshaw is 48. Actor Mark Harmon is 45. Tennis player Jimmy Connors is 44. Actress Linda Purl is 41. Country musician Paul Deakin is 37. Actor Keanu Reeves is 32.

► Campus

Student Rec Center celebrates birthday

The Texas A&M Recreational Sports Department began its month-long "Thanks A Million" campaign Sunday to celebrate of the Student Recreation Center's one-year anniversary.

Rec Center staff will wear "Thanks A Million" buttons during September to commemorate the anniversary.

The department recognized its millionth visitor in August, John L. Keeler, a junior accounting major from Austin.

Test scores set med students apart

The entire 1998 class of Texas A&M's College of Medicine cleared the first hurdle to becoming doctors with flying colors.

All 49 members of the class passed the Step 1 United States Medical Licensing Examination, which tests basic medical knowledge.

The students scored higher both in the percentage of students who passed the exam and average score.

Nationally, 93 percent of students passed the test with an

average score of 210. Texas A&M students averaged a 213 score.

Bryan receives grant for rec center

The city of Bryan and the Bryan Independent School District received a \$400,000 grant from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission last week for a new indoor recreation center.

The center, which will be built near the Neal Elementary School campus, will feature a gymnasium, weight room and reading lounge.

The facility is slated for completion in September 1997.

Campaign receives unusual donation

The Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine accepted an unusual donation as part of the University's "Capturing the Spirit" campaign.

More than 50 miniature horses are part of a \$3 million gift of cash and property from Betty McLain and Zelwanda Hendrick of Rusk.

The gift will be used to establish the Walter W. "Dub" Ruoff Veterinary Research Fund.

Ruoff is an associate depart-

ment head in the college's Department of Large Animal Medicine and Surgery.

Researchers unveil Ephedrine clues

Texas A&M University researchers may have discovered why Ephedrine, a natural stimulant found in plants, has killed young people who have used the drug to get high.

A&M psychologists say the drug acts like Cocaine, by lowering the level of dopamine, a chemical in the brain which helps transmit nerve signals.

Ephedrine gained popularity by producing a high similar to the drug Ecstasy. Overdoses have been linked to a number of deaths among young people.

Rape suspect remains no-show

University and county police continue to search for Don Davis, the Texas A&M graduate charged with rape who disappeared before his trial was to begin.

Davis, 23, violated his court-imposed 10 p.m. curfew on Aug. 2 and has not been seen since.

► Weather

Today	Tonight	Tomorrow	Highs & Lows
			Yesterday's High 90°F
Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Yesterday's Low 72°F
			Today's Expected High 93°F
			Today's Expected Low 72°F

Information courtesy of the TAMU Student Chapter of the

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