

THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING

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► **People in the news**

Academy Awards host search begins

NEW YORK (AP) — Whoopi Goldberg has settled on her choice as host for next year's Academy Awards show — Rosie O'Donnell.



O'Donnell

During an appearance on O'Donnell's TV show Thursday, Goldberg, the host of this year's Oscars, declared: "There isn't anybody else who can do it in my opinion but Rosie." She urged the audience to write the Academy to tell them so.

Osmond up-staged by throat injury

DETROIT (AP) — He's a little bit rock 'n' roll and a little bit ... hurt. A throat injury will force 38-year-old Donny Osmond to miss the first three weeks of the musical

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Osmond, who has the title role in the Andrew Lloyd Webber production, injured his vocal cords three weeks ago while performing in Boston. He aggravated the injury Tuesday doing voice exercises.



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NEW YORK (AP) — Superman actress Margot Kidder, found dazed and filthy in a Los Angeles back yard in April, says she is "much humbled" and feeling fine. In her first interview since the episode, the 47-year-old Kidder told Barbara Walters on ABC's 20/20 that she has suffered for years from manic depression. "It wasn't my mood swings that alarmed me as much as the altered states that I would go

into," Kidder said in the interview, which airs Friday. "I likened them to LSD trips without the LSD."

► **Campus**

Dean receives honorary doctorate

The dean of Texas A&M's College of Science received an honorary doctorate two weeks ago from the University of Bergen in Norway.

Richard E. Ewing was given the award during a special ceremony and banquet attended by the Queen of Norway.

Ewing was honored for his work in applied mathematics/numerical simulation and his close links with researchers at the University of Bergen.

► **City**

Council run-off begins Saturday

College Station voters will head to the polls Saturday to decide a run-off for the College Station City Council.

The election will end the race

between Paul Williams, a College Station business man, and Brad Martin, a landscape architect.

Residents can cast their ballots at the College Station City Council chambers at 1101 Texas Avenue South.

► **State**

Tech may gain top state health official

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The state could lose a second high-ranking figure to the Texas Tech hierarchy if Chancellor John T. Montford decides to pluck Texas' top health official.

State Health Commissioner David R. Smith is "pondering the possibility" of becoming the first president of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, he told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

"I've got to weigh some family decisions," he said.

Montford already said he plans to recommend to school regents that interim university President Donald Haragan, a finalist for the chancellor's job, become the permanent president of the university.

► **This day in history**

(AP) — Today is Friday, Sept. 6, the 250th day of 1996. There are 116 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1837, the Oberlin Collegiate Institute of Ohio went co-educational as it conferred equal academic status to a class of four women and 30 men.

In 1901, President McKinley was shot and mortally wounded by anarchist Leon Czolgosz at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, N.Y.

In 1939, South Africa declared war on Germany.

In 1941, Jews over the age of 6 in German-occupied areas were ordered to wear yellow Stars of David.

In 1975, Czechoslovak tennis star Martina Navratilova, in New York for the U.S. Open, requested political asylum.

Ten years ago: 22 worshippers were killed when two gunmen attacked a synagogue in Istanbul, Turkey, with machine guns and grenades, then took their own lives.

Five years ago: In the Soviet Union, the State Council, a new executive body composed of President Mikhail S. Gorbachev and republic leaders, recognized the independence of the Baltic states.

One year ago: Los Angeles police detective Mark Fuhrman invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination as he was called back to the witness stand at the O.J. Simpson trial.

► **Today's Birthdays**

Country singer David Allen Coe is 57. Comedian-actress Jane Curtin is 49. Rhythm-and-blues musician Claydes Smith of Kool & The Gang is 48. Actor-comedian Jeff Foxworthy is 38. Country singer Mark Chesnutt is 33. Singer CeCe Peniston is 27. Rock singer Dolores O'Riordan of the Cranberries is 25. Actor Justin Whalen of *Lois and Clark* is 22.

► **Weather**

Today



Party cloudy with widely scattered showers and thunderstorms.

Tonight



Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

Tomorrow



Partly cloudy with widely scattered showers and thunderstorms.

Highs & Lows

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