

THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING

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► Campus

Good Friday varies among universities

Good Friday is at last a reading day when students at Texas A&M will not attend classes. Last year, as with years past, the University released classes for half a day on Good Friday, with the decision announced after lunch.

Unlike A&M, some Texas colleges will hold classes on Good Friday.

The University of Texas at Austin will have classes with no chance of an early dismissal, Registrar Ted Pfeiffer said.

Texas Tech will not release on Friday, but does have Monday off as part of the Easter break.

Baylor University, however, will enjoy tomorrow and Monday off for Easter break.

The University of Houston is currently on spring break and will return Monday.

The name "Good Friday" is generally believed to be a misspelling of "God's Friday," Gerald Cryer, theologian and writer for the Catholic Encyclopedia online, said the origin of the term "Good" is not clear.

"It could have been mistaken for 'God's Friday' or even the German term *Guten Freitag*," he said.

► Nation

Net Nanny nabs naughty browsers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Net Nanny can be slow to catch on when Junior takes a raunchy tour of the Internet. But once

she does, he's caught red-handed and red-faced.

When the computer censoring program finally realizes the likes of Deviant Dictionary have been summoned, Net Nanny announces a "violation," shuts down the system and primly records the misdeed for Mom and Dad to see.

Gotcha! There's no stuffing the embarrassing evidence under the mattress, as with girlie magazines in simpler days.

Net Nanny is one of close to a dozen screening programs being marketed to parents as an alternative or supplement to federal Internet content restrictions overturned by a judicial panel and now under Supreme Court review.

Disease becomes monkey business

NEW YORK (AP) — Tiny capsules planted in the brain might be able to fend off the disabling symptoms of Huntington's disease, a study in monkeys suggests.

The capsules pump out a substance that protects brain cells. In the monkeys, they sharply reduced the damage from a poison that kills the same brain cells that die in Huntington's.

A study in people will begin this year in Europe to test the safety of the approach, said researcher Jeffrey H. Kordower of the Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago.

The monkey results were presented in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature* by Kordower, scientists from CytoTherapeutics Inc. of Providence, R.I., and researchers elsewhere.



Robert McKay, The Baylor University

Grounded | Ed Riley, assistant curator of the Department of Entomology Insect Collection, files part of an extensive collection of Lepidoptera donated to Texas A&M by Roy Kendall. There have been 9577 specimens donated.

► This day in history

Today is Thursday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 1997. There are 307 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

In 1807, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland, Maine.

In 1861, in Warsaw, Russian troops fired on a crowd protesting Russian rule over Poland; five marchers were killed.

In 1922, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that guaranteed the right of women to vote.

In 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, caught fire. The Nazis, blaming the Communists, used the fire as a pretext for suspending civil liberties.

In 1939, the Supreme Court outlawed sit-down strikes.

In 1960, the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated the

Soviets, 3-2, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1973, members of the American Indian Movement occupied the hamlet of Wounded Knee in South Dakota, the site of the 1890 massacre of Sioux men, women and children. (The occupation lasted until May.)

One year ago: Bob Dole won the North Dakota and South Dakota primaries, while Steve Forbes captured Arizona's winner-take-all primary.

► Today's birthdays

Actress Elizabeth Taylor is 65. Actress Barbara Babcock is 60. Rock musician Paul Humphreys (*Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark*) is 37. Former basketball player James Worthy is 36. Actor Adam Baldwin is 35. Actor Grant Show (*Melrose Place*) is 35. Rhythm and blues singer Chilli (TLC) is 26. Chelsea Clinton is 17.

► Weather

Today



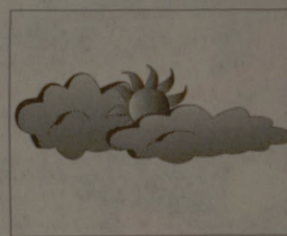
Increasing clouds with a chance of rain. Southeast winds 10-15 mph.

Tonight



Mostly cloudy. Southeast winds.

Tomorrow



Scattered clouds. Southwest winds.

Highs & Lows

Today's Expected 75°F

Tonight's Expected 60°F

Tomorrow's Expected High 79°F

Tomorrow Night Expected Low 59°F

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