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Ryan Rogers, THE BATTALION

On track | **Kristy Matthes** (left), a freshman biology major; **Brook Sancier** (center), a sophomore general studies major; and **Jamie Wilke**, a freshman business major walk the track in the Rec Center yesterday afternoon.

► **State**

State officials aim to prevent abuse

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — State child protection authorities are hoping that policy changes prompted by the death of a 3-month-old girl will help identify possible cases of abuse before they escalate.

"We can't change the past," said Eddie Wilson, regional director for Child Protective Services. "But we need to learn from situations like this one and figure out ways to do our job better."

Cassandra Garcia died in July after being shaken. Her father, Miguel Angel Garcia, was charged with murder. Two months earlier she had been taken to a hospital with a suspicious head injury her parents couldn't explain, but was returned to her home.

As a result, CPS officials are inaugurating new procedures aimed at preventing future fatalities.

"I'm real impressed that [CPS] has taken this tragic situation and tried to make the department better," said El Paso County District Attorney Jaime Esparza. "I applaud them for reviewing the case and changing their policies."

Student discusses exploits in essay

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A high school teacher at Alamo Heights High School certainly found a way to liven up things in his class.

He asked his students to write an essay on something that happened in their lives.

A senior wrote and read aloud a story about him and a friend picking up two women in a bar. Classmates say he went into graphic detail about a sexual encounter that he said followed.

Other students and several parents complained, and the teacher's in trouble.

Superintendent Jerry Christian says "appropriate action" has been taken, but wouldn't go into detail.

Students say they were scheduled to meet today with the Alamo Heights principal to find out what "appropriate action" means.

► **Nation**

Turner's son not happy with layoff

NEW YORK (AP) — As fa son moments go, this one is destined for any parenting guide

Teddy Turner, the 33-year- son of media magnate Ted Tu asked his dad at a family dinne the son's job at Turner Broadca ing System Inc. was safe un the company's pending me with Time Warner Inc. The e Turner's reply: "You're toast."

The younger Turner, a pro tions manager at Turner's ho entertainment division, is one about 1,000 employees expe to lose their jobs after share ers OK Turner and Time Warne $6.8 billion merger on Thursday

Teddy Turner told The W Street Journal that his father to lessen the blow, saying, good for the company and it's g for you. In the short run it's a a little painful."

Later, the tycoon said remo fully, "I've fired my own son," younger Turner told the newspa

► **This day in history**

(AP) — Today is Thursday, Oct. 10, the 284th day of 1996. There are 82 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy opened at Annapolis, Md.

In 1886, the tuxedo dinner jacket made its American debut at the autumn ball in Tuxedo Park, N.Y.

In 1913, the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans commingled in the Panama Canal after U.S. engineers blew up the Gamboa Dam.

In 1938, Germany completed its annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

In 1970, Quebec Labor Minister Pierre Laporte was kidnapped by the Quebec Liberation Front, a militant separatist group. (Laporte's body was found about a week later.)

In 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, accused of accepting bribes, pleaded no contest to one count of federal income tax evasion, and resigned his office.

In 1985, actor Yul Brynner died in New York at age 65; actor-director Orson Welles died in Los Angeles at age 70.

Ten years ago: An earthquake measuring 7.5 on the Richter scale struck San Salvador, El Salvador, killing an estimated 1,500 people.

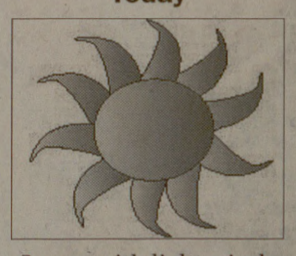
Five years ago: The Senate Judiciary Committee prepared to reopen the confirmation hearing of Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas, accused of sexual harassment by a former aide, Anita Hill.

► **Today's Birthdays**

Playwright Harold Pinter is 66. Former Sen. Adlai Stevenson III, D-Ill., is 66. Entertainer Ben Vereen is 50. Singer John Prine is 50. Singer-musician Midge Ure is 43. Singer David Lee Roth is 41. Singer Tanya Tucker is 38.

► **Weather**

Today

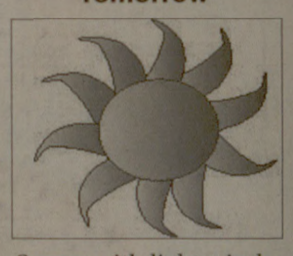


Sunny with light winds from the north.

Tonight

Clear and cool with light winds from the north.

Tomorrow



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Highs & Lows

Today's Expected H 84°F

Tonight's Expected L 52°F

Tomorrow's Expected High 85°F

Tomorrow night Expected Low 54°

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Above: Bell Helicopter employees test their product in the test section of the wind tunnel. *Right:* Pictures at the wind tunnel office give a visual history of the tunnel. *Below:* The wind tunnel was built in the late '40s.

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