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NEWS IN BRIEF

Trick-or-treaters will see 1st full moon since 1956

MIAMI (AP) — For the first time in 46 years, this year's Halloween ghosts and goblins can trick or treat by the light of a full moon. They will not see another chance until 2020, astronomers said. Wednesday night's full moon will look like an orange glow-lantern rising from the west at dusk, said Jack Arkheimer, executive director of the Miami Space Transit Planetarium. The moon will appear orange at the horizon because it is seen through denser layers of the earth's atmosphere. Adding to the effect, the moon's tilt at this time of the year makes the "man in the moon" particularly visible.

MTV cuts 450 jobs amid ad downturn

NEW YORK (AP) — MTV Networks is laying off 450 employees, or about 9 percent of its work force, amid a worsening downturn in advertising. The cuts, detailed in a memo to the staff Monday from chief executive Tom Freston, will affect all parts of MTV Networks, which in addition to the MTV music-video channel also includes Nickelodeon, VH1 and TNN. Freston said the reorganization was motivated by a need to change MTV Networks' structure as well as by the current advertising market.

PUBLIC EYE

Highest attendance at an A&M football game — 1977 against Michigan
104,802

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CBS should not bring romance to victims of Sept. 11 attacks

WEATHER

TODAY
HIGH 80° F
LOW 50° F
TOMORROW
HIGH 83° F
LOW 57° F

'Little Red Riding Hood'



Ashley Barry, a sophomore general studies major, wraps a "Little Red Riding Hood" cape around Kate Davis, a junior general studies major, as the two shop for Halloween costumes.

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Anthrax threat in B-CS unlikely

By MELISSA SULLIVAN
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The probability of anthrax appearing in the Bryan-College Station is very low, said Del Mack Ward, coordinator for the city of Bryan Emergency Management Team, in a panel discussion about Anthrax in America at the Memorial Student Center.

"We are treating this very seriously," Ward said Tuesday night. "We have a very good response team, which includes Texas Task Force One and the Bryan and College Station Fire Departments."

Ward said the emergency management team has developed a systematic procedure for handling suspicious packages after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"When we get a call from the public with a suspicious package, we send a police officer to interview the person. If we think it [the

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E-distance program offered

Students can earn master's degree on Net

By TANYA NADING
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An e-distance degree program started this fall and allows students to get a master of industrial distribution degree via the Internet.

The two-year, 36 hour program was created to meet the needs of professionals who need advanced training but who cannot find the time to enroll in regular classes.

"We responded to the need for higher education for distributors in the field, which is why we created this program," said Rachel Alexander, the information representative for the program.

Students enrolled in the program take two classes each semester and must spend one week on campus, Alexander said.

"The students will come one week each year before classes start and while they are here they will receive three credit hours," she said.

Gary Harvey, a systems analyst in El Paso and a student in the program said he can sum up the program in one word — opportunity.

"It has become almost impossible for any professional to pursue a master's degree while maintaining a

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E-Distance Learning Program

Applications can be downloaded at <http://mid.tamu.edu>

Deadline For Entrance Into Next Year's Program is May 1, 2002

Information from Dr. Ben Zoghi, program coordinator
CHAD MALLAM • THE BATTALION

Quayle: U.S. has long fight ahead

Former vice president recounts days in White House

By ERIC AMBROSIO
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The United States is facing a long, drawn-out battle against terrorism, and as time passes Americans must make sure their commitment does not waiver, former Vice President Dan Quayle said at a speech he delivered Tuesday at Texas A&M.

"We must understand what we are up against. These terrorists are extremely smart and totally committed," Quayle said. "Remember, this is not a war against Islam, this is a choice between freedom and fear. Obviously, the United States will choose freedom."

Introduced by former President George Bush, Quayle discussed the challenges they faced together and the relationship that was formed between the two men during their four years in office. The role of vice president is very rigorous, Quayle said.

"As vice president, one of my duties was to be prepared and to know exactly what was going on. In order to assist the president, I needed to work

closely with him to become familiar with all intelligence," Quayle said. "Another responsibility was to be loyal to the president at all times in order to advance his agenda. If I had a disagreement with him, then it was my obligation to address the issue in private."

Traveling to 47 countries in four years, Quayle said he worked hard to advance foreign relationships with countries primarily in Asia and Latin America. He also worked to promote legal reform, offering over 50 recommendations to Congress in order to make the civil legal system more efficient and less costly.

Commenting on Desert Storm, Quayle said the mission was a success because the objective to expel Iraqi invaders from Kuwait was successful, and defended Bush's decision not to remove Saddam Hussein.

"The most gratifying thing

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JOHN LIVAS • THE BATTALION
Former Vice President Dan Quayle spoke at the Bush Complex Tuesday.

Bowen asked to keep Bonfire promise

By ROLANDO GARCIA
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With the future of Bonfire increasingly in doubt, a group of student leaders will present a letter to Texas A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen today asking him to keep his commitment to having a Bonfire in 2002.

"Students have been very supportive of the administration's efforts to make Bonfire safe, but after Dr. Bowen's statement that it might be too expensive, it feels like we're getting screwed," said Jack Long, speaker of the Student Senate and a senior political science major.

Bowen recently said the estimated \$1.5-

million price tag for Bonfire 2002 was too costly and might force the University to reconsider plans for future Bonfires.

Long said he decided to send a letter and gather support from student leaders after hearing from countless students and alumni who were concerned that the administration

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Cities, parks continue with Halloween plans

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP) — The most popular outfit at public Halloween bashes around the nation is expected to be a police uniform — but it will not be a costume.

After FBI Director Robert Mueller warned this week of

the possibility of more terrorist attacks, law enforcement officials planned to increase their presence at public Halloween parties around the nation.

More than 200,000 costumed revelers are expected to pack the city streets in West

Hollywood on Wednesday night. Scattered among them will be 100 members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department — "a deputy on every corner," said Sgt. Gary Griffith.

"Obviously, based on all the media and the announce-

ment coming out of the federal government, we have increased the number of deputies working the assignment," Griffith said.

Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, fears of further

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