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Barbie goes home after unusual medical help

Barbie, a young horse that had been bit by a venomous snake, is now healed and back home in Morris after five weeks of treatment that included the use of maggots by doctors at OSU's Veterinary Teaching Hospital. In the course of her treatment for the snakebite, another problem arose causing a large open wound on Barbie's neck. Maggot therapy was used for the first time by the attending veterinarian and it worked so well that the 16-month old filly has been released to her owner. Known as "Maggot Debridement Therapy," the maggots provide a natural and optimal means of removing dead tissue from the wound. For more information, contact Derinda Lowe, (405) 744-6740.

OSU-Okmulgee fills industry need for skilled technicians

The "can do" attitude of two Oklahoma State University - Okmulgee faculty members is helping their program keep pace with industry demand for gas compression field service technicians. Gary Hobbie and Charlie Whitley have built their own lab equipment, solicited equipment and scholarships and scoured a five-state region recruiting students. Their success has quadrupled enrollment and is drawing industry recognition for producing quality technical professionals. Now, a consortium of gas compression companies that recently visited from Colorado, is asking if the one-of-a-kind program could grow to supply at least 100 students every year to meet demand. For more details, click here or call (918) 293-4678 or 1-800-722-4471.

Native American cultural dinner

The Native American Student Association will offer a cultural dinner tonight (Thursday, Nov. 9), in the Student Union Ballroom. The event starts at 7 p.m. The dinner is free and everyone is welcome to come and try the food.

Remembering veterans

OSU will honor those who have served our country this Friday by flying flags at half staff in observance of Veteran's Day, which is Saturday, Nov. 11.

Human rights activist to speak at library tomorrow

Author and international human rights activist Loretta Ross, a leader of the largest protest march in U.S. history, will visit OSU tomorrow (Friday, Nov. 10) to speak about racism and reproductive justice from 2 - 4 p.m. in the Edmon Low Library Browsing Room. Her talk is part of a series exploring the history of race relations and reproductive politics. The event is free and open to the public.

CEAT chili cookoff and raffle for United Way tomorrow

The College of Engineering Architecture and Technology is gearing up for the 5th Annual Chili Cook-Off and Raffle for United Way set for tomorrow (Friday, Nov. 10) at 11:30 a.m. in ATRC, Vogt Room. It's just \$5 for all you can eat and raffle prizes will include roughly \$1,500 in cash and prizes including iPods. Chili entries are welcome from across campus. Entrants are asked to list ingredients so that customers will know what they are eating. Entries must be in place by 10:30 a.m. tomorrow. Judges will award ribbons to the winners. For more information, go to www.ceatstuco.okstate.edu/freshmencouncil.htm.

Pizza and pop for United Way

IT will be selling pizza for \$1 a slice and pop for 50 cents a can as a fundraiser for United Way next Monday (Nov. 13) from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the 1st floor at the north end of the Math and Science Building.

Astronaut Bill McArthur coming to campus

A veteran of three space shuttle missions and one to the International Space Station, William S. McArthur will be on campus Monday, Nov. 13 for a lecture, set for 7 p.m. in the Student Union Theater. The lecture will focus

on highlights of his six month tour of duty aboard the International Space Station. It will be followed by an autograph session in Centennial Lounge in the Student Union. McArthur's wife, Cindy, is a recent OSU NASA Teaching from Space Project Education Specialist, who now serves as program manager for the project at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Former Governor Nigh to speak at OSU

Oklahoma humorist and former Gov. George Nigh will speak Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Oklahoma State University Wes Watkins Center auditorium. A question-and-answer period with the audience will follow the event, which is sponsored by the OSU Student Government Association Speakers Board. Nigh, a native of McAlester, broke several records during his nearly 40-year career in state politics, including becoming Oklahoma's youngest lieutenant governor in 1958 at age 31, as well as the first governor to win re-election to a second consecutive term in 1979. He also is the only governor to carry all 77 Oklahoma counties in an election.

SODA offers Safe Zone training program

The OSU Sexual Orientation Diversity Association will present a Safe Zone training program on Nov. 17 from 1-4 p.m. in 204 Whitehurst for those interested in becoming a LGBT ally. The program identifies gay-friendly faculty, staff and students to provide support and resources for gay, lesbian and bisexual students at OSU. The Safe Zone symbol is a message to gay, lesbian and bisexual students and colleagues that you are understanding, supportive, trustworthy and are open to listening. If you are interested in becoming an LGBT ally, have questions, or you would like to RSVP for the Safe Zone training, please call Amy Morse at (405) 332-6529 or e-mail at amy.morse@okstate.eduThis email address is being protected from spam bots, you need Javascript enabled to view it .

"The Lion in Winter" next week

Oklahoma State University's Theatre Department continues its season with James Goldman's The Lion in Winter, which will be presented in the Vivia Locke Theatre in the Seretean Center for the Performing Arts, Nov. 15 through Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 19 at 2:30 p.m. The setting: Christmas is fast approaching and an aging King Henry II of England is gathering his loved ones, an eclectic assortment of personalities, who are more concerned with their inheritance than exchanging gifts. OSU Theatre delivers James Goldman's play of wit and cunning in an exciting production that everyone can relate to as the story unfolds. Contains some adult situations and language. General tickets will go on sale Monday, Nov. 13. Box office hours will be Monday through Friday from noon - 5 p.m. and one hour prior to performance. For more information, contact the OSU Theatre Department's Box Office at (405) 744-6094 or (405) 744-9208.

SAC is assisting food drive, collection tomorrow

The Staff Advisory Council reminds you that all food for the Harvest II food drive needs to be delivered to the Chi-O Clock tomorrow (Friday, Nov. 10) from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. If you have an abundance of food and need assistance in delivering it to the clock, arrangements must be made no later than noon, Thursday, Nov. 9. If you have any questions, please contact Keri G. Williams at (405) 385-5148 or e-mail carey.pullins@okstate.eduThis email address is being protected from spam bots, you need Javascript enabled to view it .

Luncheon registrations due tomorrow for First Amendment Congress

The OSU School of Journalism and Broadcasting is hosting Oklahoma's Eighth Annual First Amendment Congress, Nov. 16-17 at the Student Union. Students, staff and faculty are invited to attend sessions of the conference for free. A luncheon panel Nov. 17 will feature Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice Marian Opala and a discussion of the First Amendment's future in the courts. Tickets for the luncheon are \$15 and must be ordered by tomorrow (Friday, Nov. 10). Registration information for the luncheon and an online program for the conference are available at www.foioklahoma.org.

"In Remembrance" set for Sunday

Led by OSU faculty, the Stillwater Chamber Singers and the Stillwater Chamber Players will present a special concert entitled "In Remembrance" on Sunday, Nov. 12, 4 p.m., at the First Methodist Church in Stillwater. Members of the audience are asked to bring a framed photo of a loved one that they would like to remember during this concert. Admission is free and everyone is welcome, but a special invitation is extended to those who've lost a loved one in the recent past. For more information, phone 744-6092.

Movie Night on Monday

Friends of the Forms and Phi Sigma Tau will host Movie Night on Monday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m. in room 313 of the Classroom Building. The movie is Stanley Kubrick's "A Clockwork Orange." Discussion will follow (topics: free will, nature of good and evil). Showing is free and open to the public.

Visiting professor to speak on "Religion, Education and Knowledge"

The professor and chair of the Department of Sociology at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Dr. Darren Sherkat, will speak on "Religion, Education and Knowledge" on Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 3 - 4:30 p.m. in room 018 in the Business Building at OSU. Dr. Sherkat's work in the sociology of religion covers a broad spectrum of issues, from the social demography of religious beliefs, commitments and affiliations, to a closer examination of such topics as African American religion, the critical influence of religious beliefs and commitments on childrearing orientations, opposition to pornography, educational attainment, and social movement activism. The presentation is free and all faculty and students are invited to attend.

OSU Opera Workshop to present a holiday selection

The OSU Opera Workshop will present Gian-Carlo Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors," Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 411 W. Matthews. The opera tells the story of a miracle that occurs while the three kings journey to see the infant Jesus. The OSU production will showcase a small cast of OSU vocal majors and the OSU Concert Chorale. It is appropriate for children and lasts approximately one hour. Admission is \$5 for students/senior citizens and \$7 for non-students. You can pay by cash or check in the OSU music office or at the door. For more information, contact Richard Novak, workshop co-director, at 744-8986.

OSU authors to discuss their first-of-its-kind almanac

Women's Faculty Council will present Drs. Jennifer Paustenbaugh and Robert Darcy to discuss their awardwinning book The Oklahoma Women's Almanac on Wednesday, Nov. 15, from noon -1 p.m. in the OSU Library Browsing Room as part of the Council's 2006-2007 Colloquium Series. The book is the first almanac to focus exclusively on the status and accomplishments of Oklahoma women.

Let's Talk About It: "Bound for Glory" by Woody Guthrie

"Let's Talk About It Oklahoma" is a four-part reading and discussion program presented by the OSU Library and STW Public Library. The fourth session in the series is Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 in room 309 in the Stillwater Public Library. The session will feature the book "Bound for Glory" by Woody Guthrie and the scholar will be Dr. Hugh Foley, RSU professor of communication and fine arts. For more information call (405) 372-3633.

International law and security expert to cover U.S. - Mexico relations

Ana Maria Salazar, a recognized international law and national security expert on Latin America, will speak on "U.S. – Mexico Bilateral Relations: From the Past to the Future" at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 16, in the Wes Watkins Center Auditorium in Stillwater. Salazar, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, served at the Pentagon as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Drug Enforcement Policy and Support from 1998-2001. Prior to joining the Pentagon, she served as a policy adviser to President Clinton to advance his agenda for Latin America and Caribbean areas. A reception will follow the presentation, which is part of the School of International Studies Global Briefing Series. For more information, phone (405) 744-5749 or e-mail pybus@okstate. eduThis email address is being protected from spam bots, you need Javascript enabled to view it .

Indian students present Diwali Night

The Indian Students' Association (ISA) will present a drama, music and dance extravaganza showcasing India's culture and reflecting the festivities of a celebration known as "Diwali." Also called "festival of lights," Diwali is celebrated by both Hindus and Sihks at the end of the rainy season, around harvest time. ISA will present two shows at the Seretean Center for the Performing Arts. The first will be held on Friday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. (show only, ticket \$4) and the second on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 5:30 p.m. will include a dinner (dinner and show, ticket \$9). Diwali is rated as one of the most popular cultural events on the OSU campus (by usnews.com). Current ISA members get a \$2 discount. Tickets are being sold near the Chi-O clock from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. through Nov. 16. They will go on sale at the door Nov. 17 and 18. For more information, contact shireen.hyrapiet@okstate.eduThis email address is being protected from spam bots, you need Javascript enabled to view it .

Second annual Big XII and Friends Climbing Competition

This year's climbing event is set for Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 18-19, at the Colvin Recreation Center, starting at 9 a.m. both days. Saturday is the competition and Sunday is the free "Rock On" bouldering clinic with RedBull's world class boulderer Ivan Greene. The event is open to anyone and there will be tons of prizes given away including an Apple iPod Nano. Sign up is at Outdoor Adventure in the Colvin Recreation Center at the base of the climbing wall. The price is \$25. There will be a free lunch by Hideaway Pizza and free RedBull. For more details, e-mail OSU Climbing Wall Graduate Assistant Jared Skaggs at jaredskaggs@yahoo.comThis email address is being protected from spam bots, you need Javascript enabled to view it or phone 806-543-2784.

Change in reservation number and name of contact for Taylor's Dining Room

The telephone number for reservations at Taylor's Dining Room has changed, and there is also a new contact person. Reservations can be made at (405) 744-8486 and Retta Gayle Meigs is the contact. Taylor's Dining Room is open from 11:15 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday through Dec. 8. The dining room will open again for the spring semester on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

OSU-OKC Winter Market gets new indoor location

The OSU-OKC Winter Market will be in business from 10 a.m. -1 p.m. on Saturdays this winter in a new indoor location, the Horticulture Pavilion at 400 N. Portland in Oklahoma City. The only registered farmers' market in the area that is open all year long, every item sold at the market is grown or made in Oklahoma. Vendor offerings include tomatoes, spinach, lettuce, greens, broccoli, carrots, cheese, nuts, eggs, chicken, beef, honey, fresh baked breads and pastries. The winter market also offers holiday decorations, orchids, gifts, soaps and handmade cards. Check out the many specialty items for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. In addition, many of the food items are certified organic. For more information, directions or a list of items for the current week, click here or call (405) 945-3358.

Benefit bar-b-q seeking volunteers

The Non-Traditional Student Organization is in need of a few volunteers for the Pig Event on Saturday morning. Volunteers would need to arrive at the Student Union by 9 a.m. for the event, which is a benefit for the Saville Center in Stillwater. If you or someone you know is interested, please e-mail Marie Basler at marie. basler@okstate.eduThis email address is being protected from spam bots, you need Javascript enabled to view it as soon as possible. The Pig Event will be held in the parking lot outside the Classroom Building on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10 and 11.The Saville Center offers a child-friendly, non-threatening environment where young victims of abuse are interviewed. All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to be outside the Classroom Building on Saturday starting at 10 a.m. to eat bar-b-q for \$5. Have some delicious brisket for a good cause before the Baylor game.

Sports activities:

Friday Nov. 10 - the OSU Women Basketball team is playing UC Riverside in Gallagher-Iba at 6 p.m.

Friday Nov. 10 - the OSU Men Basketball team vs. Florida Atlantic in Gallagher-Iba at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday Nov. 11 - the OSU Football team vs. Baylor. The game is at the Boone Pickens Stadium at 11:30 a.m.

Smoking cessation information session

Join Robin Purdie, director of the Seretean Wellness Center, in a smoking cessation program Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 5:15-6 p.m. in the Seretean Wellness Center lecture hall. She will present information about smoking cessation resources, practical tips to stop smoking, and information about prescription aids. The session is free, but you must register by calling the Seretean Wellness Center at 744.WELL (9355). The American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout is Thursday, Nov. 16.

Wellness Wednesday registration deadline tomorrow

Join Brad Schmitt from the Oklahoma City All Sports Association Wednesday, Nov. 15, to discuss "Lighten Up Oklahoma," a four-month competition that encourages Oklahomans to develop healthy activity and eating habits. The program will be held from noon - 1 p.m. at the Seretean Wellness Center. A free, hearth-healthy lunch will be served, but you must register by noon tomorrow (Friday, Nov. 10). To register, e-mail Kendria Cost at kendria.cost@okstate.eduThis email address is being protected from spam bots, you need Javascript enabled to view it or contact the Seretean Wellness Center at 744.WELL (9355).

Wellness tip: Weight control

Trying to lose weight? Here's a tip: don't weigh yourself all the time. Success in weight management usually requires changing eating habits and physical activity level. Although making these changes will likely result in weight loss, healthy weight reduction takes time. Experts recommend losing no more than one to two pounds per week. Focus on improvements in the way you feel. Do you have more energy? Sleeping better? Have more endurance? Creating healthy habits will likely lead to weight reduction, so focus on wellness, not just weight. Wellness tips are brought to you by the OSU Seretean Wellness Center, dedicated to making OSU the Healthiest Campus in America. For more information about services for students, faculty and staff, call 744-WELL (9355).