

WEDNESDAY

October 17, 2001

WEATHER

Tonight:



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St. Joseph fall festival set Saturday

St. Joseph Catholic Church is set to hold its fall festival Saturday with games, food and entertainment planned.

The one-day event begins with a Mexican dinner of "guiso" or stew meat, rice, beans, a drink and salad that runs from noon to 7 p.m. At that time, activity booths open and run until 11 p.m.

The dinner plate will cost \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

Tickets on sale for Hangar 25 Pig Ball event

Tickets are available for the Hangar 25 Air Museum annual Pig Ball fund-raiser set for Saturday night near the air museum.

Seats are priced at \$25, \$50 and \$100.

For more information contact Hangar 25 at 264-1999.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060 meets at Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.

□ The Senior Citizens Center will host an Arts and Crafts session each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Call Bobbie Leonard at the Senior Citizens Center.

□ The Coffee Club will meet at Gale's Sweet Shoppe at 10 a.m.

□ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. at the RSVP offices, 501 Rannels.

□ American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084.

□ Rackley-Swords chapter 379 Vietnam Vets of America meets at 7 p.m. at 124 Jonesboro Road.

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Big Spring Arts and Crafts Festival celebrates 25 years

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Arts and Crafts Festival celebrates a quarter of a century this weekend with more than 150 exhibitors expected to showcase their wares.

"We started this in October 1977, the same month Webb Air Force Base closed down," said Mel Prather, organizer of the festival. "We thought this

could be something positive for the community and we got off to a good start. It has been going ever since."

The 25th annual Big Spring Arts and Crafts Festival is expected to draw about 8,000 people to the Dorothy Garrett

Coliseum on Saturday and Sunday.

"About 50 percent of the people who attend are from outside the county," Prather noted.

He said he has received calls as far away as Amarillo requesting information about the festival and places to stay.

The two-day event will include about the same number of booths as last year; hours are set for Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6

p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

"It will be about the same size as last year with booths in the foyer, concourse and the full arena," he said. "We are expected more than 150 exhibitors, some as far away as Utah and Arizona."

Well known Texas artist George Boutwell will be back this year, Prather said. Boutwell is known for his nostalgic paintings of scenic areas of Texas including barns, houses and drive-in

theaters.

"We are in such a hurry these days that we do not take time to reflect on some of the old things," Prather said. "He does."

New exhibitors will offer a variety of products.

"Some of the newcomers will offer items such as seasonal products, fabric crafts, woodwork, clothing, jewelry, paper mache, decorated gourds, candles,

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Recall petitions delivered, being certified

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

The Concerned Citizens of Big Spring submitted its petition to recall Mayor Russ McEwen Tuesday afternoon.

At about 1:15 p.m., JoAnn Staulcup, spokesperson for the group, presented City Secretary Tom Ferguson with an inch-thick stack of petitions to recall the Mayor for his "insensitive refusal to recognize or consider the citizens' adamant opposition to the \$60,000 per year (salary and benefits) position of airpark manager."

"We have well over 1,000 signatures, but we have 971 that are verified as registered to vote in the city of Big Spring," Staulcup told Ferguson.

In order for the petition to force a recall election, the group needed to collect at least 443 signatures, or 35 percent of the number of people who voted in the last mayoral election.

"(Ferguson) informed us that we had completed all the requirements to submit the petition for the recall of the mayor," Staulcup said.

The group, angered that McEwen failed to change his stance on the airpark manager position after citizens at several city council meetings spoke against it, had 17 people collecting



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

JoAnn Staulcup, left, presents more than 1,000 signatures on a petition to recall Mayor Russ McEwen to City Secretary Tom Ferguson Tuesday. Ferguson said the petition appeared to be in order and began verifying the signatures against a list of registered Big Spring voters Tuesday afternoon.

names for the petition, Staulcup said.

"They worked very hard," she said.

The city budget for fiscal year 2001-2002, including the new position, passed in a 4-3 vote Sept. 18.

Ferguson said he and his assistant would start verifying the signatures against a list of registered voters Tuesday afternoon, and the

process would probably take two or three days.

Once he has determined there are at least 443 valid signatures on the petition, Ferguson said he would inform McEwen that he has five days to resign before a recall election would be scheduled.

McEwen has said he will not resign.

"I have no plans to resign,

that is correct," McEwen said. "I anticipate standing for a recall election."

Staulcup said Tuesday that she believes the mayor should resign.

"I think it would be the easiest way out for him and the council and the people of the city of Big Spring," she said.

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Coahoma band meets contest challenge

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Coahoma High School marching band returned from a tough University Interscholastic League marching contest last Saturday, receiving a Level II rating for its program.

"It was a tough competition this year because this year the 2A schools advance on for state competition," said Assistant Band Director Shannon Chance. "We did a good job and we looked good on the field. It was three judges' opinion."

Every other year, 1A, 2A and 4A high schools have the chance to compete in state marching competition, rotating with 3A and 5A schools that will have their chance next year.

The Big Red Band competed in Abilene against 10 2A schools in a

challenge that resulted in only three of the high school marching bands earning a Level I, the highest rating.

Coahoma High School competed against Cisco High School, Jam Ned High School in Tuscola, Hawley High School, Hamlin High School, Colorado City High School, Haskell High School, Albany High School and Stamford High School.

The Coahoma band received ratings of I, II and II from the three-judge panel, Chance said.

"They really did a good job," Chance said. "The students are taking it really well."

The five-minute disco-themed program features Bee Gees classics "Staying Alive" and "How Deep Is Your Love," the Roberta Flack liberation anthem "I Will Survive" and the Village People's crowd pleasing "YMCA."

The 75-member band, including flag corps, is led by drum majors Austin Barton, a junior, and Jackie Molina, a senior, and is under the direction of band director Jerry Barker assisted by Chance.

The show includes a percussion feature during "I Will Survive" and a solo baritone performance by Jarod Wells, senior, during "How Deep Is Your Love."

The flag corps earned top honors at a marching festival in Abilene on Oct. 6, where the band competed against about 10 other bands in class 2A.

"We went to Wylie Marching Festival and our color guard earned the Outstanding Color Guard," Chance said.

Coahoma High School band will perform its UIL contest show at half-time Friday in Plains, when the Bulldogs take on the Cowboys.

Alert

House shuts down, plans to 'sweep' for anthrax

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional leaders arranged for an unprecedented shutdown of the House and possibly the Senate on Wednesday after more than two dozen people in Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle's office tested positive for exposure to a highly potent form of anthrax.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert said lawmakers would go home at days' end, and the buildings on one side of the Capitol complex submitted to a "methodical sweeping" to check for evidence of anthrax.

There was no immediate announcement from Senate leaders, as they grappled with the news that numerous aides to Daschle and two Capitol police officers had tested positive for exposure after being in the vicinity of an anthrax-laced letter opened in the senator's office.

Daschle spokesman Jay Carson said the tests "indicate exposure and not infection and there is a very clear distinction."

House Speaker Dennis Hastert announced plans to send lawmakers and staff home at day's end to permit health officials to conduct tests through the capitol complex, where more than 20,000 people work.

Five weeks after the worst terrorist strikes in history killed more than 5,000 in New York and Washington, the discovery only added to the nation's anxiety. Three government sources, all speaking on condition of anonymity, said preliminary testing indicated the anthrax found in Daschle's office had been refined enough so that it could be easily dispersed through the air. One said the

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Childbirth classes prepare parents for bundle of joy

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

A group of future parents is getting some lessons from Scenic Mountain Medical Center on how to make their "special delivery" a success.

The program, called the Special Delivery Class, is different from Lamaze classes,



ASHFORD

said instructor Linda Ashford. "This is childbirth education," she said. "It includes a little bit of everybody's method into one big picture so they can decide what they want to do. They will be learning exercises and breathing techniques, but I

can't say it's Lamaze."

Ashford, a registered nurse and a certified childbirth education instructor, said the four-week class teaches mothers and fathers what to expect during pregnancy, birth, postpartum, newborn and infant stages of their baby's life.

The class teaches about physical and emotional changes associated with pregnancy and techniques to help prepare for the birth experience, she said. The first four-week class started Tuesday with three couples.

"The next class begins Nov. 20," she said.

Patients of Scenic Mountain OB Dr. Erich Byerly may take the class for free; others will be charged a small fee, Ashford said.

Students of the class are asked to bring a blanket or mat, pillows, a large tum-



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Krysha Bearden and Carl Wells, both of Big Spring, participate in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Special Delivery class Tuesday night. The class teaches about the emotional and physical changes that occur during pregnancy and childbirth.

blender of water and lotion. They are also asked to dress comfortably. For more information, call Scenic Mountain Medical Center at 263-1211.

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OBITUARIES

Harold G. Cochran

Graveside funeral service for Harold G. Cochran, 66, of Big Spring, will be 2:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, 2001, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

Mr. Cochran died Saturday, Oct. 13, in a local hospital.

He was born Feb. 1, 1935, in Memphis, Texas. He served in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict. He had worked at the YMCA in Odessa for a number of years and then worked at Intercontinental Manufacturing Company in Garland as a security guard and retired in 1997. He had been a resident of Big Spring for four years.

Survivors include one son, Chris Cochran, of Mesquite; one brother, Conrad Cochran, of Garland; and one sister, Marjorie Jo Henry, of Tyler.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Eunice Ann Shuttleworth

Funeral service for Eunice Ann Shuttleworth, 59, of Kempner, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2001, at Clear Creek Baptist Church in Kempner. Burial was held today at Smith Cemetery in Kempner.

Mrs. Shuttleworth died Saturday, Oct. 13.

She was born on June 4, 1942, in LaFollette, Tenn. She had worked as a car saleswoman at Centroplex Ford since 1991 and was currently employed at County Ford of Gatesville. She attended schools in Tennessee. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary of Kempner and of the Legends and Leaders Recognition Program of Ford Motor Company. She was a Protestant and had lived in Kempner since 1997.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Shuttleworth, of Kempner; four sons, Tim Evans and Greg Evans, of Fort Worth, Bobby Waldrop, of Midland and Chris Waldrop, of Vacaville, Calif.; her mother, Mary Spitzer, of LaFollette, Tenn.; three brothers, Ronnie Riggs, of Wewatche, Wash., Clifford Riggs, of Leavenworth, Wash. and Darrill Riggs, of LaFollette, Tenn.; five sisters, Reettia Bowlin, Helen Wells, Alta Ayers, Patsy Riggs and Melissa Baker, all of LaFollette, Tenn.; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home in Copperas Cove.

M.D. Hall

Graveside service for M.D. Hall, 82, of Stanton,

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Harold G. Cochran, 66, died Saturday. Graveside services will be 2:15 PM, Thursday, at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio.

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will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, 2001, at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton with the Rev. David Harp, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Hall died Monday, Oct. 15, in a Big Spring hospital.

He was born on April 1, 1919, in Hermleigh and married Doris Price on Oct. 12, 1940, in Lorraine. He came to the Stanton community 47 years ago. He was a retired farmer and owned and operated Hall's Ornamental Iron. He was a member of the Methodist Church. He served in the United States Army during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Hall, of Stanton; one son John Hall, of Lubbock; one daughter, Donna Springer, of Lenora; one sister, Lou Ellen Walker, of Stanton; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends today from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

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Staulcup said she believes McEwen will be successfully removed from office by the election.

"We plan to win," she said. "We expect to win." McEwen said he has no prediction for the election's outcome.

"Absolutely not, because being around politics long enough, I've learned you never can tell how an election is going to go," he said. "But I think it's something that's important enough that it needs to be put out to the whole electorate of Big Spring for a vote."

FESTIVAL

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homemade bath products, ceramics, decorated crosses, patriotic items, soup and dip mixes and original art," Prather said.

Also new are jar candles, carved candles, barn wood furniture, homemade hot sauces and jellies, stuffed bears, beaded jewelry, soy candles, decorated pillows, T-shirts, silver jewelry, gift baskets, cloth dolls, children's toys, iron art, Southwest art, soft sculptures, framed wallpaper, nutcrackers and gift items.

Returning exhibitors will offer items including wood wreaths, "grandma" shirts, stained glass, sun catchers, wooden boxes, mosaic items, crosses, wood cabinets, plant lamps, painted wood, wood signs, barn-wood frames, framed prints, clothing, baked items, porcelain dolls, cookbooks, handmade purses, quilt racks, shadow boxes, cap racks, jar candles, doll clothes and beef jerky.

ALERT

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anthrax was in a purified form that could be used as a weapon.

At a news conference in the Capitol basement, Hastert said a total of 29 people had tested positive for exposure in the Senate, including many aides to Daschle and two Capitol police officers.

He also said authorities had quarantined his fourth floor office in the Capitol, where his mail is processed and several of his aides have offices.

The tests were conducted after a letter sent to Daschle's office was found to contain a highly refined form of anthrax, suggesting it was produced by experts.

At a hearing before a Senate committee, Health and Human Services

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Secretary Tommy Thompson said more than 20 people had tested positive for exposure.

Asked about the particular strain in the Daschle letter, he said, "There's no question this is a very serious attempt at anthrax poisoning."

Scott Lillibridge, the HHS point person on bioterrorism, said, "There's been some attempt to collect it, perhaps refine it and perhaps make it more concentrated. That seems certain."

Elsewhere in the country, four people are known to have contracted anthrax and nine others have tested positive for the bacteria.

The FBI is investigating strong similarities in handwriting and style, including identical anti-American language, between the letter sent to Daschle in Washington and a letter with anthrax sent to NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw in New York.

Hundreds of people were tested Tuesday after the suspicious letter was opened in Daschle's office Monday. Nasal swabs were used on the staffers to see if there were any anthrax spores in their noses. A positive finding does not mean the person has the disease or will get the disease.

About 8,000 spores must be inhaled for a person to develop inhalation anthrax.

In an effort to jog the public's memory and gain new leads, the Justice Department released photocopies of the envelopes to Daschle and Brokaw, showing identical block letters and addresses written slanting to the right.

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, appearing on morning TV shows, sought to reassure a nervous public but added: "There's no question that right now we are in a period of the unknown."

He told NBC's "Today" show: "We are prepared to respond and we have been able to respond." He said the government was working to strengthen local and state public health systems, and to stockpile more antibiotics.

"Bioterrorism has never hit America like it has in the last couple of weeks and what we're trying to do is we're trying to calm down the American public, tell them we can respond to a bioterrorism attack," he said on CBS' "The Early Show."

While hundreds of people who may have been exposed to anthrax took precautionary antibiotics, Daschle said the letter sent to his office contained "a very potent form of anthrax that clearly was produced by someone who knew what he or she was doing."

Three government sources, all speaking on condition of anonymity, said preliminary testing indicated the anthrax had been refined enough so that it could be easily dispersed through the air. One law enforcement official, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said the anthrax was in a purified form that could be used as a weapon.

Additional testing was being done.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Monday until 8 a.m. today:

• JEREMY BRYAN MINTER, 22, of 1904 11th Place was arrested for warrants.

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MCCORMICK, 28, of 1501 Sycamore was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

• MARK ALLEN DUNCAN, 39, of 2104 Shed Road in Bossier City, La., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• HESQUIA ROMERO, 35, of Mexico was arrested to hold for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

• MLMEDO PEREZ, 20, of Mexico was arrested to hold for INS.

• FACURDO PENA, 24, of Mexico was arrested to hold for INS.

• PONCIANO RAMIREZ, 22, of Mexico was arrested to hold for INS.

• MEAJIA PALOMAREZ, 32, of Mexico was arrested to hold for INS.

• LUIS OSARIO, 20, of Mexico was arrested to hold for INS.

• MIGUEL PEREZ, 25, of Mexico was arrested to hold for INS.

• ARMANDO CASA, 55, of Mexico was arrested to hold for INS.

• JUSTEN VOGEL, 28, of 108 E. 24th St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• JOE VALENCIA, 38, of 202 N.E. Third St. was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated and for two local warrants.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1200 block of East Third Street, the 2100 block of South Monticello Street and the 2600 block of Wasson Road.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1500 block of East Fourth Street.

• MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1900 block of Morrison Drive.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore. Someone reportedly forced a side door of the home and stole \$215 worth of jewelry or precious metals.

• ASSAULT CLASS C and DISORDERLY CONDUCT were reported in the 1200 block of East Third Street.

• ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2100 block of South Monticello.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700, the 300 block of South Scurry, and the 3600 block of Hamilton.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2500 block of Chanute Drive and the 2500 block of Langley Drive.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. A 1999 Hyundai was reported damaged in the incident.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:

- In the 2600 block of Ent Drive. About \$1,300 worth of jewelry or precious metals was stolen from the home.

- In the 800 block of West FM 700. Somebody reportedly pried open a front window and stole home entertainment equipment worth \$300.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 300 block of South Nolan. Equipment worth \$2,230 was reported stolen, including a \$1,000 steel cabinet, a \$188 chainsaw, a \$200 grill, a \$100 gas stove, a \$50 microwave, a \$43 intercom, a \$140 cash register, a \$97 VCR, two silk ivy

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garlands worth \$12 and a glass display case worth \$400.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING/VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the 10000 block of East Moss Lake Road.

• STEALING/RECEIVING STOLEN CHECKS was reported in the 500 block of Westover.

• THEFT was reported at the Star Stop Food Mart No. 4 convenience store in the 4800 block of West Highway 80. About \$54 worth of tobacco products and consumable goods were reported stolen.

• ASSAULT CLASS C was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity over the weekend:

• ASSAULT - 3

• ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE - 1

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE - 2

• THEFT - 12

- Convenience Stores - 6

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - 2

• DRIVING WITH LICENSE SUSPENDED OR INVALID - 1

• FORGERY - 1

• INCIDENT REPORTS - 14

• ARRESTS - 10

• ACCIDENTS - 6

SHERIFF

The following activity was reported by the Howard County Sheriff's Office:

• ALEX GUTIERREZ, age unknown, of 430 Thompson Lane in Austin was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by the Big Spring Police Department Oct. 5 on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon and for a Haskell County warrant for theft by check \$20 to \$500.

• MARIA TERESA SANCHEZ, age unknown, of 111 E. 18th St. was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by the Big Spring Police Department Oct. 7 on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• SAMMY FARRELL, 40, of 3509 Interstate 20 No. 30 was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by the Big Spring Police Department Oct. 6 on charges of displaying a counterfeit or fictitious inspection sticker or insurance document.

• JOSHUA JOEL RIOS, age unknown, of 1401 Nolan was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by the Big Spring Police Department Oct. 5 on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• ROBERT ERIC GARCIA, age unknown, of 512 Aylesford was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by the Big Spring Police Department Oct. 6 on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• JOSHUA LOVE, 22, of 5302 Ratliff Road was taken

to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by the Big Spring Police Department Oct. 6 on charges of resisting arrest and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• DUSTIN PAYNE, 20, of 1402 Pickens was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by the Big Spring Police Department Oct. 5 on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

• JAMES RICHARD TAYLOR, age unknown, of 4514 S. Wasson Road was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by the Big Spring Police Department Oct. 9 on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

• JAMIE HAYLEY, age unknown, of 3011 41st St. in Snyder was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by the Big Spring Police Department on a charge of theft \$50 to \$500.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1800 block of North Birdwell Lane.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the Knott Store on Highway 846.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported on Highway 87 north of the Brown community.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

4:17 a.m. - 3300 block of Fordham, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

5:07 a.m. - 700 block of N. I-20, trauma call, service refused.

5:11 a.m. - 1900 block of N. Hwy 87, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:19 a.m. - 1300 block of Mulberry, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

2:34 p.m. - 1200 block of Mesa, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

5:40 p.m. - 500 block of N. Lamesa Hwy, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

8:56 p.m. - 2000 block of Virginia, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

9:03 p.m. - 800 block of Anna, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:55 p.m. - 4400 block of Elder, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 68
Tuesday's low 35
Record high 94 in 1917
Record low 36 in 1977
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Average low 50
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Taliban

KABUL, Afghanistan - Aided by U.S. opposition forces Wednesday on an eastern city, U.S. jets dumped in Kabul, a huge fire, and thousands of U.S. planes trucks, killing thousands trying to onslaught.

With the U.S. led campaign in its 11 Western diplomats said in Islamabad that the Taliban minister had Americans to slow

Demand Bayer's skyrockets

PITTSBURGH - After an anthrax was NBC, Tom Brokaw a prescription being a news declared: "In a trust." On Capitol Hill, small white pills scare there. The everyone's lips: "Few people heard of Cipro ago. Now, Bayer more than tripled the only antibiotic by the Food and Administration anthrax.

Even with pills running 24 hours seven days a week, Charles Schumacher said he is worried about a shortage.

On Tuesday, asked, the U.S. Dept. of Health and Services to allow generic form of the drug directly from manufacturers. Bayer patent for the drug expires in 2003.

"Knowing enough Cipro would go toward calming about potential and hopefully people from buying pills and taking them currently do," Schumacher said.

On NBC's "Today" Wednesday, Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson officials "are I Senator Schumacher but I do not have the legal a do so. We're ch

Bayer has provided government it to deliver 200 million tablets in the months. It shipment in the alone, Bayer Mark Ryan said

Thompson Wednesday the government will much of the put of pills to government stock added that of otics also we anthrax.

India's Laboratories Wednesday th had made inquiry its generic for which it can't U.S. market b patent.

Cipro, known as ciprofloxacin, FDA approval is used to treat infections.

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Taliban: 'Slow down' attacks so moderates can reconsider

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Aided by U.S. bombing, opposition forces closed in Wednesday on a key northern city. U.S. jets struck fuel dumps in Kabul, setting off a huge fire, and the Taliban claimed U.S. planes hit two trucks, killing seven civilians trying to flee the onslaught.

With the U.S.-led air campaign in its 11th day, a Western diplomatic source said in Islamabad, Pakistan, that the Taliban foreign minister had asked the Americans to slow down the

bombardment to allow moderates within the ruling Islamic militia to reconsider their refusal to hand over terror suspect Osama bin Laden.

International aid organizations appealed Wednesday for a pause in the bombing so they can rush food to Afghan civilians as winter approaches. "Time's almost run out," said Barbara Stocking, director of Oxfam International.

President Bush ordered airstrikes Oct. 7 after the Taliban repeatedly refused

to turn over bin Laden, chief suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States.

In the north, the Afghan opposition claimed it was 3 miles from the key city of Mazar-e-Sharif and was shelling its outskirts, said Abdul Vadud, the Northern Alliance military attaché in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. Vadud also said the opposition had seized Dedai military airport, about 6 miles southwest of the city.

Taliban Information Ministry official Abdul

Henan Himet confirmed heavy fighting near Mazar-e-Sharif but insisted Taliban forces were "fully capable" of defending the strategic city. The reports could not be independently confirmed.

U.S. jets struck an oil depot at a Taliban army garrison Wednesday in the Afghan capital of Kabul, setting off a huge fire. Airstrikes on Kabul were continuing through the afternoon, mostly in the north of the city.

Residents could see fire

near the front line between Taliban and opposition forces. That suggested the Americans were going after Taliban troop concentrations there.

A Taliban official, Amir Khan Muttaqi, claimed U.S. jets struck two trucks Tuesday afternoon near the southern Taliban stronghold of Kandahar, killing seven civilians. The report could not be independently confirmed.

The Taliban claimed 47 civilians had been killed in bombing in Kandahar over

the past two days. The report could not be independently confirmed.

In Washington, U.S. officials said Mazar-e-Sharif could fall within days, thanks in part to U.S. and British bombing that cleared the way for the opposition.

Forces loyal to two opposition commanders, Ato Mukhammad and Gen. Rashid Dostum, have attacked the city from different sides this week trying to drive out the Taliban, who have held it since 1997.

Demand for Bayer's Cipro skyrockets

PITTSBURGH (AP) — After anthrax was found at NBC, Tom Brokaw held up a prescription bottle during a newscast and declared: "In Cipro we trust." On Capitol Hill, politicians lined up for the small white pills after a scare there. The word on everyone's lips: Cipro.

Few people had even heard of Cipro a month ago. Now, Bayer Corp. is more than tripling its production of the drug, the only antibiotic approved by the Food and Drug Administration to fight anthrax.

Even with production running 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said he is worried about a shortage.

On Tuesday, Schumer asked the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to allow the government to purchase a generic form of the antibiotic directly from manufacturers. Bayer holds the patent for the drug until 2003.

"Knowing we have enough Cipro just in case would go a long way toward calming the public about potential shortages and hopefully dissuade people from buying, stockpiling and taking a drug they currently don't need," Schumer said.

On NBC's "Today" show Wednesday, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said officials "are looking at Senator Schumer's suggestion but I do not believe we have the legal authority to do so. We're checking that out."

Bayer has promised the government it will be able to deliver 200 million Cipro tablets in the next three months. It shipped 50 million in the last month alone, Bayer spokesman Mark Ryan said.

Thompson said Wednesday that the government will be buying much of the planned output of pills to put in a government stockpile. But he added that other antibiotics also work against anthrax.

India's Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd. said Wednesday that Schumer had made inquiries about its generic form of Cipro, which it can't sell in the U.S. market because of the patent.

Cipro, known chemically as ciprofloxacin, received FDA approval in 1987 and is used to treat a variety of infections.

Airstrikes take out top targets, but mistakes happen

WASHINGTON (AP) — Intense U.S. airstrikes have weakened the Taliban but also hit Red Cross warehouses full of humanitarian supplies that had been targeted mistakenly, Pentagon officials said.

Since the charity had pulled international observers out of Afghanistan, it had no information to confirm or challenge the Pentagon's belief that the building was being used by the Taliban, Bernadine Healy, president of the American Red Cross, said Wednesday.

"It's unfortunate. We regret it," she said of the attack in an interview on NBC's "Today."

A U.S. Navy F/A-18 Hornet dropped 1,000-pound bombs on Red Cross warehouses in Kabul early Tuesday, a Defense Department statement said.

U.S. forces did not know the warehouses were being used by the Red Cross, the statement said. The warehouses were among several targeted because officials

believed they contained Taliban military equipment, and military vehicles had been seen nearby.

The Red Cross protested the bombing, which injured an Afghan security guard and damaged the agency's stores of wheat and other humanitarian supplies. Red Cross officials said the group's symbol was painted on the roofs of the warehouses. The Pentagon statement said the U.S. military regrets any innocent casualties and tries hard to strike only military targets.

The Red Cross bombing was the second in four days in which the Defense Department admitted mistakenly hitting civilian areas. On Saturday, a guided bomb went off-target, hitting a residential area in Kabul and killing up to four civilians.

Several days of intense strikes, including the first use of AC-130 gunships Monday, have eviscerated the Taliban's combat power, a top Pentagon official said Tuesday.

Bush says China trip needed at difficult time

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, embarking Wednesday for China, said he is leaving at a difficult time for the nation but that the trip is an important part of the government's effort to defeat terrorism and make the world safer.

"I think it is very important for me to go, to not only discuss our economic interests and our bilateral interests, but to continue to talk about the war on terrorism," Bush said in an interview with Asian news editors.

The trip to the 21-nation gathering of Asian-Pacific leaders in Shanghai will take Bush out of the country for five days in the midst of U.S. airstrikes against Taliban targets in Afghanistan. Vice President Dick Cheney, who worked most of last week

from a secret secure location away from the White House, walked with Bush out to the South Lawn.

"I leave at a very difficult time in my country because of these terrorist attacks, the recent anthrax that has made it in the news," Bush said in the interview.

"On the other hand, I think it is very important for me to go, to not only discuss our economic interests and our bilateral interests but to continue to talk about the war on terrorism," he said.

"It's also important for my nation to see that I leave because ... international affairs are a still very important part of making the world more safe."

The White House said Bush would have no problem overseeing the war from afar.

Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Gregory Newbold said Monday's targets included armored vehicles at a training facility near Kandahar, surface-to-air missiles near that city's airport and a tank at an airport near Mazar-e-Sharif.

That key northern city has been in Taliban hands since 1998, but forces from the opposition northern alliance recently started a push to retake it.

Newbold said the bombing, including attacks that have aided alliance forces, have put the Taliban in jeopardy of losing Mazar-e-Sharif.

"The combat power of the Taliban has been eviscerated," Newbold said.

Two AC-130 gunships, propeller-driven planes that fly low and slowly over a target, had successful missions Monday, Newbold said, but he refused to give details. The planes are the first special forces aircraft that the Pentagon has acknowledged flew combat missions over Afghanistan.

Girl testifies of torture at South Texas home

LAREDO (AP) — A Mexican girl found bound in chains and near death in the back yard of a South Texas home where she worked as a maid recounted her tortured captivity Tuesday in state court.

The 13-year-old girl testified during the second day in the criminal trial of Sandra Bearden, 27.

"La senora," the girl said, regularly punished her savagely using her hands, a belt, a broomstick, a glass and on one occasion, a skillet.

Bearden, seated at her lawyer's table in the courtroom, frequently shook her head at the child's testimony.

Tuesday marked the second day in the criminal trial against Bearden, a Mexican citizen who until May lived quietly in Laredo with her American trucker husband and their 4-year-old son.

On May 12, police responded to a 911 call from a neighbor who heard cries for help behind the 8-foot-high concrete block fence around Bearden's east Laredo back yard.

Police found the bound girl severely dehydrated and malnourished.

An officer cried Monday when he described the condition in which he found her.

Officer Jay Reese testified he saw the girl with her hands bound behind her

back. The girl, who was wearing a red dress, immediately began to cry when she saw him.

Reese said he and two other police officers broke through a back fence to reach her because she "was in serious need of medical attention."

"She was shaking and crying and had a scared look in her eyes. She was in severe pain," the officer, quoted in Tuesday's online editions of the Laredo Morning Times, said.

"I've never seen anything like it before," Reese said, and began to cry.

Images entered into evidence show an emaciated figure leaning against a tire, with a steel chain wrapped around her waist, arms pinned behind her with a padlock. Her bare feet were held together with a similar length of chain with two padlocks.

The white of one eye was bloodied and appeared infected. Scars and cuts covered her face.

Other photos showed thick welts and cuts on the girl's arms and legs where the steel chains had cut into her flesh.

The girl, who came to Laredo from rural Veracruz in hopes of a better life, is now attending a public school in the city where she has earned straight A's, Mexican consular officials told the *San Antonio Express-News*.

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OUR VIEWS

Great fun planned at the Pig Ball

It's time again for the annual Pig Ball — Hangar 25 Air Museum's gala that features musical entertainment, an auction and a meal.

Saturday's evening fund-raiser will feature entertainment by the Doughnut Dolls, Cindy Nix and the Midland/Odessa Symphony dance band and participants are encouraged to dress in formal, military mess dress or 1940s, 50, and 60s cocktail attire.

The auction promises to be equally impressive. Among the items that will go to the highest bidder are a helmet autographed by Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and the rest of the 2000 Dallas Cowboys team; a week of gourmet dining; a private tour of the wind turbines; a dove or crane hunt; a framed collection of Texas history; jewelry; a balloon ride and a lot more.

This year, organizers are also planning the unveiling of a "long-awaited and much-anticipated" special exhibit. Just exactly what the exhibit is won't be revealed until the Pig Ball. The unveiling is set for 6:45 p.m.

Tickets to this worthwhile event are \$25, \$50 and \$100. Funds raised go to enhance the museum, its operations and exhibits.

We hope you'll consider participating in this lively, entertaining event. In doing so, you'll not only be treating yourself to a wonderful evening, but helping to support one of Big Spring's most interesting and history-filled attractions.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I watched the city of Big Spring's council meeting on Tuesday night and saw the council discuss the possibility of providing health insurance for the council members.

Whereas I do appreciate the job that each of them does for the city, I don't believe that they should be given benefits. I know and understand that the job involves a lot of personal sacrifice, criticism and late nights of being away from their families.

When the council members ran for office it was with the understanding that this is not a job that comes with benefits or a pay check. (Even though the members are paid \$250 a month for their time.) These are volunteer positions and I believe that even asking for benefits to go along with a volunteer job is absurd and completely out of line.

I hope if it is brought up again during budget sessions, that the council can find other more productive and useful means for the estimated \$26,000 it would cost to provide insurance

for the members.

CRAIG FERGUSON
COAHOMA

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish to take this opportunity to express my full support for Mayor Russ McEwen. I also support the three council members who voted against the budget, even though they were wrong.

The vote was 4 to 3. In our democratic society the majority rules. Let's stop the bickering and get on with the city business. I fully support the position of airport manager.

Having spent my career in aviation, I have first hand knowledge of what a qualified aviation minded airport manager can accomplish.

Mayor McEwen's calm demeanor during this recall fiasco indicated the metal of this man. I have known him more than 24 years. He is an honest, trustworthy, bright, articulate leader. I wish to thank him for his time and many contributions to this community.

CARL WYRICK
BIG SPRING

Fine line between cautious and paranoid

The fine line between being cautious and becoming totally paranoid has all but

disappeared for many Americans.

How can we go about our daily lives, as the president rightly instructs us, when every hour seems to bring new stories of yet another possible exposure to anthrax or a government warning that further attacks on the United States or American interests abroad may be imminent?

Worst of all, with 24-hour cable television, it is possible to spend virtually all our waking hours being bombarded with "breaking news," much of which later turns out not to be true, or at least not quite what it seemed at first.

Is watching this stuff hour after hour any different than watching game shows or soap operas all

day long? Sure, we like to tell ourselves it's more important, more intellectually stimulating, but that's not why we watch it. Watching non-stop news becomes a hard-to-break habit, or worse, a neurotic obsession.

It's as if we can ward off evil or misfortune if we keep ourselves informed of every tidbit of information available. The experts who guide us through the difference between cutaneous and inhaled bacillus anthracis or give us the bomb damage assessment from Kabul become our shamans. We look to them for answers in a suddenly confusing and frightening world.

And the problem isn't just confined to people like me who work at home. I know office workers who spend half their day checking the Internet for the latest developments, and others who keep the office radio or TV on all day, too. Still others spend more time on the telephone checking on loved ones or getting the latest rumors from co-workers.

As bad as the TV news

addiction can be, the rumor-mongering that's gone on for the last few weeks is worse. Is there anyone left in America who hasn't encountered a friend who claims that "a friend of a friend, who just happened to be dating a Muslim, received a warning not to fly on Sept. 11 or visit a shopping mall on Halloween"? This latest urban legend has no basis in truth, but it hasn't stopped people from spreading it far and wide. Some people just can't resist wanting to seem part of the story.

I've decided the only way to keep from going off the deep end is to turn off the TV. Since Sept. 11, I had taken to turning on the TV the moment I woke up and leaving it on in the kitchen all day until I went to bed at night. That way I could get my news briefing every time I walk in to pour myself a fresh cup of coffee or get a snack. If I heard the president's voice, or Donald Rumsfeld's or Colin Powell's, I would rush in to see the latest news.

Of course that meant I wasn't getting much else

done, including work on a book, a memoir, due out next year. It just isn't possible to concentrate on something as demanding as writing a book when you're listening to the background noise about war and pestilence.

For now, anyway, the TV in my house is off, except for an hour or so as I cook dinner. I'll survive, probably better than when I was being lured by the siren call of a Pentagon briefing or a some correspondent standing outside some office building where another anthrax case has been discovered. After all, how much do any of us really need to know about what's going on in the world, minute by minute? If something really big happens like the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, we'll know about it soon enough.

If the president wants to address the nation, I'll listen. But I'd just as soon not see the attorney general popping up every few minutes, especially if he has nothing more useful to tell the nation than "Beware!"



The cup lady of Sweetwater

Her canvas is a chain link fence. Her brushes are styrofoam cups.

Her medium is billboard-sized signs that can be seen blocks away. She is Lita McEachern, a doctor's wife who has put words of encouragement and support in four locations around Sweetwater for more than 15 years.

"In 1991 I was doing signs on cyclone fences, but I was using cloth. I would weave the cloth around the wire. I thought it was so hard because I had to pin it, cut it and figure it all out. I saw a cup sign somewhere and decided to start doing my signs that way."

Working alone, she makes her signs by poking styrofoam cups through the small squares in the chain link fences. The result is a series of white circles (the bottom of the cups) joined together to spell words. She places the cups in firmly,

using no glue or anything else to hold them. When she squeezes a cup through, it stays.

"Since I have to put the cups in bottom first, that means I have to work in reverse, starting from right to left and looking at the words backwards. But my mind works like that. Sometimes when I'm writing with a pen I start writing backwards and I have to tell myself this is not a fence."

The messages change every week. She started out by writing things like "Go, Mustangs" in honor of the Sweetwater High School football team. One of her signs by the IGA food store has a cutout of a horse that she decorates at different times of the year. At home-coming he wears a mum. When Sweetwater played the Colorado City Wolves, her sign read "For sale, Mild Wolf Chili by the Mustang Canning Company."

"It takes me about two and a half hours to make each sign. I start after midnight and finish up in the wee hours. I start at midnight because I read a story one time about a little elf that used to come out at night and she would clean

the house and fix the food and the people would wake up and all the stuff was done for them. I usually do it on Sunday night so when people go to school or work, they can see the signs Monday morning."

Sometimes she creates puzzles or riddles and puts the answer upside down, causing drivers to slow down so they can figure it out.

Recently, Lita created a flag with ribbons that turned out to be an optical illusion. When you see it from one angle, it appears to be a complete flag. As you pass by, it seems to disappear. Her words beneath the flag read "Don't let your flag fade away. Keep it in your heart."

Her messages have been patriotic lately and she's using red, white and blue cups.

The one on Lamar Street by the beauty shop has some of the words in the song God Bless America. She cried every time she put a cup through the fence.

On September 12th her sign read "Many souls were lost as we saw through tears of disbelief. God be with us."



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Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Children's Story Time is every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

There will be no story time on October 24th.

The Library is Main St.

Our phone number is 263-7331. If you had a book please call the library to reserve your book.

Due to a computer problem, reserves were erased.

Remember, if you get to the library book, you may check your book by phone.

Today as I was through the stack

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NEW YORK (AP) — who plans to fly mother over the most of her gifts.

With the airline industry measures a bag, the Los Angeles needs to "travel."

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New books beckon readers to the Howard County Library

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If you had a book on reserve, please call the library and rebook your reserve.

Due to a computer glitch, all reserves were erased from our system.

Remember, if you are unable to get to the library to renew your book, you may call us and renew your book by phone.

Today as I was wandering through the stacks, the following

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books literally jumped from the shelves into my arms, begging for someone to be check them out.

Michael Korda has written the story behind the myth - Jack Kennedy, an American hero and Marilyn Monroe, the love goddess.

Their affair had been whispered about for 30 years.

At the center of this novel is Marilyn Monroe.

She explodes from the pages brimming with strength.

She is deeply passionate, funny, outrageous, life loving, but has a fatal inability to hold onto happiness even when it is in her hands.

When she meets Senator Jack Kennedy at a Hollywood party, it is love at first sight for both of them and the beginning of an affair that will become political dynamite in the hands of a rogues' gallery of politicians and criminals.

The cast of characters reads like a who's who of Washington - Jack Kennedy, charming, ambitious and coldly political;

Bobby Kennedy, ruthless but capable of tenderness as he replaces Jack in Marilyn's life; J. Edgar Hoover; Jimmy Hoffa; and crime bosses Sam Giancana, Santo Trafficante and Carlos Marcello who are also in on the secret.

Korda brings all the threads together, and holds nothing back in revealing the extraordinary lives of Jack, Marilyn and Bobby.

Whether he's writing about the Louisiana Bayou Country (in his Dave Robicheaux books) or the Texas hill towns around Austin (in his series about former Texas ranger Billy Bob Holland), James Lee Burke has deep roots in the American soil that link him to some of the great adventure writers of the past such as Jack London and Mark Twain. Like them, Burke writes novels illustrating how failure shapes a man much more than success does.

Central to Burke's second Billy Bob novel (Cimmaron Rose was his first) is Wilbur Pickett. Wilbur had a brief moment of

glory as a rodeo cowboy before sliding into a downward cycle of luckless enterprises.

He ends up laboring for a wealthy family, the Dietrichs, in the Texas town of Deaf Smith.

The Dietrichs accuse Wilbur of stealing some bearer bonds, and Billy Bob - now a defense attorney - reluctantly takes his case.

He is hesitant (because he idolizes Peggy Jean Dietrich), and for good reason: Billy Bob discovers that her husband Earl may be involved in shady, even violent, business practices.

Other ghosts from the past also haunt Billy Bob: he accidentally killed his former partner on a drug raid in Mexico and still hears his voice.

And then there's Holland's illegitimate son Lucas, who is growing up with problems of his own.

The weight of all this backstory might overwhelm a lesser writer, but Burke manages to make it seem as natural as the soft wind that stirs the tumbleweed in the town of Deaf Smith. Billie Letts's award winning first novel, "Where the Heart Is",

blew across the American literary landscape like a breath of fresh air.

The moving story of a young pregnant girl abandoned at a small town Wal-Mart, it resonated with original ideas, bright humor, and an inspiring message about human goodness.

It has been made into a movie starring Ashley Judd, Stockard Channing, Joan Cusack and Sally Field.

Her second book, "The Honk and Holler Opening Soon" captures a small town's prejudice and tolerance, violence and big-heartedness.

It convinces us that dark clouds really have silver linings. And it leaves us hungry for more writing from Billie Letts.

Billie lives in Oklahoma with her husband, Dennis, where she teaches Creative Writing at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Hollis McCright is the head librarian of the Howard County Library and writes a regular column for the Herald.

Holiday online shopping expected to increase in wake of terrorist attacks

NEW YORK (AP) - Catherine Ryan, who plans to fly to Phoenix to visit her mother over the holidays, will be buying most of her gifts online this year.

With the airline industry's tighter security measures and limit of one carry-on bag, the Los Angeles resident says she needs to "travel lighter."

Josef Blumenfeld, of Natick, Mass., says he doesn't plan to step in a "public mall" in November and December.

Turning to e-commerce, he said, will be "less aggravating and safer."

In the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the threat of more to come, e-commerce companies are counting on consumers like Ryan and Blumenfeld to help boost online holiday sales.

Online spending took a dip immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks, but it made a strong recovery.

Sales were up 17 percent the week ended Oct. 8, from the week ended Sept. 10, according to BizRate.com, a comparison Web site and research firm that tracks 2,000 online sites.

Sales at brick and mortar stores, meanwhile, have recovered from the post-attacks dive, but remain a bit below normal for a recessionary environment, retail analysts said.

"Families are staying home and the online retailers are benefiting disproportionately," said Chuck Davis, chief executive officer of BizRate.

Some consumers already stressed out by all the bad news have less patience for shopping in cramped stores.

"I am not worried about inhaling anthrax at the Gap," said Sandra Beckwith, of Fairport, N.Y. "I am just irritated more easily, so I have much less patience for being in a crowded place, and getting elbowed."

Dry summer contributes to slimmer, pricier pickings for Halloween

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) - A combination of heavy rain early in the year and a dry summer has left slimmer pickings this fall in pumpkin patches across Michigan, one of the nation's largest pumpkin suppliers.

Bernard Zandstra, a vegetable specialist for Michigan State University, said there is a shortage nationwide as well, which may mean higher prices for pumpkins.

In Michigan, Zandstra said pumpkins could sell wholesale for more than 10 cents a pound this year,

compared with 5 cents a pound in an average year.

"It's going to be a terrible year for pumpkins," said Paul Forte, owner of Harvest Time Farm Market in Oxford Township. "They're going to be much smaller than normal, and the yield is going to be way down."

The drought that started in June and lasted through August caused the most damage to the Michigan crop.

Forte lost 15 acres of pumpkins, including most of his pie pumpkins, but still had 7,000 transplanted

pumpkins that took a nice shape.

With that in mind, Forte increased prices from 30 cents to 35 cents a pound this year, which would be \$6 to \$12 for a nice-size carving pumpkin. Some retailers are selling them for as high as 39 cents or 45 cents a pound, he said.

The top pumpkin suppliers in the country are Illinois, California, New York and Pennsylvania, said Vince Matthews, deputy state statistician for the Lansing-based Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service. Michigan is No. 5.

Davis said the Internet should prove even more valuable in these tough economic times, since it allows bargain hunters to comparison shop and save time looking for particular items.

Whether those benefits will be offset by the overall slump in consumer spending remains to be seen.

Last year's online holiday sales, hit hard by the industry shakeout and a slowing economy, failed to meet expectations.

This year, the anthrax scare could pose a new challenge for e-commerce companies - overcoming consumers' fears about receiving packages in the mail.

Beckwith said that won't stop her ordering gifts online, though she will take some precautions, such as examining her own packages and alerting friends of packages she is sending.

BizRate, which doesn't track travel-related sales, projects a 31 percent gain in holiday online sales over a year ago to \$6.3 billion, from last year's \$4.8 billion.

Others were more cautious.

"My general sense is that the negative economy will have a bigger impact on e-commerce than any benefits," said Ken Cassar, a senior analyst at Jupiter Research.

Cassar's preliminary projections call for a 10 percent to 20 percent increase in online holiday sales.

That compares with a 50 percent jump in last year's holiday business over the prior year's levels, far short of the 70 percent gain expected.

"The terrorist attacks have exacerbated the negative retail trends, which have dragged down the entire economy," Cassar said.

"And the Internet is being dragged down with it."

Blood pressure drug ramipril may help protect high-risk patients from diabetes

CHICAGO (AP) - A widely used blood pressure drug may prevent diabetes in people at high risk for the disease, a study suggests.

The preliminary research found that patients taking an ACE inhibitor called ramipril and sold as Altace reduced their risk of diabetes by more than 30 percent.

The tantalizing result was first observed by the same researchers in a previously published study showing that ramipril could reduce deaths, heart attacks and other complications in diabetics and people at high risk for the disease.

The new study, published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, expands on the finding.

The researchers and other doctors expressed caution because the results came in a study that was not designed to determine if the drug could prevent diabetes.

The results "require confirmation because of the enormous clinical and public health potential of these findings," said the

researchers, led by Dr. Salim Yusuf of McMaster University in Canada.

Dr. Christopher Saudek, president of the American Diabetes Association, agreed that more study is needed but said it is a potentially important and scientifically plausible theory.

ACE - angiotensin converting enzyme - inhibitors block formation of angiotensin, an enzyme involved in regulating blood pressure. The enzyme can cause blood vessels and arteries to constrict, but the drug relaxes them, keeping blood pressure down.

The researchers said the drug's effects on blood vessels may improve functioning of the pancreas and reduce insulin resistance. Diabetes occurs when the body cannot produce or properly use insulin, a hormone produced in the pancreas that regulates blood sugar.

The study involved 5,720 patients 55 and older with vascular disease or other diabetes risk factors. They randomly received either a placebo or ramipril for an

average of about 4 years.

Diabetes developed during the study in 102 people in the ramipril group, 3.6 percent, compared with 155, or 5.4 percent, of patients on placebos.

The patients reported that they had been diagnosed with diabetes; the study did not attempt to confirm that they had the disease.

Funding for the study came in part from the Medical Research Council of Canada, the Stroke Foundation of Ontario and several drug companies, including Altace manufacturer Aventis Pharmaceuticals.

Dr. John Buse, director of the diabetes care center at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, said ramipril might indeed protect against diabetes, "but without the exact right study, it's hard to take this to the bank."

He said one possibility - which he considers unlikely - is that ramipril simply made patients feel better, so they exercised more. Exercise is known to help prevent diabetes.

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6:00 p.m. Assembly - "From Suicide to Salvation"

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- "Changing the Leopard's Spots"

- "God's New Creation in Christ"

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BSHS fares well during tri-match

LAMESA — Big Spring High School Steers golf team showed signs of improvement in a tri-match with Lamesa and Andrews this week.

Leading the way for the Steers was Jerrod Simmons with a 74, which was low round of the day. Nick Read shot a 79, Will Conley and Ryan Rodriguez carded 84s and Mario Rodriguez shot 87. The team total was 321. Andrews finished on top with a 318 while Lamesa shot a 332.

In the girl's division, Big Spring was led by freshman Rachel Gee and sophomore Jessica Hicks, who both turned in 106s. Angela Payne, sophomore, shot a 113 and freshman Kate Smiley shot a 123. It was the Lady Steers' first tournament of the year.

The next meet will be at Big Spring Country Club as the Steer teams host Snyder at 3 p.m. on Tuesday.

Lady Steers fall in loop matchup

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring's Lady Steers, looking to upend a strong Lake View Maidens squad and work their way into the volleyball playoffs, took a setback here Tuesday night.

The Lady Steers fell 15-6, 15-4 to the red hot Maidens, who can clinch the District 4-4A title with a win Saturday over Frenship.

Big Spring, which went into the game in a three-way tie with Snyder and Plainview, fell behind 7-0 in the first match and never recovered.

The loss leaves the Lady Steers at 18-15 overall and 8-5 in district. Lake View improves to 28-5 and 12-1.

Big Spring CC set for golf tournament

The Big Spring Country Club will hold a two-person scramble Saturday and Sunday.

The tournament is an age qualifier with the combined ages of the participants needing to be 80 or over. Fees are \$60 per player, plus cart. The tournament is slated for a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

For more information, call the pro shop at 267-5354.

International LL sets ragball tournament

The International Little League has scheduled a coed ragball tournament for Nov. 3.

Tournament play will begin at 8 a.m.

Players must be at least 13 years old and entry fees are \$10 per player. All teams will consist of six male and six female players.

For more information, call Denise at 756-2841, Raymond at 263-03811 or Delbert at 263-2631.

ON THE AIR

Television

BASEBALL

3 p.m. — American League Championship Series, Game 1, New York Yankees at Seattle Mariners, FOX, Ch. 3

7 p.m. — National League Championship Series, Game 2, Atlanta Braves at the Arizona Diamondbacks, FOX, Ch. 3

HOCKEY

7 p.m. — Dallas Stars at St. Louis Blues, ESPN

Former recruiting coordinator responds to NCAA charges

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Claude Bassett, the former Kentucky football recruiting coordinator, has denied some violations alleged by the NCAA but admitted to more than 20 of them, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported Wednesday.

Bassett's lawyer, Robert Furnier, sent a letter dated Oct. 12 responding to the NCAA and released a copy to the newspaper. Furnier would not comment on the letter.

In it, Bassett denied allegations including receiving cash from two UK boosters; participating in academic fraud; giving recruits shopping money; and trying to get players by sending a Memphis coach \$1,400 in money orders.

Bassett's Oct. 12 letter, like a report filed by the university, was in response to the NCAA's inquiry of the school's football program, which will culminate in a Nov. 16 hearing. Because of financial constraints, Bassett, who's currently coaching high school football in Texas, will not attend.

In March, Bassett was named head football coach and athletic director at at Robstown High School, a 4A school near Corpus Christi.

The NCAA inquiry, started by UK's own self-report, found more than three dozen alleged violations, the majority of which were blamed on Bassett.

Bassett denied some of the more noteworthy examples.

While he admitted to sending \$1,400 in money orders to Memphis high school coach Tim Thompson, Bassett's letter said the funds were not meant to persuade Thompson to steer players to UK.

Instead, the letter said, the money was for two of Thompson's assistants who coached at a UK summer football clinic. Both men were paid \$125, \$700 less than Thompson. The UK report maintained that Thompson himself should have received just \$375.

"He and Coach Thompson understood the purpose of the payment, so he had no need to write a letter

accompanying the payment," Bassett's letter said.

UK's report said Bassett told investigators that the real purpose of the money was to "influence (Thompson) to send his players to the University of Kentucky."

Bassett said he did not pay Thompson and his group's expenses while they were in Lexington. The Memphis coach gave Bassett cash to pay for the group's hotel stay, and reimbursed him for breakfast, the letter says.

Additionally, Bassett said he never paid Thompson with six tickets to UK football games.

Bassett also denied taking part in academic fraud.

Johnson lifts Arizona past Braves, 2-0

NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

PHOENIX (AP) — To bury his reputation as a postseason flop, Randy Johnson needed to be almost perfect, or at least good enough to beat Greg Maddux.

Mission accomplished, and then some.

Johnson struck out 11 in a masterful three-hitter Tuesday as the Arizona Diamondbacks beat Maddux and the Atlanta Braves 2-0 in Game 1 of the National League Championship Series.

"You're kind of sitting out there in awe almost," Arizona second baseman Craig Counsell said. "You're just amazed at what he's doing."

Johnson had lost seven consecutive playoff games, a major league record. In the latest loss, he gave up three runs in eight innings, which was good, but not good enough as St. Louis beat Arizona 4-1 in Game 2 of their division series.

He hadn't won in the postseason since his two victories against the New

York Yankees in the 1995 ALCS.

In the postgame interview room, with his young son at his side, Johnson answered the obvious question before it was asked.

Through eight innings, Johnson allowed only two base runners, an extremely close infield single by Chipper Jones with two outs in the first and a walk to Bernard Gilkey with one out in the eighth.

In between, Johnson retired 20 in a row. He broke an NLCS record with seven consecutive hitless innings.

"Randy pitched great," Maddux said. "That was probably the best I've ever seen him change speeds. As a complement, he was Jamie Moyer with a real good fastball."

In the ninth inning, Johnson got two quick outs. The surprisingly small crowd of 37,729 — 12,000 short of a sellout —

was on its feet.

But Julio Franco singled to bring Jones to the plate.

"I was thinking two-run homer," said Jones, who has a career .444 average against Johnson.

Jones settled for a single, and Brian Jordan came up as the potential go-ahead run. Johnson struck him out swinging.

"This kind of game is more mentally draining than it is physically draining," Johnson said, "because you realize if you make one mistake, that could be the ballgame."

Counsell, out of baseball when Los Angeles released him before the 2000 season, picked up where he left off in the St. Louis series. He was 2-for-4 with a double, the game's only extra-base hit, and scored both runs on singles by Reggie Sanders in the first and Luis Gonzalez in the fifth.

"I'd like to say he's our secret weapon," Arizona

manager Bob Brenly said, "but he's not much of a secret anymore because opposing teams know all about Craig Counsell."

Maddux, 10-12 in the postseason and 4-7 in the NLCS, allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings.

"I thought he was good," Atlanta manager Bobby Cox said. "He had his double-play ball working. He got a few balls up early, but then settled right into it."

The Diamondbacks have three complete-game pitching performances in their six postseason starts. The first two were by Curt Schilling against the Cardinals, 1-0 in Game 1 and 2-1 in the deciding Game 5.

"He's been real complimentary since he's been here. He says I raised the bar for him," Johnson said of Schilling. "I told him when we were celebrating a couple of nights ago that after watching him pitch the two games he's pitched, he's raised the bar for me now in postseason."

Yanks, Mariners clash in matchup of year

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

SEATTLE (AP) — Count Edgar Martinez among those who can see why the Yankees have become baseball's sentimental favorites.

"We all feel very sad about what happened in New York," the Seattle star said Tuesday. "If we were not playing the Yankees, I'd probably want the Yankees to win."

The team with all that tradition and all those titles has drawn even more support following the terrorist attacks last month.

Yet going into Game 1 of the AL Championship Series against the Mariners today, Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter knew plenty of people would be happy to see his underdog team lose.

"I don't think the nation is rooting for us. I don't think the people in Seattle are rooting for us," he said. "People are going to still

love to hate the Yankees. I think people in the past hated New Yorkers or said New Yorkers had some huge attitude.

"I think now when you see New York has come together, I think that the attitude or the impression that people have of New York has changed a little bit, but I don't think that the attitude toward the Yankees is going to change," Jeter said. "I think you either love us or hate us."

With dazzling plays by Jeter, bat wizardry by Ichiro Suzuki, late-inning drama and determined comebacks, the ALCS emerged as a fan's delight.

"I think a lot of people wanted to see this going into the postseason," Jeter said.

"Seattle, obviously, has had a great season, the best record in the history of the American League," he said. "And now, we stand in their way of winning a championship. And they stand in our way of winning another one," he remarked.

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Cowboys have to find positives, even in a single win

IRVING (AP) — For the Dallas Cowboys, any positive outcome provides a reason to be happy. Even when it's a win against another bad team in a game in which they didn't even score a touchdown.

Coach Dave Campo said the Cowboys (1-4) aren't trying to fool themselves after Monday night's 9-7 victory over the Washington Redskins (0-5). Tim Seder kicked a 26-yard field goal on the game's final play for the franchise with five Super Bowl championships.

"Obviously we're pleased with a win. Any win is a win," Campo said Tuesday. "But our players know by all intents and purposes that anything could have happened, and we could be sitting here 0-5, instead of 1-4. Our team knows that."

The only reason the Cowboys aren't 0-5 for the first time since 1989 — when they went 1-15 the first season Jerry Jones owned the team — is because Redskins running back Stephen Davis fumbled with 2:40 left. Rookie defensive tackle John Nix, the 240th player taken in the draft last April, stripped the ball away.

"There was nothing pretty about it. That's all there is to it," said Cowboys safety Darren Woodson, who along with running back Emmitt Smith played on three Super Bowl winners in Dallas in the mid-1990s.

"But right now, we'll take a win any way we can get one."

"We won so much for so long, I think maybe we started taking for granted how good it feels to win. Ugly, pretty. It doesn't matter. A win is a win."

But it will take much more than one win for the Cowboys to even resemble

the team they used to be. And plenty of more time.

On their 53-player roster, most of the players haven't even been in the league three full seasons. And the team is strapped by salary cap limitations, with about one-third of its allowance going to players like Troy Aikman and Deion Sanders, who are no longer playing.

Then there are the injuries, and an unsettled situation at quarterback.

Tony Banks, the losing quarterback Monday night for Washington, was signed by the Cowboys last spring as the retired Aikman's

apparent replacement. But Banks was unexpectedly released midway through the preseason, and Jones appointed rookie Quincy Carter — the 53rd player chosen last April — as the starter.

After playing the entire season opener, a 10-6 loss to Tampa Bay, Carter sprained the thumb on his throwing hand during practice and missed two games. He was the starter at Oakland on Oct. 7, but tore his left hamstring in the first quarter and is out at least six more weeks after surgery Monday.

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Outgoing Indians GM to interview with Hicks

DALLAS (AP) — Outgoing Cleveland Indians general manager John Hart says he will accept an offer from Texas Rangers owner Tom Hicks to interview for the team's vacant GM spot.

Hart, Cleveland's manager since 1991, said he is very interested in the position.

"I'm going to interview because I think the Texas Rangers have the ability and resources in place to win," Hart told The Dallas Morning News in Wednesday's editions.

"They've got a lot of things going for them. There is a lot of upside. I am certainly very intrigued by the opportunity."

Hicks is also expected to talk with Florida Marlins general manager Dave Dombrowski and Rangers' interim general manager Dan O'Brien.

Hart, 53, announced earlier this year that he would step down from the Indians job at the end of the season. Upon firing Doug Melvin, Hicks immediately identified Hart and Dombrowski as top candidates because they have both taken teams to the World Series.

The Indians reached the playoffs for the sixth time in seven years this season. But a day after they were eliminated, Hart turned his sights toward Texas.

Last week, Hicks requested and received permission to discuss the job with Hart. No date has been set for the visit, but Hart was expected to be the first candidate from outside the organization to interview.

Dombrowski, 45, would likely follow but has been spending the week in the Marlins' organizational meetings. He will meet with team owner John Henry next week to discuss the club's 2002 payroll and long-term future.

Fort Worth stock show officials, cowboys reach accord

FORT WORTH (AP) — Rodeo cowboys and the Fort Worth stock show have mended fences in an agreement that will prevent the event from losing its professional status.

The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association threatened to strip the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show of the

PRCA that should keep Fort Worth in the national rodeo circuit saddle.

Rodeo officials have agreed to anchor portable chutes with stakes that will be driven into the shallow dirt at the Will Rogers Coliseum. The change would alleviate cowboys' concerns that unanchored chutes could shift during

performances.

"They had valid points," the show's chairman, Ed Bass, said of the riders. "We had the tricky job of balancing things in the best interest of the contestants, our audience and the traditions of the show."

Livestock show officials say there's no room in the 55-year-old coliseum for a

permanent chute.

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615, Cossack MC 993, Big
Collision 576; Hi sc team
Whetzel Pump & Supply 4-1;
Spring Collision 1638, Cossack
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MC 726, Big Spring Collision
MC Kids 738; Hi hdp team
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278, James Rawls 246,
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Rawls 619; Hi hdp game me
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Rawls 274; Hi hdp series me
Rose 789, Lynn Maddox 74;
Cossack, Jr. 725; Hi sc game
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Cathy McMurtrey 180; Hi sc
women Kay Herndicks 504,
Ewing 486, Patti Hill 495;
Hi sc series Donna Kenned
Key Herndicks 248, Marilyn N
234; Hi hdp series women
Kennedy 722, Kay Herndicks
Veronica Schroyer 652.
STANDINGS-NC Spring Collis
16, Cossack MC 34-22, BSI
KC Kids 30-26, Whetzel Pu
Supply 26-30, Mad Caps
Sharp Image Drilling 24-32,
Design 22-26, American State
18-38, BSI Whippersnappers 1

BASEBALL PLAYERS

36 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

American League
Today, Oct. 17
New York (Petitte 15-1)
Seattle (Sele 15-5), 3:20 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 18
New York (Mussina 17-1)
Seattle (Garcia 18-6), 6:20
(Fox)

Saturday, Oct. 20
Seattle (Moyer 20-6) at N
(Hernandez 4-1), 3:20 p.m. (F
Sunday, Oct. 21
Seattle (Abbott 17-4) at Ne
(Clemens 20-3), 6:50 p.m. (F
For Sports Net

Monday, Oct. 22
Seattle at New York, 7:20
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Wednesday, Oct. 24
New York at Seattle, 3:20
necessary (Fox)

Thursday, Oct. 25
New York at Seattle, 7:20
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National League
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Wednesday, Oct. 24
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NBA PRESEASON

Monday's Games
Milwaukee 92, Denver 82
Memphis 103, Seattle 99
Houston 81, Portland 77
Tuesday's Games
Toronto 107, Chicago 89

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Nuggets 1

DALLAS (AP) Nash scored 22 p Michael Finley i the Dallas Maver the Denver Nugg in an exhibitio Tuesday night.

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BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO
WEEK 17
RESULTS-KC Kids over Mad Caps 6-2. Big Spring Collision split with Sharp Image Drilling 4-4. Timeless Design over BSI 6-2. Cossacks MCM 6-2. American State Bank split with Whetsel Pump & Supply 4-4. In sc team game Whetsel Pump & Supply 167-1. Big Spring Collision 1638. Cossacks MCM 1807. In hdpk team game Cossacks KC 720. Big Spring Collision 720. KC Kids 718. In hdpk team series Big Spring Collision 2070. Sharp Image Drilling 2035. Cossacks MCM 2008. In sc game men Larry Rose 278. James Rawls 246. Jackie Leony 237. In sc series men Larry Rose 727. Jackie Leony 649. James Rawls 619. In hdpk game men Larry Rose 302. Lynn Maddox 288. James Rawls 274. In hdpk series men Larry Rose 799. Lynn Maddox 742. Q.T. Costa Jr. 725. In sc game women Kay Hendricks 188. Alice Ewing 182. Cathy McMurtrey 180. In sc series women Kay Hendricks 504. Alice Ewing 489. Cathy McMurtrey 495. In hdpk game women Dorna Kennedy 273. Kay Hendricks 246. Marilyn Woodall 234. In hdpk series women Dorna Kennedy 722. Kay Hendricks 678. Veronica Schroyer 652.
STANDINGS-Big Spring Collision 40-16. Cossacks MCM 34-22. BSI 34-22. KC Kids 30-28. Whetsel Pump & Supply 26-30. Mad Caps 26-22. Sharp Image Drilling 24-32. Timeless Design 22-26. American State Bank 18-38. BSI Whippersnappers 18.

BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

3B LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
American League
Today, Oct. 17
New York (Pettitte 15-10) at Seattle (Sabe 15-5). 3:20 p.m. (Fox)
Thursday, Oct. 18
New York (Mussina 17-11) at Seattle (Garcia 18-6). 6:20 p.m. (Fox)
Saturday, Oct. 20
Seattle (Moyer 20-6) at New York (Hernandez 4-7). 3:20 p.m. (Fox)
Sunday, Oct. 21
Seattle (Hobott 17-4) at New York (Clemens 20-3). 6:50 p.m. (Fox or Fox Sports Net)
Monday, Oct. 22
Seattle at New York. 7:20 p.m., if necessary (Fox)
Wednesday, Oct. 24
New York at Seattle. 3:20 p.m., if necessary (Fox)
Thursday, Oct. 25
New York at Seattle. 7:20 p.m., if necessary (Fox)

NBA PLAYOFFS

National League
Today, Oct. 18
Arizona 2, Atlanta 0. Arizona leads series 1-0
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Atlanta (Glavine 16-7) at Arizona (Batista 11-8). 7:20 p.m. (Fox)
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Tuesday, Oct. 23
Atlanta at Arizona. 7:20 p.m., if necessary (Fox)
Wednesday, Oct. 24
Atlanta at Arizona. 7:20 p.m., if necessary (Fox)

NBA PLAYOFFS

Semifinals (Best-of-3)
(Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.)
San Jose vs. Miami
Wednesday, Oct. 10
Miami 1, San Jose 0

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE					
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF
Miami	3	2	0	.600	108
N.Y. Jets	3	2	0	.600	114
Indianapolis	2	2	0	.500	118
New England	2	3	0	.400	103
Buffalo	0	4	0	.000	71
Central					
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF
Pittsburgh	3	1	0	.750	99
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	96
Cincinnati	3	2	0	.600	89
Cleveland	3	2	0	.600	87
Jacksonville	2	2	0	.500	63
Tennessee	1	3	0	.250	67
West					
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF
Oakland	4	1	0	.800	131
Denver	3	2	0	.600	123
San Diego	3	2	0	.600	132
Seattle	3	2	0	.600	84
Kansas City	1	4	0	.200	95
NATIONAL CONFERENCE					
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF
N.Y. Giants	3	2	0	.600	91
Philadelphia	2	2	0	.500	104
Arizona	1	3	0	.250	65
Dallas	1	4	0	.200	75
Washington	0	5	0	.000	32
Central					
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF
Green Bay	4	1	0	.800	134
Chicago	3	1	0	.750	74
Tampa Bay	2	2	0	.500	68
Minnesota	2	3	0	.400	89
Detroit	0	4	0	.000	46
West					
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF
St. Louis	5	0	0	1.000	142
San Fran	4	1	0	.800	122
New Orleans	3	1	0	.750	92
Atlanta	2	3	0	.400	105
Carolina	1	4	0	.200	86

Sunday's Games
Chicago 20, Arizona 13
St. Louis 15, N.Y. Giants 14
San Francisco 37, Atlanta 31.
OT
Green Bay 31, Baltimore 23
New Orleans 27, Carolina 25
Cincinnati 24, Cleveland 14
New England 29, San Diego 26.
OT
Tennessee 31, Tampa Bay 28.
OT
Pittsburgh 20, Kansas City 17
Minnesota 31, Detroit 26
N.Y. Jets 21, Miami 17
Seattle 34, Denver 21
Oakland 23, Indianapolis 18
Atlanta vs. Philadelphia
Jacksonville
Monday's Game
Dallas 9, Washington 7
Thursday's Game
Charlotte 99, Boston 88
New Jersey 91, Detroit 87
Dallas 112, Denver 80
San Antonio 94, Philadelphia 75
L.A. Clippers 105, Cleveland 91
Utah 85, New York 80
L.A. Lakers 114, Golden State 97
Today's Games
Boston at Cleveland. 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Orlando. 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Indiana. 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Chicago. 7 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Minnesota at Markato, Minn., 7 p.m.
New York at Phoenix. 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Portland. 9 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Washington vs. Detroit at Grand Rapids, Mich., 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Memphis. 7 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Utah at Lawrence, Kan., 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Seattle. 9 p.m.
Denver at Golden State. 9:30 p.m.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Named Marc Bombard manager of the International League, Greg Legg manager of Reading of the Eastern League, John Morris manager of Batavia of the New York-Penn League, and Roy De Armas manager of the Phillies of the GCL.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Waived F Dennis Scott and F Paul Shirley.
ORLANDO MAGIC—Waived C Todd Fuller.
UTAH JAZZ—Named Walt Perrin director of player personnel.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Waived S Marty Carter. Signed S Corey Hall from the practice squad.
MIAMI BEARS—Signed C Ryan Bertram.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed CB Rodney Heath on injured reserve. Signed CB Liganis Jennings to a three-year contract.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Traded DL Stain Kolnet to Minnesota for a future draft pick. Signed DT Cedrick Killian. Waived DB Perry Pharis. Claimed DB Brandon Jennings off waivers from Oakland.
CHICAGO BEARS—Signed TE Mark Thomas to the practice squad. Released TE Austin Wheatley from the practice squad.
MIAMI BEARS—Placed DT Damian Gregory on the reserve/non-football injury list.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Released WR Nate Jacques.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed P Dan Hadenfeldt and DL Maurice Anderson to the practice squad. Released DL Saul Patu from the practice squad.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Waived S Al Blades. Signed CB Jimmy Williams to the active roster from the practice squad.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed DB Kato Serwanga. Released RB Kenny Watson. Released S Marvian Houston from the practice squad.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Assigned F Steve Dubinsky to Norfolk of the AHL.
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Recalled D Jason Holland from Manchester of the AHL. Placed D Andrew Lika on the injured reserve list retroactive to Oct. 14.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Assigned LW Jerome Marois to Mississippi of the ECHL.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled RW Peter Ferraro from the AHL.
Tuesday's Games
Nashville 3, Buffalo 3, tie
Pittsburgh 5, Ottawa 2, tie
Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 3, tie
Detroit 4, Columbus 3, tie
San Jose 3, Minnesota 3, tie
Toronto 4, Edmonton 1
Colorado 2, Tampa Bay 1
Boston 1, Phoenix 1, tie
Florida 2, Vancouver 2, tie
Washington 3, Los Angeles 2, OT
Today's Games
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina. 6 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers. 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at St. Louis. 7 p.m.
Boston at Anaheim. 9:30 p.m.
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Chicago at Nashville. 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas. 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado. 8 p.m.
Boston at Calgary. 8 p.m.
Toronto at Vancouver. 9 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles. 9:30 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Named Tony Reagins director of player development.
BOSTON RED SOX—Declined to renew the contract of Rick Down, hitting coach.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Reportedly lost the right to become a free agent.
National League

Texas Aggies' offense benefiting from new, young receiving corps

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Prior to this season, neither Jamaar Taylor or Terrence Murphy had ever caught a pass in a college game. They've since become two effective targets in the Aggies offense for Texas A&M quarterback Mark Farris.

"I said this summer that I didn't know who it would be, but I felt two of those young receivers would help us this year," coach R.C. Slocum said. But even Slocum couldn't have expected the production the Aggies have gotten from Murphy and Taylor. Murphy was a quarterback throughout his career at Chapel Hill High School in Tyler. He converted to wide receiver for the Aggies and caught freshman records of 11 catches for 146 yards and a touchdown in last week's 31-21 loss to Colorado. "As many plays as he makes that are positive, he makes one that is negative," offensive coordinator Dino Babers said. "But the one thing you can say about Terrence Murphy is he doesn't make the same mistake twice."

Taylor, a sophomore from Mission, transferred from Notre Dame after his freshman year. He caught nine passes for 146 yards and two touchdowns against the Buffaloes. Taylor leads the Aggies with 27 catches for 403 yards and three touchdowns, while Murphy is third on the team 18 catches for 312 yards and two touchdowns. He leads the receiving corps, averaging 17.3 yards per catch. The newcomers got their chances in part because of injuries. Senior Bethel Johnson was lost for the season after having his spleen removed. Greg Porter has been sidelined since the Baylor game with a broken foot.

Murphy was a quarterback throughout his career at Chapel Hill High School in Tyler. He converted to wide receiver for the Aggies and caught freshman records of 11 catches for 146 yards and a touchdown in last week's 31-21 loss to Colorado. "Jamaar isn't as big as Robert but they are both very physical. He (Jamaar) is probably the best blocking wide receiver in the conference," Farris said. Taylor narrowed his college choices to Notre Dame and Texas A&M but ultimately chose the Fighting Irish. "I think everyone wanted me to go to Notre Dame because of its name," Taylor said. "After I was there, I just didn't see myself fitting into that offense." Taylor almost didn't get a chance to become the Aggies' leading receiver. He had to survive the classroom summer work before he could participate in two-day workouts. "Coach Babers called me aside one day and asked me if I was serious about football because if not, he was going to take a look at some of the freshmen receivers," Taylor said. Murphy wanted to be a wide receiver in high school but his talents as a quarterback kept him in the backfield. When he arrived at A&M, he had to learn the game from the receiver's perspective. In early practices, he was giving quarterback signals back to Farris. "Mark's made a big enough deal out of that that I don't do it anymore," Murphy said. "I don't feel like a freshman anymore. I just feel like a part of the team."

No changes with new QB, Stoops says

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — A new quarterback won't mean a new look for No. 2 Oklahoma and won't result in any distractions coach Bob Stoops said Tuesday. Stoops' weekly news conference followed his announcement Monday night that Jason White is now the starter for the Sooners, who own the nation's longest winning streak at 19 games. Nate Hybl started the first six games, but failed to finish the past two. He was knocked out of the Texas game two weeks ago with a shoulder injury, then was removed from the Kansas game Saturday night after four unproductive series. Stoops recalled his years as an assistant at Florida, when the Gators won Southeastern Conference titles after making changes at quarterback. "I don't understand where the problem would be or why it would be a distraction," he said. "Both these guys practice with our team every day, our players have got great respect for both of 'em, and our players understand that around here you earn your way," he added. White has done that with his strong play off the bench.

He was 16-of-23 for 108 yards against Texas and showed a nice touch on option plays while running for 38 yards. He gained 117 yards on 12 carries against Kansas, and was 18-of-29 passing for 151 yards and four touchdowns. White is more mobile than Hybl, although Stoops said it would be wrong to call White a run-pass quarterback. "We don't have a run-pass quarterback," he said. "We've got a passing quarterback that at times has run and made some plays, as Josh (Heupel) did a year ago, as Nate has some this year."

PRCA

Continued from Page 1
not be the same in terms of the quality of contestants and the atmosphere." PRCA board member Mike Cervi is credited with mediating the compromise. He says he talked with Bob Watt, president and manager of the stock show, and PRCA steer wrestling committee member Ricky Huddleston, a critic of the show's portable chutes. "When they both realized that a simple problem had gotten out of proportion, they agreed to work it out," Cervi told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for Wednesday's editions. Many stock show observers believe that officials agreed to the compromise because losing PRCA's sanction would make it harder to get the public to support the new, larger multipurpose arena that stock show officials have been seeking.

Mavericks pop

Nuggets, 112-88
DALLAS (AP) — Steve Nash scored 22 points and Michael Finley had 16 as the Dallas Mavericks beat the Denver Nuggets 112-88 in an exhibition game Tuesday night. Dirk Nowitzki added 15 points and Adrian Griffin had 11 for the Mavericks (3-2). Zendon Hamilton led the Nuggets (1-2) with 14 points and Cedric Ceballos had 13 points and 10 rebounds. Finley scored 14 points and Nash had 13 in the first half to help the Mavericks take a 62-41 lead. Dallas shot 54 percent from the field in the first half, while Denver shot 33 percent.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Oct. 18:

Your drive for excellence comes out in whatever you do. If blocked, you will express a great deal of frustration, and sometimes you will get angry at those closest to you. Emphasize dealing with one item at a time and one person at a time. As a result, you will be more successful. If you are single, your love life will take an unpredictable turn. Don't be vested in any particular outcome, and you will like what comes across your path mid-2002. If you're attached, note that a child close to you gets a bit wild. You and your mate need to work as a team. Don't let others interfere with your relationship. SCORPIO helps you spend.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)***** Think in terms of partnership, even if you think someone might cause you more problems than he is worth. Consider the pluses of teamwork. Work on establishing more mutual interests and common causes. You'll like the results. Tonight: Get together with a special friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)***** A boss turns plans topsy-turvy. Regroup. Maintain your positive attitude. That will make all the difference. Reach out for solutions. Make key calls that could result in important feedback. Do whatever you need to do to find a reasonable solution. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)*** Think in terms of getting the job done. Though someone could distract you or certain thoughts might intrigue you, don't lose your ability to concentrate. Someone might be hostile yet all the while trying to make better contact. Tonight: Off to the gym.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)***** Where others bungle the job, you come to the rescue. Don't worry so much about what is going on. Tap into your strong abilities and high resources. Solve problems. You have a delightful man-

ner of getting things under control.

Tonight: Let the child in you out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**** Deal with basics, especially with a cantankerous associate. Anything could happen if you remain open to the possibilities. Save time through concentration. Do close your door. Business is business, and play is play. Your follow-through counts. Tonight: At home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**** What you might have planned to get done could rapidly change. Learn to be flexible in different situations. Your sense of direction helps others, once you decide on your objective. A loved one needs more time with you. Schedule some quality time. Tonight: Try a new, exotic type of cuisine.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**** Listen more carefully to someone who means a lot to you. If this person is agitated or emotional, read between the lines. Someone appreciates your willingness to go across the line to help. Avoid feuding with a family member. Tonight: Spend some quality time with a loved one who needs it!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**** Realize your limits within a group of friends. You might want others to respond to your ideas, but avoid using shock, if possible. You don't need another's off-the-wall reactions. You can be a master of communication. Use your skills. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**** Spending runs out of control as you try to make your work more amenable and worthwhile. Keep reaching out for another. Don't take "no" for an answer. Relax more, if possible. Go with the flow. Understand more of what is expected from you. Tonight: Work as late as needed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**** Your enthusiasm and drive direct you to the finish line. If you encounter a problem, you'll skip right over it. Stay in touch with your long-term financial needs. Though you might be inclined

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toward risk, it's a bad idea now. Tonight: Start thinking weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**** If you're not in touch with your feelings, you might do something contrary and difficult. Honor the opinion of someone who cares a lot about you. Consider your options surrounding your home and day-to-day life. Think in terms of getting past a barrier. Tonight: Togetherness.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)***** Speak your mind. Others circle around you and support your decision. If someone tries to share with you the reasons for a disagreement, stop and listen, even if you might be uncomfortable. Excitement surrounds a friendship.

Attorney offers advise for those with multiple partners

Dear Ann Landers: I am an attorney who works for the U.S. government. I would like to offer some advice to men and women who are having sex without considering the consequences of "having a good time."



ANN LANDERS

For men:
1. Make sure you know who you are being intimate with. Have enough information so that if you end up pregnant, you can give authorities the man's full name, birth date and Social Security number.

2. Do not have sex with more than one man in a 28-day period. If you have multiple partners, be as truthful as possible when asked who the father is.

3. If the man requests a paternity test, agree to it without hesitation. If he is indeed the father, he is more likely to pay support and participate in the child's life.

4. If the man already has a child he does not support, do not agree to have a child with him. When things go bad, he will not be there for

This person grows with you. Tonight: Catch up on another's news.

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you.
5. If you are the non-custodial parent, pay support willingly. You are just as responsible as the man to take care of your child.

6. Use the support money you receive to benefit the child, and let the father know exactly how his support money is being used.

7. Do not lie. If he has paid support, give him credit for it.

8. Unless there is a valid reason to keep your child away from the father, encourage communication and visitation. Fathers who have partial custody and visitation rights pay support more regularly and make the child's life less stressful.

For men:
1. If you suspect you are the father of a child, take a paternity test and learn the truth.
2. If you are served with legal papers, do not ignore them. You will be defaulted for paternity and child support, and may never have the ability to challenge the order again.

3. If you are found to be the father, pay support. A child who knows his or her father cares will be happier and less likely to get into trouble.

4. Visit your child as often as possible. If you are the custodial parent, encourage the mother to visit frequently, also.

It goes without saying that neither parent should say anything negative about the other parent. Negative comments will make the child more conflicted than ever, and they serve no useful purpose. -- Janet in San Diego

Dear Janet: Thanks for some excellent advice. Regarding your final remarks, I would like to paraphrase some words of wisdom: "Keep your words soft and sweet. You never know which ones you may have to eat."

Dear Ann Landers: "Aunt Jenny" lives 10 minutes from me. She's a dear person, but is getting on in years and sometimes a bit inconsiderate. Aunt Jenny always brings her cat, "Geronimo" (she calls him her "baby"), when she visits. Without asking, she goes to my refrigerator and pours a pint of milk in a bowl for her cat.

Geronimo drinks about a fourth of it and walks away. This galls me. What can I do without angering my aunt? -- Frugal Fran

Dear Fran: Beat Aunt Jenny to the fridge, and pour a small amount of milk in a shallow bowl. Add a little water. Say, "Nice kitty," and smile. (P.S. I'm surprised Geronimo can tolerate milk. Most cats cannot.)

Feeling pressured to have sex? How well-informed are you? Write for Ann Landers' booklet "Sex and the Teenager." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Teens, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.) To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.
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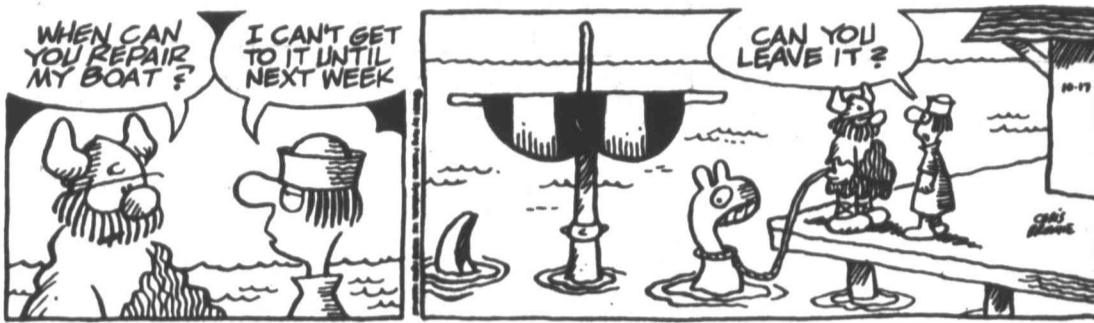
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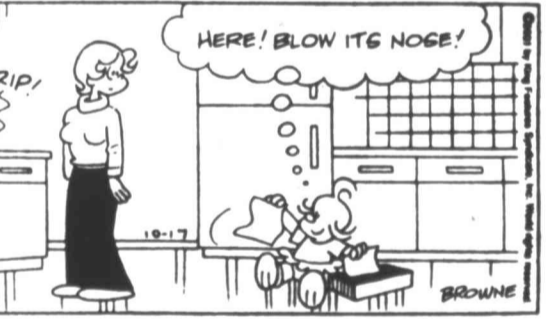
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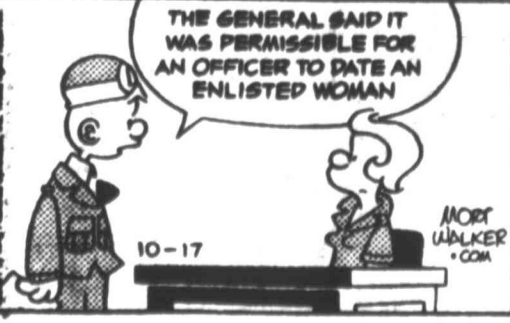
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Wednesday, Oct. 17, the 290th day of 2001. There are 75 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 17, 1777, British forces under General John Burgoyne surrendered to American troops in Saratoga, N.Y., a turning point of the Revolutionary War. On this date: In 1919, the Radio Corporation of America was created. In 1931, mobster Al Capone was convicted of income tax evasion and sentenced to 11 years in prison. (He was released in 1939.) In 1933, Albert Einstein arrived in the United States as a refugee from Nazi Germany. In 1941, the U.S. destroyer Kearney was torpedoed by a

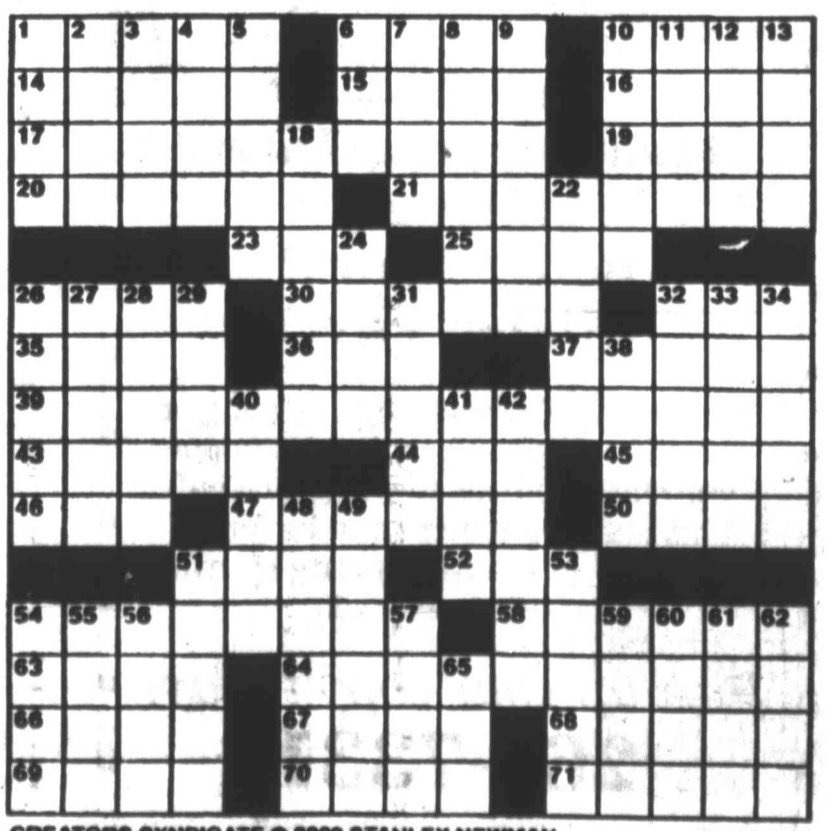
German submarine off the coast of Iceland. Eleven people died. In 1945, Col. Juan Peron staged a coup, becoming absolute ruler of Argentina. In 1957, French author Albert Camus was awarded the Nobel Prize in literature. In 1978, President Carter signed a bill restoring U.S. citizenship to Confederate President Jefferson Davis. In 1979, Mother Teresa of India was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. In 1989, an earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale struck northern California, killing 67 people and causing \$7 billion worth of damage. In 1994, leaders of Israel and Jordan initialed a draft peace treaty. Ten years ago: The Atlanta Braves won their first National League pennant, defeating the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-to-0 in game seven of their playoff series. Entertainer Tennessee Ernie Ford died in Reston, Va., at age 72.

Today's Birthdays: Playwright Arthur Miller is 86. Actress Marsha Hunt is 84. Actress Beverly Garland is 75. Actress Julie Adams is 75. Actor Tom Poston is 74. Newspaper columnist Jimmy Breslin is 71. Daredevil Evel Knievel is 63. Country singer Earl Thomas Conley is 60. Singer Jim Seals (Seals & Crofts) is 59. Singer Gary Puckett is 59. Actor Michael McKean is 54. Actress Margot Kidder is 53. Actor George Wendt is 53. Actor Bill Hudson is 52. Actor Sam Bottoms is 46. Astronaut Mae Jemison is 45.

Newsday Crossword

COLORFUL SWIMMERS by S.N. Edited by Stanley Newman

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