



Dave House, THE BATTALION

Football Fever

Steve Hullinzer, a freshman chemical engineering major, trips while trying to intercept a pass. They are part of a group from Hart Hall that was playing football on Simpson Drill Field Thursday.

► Campus

ISA Mini Olympics kicks off at Rudder

The Texas A&M International Student Association will sponsor the ISA Mini Olympics this weekend.

Students will represent their home countries in events such as flag football, softball, bowling, volleyball and basketball.

Opening ceremonies will be held today at the water fountain near Rudder Tower.

Dance Marathon to last all weekend

The 40-hour Texas A&M Dance Marathon kicks off today in the Student Recreation Center.

The Dance Marathon benefits the Children's Miracle Network and the children of the Brazos Valley. It is sponsored by the Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council and Pan-Hellenic Council.

The marathon ends Sunday.

► State

Friend talks about Kevorkian's patient

HORIZON CITY, Texas (AP) — The latest person to have died in the presence of Dr. Jack Kevorkian had often made light

of the illness that had kept him confined to a wheelchair for years, a friend said Thursday.

Kevorkian dropped off the body of Wallace J. Spolar, 70, at a Detroit hospital Thursday. Spolar, of Horizon City, just outside El Paso, had not been seen outside his home much recently, said his friend, Bruce Truesdale.

"He had a lot of pain, but I'm sorry that he had to end up with Dr. Kevorkian," said Truesdale, who had known Spolar about 14 years.

Truesdale said Spolar had been in a wheelchair since they had met, but that it had never seemed to affect his demeanor.

"He used to joke about it," said Truesdale. "He used to joke that one of these days he was going to be gone. It was not a morbid sense of humor, but he was a realist about what his condition was."

Spolar had been left paralyzed by multiple sclerosis and had sought Kevorkian's help because he was afraid of ending up in a "rat-infested nursing home," according to Kevorkian's lawyer, Geoffrey Fieger.

Trial set for tobacco industry, state suit

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal judge on Thursday scheduled a trial on Sept. 22, 1997 in the state's \$4 billion lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

Both a lawyer for one of the tobacco companies and Attorney General Dan Morales said they were anxious to get into the courtroom.

The lawsuit, which Morales filed in March in U.S. District Court at Texarkana, seeks recovery of an estimated \$4 billion that Texas and the federal government have paid in tobacco-related Medicaid claims.

The lawsuit named 11 defendants and alleges violations of federal mail fraud and wire fraud statutes, federal racketeering and conspiracy laws, as well as violations of state and federal antitrust and public nuisance laws.

► Nation

Atlantic City named 'most hostile' city

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Forget Paris head waiters. Forget New York junkies. Forget war-torn Belfast and snowy Buffalo. The world's most hostile city? It's right here, according to Conde Nast Traveler.

The upscale New York-based magazine for world travelers, citing a survey of more than 35,000 readers, published its list of the world's top cities, islands, hotels, resorts, cruise lines, spas, airlines and car rentals in the October issue.

Sydney, Australia was voted top city; Maui, Hawaii, the best island; and the Inn at Spanish Bay, in Pebble Beach, Calif., the best resort.

"And last as well as least, the world's most hostile city is Atlantic City, New Jersey, which this year spares Los Angeles and Miami the annual outrage at being voted the least friendly spots on planet Earth," the magazine said.

New York Yankees toast newest hero

NEW YORK (AP) — Yankees fans are toasting him. Orioles fans want to wring his little neck.

The most crucial glove in the opening game of the American League championship series became a tale of two cities Thursday: New York's best-selling star celebrity on 12-year-old Jeffrey Maier, the fan whose glove boosted his beloved Yankees to a victory, while Baltimore more cried larceny.

Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke opened his weekly news conference Thursday by saying the catch showed New York does have a true zero-tolerance policy toward crime.

"We were robbed and they took it and nobody did anything about it," Schmoke said.

What's Up
Because of a lack of space, What's Up can be found on The Battalion web page: <http://bat-web.tamu.edu>

► This day in history

(AP) — Today is Friday, Oct. 11, the 285th day of 1996. There are 81 days left in the year.

On this date:
In 1776, the first naval battle of Lake Champlain was fought during the American Revolution. American forces led by Gen. Benedict Arnold suffered heavy losses, but managed to stall the British.

In 1890, the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in Washington D.C.

In 1968, Apollo 7, the first manned Apollo mission, was launched with astronauts Wally Schirra, Donn Fulton Eisele and R. Walter Cunningham aboard.

In 1984, space shuttle Challenger astronaut Kathy Sullivan became the first American woman to walk in space.

Ten years ago: President Reagan and Soviet

leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev opened two days of talks concerning arms control and human rights in Reykjavik, Iceland.

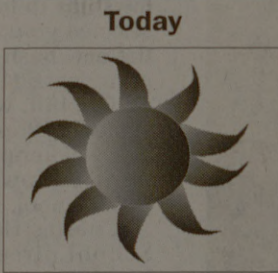
Five years ago: Testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee, law professor Anita Hill accused Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of sexually harassing her; Thomas then reappeared before the panel to denounce the proceedings as a "high-tech lynching."

One year ago: O.J. Simpson backed out of his live interview with NBC just hours before air time.

► Today's Birthdays

Actor Ron Leibman is 59. Country singer Gene Watson is 53. Singer-musician Daryl Hall is 48. Actor David Morse is 43. Football player Steve Young is 35. Actress Joan Cusack is 34. Rapper MC Lyte is 25.

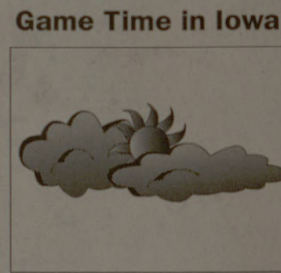
► Weather



Today
Sunny with Northeast winds at 5 mph.



Tonight
Fair with light east winds.



Game Time in Iowa
Partly Cloudy with temperatures in the mid-60s at kickoff rising into the mid 70s.

Highs & Lows	
Today's Expected High	87°F
Tonight's Expected High	55°F
Tomorrow's Expected High	88°F
Tomorrow's Expected Low	58°F

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It's not too early to sign up for

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October 17 at 4pm
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