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Typical autumn weather the next couple of days. Today, mostly sunny and chilly, high 55. Clear and cold with scattered frost tonight, low 35. Tomorrow, more sunshine and cool, high 58.

— Bob Tschantz

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200 feared dead after jet crashes in Netherlands

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AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — An Israeli cargo jet with engine trouble crashed into an apartment complex last night shortly after takeoff and triggered a firestorm that raged through a crowded suburb.

At least 12 bodies were recovered, but Dutch television said police feared up to 200 people may have died. The El Al Boeing 747 carried a three-man crew and one woman passenger, all of whom were killed, the carrier said.

It was the Netherlands' worst air disaster and the first crash in El Al's 44-year history, an airline spokesman said.

The pilot was trying to wrestle the jumbo jet back to Schiphol Airport after both engines on the same wing died, airline officials said. An official refused to rule out sabotage as a possible cause.

The jet slammed into the nine-story apartment building, spewing flames and burning wreckage over a wide area of Duiwendrecht (pronounced DUY-ven-drecht), six miles south of the airport south of the city.

Residents searched frantically for family members in the hellish landscape of fire, smoke and chaos that shattered a clear and cool evening. Some people jumped out of the windows of their apartments to escape the inferno, radio reported.

The fire was under control but still burning five hours after the crash.

"It crashed right into the building. I saw the wings and all ignited. It exploded into one huge sea of fire," said resident Mark van der Linden.

Two nine-story apartment complexes were set ablaze. Mayor Ed van Thijn of Duiwendrecht said at least 50 apartments were gutted.

Helicopters with searchlights illuminated the scene for hundreds of rescue workers. Police reported looting in a nearby shopping mall.

The Amsterdam Medical Center Hospital said it treated at least 27 burn victims.

Airline officials dismissed early suspicion of a terrorist strike, which could have jeopardized sensitive Middle East peace talks.

But asked about sabotage and terrorism, El Al spokesman Nachman Klieman later said it was too soon to rule out any possible causes of the engine failures. "We have no details, the investigation has not taken place yet and until it does we cannot say anything," Klieman said.

Klieman confirmed the crash was El Al's first.

The pilot reported breakdowns in engines No. 3 and 4 on the same wing minutes after taking off for Tel Aviv, said Rafi Harlev, El Al's executive director, at a Jerusalem news conference.

The pilot was given permission to return to the airport, about 10 miles south of Amsterdam, Harlev said.

The plane was carrying 114 tons of cargo, he said. Yisrael Cherbin, cargo manager for El Al in Amsterdam, said it was "a regular commercial load."

Harlev said the plane was "in very good condition" and had had no previous problems. It was made in 1979, the most recent jumbo model belonging to the airline, he said.

Jack Gamble of Boeing Commercial Airplane Group in Seattle said the 747-200 cargo plane had landed 9,873 times and logged 44,736 flight hours by the end of June, "about normal" for a freighter.

Gamble said the plane had been fitted with Pratt & Whitney JT9D-7J engines, the standard model. He said it had no history of problems that required the manufacturer's attention.

"That airplane really is flyable on one engine," Gamble said. "They should be able to maneuver (on two). I don't know how tightly, though."

The plane flew over a lake to dump fuel and crashed about 6:30 p.m. (1:30 p.m. EDT) on the turn to make a new approach to Schiphol, one of Europe's busiest airfields.

"I saw the plane going nose-down with the left wing up and the right wing down behind the next flat (apartment) building," said a witness to the crash, photographer Peter de Neef.

"The engines were smoking," de Neef said, "and then I heard the pilot trying to pull up and then I didn't

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Collegian Photo/Michael Shapiro

The juice is loose

Penn State wide receiver O.J. McDuffie jukes past Rutgers line-backer George Stewart (#56) in Saturday's game. The Lions beat the Scarlet Knights 38-24 at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. Please see complete football coverage, Page 12.

USG service to investigate Bush rally

By TONY DEMANGONE
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Students who believe they were "bushwacked" during the President's recent visit to the University now have somewhere to turn.

Undergraduate Student Government executives are establishing an outreach service to investigate incidents that occurred during the rally in an effort to find a responsible party.

More than a dozen students have written to the media or contacted USG reporting that their pro-Clinton and anti-Bush signs were taken or destroyed by College Republicans or Bush/Quayle '92 volunteers, according to a USG news release.

"Even students who are pro-Bush are angry with the way things were handled," said USG President Rob Kambia. "Bush's stop didn't even come close to being a free-speech American campaign stop."

Although most students said their signs were seized at the entrance of the Old Main lawn, other reports have included the alleged assault of a juvenile and a lesbian activist, said Al Gordon, the outreach service's legal action coordinator.

Students are encouraged to report any incidents that occurred during the rally to USG, Kambia said.

"Only when we hear everyone's case can we determine exactly which individuals or groups might be sued," Gordon said.

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USG executives also are examining whether the University had a responsibility to protect students' rights, Gordon said.

Bill Mahon, director of public information, said the University made a concerted effort to ensure that students' right to free speech was upheld.

Mahon said he was a member of the planning committee for the president's visit. At the meetings, University officials stated that different opinions — including anti-Bush signs — were welcome at the rally.

The USG executive committee investigating the incidents should focus on individual students who were taking signs, rather than the University, which made an effort to ensure free speech, Mahon said.

But Gordon said someone is responsible for the sign-taking and other incidents, adding that the investigation will not end until the group or people responsible are found.

"Retribution is definitely in order," he said.

Fla. residents received no tornado warnings

By JAMES MARTINEZ
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PINELLAS PARK, Fla. — Tampa Bay area mobile home park residents got no warning before tornadoes ripped through their lightweight trailers, killing three. The National Weather Service said yesterday it would convene an inquiry.

As the same storm system brought more tornadoes to the Jacksonville area yesterday, Gov. Lawton Chiles toured of the damaged areas where more than 100 homes were destroyed in the storms Saturday. Fifty-three people were injured and six were hospitalized.

Heavy rains were blamed for a

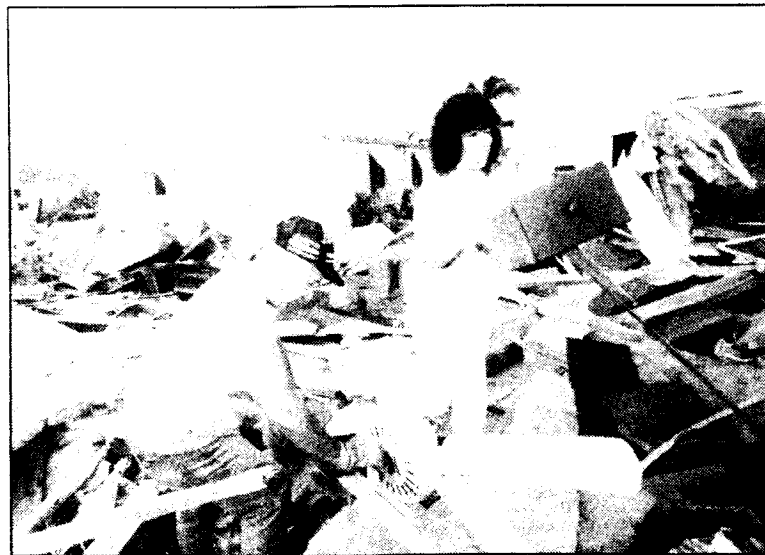
train derailment near Jacksonville. There were no injuries. Tornadoes tore roofs off businesses and damaged nearby mobile homes and an apartment house, said fire department spokesman John Peavy.

About 300 trailer park residents evacuated when an earthen dam broke, but there were no injuries yesterday, Peavy said.

Senior meteorologists in Miami determined on Friday that the huge mass of stormy weather bearing down on Florida in the Gulf of Mexico was likely to generate tornadoes, said Paul Hebert, the state's top weather official.

But tight rules restrict tornado

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AP LaserPhoto

Robert Knapp, left, and Roberta Stalby sift through the remains of their home yesterday morning in Pinellas Park, Fla. after it was destroyed Saturday by a tornado.

Turkish warship damaged by U.S. missile returns to port

By AHMET BALAN
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GOLCUK, Turkey — Seamen wept and relatives crowded the dock yesterday as the damaged warship Muavenet was towed to port with its flag at half staff for the five sailors killed by a U.S. missile fired during NATO war games.

NATO and Turkish panels are investigating the Thursday incident to see if human error or technical malfunction led to the firing of two Sea Sparrow missiles from the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga in the Aegean Sea.

But NATO's supreme commander, U.S. Gen. John Shalikashvili, ruled out the possibility that alcohol or drug abuse played a role.

At least one — but possibly both — missiles hit the bridge of the Turkish destroyer, killings

a captain and four crew members. Twelve sailors were injured.

A tarpaulin partly covered the ship's wrecked bridge as it was towed into port, about 70 miles east of Istanbul. Many sailors on board burst into tears and hundreds of family members surged onto the dock after waiting hours for the ship.

Children screamed with joy on seeing their fathers — wives and mothers cried.

"I was on the bridge the moment the missile hit us," said Capt. Meftun Dirman, 40, holding his wife's hand and carrying his small son in his arms.

"I felt a terrible explosion but luckily nothing happened to me," he said. Another survivor, Sgt. Tuna Cavusoglu, said, "I thought I was going to get killed too when I saw my friend next to me drop dead a split second after the explosion. I am very lucky to be alive."

Until the cause of Thursday's incident has been determined, the U.S. Navy said Saturday it was placing severe restrictions on the Sea Sparrow, which would only be kept operational by commanders "if it is deemed necessary for adequate self-defense of the ship."

The statement said Admiral Frank B. Kelso II, chief of naval operations, has ordered a "top-to-bottom review of the entire Sea Sparrow system, to include all hardware components, maintenance and operational procedures, and operator training."

High-ranking naval officers were reported to have conducted an investigation aboard the Muavenet, but no announcement was made.

Meanwhile, the bodies of the victims were flown in from Izmir and taken to the naval morgue, an official said.

Some college scholarships just waiting for recipients to fill precise requirements

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — While many families worry about college costs, others look to scholarships with unusual criteria.

At Juniata College in central Pennsylvania, left-handed upperclassmen are eligible for aid.

Graduates of Mount Carmel High School who don't smoke, drink, take drugs or play in "strenuous athletic contests" may win scholarships at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported yesterday.

"Just like anybody can leave money to a cat in a will, anybody who wants to leave money for a scholarship can decide for what purpose," said Sheila Angst, financial aid expert at College Resource Group in West Chester. Scholarship awards often are limited to specific careers, ethnic or religious backgrounds or geographical area.

But others are so specific, colleges have trouble awarding them. A congressional study once estimated \$6 billion a year goes begging each year because of quirky criteria.

A total of about \$2,500 was awarded this year to left-handers at Juniata. The award was established by Mary Beckley in honor of her husband, Fred. The 1922 graduates had met on the college's tennis team, where they were paired because both were lefties. Mark Henry, a left-handed 1976 graduate, has added to the fund. Juniata also has a women's dor-

mitory room reserved for a redhead. Capt. Will Judy, a 1913 graduate and one-time publisher of Dog World magazine, specified the room be used strictly by "titian-tressed lasses."

The Gertrude J. Deppen scholarships to eight students this year at Bucknell totalled about \$84,240. The fund was established by the estate of Joseph Deppen, a 1900 graduate, in honor of his sister, who graduated from Bucknell two years later. Bucknell spokeswoman Sharon Poff said she did not know why the scholarships bar athletes.

Among other unusual awards, a University of Pennsylvania scholarship is earmarked for a student who pledges not to smoke or become intoxicated while at Penn, said Michael Merritt, director of student financial services.

St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia has an endowment to pay full tuition for the student who portrays the school mascot at sports events. Key requirements for the St. Joe's Hawk award are good grades and the ability to run wildly around a gymnasium flapping arms constantly through an entire basketball game.

The Washington Crossing Foundation in Bucks County this year chose 12 scholarship recipients from 1,275 candidates planning careers in public service. The application includes an essay on George Washington's Christmas raid across the Delaware River.