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## WEEKLY NEWS 1: Red Cross Announces Blood Shortage

On Wednesday, October 16, 2002, the American Red Cross in the Penn-Jersey Region sent out a plea asking Americans to donate blood. They only have a one day supply of 5 different blood types, and they need a two-day supply to be able to handle any crisis that might occur.

The Red Cross is also asking hospitals to be conservative about their supply. The shortage is part of a long-term trend. Usually blood donations drop off during the summer and then rebound again when the vacation season ends. But people are not donating as much as they normally do after Labor Day.

One of the reasons the Red Cross feels desperate for donations is because accidents and emergencies occur daily in the region. In fact, hospitals in the area require 4,000 blood products every two days. And donations from people in the community are the only way the Red Cross has of obtaining this life saving fluid.

So the Red Cross is creating public service announcements for television and radio that remind people of the importance of donating blood. Any healthy person over the age of 17 can donate, as long as they weigh more than 110 pounds. Since people can only donate blood every 56 days, it is very important that everyone turn it into part of their routine.

The Penn-Jersey Region supplies blood to over 100 hospitals in southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, central New Jersey and parts of northern New Jersey.

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## WEEKLY NEWS 2: U.S. Art Contest Announced

On Thursday, October 17, 2002, GEICO announced a new contest for kids in the United States. GEICO is the nation's fifth largest private passenger auto insurer and they insure more than 4.8 million people. Their contest will be about seatbelt safety.

Between October 17, 2002 and January 10, 2003, students will be able to submit posters they have drawn. The posters should be about seatbelt safety. GEICO will use the poster in its annual campaign to draw more attention to the use of seatbelts in vehicles.

The contest has been sponsored every year since the mid-1980s. Last year more than 1,000 kids from across the country entered the contest. Some won prizes of up to \$500 for themselves and their school.

GEICO feels it is especially important because 60% of people killed in car accidents were not wearing seatbelts. Other research has found that a seatbelt is the best thing to use to prevent injury in an accident.

The contest is open to any student between the ages of 6 and 15. To make sure that the judging is fair, the entries will be judged in two separate age groups. One of the contests will be for students between the ages of 6 and 11, and another contest will be for kids who are 12 to 15. Entry forms can be found at GEICO's web site.

This year the grand-prize winner in each of the two age groups will have his or her poster printed and passed out to all participating schools and also in GEICO offices. Cash prizes will also be awarded for the first, second and third place winning posters. The prizes range from \$125 to \$375. And schools with grand-prize winners will also receive \$500 worth of art supplies.

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## **AROUND THE WORLD 1: Giuliani to Help Mexico**

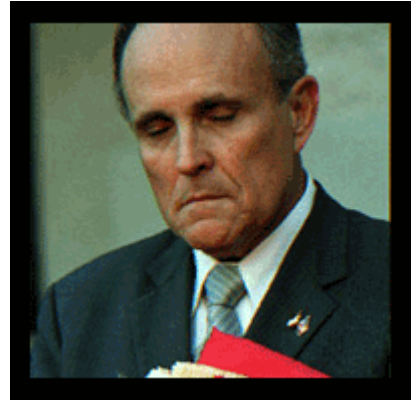
Rudy Giuliani might be the world's most famous former mayor. While he was mayor of New York City Giuliani helped reduce crime, clean up the city, and lead the people through the tragedy of September 11. But now Giuliani has a new job: Mexican crime fighter!

Giuliani has agreed to help advise Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, Mexico City's mayor, on how to reduce the crime rate. Mexico City has a very high crime rate. While he was mayor of New York, Giuliani reduced the New York City crime rate by 65 percent. Mexico hopes that Giuliani will be able to help them reduce their own crime rate. Mexico City has agreed to pay Giuliani \$4.3 million for one year of help.

More than 18 million people live in Mexico City. Up to two-thirds of crime in Mexico City are unreported because people believe that government officials are involved, or that the justice system is too corrupt. Giuliani's first job will be to make sure that crimes can be accurately reported. He will then work to help reorganize the Mexico City police department. He hopes to help Mexico City to become a safer and more successful city.

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## AROUND THE WORLD 2: New Afghanis

Now that Afghanistan has been freed from terror, the country is working to help its people lead better lives. The new government has created all new schools, new hospitals, and new laws. Now there will be one more new thing in Afghanistan: money!

Of course, Afghanistan had money before-in fact, it had three different types! One type was used throughout the country, one was only good in the north, and one had a completely different set of numbers from the other two. But now the government has begun printing money that can be used throughout the country, which should make spending money a lot easier.

The Afghan people are excited about the new money because the old money was difficult to use. Not only was it confusing to decide which type of money to use, but people had to use big stacks of money to go shopping because individual bills weren't worth very much. That problem has been solved because one new afghani will be worth about 1,000 old ones.

Another problem in Afghanistan was that many people used Pakistani rupees or U.S. dollars instead of afghanis. But now all the people can exchange their money for afghanis.

Shopkeepers are especially excited about the new currency because people have not been shopping while they waited for the new money to be released. But now that people have the new money they will probably start shopping again-after all, they have to practice using their new money!

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## SPORTS ZONE 1: 2002 World Series Preview

The San Francisco Giants will face the Anaheim Angels in the 2002 World Series, with game one being played this Saturday (October 19th) in Anaheim. For the first time ever, two wildcard teams will compete for the World Championship. This is also the first time since 1989 that two California teams are in the Series.

The Anaheim Angels are making their first World Series appearance in the franchise's history. Following a 99-win season, the Angels beat the defending American League Champion New York Yankees in the Division series, and then defeated the upstart Minnesota Twins 4 games to 1 in the American League Championship series.

Giants' manager Dusty Baker led his team to a 4-to-1 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals in the National League Championship series after defeating the Atlanta Braves in five games in the Division Series. Not only is this the first World Series for the Giants since 1989, it's a chance for San Francisco slugger Barry Bonds to cement his position as the greatest player in the game and silence the doubters who claim he can't produce in October.

If the Championship and Division series are any indication, Bonds has exorcised his post-season demons. After struggling in the playoffs with the Pittsburgh Pirates in the early 1990's, Bonds has been amazing in the 2002 playoffs, batting .286, hitting 10 home runs, and driving in 10 runs to lead the Giants' explosive offense. A World Championship would be the final feather in Bonds' cap after breaking the single-season home run record and would establish him as the single greatest slugger of his (and some would argue, any) era.

That's not to say that Bonds has not had some help from the rest of the Giants' veteran line-up. Catcher Benito Santiago, the National League Championship series MVP, is hitting .300 with two home runs in these playoffs. At age 37, and after playing for 7 different teams, Santiago is taking his first trip to the World Series. And you better believe Benito is hungry for a title. Center fielder Kenny Lofton has also come through for the Giants this year, most notably with a game winning hit in the 9th inning to win the National League Championship Series. Traded to the Giants from the Chicago White Sox in July after an abysmal start, Lofton has proven to be a reliable leadoff man, scoring 9 runs in 10 games against the Cardinals and Braves.

The Giants' pitching rotation consists of right-handers Jason Schmidt, Ramon Ortiz, and Livan Hernandez, plus left-hander Kirk Rueter. These pitchers have been outstanding in the postseason; Hernandez has a 6-0 2002 playoff record. Felix Rodriguez leads the Giants out of the bullpen-a group with the second-best earned run average (2.91) in the majors this season.

The Angels, while lacking the star power of Barry Bonds, have enough offensive talent to keep up with San Francisco. First baseman Scott Spiezio, third baseman Troy Glaus, and left fielder Garret Anderson have all played outstanding this postseason. Glaus is batting .314 these playoffs with four home runs, while Anderson has quietly had one of the best seasons in the majors. When the Angels need to score runs, you can bet they'll find a way to do it.

The Angels' starting pitching rotation is a bit of a question mark. Multiple times this postseason Anaheim pitchers had to be bailed out by their offense in late inning rallies. Angels' manager Mike Scioscia will start left-hander Jarrod Washburn, and right-handers Ramon Ortiz, Kevin Appier, and John Lackey. Washburn is the ace of the staff, recoding 18 wins this season. The other three have pitched well enough to get the game into the hands of the American League's best bullpen. Led by Tony Percival, the Angels will need their relief pitchers to play well if they are to have any chance against the Giants.

One problem facing both Anaheim's starters and relievers is how to pitch to Barry Bonds. It is always dangerous to give Bonds pitches to hit, but walking him has also proven troublesome with the rest of the Giants line-up hitting well. However the Angels choose to deal with Bonds, they must be careful in their approach. The Giants are usually no more than two swings of the bat away from a big inning.

On paper, the Giants and the Angels are evenly matched. They counter each other's strength and weaknesses well, which makes for unpredictable and exciting baseball. With the Series likely going to at least 5 games, the Angels' home field advantage might become a factor. Edison Field is a very difficult place to play, as the Twins found out in the American League Championship Series. When the Angels get a little momentum, the crowd erupts, Rally Monkeys in hand, making visiting teams quite uncomfortable. This might be the deciding



factor in a series with no clear favorite.

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## SPORTS ZONE 2: NFL Warns Owens: No More Autographs

It looks like the Seattle Seahawks weren't the only ones whose feathers were ruffled by Terrell Owens's antics during the San Francisco 49er's 28-21 victory on Monday night.

After scoring a touchdown to secure the win for the 49ers, Owens took a pen from his sock, signed the ball, and handed it to his business manager. While Owens thought his actions were harmless, he has drawn national criticism for this brazen gesture. Now the NFL has entered the fray. Owens will not be fined or suspended, but NFL spokesman Greg Aiello warned, "[S]uch acts will not be tolerated again."

Members of the Seahawks found Owens' celebration tasteless. Seattle coach Mike Holmgren, quoted by the Associated Press, called the act "shameful" and "a dishonor to anyone who ever played the game." Seattle players hinted that they would retaliate against Owens when the teams play again in San Francisco on December 1.

Owens can't see what all the fuss is about. He claims his latest end zone celebration was all in good fun and is being blown out of proportion by the press. His teammates agree. 49er center Jeremy Newberry was quoted as saying " Any time T.O. (Terrell Owens) does something, the media wants to make a bigger deal out of T.O.'s actions that anybody else...I think people are reading way too much into it."

This is not the first time Owens has been thrust into the national spotlight through controversy. He has clashed with coaches, opposing players, and teammates on various occasions, including several well-documented sideline arguments with 49er's head coach Steve Mariucci.

As one of the NFL's top receivers, this is not the first time an end zone celebration has landed Owens in hot water. Two years ago, after scoring a touchdown against the Dallas Cowboys in Texas Stadium, Owens ran to the Cowboy's star logo at midfield and spiked the ball. After scoring another touchdown, Owens returned to the star at midfield where he was hit by Cowboy's safety George Teague. After the incident, Mariucci suspended him for one game .

However, Mariucci has no problem with Owens' latest form of self-expression, and will not be disciplined by the team.

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## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

On October 20, 1803, the size of the United States doubled through its purchase of the Louisiana Territory. The territory was made up of the region west of the Mississippi river. The land had originally been claimed by France and was named after its king, Louis XIV. President Thomas Jefferson made a deal with Napoleon Bonaparte of France, and the territory was purchased for \$15 million. On the 20th of October, the Senate approved a treaty with France that made the land purchase a done deal.



On October 22, 1936, the first Volkswagen was tested in Germany.

Volkswagen is a German word that translates as "people's car." At that time, only one in five Germans owned vehicles, because they were expensive. The idea behind the development of the Volkswagen was to manufacture a small, simple and reliable car that would be affordable for the average person. The New York Times jokingly referred to the car as a "Beetle," and the name stuck.

On October 22, 1797, the first parachute jump was made. Andre-Jacques Garnerin, a Frenchman, jumped from a hydrogen

balloon 3,200 feet above the city of Paris. Garnerin's first parachute was a basket connected to a 23-foot canopy with suspension lines. He went up in the balloon and cut himself loose from it, then floated to the earth. Garnerin's wife later became the first female to parachute.



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## MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT 1: Pokemon 4-Ever

Just when you thought the Pokemon craze had finally died away, Pikachu and Ash prove otherwise. On October 11, the newest installment in the Pokemon series, "Pokemon 4Ever," was released.

The basis of the movie is simple, returning to the ideas of friendship and working together that the original tv show was founded on. In a Peter-Pan-like storyline, a young boy named Sam saves a Pokemon named Celebi from hunters. Celebi then travels in time forty years to the future, taking Sam along with him.

Ash Ketchum and the adorable yellow Pikachu, familiar heroes to Pokemon fans, and their friends Misty and Brock stumble upon Sam and Celebi's predicament. They find a way to revive the exhausted Celebi (who has drained all his powers in the time leap) and resolve to both untangle their current predicament and save the forest.

"Pokemon 4Ever" features a very ecologically centered theme. The setting of the forest, away from the cities that Pokemon often finds itself in, is one of the movie's strongest traits. It allows for beautiful scenes like a dialogue between Ash and Sam, with the two standing surrounded by greenery and butterflies.

The animation is better-looking and more artistic than any of the previous films, which may explain why the producers decided to release this film in theaters instead of directly onto video like they have done before.

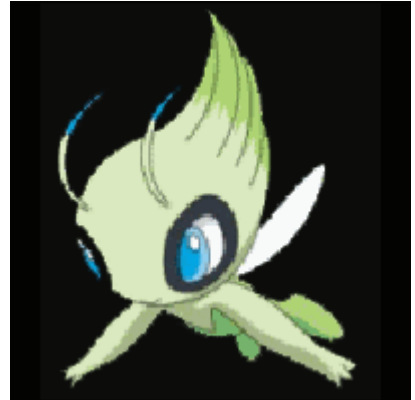
Also, the new pokemon introduced are charming and creative. Celebi, a cream colored creature with blue eyes and wings, resembles a cross between a cat and Tinkerbell. Also, a unicorn-ish pokemon keeps with the forest theme.

Weaker aspects, however, manages to bring the whole film down a notch. The dialogue is awkward, and the English translations don't always make perfect sense. Also, the story is very predictable after the first twenty minutes and less diehard fans will probably find themselves a little bored.

While visually very appealing, "Pokemon 4Ever" is far from perfect. The storyline is, although cute, somewhat trite. This movie will appeal strongly to Pokemon fans, but the rest of us may want to hold off.

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Read **MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT 2: Top Music - Today, and Around the World**



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Top Ten Singles:

- 1) Dilemma - Nelly featuring Kelly Rowland
- 2) A Moment Like This - Kelly Clarkson
- 3) Gangsta' Lovin - Eve featuring Alicia Keys
- 4) Hey Ma, Cam'ron Featuring Juelz Santana, Freekey Zekey & Toya
- 5) Work It - Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott
- 6) Complicated - Avril Lavigne
- 7) One Last Breath - Creed
- 8) Underneath It All - No Doubt featuring Lady Saw
- 9) Lose Yourself - Eminem
- 10) Luv U Better - LL Cool J



Top Latin American Singles:

- 1) El Dolor de tu Presencia - Jennifer Pena
- 2) No Me Enseñaste - Thalía
- 3) Mentiroso - Enrique Iglesias
- 4) Vuelta Muy Alto - Jerry Rivera
- 5) Perdoname Mi Amor - Conjunto Primavera

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## U.S. GOVERNMENT: How Many Representatives Does Your State Have?

The United States House of Representatives has 435 members that come from every part of the United States. Each state in America has a certain number of members in the House depending on how large the state's population is, which means that a state like California that has a large population has more members in the House of Representatives than a smaller state like Alaska. Each member of the House of Representatives is elected by a district, or a part of the state that they are from. If, for example, a state has five members in the House of Representatives, the state is divided up into five districts based on population, and each district elects a different member. Elections for members of the United States House of Representatives take place every two years on Election Day, which is usually the first Tuesday in November. Even though elections take place in November, though, the winners do not become representatives immediately. For elected positions in the government, even though the election occurs in November, the candidate does not take office until January.



This November one of the districts that is electing a member to the House of Representatives is the 2nd district of Hawaii. However, the Democratic candidate Patsy Mink, who is also the current representative for the 2nd district in Hawaii, just died at the end of September. This is a big problem for her district in Hawaii for two reasons. First, because she is the current Representative and her term is not over until January, there is no one to take her place in the House of Representatives. Second, she is running for reelection this year, and because the election is so soon, it is too late to take her name off the ballot. Therefore, it is possible that it is possible that she will be elected even though she is dead. In order to solve these problems, Hawaii is calling an emergency election. On November 30th, an election will be held to decide on a candidate to take Patsy Mink's place in the House of Representatives until her term is over in January. Then, if Patsy Mink is reelected on Election Day, even though she is not actually alive, a second emergency election will be held on January 4th to elect a new member to the House of Representatives in her place.

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