

October 22 is the 295th day of the year (296th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 70 days remaining until the end of the year.

1746 Princeton University in New Jersey received its charter.

1797 French balloonist Andre-Jacques Garnerin made the first parachute descent, landing safely from a height of about 3,000 feet.



1907 Baseball Hall of Famer Jimmie Foxx was born in Sudlersville, Md.

1934 Bank robber Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd was shot to death by federal agents at a farm in East Liverpool, Ohio.



1979 The US Government allowed the deposed Shah of Iran to travel to New York for medical treatment.

1981 The Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization was decertified by the federal government for its strike the previous August.

2001 Washington postal worker Joseph P. Curseen died of inhaled anthrax.

2002 A bus driver was shot to death in Aspen Hill, Md., in the 13th and final attack by the Washington-area sniper.

2007 China's Communist Party gave President Hu Jintao a second five-year term.

2007 Raid on Anuradhapura Air Force Base, is carried out by 21 Tamil Tiger commandos, all except one died in this attack, 8 Sri Lankan Air Force planes are destroyed and 10 damaged.



1966 The Supremes become the first all-female music group to attain a No. 1 selling album (The Supremes A' Go-Go).

1964 Jean-Paul Sartre is awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature, but turns down the honor.

1844 Actress Sarah Bernhardt was born in Paris.

1954 West Germany joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

2004 In a wrenching videotaped statement, kidnapped aid worker Margaret Hassan begged Britain to help save her by withdrawing its troops from Iraq, saying these "might be my last hours." (Hassan was later killed by her captors.)



1968 Apollo 7, with astronauts Wally Schirra, Donn Fulton Eisele and R. Walter Cunningham aboard, returned to Earth.

