

# World and Nation

## Astronauts honor Challenger crew

From Associated Press reports  
**CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.** — Discovery's astronauts delivered a poignant salute Sunday to their fallen Challenger comrades, eulogizing them as fellow sojourners and friends, and saying "At this moment, our place in the heavens makes us feel closer to them than ever before."  
 "It's good to be back to where they wanted to go so badly," astronaut John Lounge said.  
 As they beamed down spectacular views of the mottled blue and white Earth miles below, the Discovery astronauts took time out to speak about the Challenger — America's last manned space venture — which exploded on liftoff 32 months ago and

tragically killed school teacher Christa McAuliffe and six others.  
 The Discovery is to return home from a four-day, one-hour flight Monday, landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California at 12:33 p.m. EDT.  
 "Those on the Challenger who had flown before and seen these sights, they would know the meaning of our thoughts," said astronaut George D. Nelson. "Those who had gone to view them for the first time, they would know why we set forth."  
 Gathered in the shuttle's middeck in front of a photograph of the Challenger crew, the Discovery crew took turns reading portions of the

statement.  
 "Today, up here where the blue sky turns to black," said commander Frederick Hauck, "we can say at long last to Dick, Mike, Judy, to Ron and El, and to Christa and Greg:  
 "Dear friends, we have resumed the journey that we promised to continue for you. Dear friends, your loss has meant that we could confidently begin anew. Dear friends, your spirit and your dreams are still alive in our hearts."  
 The seven who died aboard the Challenger were Richard Scobee, Michael Smith, Judith Resnik, Ronald McNair, Ellison Onizuka, Christa McAuliffe and Gregory

Jarvis.  
 Sunday was pack-up day for the astronauts. After the news conference they set about the task of stowing the dozen scientific experiments and other gear they used in the flight.  
 Early Monday, Hauck and pilot Richard D. Covey will fire the shuttle's two huge steering engines to slow the craft so it will glide — unpowered — halfway around the world toward the desert runway at Edwards Air Force Base.  
 "Gazing outside, we can understand why mankind has looked toward the heavens with awe and wonder since the dawn of human existence," Lounge said.

## U.S. finishes third in medals as Summer Olympics close

From Associated Press reports  
**SEOUL, South Korea** — The 1988 Summer Olympics, kept free of terrorism but tainted by drug scandals, closed Sunday with the pealing of a medieval bell to symbolize the sorrow of parting.  
 The 1,000-year-old, 72-ton Emille Bell, which according to Korean legend has the saddest tone of any in the world, tolled farewell to the more than 9,000 athletes from 160 nations who participated in the 24th Olympiad.  
 The 16-day event, conducted under extraordinary security, wrapped up with the Soviet Union winning the lion's share of the 237 medal events.  
 The Soviets took home 132 medals, including 55 gold, the most ever in a Summer Olympics without a major-power boycott. East Germany had 102 medals and 37 gold, and the United States had 94 medals and 35 gold.  
 Because of boycotts in 1980 and 1984, the Games were the first meeting between the Soviet Union and the United States since 1976 in Montreal, and matchups between the two nations provided some of the Games' highlights.  
 Security measures against the possibility of terrorism were extraordinary, but except for scattered protests by student radicals, the Games proceeded without incident.  
 At the closing ceremonies, before the great torch was extinguished, Korea passed the Olympic flag to representatives from Barcelona, site of the 1992 Games.

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lifted a nationwide alert which had been imposed earlier when there was concern some radioactive debris might fall to Earth.

### Hatcher case to recess

**RALEIGH** — The hostage-taking trial of two American Indians will take a recess this week while a federal appeals court considers whether the two men are entitled to be released on bond.  
 Eddie Hatcher, 31, and Timothy Jacobs, 20, who are accused of taking up to 20 people hostage at a Robeson County newspaper Feb. 1, were freed from jail in July after a three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled they had been denied their right to a speedy bond hearing.  
 But the \$100,000 unsecured bonds for Hatcher and Jacobs were revoked Aug. 26 by the full appeals court.  
 Jacobs surrendered to U.S. marshals Aug. 31 when he was notified of the court's decision, but Hatcher disappeared and was declared a fugitive. Hatcher was arrested when he surfaced with an attorney Sept. 19 at Raleigh-Durham Airport.  
 U.S. District Court Judge Terrence Boyle, who is presiding over the trial in federal court, said Friday he expects to continue the trial Monday, recess for two days to allow the appeals court arguments, and resume the trial on Thursday.

### Hungary approves sex video

**BUDAPEST, Hungary** — Communist Hungary has authorized the sale of 4,000 copies of its first government-approved video sex cassette, the newspaper Vasarnapi Hierk said Sunday.  
 The newspaper said the "teaching sex" video cassette will be available this week at a cost of 1,950 forints or \$40.  
 Minaly Szege, head of the "Sex ABC" company that produced the video, was quoted by the newspaper as saying the cassette shows "everything."  
 Permission to issue the video was granted by the ministry of culture following consultations with two national health agencies, Szege said.

## South African leader's visit adds to tensions

From Associated Press reports  
**JOHANNESBURG, South Africa** — Government officials are elated by the success of their diplomatic offensive into black Africa, but foes of apartheid said Sunday the campaign does nothing to resolve domestic racial problems.  
 "Africa is talking to South Africa," President P.W. Botha said after meeting Saturday with President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire. It was Botha's third summit with a black African leader in three weeks.  
 City Press, South Africa's largest-selling black newspaper, described the visit to Zaire as "sheer hypocrisy."

An official of the African National Congress guerrilla movement condemned Mobutu for agreeing to meet Botha.  
 Foreign Minister Pik Botha and the president said on the flight from Zaire that the increasingly open contacts between South Africa and its black neighbors discredited the sanctions campaign waged against South Africa by Western countries opposed to apartheid.  
 Apartheid establishes a racially segregated society in which the 26 million blacks have no vote in national affairs. The 5 million whites control the economy and maintain

separate districts, schools and health services.  
 "I have often stated that South Africa has something to convey to Africa, especially to southern Africa," President Botha said.  
 "Now, suddenly, it seems they are coming to grips with this truth," he said.  
 City Press, in an editorial Sunday, asked: "What is the point of achieving peace and stability with neighbors when your own country is engulfed in flames?"  
 Apartheid must be abolished and negotiations held with legitimate black leaders, City Press said. "Until

these minimum demands are met, Botha can tour the rest of Africa as much as he likes — peace will not come to this country."  
 Stanley Mabizela, the ANC's chief representative in Zimbabwe, said African leaders should shun Botha because he "executes people who are victims of an inhuman society, as well as political prisoners."  
 The summit also drew criticism in Zaire, where troops fired warning shots to disperse students protesting Botha's visit.  
 But Botha said he planned more trips in Africa soon. He also invited Mobutu to visit South Africa.

## Navy, Air Force look for jet accident link

From Associated Press reports  
**WASHINGTON** — The Navy and Air Force, each puzzled by an unexpected increase in accidents this summer involving high-performance jets, have failed to find a common thread to explain the mishaps, offi-

cial say.  
 From a historical standpoint, the current accident rates for Navy and Air Force fighter and attack jets are not out of line, officials say. Indeed, the Navy is actually enjoying one of its all-time safest years for aviation.

Both services have launched careful monitoring campaigns because of current spurts involving the Navy's F-14s and the Air Force's F-16s.  
 Air Force officials say they have found no equipment problems. But they have changed some of their pilot training techniques and have increased their supervision because of the rise in mishaps.  
 Officials say several of this year's F-16 accidents involved pilots who lost consciousness as a result of fast aerial maneuvers or became disoriented and lost track of where they were.  
 The Navy hasn't detected any equipment problems, either, and has made no change in pilot training.  
 "We're just not seeing any common threads at all to justify changes," said

Lt. Cmdr. Craig Quigley, a Navy spokesman at the Pentagon.  
 The Navy's accident spurt involves the service's top-of-the-line fighter, the F-14 Tomcat. The service went through the first eight months of 1988 with only one so-called Class A accident involving the F-14. The plane was lost, but the two-man crew survived.  
 A Class A mishap involves a fatality or damage exceeding \$500,000 to an aircraft.  
 But in September, the Navy lost five Tomcats — two on one day — and saw three of its aviators die. Two of the planes were lost on separate days from the same aircraft carrier, the USS Carl Vinson, while on patrol duty in the northern Arabian Sea.  
 During 1987, the Navy lost eight F-14s in accidents that produced two fatalities.

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