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## Discovery completes secret, successful mission

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (UPI) — By the light of the setting sun, the shuttle Discovery glided to a picture-perfect day-late touchdown Monday, closing out a secret but apparently successful flight to launch a Pentagon satellite.

Commander Frederick Gregory, 48, and co-pilot John Blaha, 47, guided the 100-ton space freighter to a pinpoint landing on concrete runway 04 in the Mojave Desert at 4:30 p.m. PST, one day late because of high crosswinds that prevented a

Sunday touchdown and delayed Monday's re-entry by one orbit.

Barreling down the 300-foot-wide runway at more than 200 mph, Gregory gently brought the ship's nose down and pumped the brakes to bring the shuttle to a stop, 15 minutes before sunset, after a secrecy-shrouded 78-orbit mission spanning some 2 million miles.

"Commander Gregory reports wheels stopped," NASA spokeswoman Billie Deason said from mission control in Houston about 50 seconds after touchdown.

Dressed in bright-orange spacesuits and wearing baseball caps adorned with American flags, Air Force Cols. Gregory, Blaha, Navy Capt. Manley "Sonny" Carter, 42, physician Story Musgrave, 54, and physicist Kathryn Thornton, 37, climbed out of the orbiter about 45 minutes after landing.

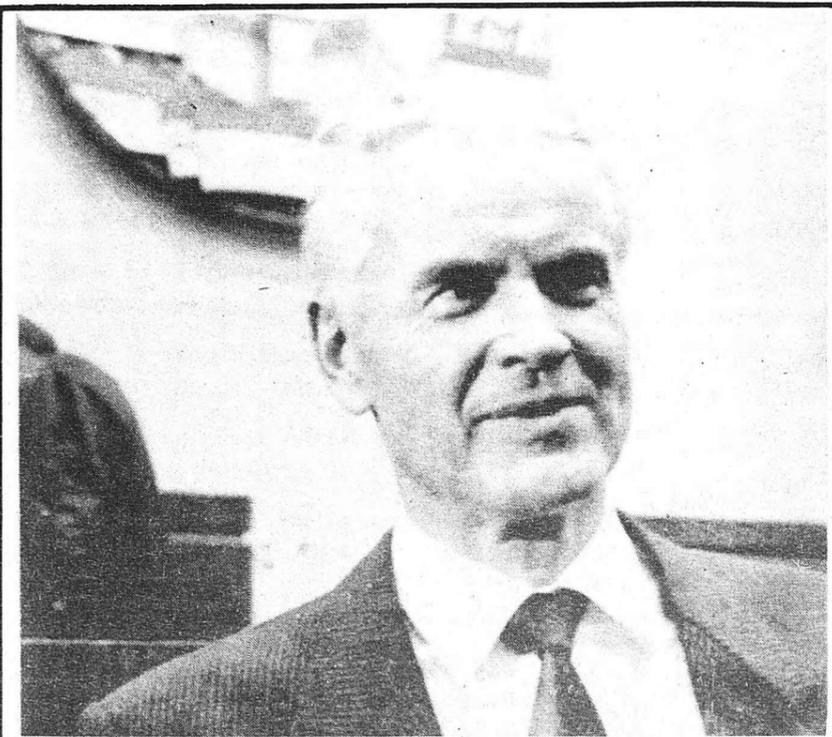
Smiling and chatting with technicians, the astronauts briefly inspected their shuttle before being whisked away for physical exams and reunions with family members. All five planned to fly back to their homes near the Johnson Space Center in Houston late Monday.

Left behind in space was a satellite believed to have been launched Thanksgiving Day that reportedly can listen in on Soviet military and diplomatic communications from an

orbital outpost 22,300 miles above the equator.

Discovery, which appeared to sail through its flight in good condition, originally was scheduled to land Sunday night, but high crosswinds in the wake of a fast-moving front prompted NASA managers to order the astronauts to remain in orbit an extra day and to shoot for a daylight landing Monday.

More high winds, however, prompted NASA to delay re-entry Monday by one orbit and to order Gregory to land on concrete runway 04 instead of a dry lakebed runway as originally planned.



**NEW PREMIER** — Newly-elected Polish Premier Hans Modiw stands under the East German official seal in Parliament following his election Nov. 13. (AP Laserphoto)

## Doctors implant mom's liver into daughter

CHICAGO (Reuter) — In a procedure which could save the lives of many children who now die from liver ailments, surgeons Monday implanted part of a woman's liver into her 21-month-old daughter.

It was the first time such a live donor operation has been performed in the United States. The surgery has been done four times previously in Brazil, Australia and Japan, and at least two of those operations were

successful, the University of Chicago Medical Center said.

The mother, Teresa Smith, 29, of Schertz, Texas, near Austin, emerged from surgery at mid-afternoon and was reported in good condition despite a ruptured spleen which occurred as doctors removed part of her liver.

The surgery on her daughter was likely to be completed by early evening and was reported proceeding normally. In all two teams of surgeons were involved in the procedure which was likely to take 12 hours to complete.

The hospital said a surgical technique involving complicated reconstruction of blood vessels was pioneered by University of Chicago surgeons and made the procedure possible.

Historically small children needing a new liver have had to wait for another child to die, and from 40 to 50 percent of those in need of a transplant died before a liver became available.

Monday's surgery was under the direction of Cristoph Broelsch, a professor of surgery at the university who developed the surgical technique used in all five of the operations done to date.

Surgeons removed the left lobe of the mother's liver and implanted it into the daughter, after removing the child's diseased organ. She suffered from biliary atresia, the most common form of fatal childhood liver disease.

"We believe the use of living donors will dramatically reduce the number of infants who die while waiting for a suitable organ," said Peter Whittington, director of pediatric transplants at the hospital.

### AF officers suffer assault by RP men

HOWARD AFB (24th COMPW PA) — Three unidentified Panamanian men assaulted two off-duty U.S. Air Force officers Sunday, stealing their vehicle, one officer's wallet and several other personal items.

The officers, 1st Lt. Regina G. Montgomery, 61st Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and 1st Lt. Andrew M. Pittman, 24th Supply Squadron, Howard AFB, were uninjured and able to flag a ride to Howard from the Madden Dam overlook where the incident occurred.

One of the three men claimed to be a PDF Transito officer and showed some identification prior to pushing Pittman onto the hood of the vehicle and taking the car keys and his wallet.

Montgomery's shoes, rings and watch were taken, along with some other items in the car including sunglasses, a camera and a case of motor oil.

The case has been turned over to local authorities for further investigation.

### Army NCO dies

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — A soldier from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army South, died here Monday from an apparent heart attack.

Dead is SFC Carmelo Morales-Quintero, 42, emergency operations center operations sergeant. He died at about 11:15 a.m., according to Dr. Ruben Fabrega, chief of primary care and emergency room, Gorgas Army Hospital.

Morales was taken to Troop Medical Clinic One on Fort Clayton Monday morning after complaining of chest pains at work. He was moved from the medical clinic by ambulance to Gorgas where he died.

He is survived by his wife Carmen, daughters Arabella and Luz, and son Martin. Morales is a native of Vega Alta, Puerto Rico.

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## News briefs

by United Press International

### Troop cut talk

WASHINGTON — President Bush plans to talk about deeper mutual troop cuts in Europe than previously proposed when he meets with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, a White House spokesman said Monday. Press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said the president, driven by dramatic changes in Eastern Europe and the nagging budget deficit, believes "it is only logical that any reduction in Soviet forces would lead to changes" in NATO's military posture.

### Kohl approves proposal

BONN, West Germany — Chancellor Helmut Kohl has approved a proposal for a "confederation" between East and West Germany as a step toward the eventual reunification of the two states, the newspaper Bild said Monday. The proposal, which is expected to be presented to the West German parliament today, was outlined to members of Kohl's Christian Democrat party in a private meeting late Monday, the newspaper said in an article released in advance of publication.

### Voting freely

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Voting freely for the first time in 42 years, Hungarians apparently defeated a Communist Party-backed referendum Monday that would have called for early presidential elections. National Electoral Committee member Ambrus Keri said with virtually 100 percent of the vote counted, unofficial returns showed a 6,618-vote margin of victory for the non-communist opposition. Keri said because of the closeness of the vote, ballots would be recounted and official results announced today.

### Cop not in danger, witness tells court

MIAMI — A Hispanic policeman charged in the deaths of two black motorcyclists was in no danger of being hit by them, a hostile defense witness said Monday in testimony that struck at a key portion of the officer's defense. Officer William Lozano, 31, is charged with two counts of manslaughter in the Jan. 16 deaths of motorcyclist Clement Lloyd, 23, and passenger Allan Blanchard, 24. The deaths prompted three days of racial unrest in Miami's Overtown neighborhood.

# Mayor denies drug use

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A confidential police report quotes a drug abuse administrator as saying Mayor Marion Barry was hospitalized three times for cocaine overdoses in 1983 and 1984, WUSA-TV reported Monday.

However, Dr. Alyce Gullattee, director of the Howard University Hospital's Institute of Drug Abuse and Addiction, denied through a spokeswoman that she had accused the mayor of overdosing on drugs, the broadcast report said.

Barry himself has repeatedly denied any use of illegal drugs. A convicted drug dealer whom Barry has described as a friend recently testified that he sold cocaine to the mayor. A mayoral spokesman dismissed the current allegations as "outrageous character assassination," WUSA said.

WUSA also quoted Barry's personal physician, Dr. Vincent Roux, as saying Gullattee "did not personally treat Barry and therefore has no knowledge of his condition."

The written police report quoted Gullattee as saying that when Barry was hospitalized at Howard on Sept. 25, 1983, "his illness was the result of an overdose of drugs (cocaine) that occurred while he was in the company of a female companion who also overdosed," WUSA said.

A copy of the police report broadcast on WUSA included the word "cocaine" in parentheses.

The police report also quoted Gullattee as saying Barry overdosed on cocaine two more times, and in

these instances was treated at District of Columbia General Hospital, according to WUSA.

The police report was based on two interviews with Gullattee in June 1984 and submitted by Lts. Allen Smith and John Daniels, the station said.

The station quoted an anonymous doctor at D.C. General as saying he treated Barry during one of his stays at that hospital and described the mayor's symptoms as a "classic, textbook" case of a cocaine overdose.

But that doctor emphasized that he did not perform the requisite drug test on Barry because of the "political sensitivity" involved, WUSA said.

The mayor has previously acknowledged being admitted to Howard University hospital once and D.C. General twice but said his treatment was for a hernia, not cocaine overdoses.

On Nov. 6, convicted drug dealer Charles Lewis testified that he sold cocaine to Barry. Lewis, pleading guilty to conspiring to buy and distribute cocaine, told U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin that he sold crack cocaine to Barry at a downtown hotel.

Roux, Barry's personal physician, told WUSA that he has no way of knowing whether Barry overdosed on cocaine and that Gullattee did not personally treat Barry and therefore would have no knowledge of his condition either.

Roux also said he could not disclose Barry's true condition even if he did know because of doctor-patient confidentiality.

# Smokeout has lasting effect

ATLANTA (AP)— More than one in 10 American smokers quit at least for Nov. 16, the day of the Great American Smokeout, according to a poll released Monday by the American Cancer Society.

The poll of 1,201 men and women ages 18 and over found that 10.5 percent of cigarette smokers did not smoke at all that day and that 25.4 percent said they cut down on the amount they usually smoke.

Society officials commissioned The Gallup Organization survey, which found that 35.9 percent, or 17.9 million, of the nation's 50 million smokers participated in the smokeout.

About three-quarters of those who quit for the day reported that they were not smoking at least one day later, according to the poll conducted by telephone Nov. 17-19 for the American Cancer Society. The society said in a statement that 3.9 million were still not smoking one to three days later.

"Once again we are very pleased that more than one-third of the nation's hard-core smokers (nearly 18 million) participated in

this year's Great American Smokeout," said Dr. Robert J. Schweitzer, national president of the American Cancer Society, based in suburban Decatur.

Noting in a statement the large number of smokers who quit for longer than the smokeout, Schweitzer said, "These statistics are a testament to smokers' increasing awareness of the dangers posed by cigarette smoking, and their desire to try to quit this addictive habit."

The study also found that more younger people tried to quit for the day.

The poll indicated 42 percent of those in the 18-34 age group tried to quit compared with 33 percent in the 35-49 age group and 34 percent in the 50-and-over group.

Poll results showed 85 percent of adults surveyed had heard of the Great American Smokeout, which the cancer society hopes will stir smokers to quit.

Last year, 86 percent of the respondents heard of the effort.

Neither the American Cancer Society nor Gallup released the margin of error. And an employee answering the telephone at the society's Decatur office did not have the information.

# Valdez captain seeks immunity

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (UPI) —

What might appear to be nitpicking over discovery of the largest spill in U.S. history, nearly 11 million gallons, is actually a complex legal fight over whether Capt. Joseph Hazelwood is immune from prosecution for reporting the spill as required under state and federal regulations.

Hazelwood, 43, of Huntington, N.Y., accompanied by four lawyers, went to court seeking to have six criminal charges dismissed in a lengthy pretrial hearing that opened Monday in state Superior Court.

Judge Karl Johnstone said he was leaning toward letting the charges stand because he did not feel that immunity applied, but he invited lawyers to convince him otherwise.

State and federal oil spill reporting requirements grant immunity for reporting spills in order to compel spillers to report them, argued defense lawyer Richard Friedman, who said the prosecution must prove its evidence was gathered independently of Hazelwood's 12:28 a.m. report March 24 that the Exxon Valdez was hard aground and leaking oil.

One week after the spill Hazelwood was charged with reckless endangerment, negligent discharge of oil and driving the tanker while intoxicated, all misdemeanors. Later a grand jury indicted him on three felony counts of criminal mischief. He is free on \$50,000 bail.

"Nobody is denying that inevitably the ship leaking oil would be discovered," Friedman said, arguing that the question is when and how and whether the prosecution could have obtained evidence sufficient for charges without Hazelwood's help.

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*Richard Friedman*

Assistant District Attorney Leonard Linton said his office became so concerned about immunity that it employed an entirely separate team of prosecutors and investigators to start from scratch in April to present evidence to a grand jury independent of Hazelwood's required spill report.

"At some point, consequences of the spill become so great that persons become aware of it even if — Captain Hazelwood hadn't made any report at all," Linton said.

He said another nearby tanker would have discovered the Exxon Valdez aground within three hours of Hazelwood's report, that the Coast Guard would have checked the Exxon tanker's position and that Prince William Sound residents would have seen the grounded tanker at daybreak.

## Noticias breves

### Diálogo profundo

WASHINGTON — El Presidente Bush planea conversaciones más a fondo acerca de la reducción de tropas en Europa, aun más de las previamente propuestas, cuando se reuna con el Presidente Soviético Mikhail Gorbachev, dijo un vocero de la Casa Blanca. El secretario de prensa, Marvin Fitzwater anunció que el presidente impulsado por los cambios dramáticos en Europa Oriental y los problemas con el déficit del presupuesto, cree que "es sólo lógico que cualquier reducción de fuerzas Soviéticas traigan cambios" en la posición militar de NATO.

### Propuesta aprobada

BONN, Alemania Occidental — El Canciller Helmut Kohl ha aprobado la propuesta para una "Confederación" entre Alemania Oriental y Occidental como un paso hacia la reunificación eventual de los dos estados, publicó el periódico Bild el lunes. La propuesta, la cual espera ser presentada al parlamento Alemán Occidental el martes, fué detallada a los miembros del Partido

Demócrata Cristiano en una reunión privada el pasado lunes.

### Hungría votó libre

BUDAPEST, Hungría — Por primera vez en 42 años, hay voto libre. Los húngaros debatieron el plebiscito del Partido Comunista el lunes pasado. Ambrus Keri, miembro del Comité Nacional Electoral dijo que al conteo de votos, los resultados muestran 6,618 al margen de la victoria para la oposición anti-comunista. Keri agregó que no había mucha diferencia, ya que la votación fué muy cerrada. Los votos serán nuevamente recontados y el resultado será anunciado.

### Policia no corre peligro

MIAMI — Un policia hispano acusado de la muerte de dos motociclistas negros, no corría peligro de ser atropellado por ellos, dijo un testigo. El oficial William Lozano, de 31 años de edad, fué acusado con dos cargos de homicidio el 16 de enero, por la muerte del motociclista Clement Lloyd de 23 años, y el pasajero Allan Blanchard de 24 año. El incidente ocasionó tres días de inquietud en un vecindario de Miami.

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**National party agronomist wins Honduras election****Wants to implement open market economy**

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (Reuter) -- Rafael Callejas, a U.S.-trained agronomist who plans to turn Honduras into an open market economy, claimed victory early Monday in close-fought presidential elections held Sunday.

"The nation demands a government that responds to the need for change and for social justice," Callejas told cheering supporters at party headquarters.

Based on unofficial preliminary results, Callejas was ahead with 48.7 percent of the vote to 46.3 percent for his opponent, Carlos Flores of the ruling Liberal party with 34 percent of the vote counted.

Early into the morning, Callejas supporters set off fireworks and drove up and down this capital city, built on the central Honduran highlands, chanting "Callejas, Callejas" and blaring horns.

Authorities appealed to the population to stay calm after some supporters shot pistols in the air to celebrate.

Greeting followers at a downtown hotel later, Callejas declined comment to newsmen on El Salvador's decision Sunday to cut relations with Nicaragua, over arms it says Managua is sending to left-wing guerrillas.

But he said Honduras will strive to avoid conflict with its Central American neighbors.

"In this violent Central America in which the sons of neighboring countries are losing their lives, the Honduran people has said 'yes' to peace and 'no' to bloodshed," he said.

He said he would be prepared to accompany outgoing President Jose Azcona to planned Central

American peace talks in Managua next month although Azcona said Sunday the peace process has been harmed by El Salvador's decision and it is not clear the meeting will

take place.

Callejas repeated his promise not to devalue the lempira, which is presently quoted at double the official two to the U.S. dollar on the black market, but previously said he will establish a free rate which will

float freely.

If confirmed, Callejas's victory will be the first electoral triumph for the National party since 1971. The Liberals won two earlier presidential elections held this decade since the armed forces gave up power in 1981.

**Uruguayans elect opposition candidate**

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (Reuter) -- Opposition candidate Luis Alberto Lacalle of the Blanco (National) Party was elected president Sunday in Uruguay's first free elections since 1971.

"We are going to start work next Monday with all (Uruguay's) political and social forces," Lacalle, 48, said shortly after governing Colorado Party candidate Jorge Batlle conceded defeat.

Lacalle, a rancher and lawyer, has

promised to solve economic stagnation and rising inflation by privatizing state companies, cutting government spending, encouraging a free economy and negotiating a reduction in the \$1.8 billion foreign debt burden.

"The country is hungry for an efficient and productive government," Lacalle told foreign journalists.

The Colorado defeat was only the third for President Julio Maria

Sanguinetti's party this century.

More than 80 percent of Uruguay's 2.3 million registered voters turned out for the first free election since 1971. Sanguinetti took over from a 12-year military dictatorship in 1985 after his Colorado Party won elections from which many left-wing and other opponents of the regime were banned.

Political analysts said the defeat of the Colorados was due to Sanguinetti's failure to restore the living conditions which had plummeted under the military dictatorship.

Earlier Sunday Batlle had conceded to the left-wing Frente Amplio (Broad Front) alliance in the race for control of the city council of Montevideo, home to half the 2.9 million Uruguayans.

Full results of the vote for president, vice president, 31 senators, 99 deputies, 19 mayors and thousands of local government councillors were not expected until late Monday.

The alliance is led by former general Liber Seregni who was jailed, tortured and banned from political activity by the military regime. It comprises leftist parties, including the Tupamaros, a former guerrilla group.



**CAUGHT IN CROSSFIRE** — Red Cross rescue workers take cover from fighting between government troops and leftist rebels in San Salvador, the capital of El Salvador, during the recent attack on the city by the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front. (AP Laserphoto)

**Cristiani severs diplomatic ties to Nicaragua**

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (UPI) -- President Alfredo Cristiani Sunday accused Nicaraguan leader Daniel Ortega of sending anti-aircraft missiles to leftist guerrillas and suspended relations with Managua. Heavy fighting broke out near the capital after three days of calm.

At a news conference Sunday morning, Cristiani exhibited a cache of Soviet-made anti-aircraft missiles and anti-tank weapons discovered Saturday when a plane apparently flying from Nicaragua crashed some 65 miles southeast of the capital.

"We can no longer remain without doing something, faced with this ... traitorous action by (Nicaraguan President) Daniel Ortega," Cristiani said.

As Cristiani spoke airforce planes and helicopters began bombing and rocketing rebel positions on the slope of a volcano in northern San Salvador.

Cristiani said he suspended all relations with Nicaragua and called for an urgent meeting of the U.N. Security Council and the Organization of American States to condemn Nicaragua and requested that a meeting of Central American presidents scheduled for December be held somewhere other than Nicaragua.

Referring to the rebel assault, Cristiani said, "It is impossible that an aggression of this magnitude could be carried out without outside help.

In this case, we are sure that the help came from Ortega and (Cuban President Fidel) Castro."

El Salvador has not had relations with Cuba since shortly after Castro's revolution brought him to power in the Caribbean island nation in 1959.

Salvadoran security forces, meanwhile, detained an American woman accused of storing a large weapons cache for the rebels and held her for questioning.

Military spokesman Maj. Mauricio Chavez Caceres said security forces acting on a tip from a captured guerrilla raided the home of Jennifer Jean Casolo, an American working in El Salvador with a religious group, and found hundreds of explosives and more than 80,000 rounds of ammunition.

Casolo organized fact-finding tours of El Salvador for American congressmen, congressional staff, and others through a group called

Christian Peace Seminars.

Chavez Caceres said a captured guerrilla told security forces Casolo was working with the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, or FMLN. He said police found 203 mortar rounds, 213 blocks of TNT, 40,000 rounds of ammunition each for AK-47 and M-16 assault rifles, blasting caps and hundreds of rounds of other ammunition at Casolo's home.

He said Casolo would be held for at least 72 hours for investigation and that a senior U.S. Embassy official was present when her home was raided.

The plane, a twin-engine Cessna, crashed early Saturday near Usulután, 65 miles southeast of the capital. The plane was loaded with powerful anti-aircraft rockets which the military said were Soviet made and were destined for the Salvadoran rebels.

Three bodies in camouflage military uniforms and one in civilian clothes were laid out next to the plane. One man with a single bullet wound to the head apparently had killed himself.

Military officials said the cause of the plane crash was not known, but it was not believed to have been shot down.

A flight plan charting a course from the Nicaraguan capital to an airfield in south-central El Salvador also was found in the plane, officials said.

**'Dignity Battalions' stage protest**

PANAMA CITY, Panama (Reuter) -- About 3,000 pro-government demonstrators converged on a park in downtown Panama City in the pouring rain Saturday to protest an alleged U.S. plan to oust the country's de facto ruler Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

The majority of the demonstrators were members of civilian "Dignity Battalions" which back Noriega and had marched a number of miles from several locations around the city.

"We are a small country, we don't want war, we want peace," Renato Pereira, Panama's minister of government and justice, told the demonstrators.

"But the dominance of the (Bush) administration has humiliated the Panamanian

people. If they impose war on us, I am regrettably going to learn war," he said.

The Los Angeles Times reported last week that the Bush administration, with the secret approval of Congress, has authorized the CIA to spend \$3 million to oust the Panamanian leader who survived a bloody coup attempt Oct. 3.

The administration authorized the use of "high risk" tactics that might lead to his injury or death, the report said. President Bush refused to confirm or deny the report.

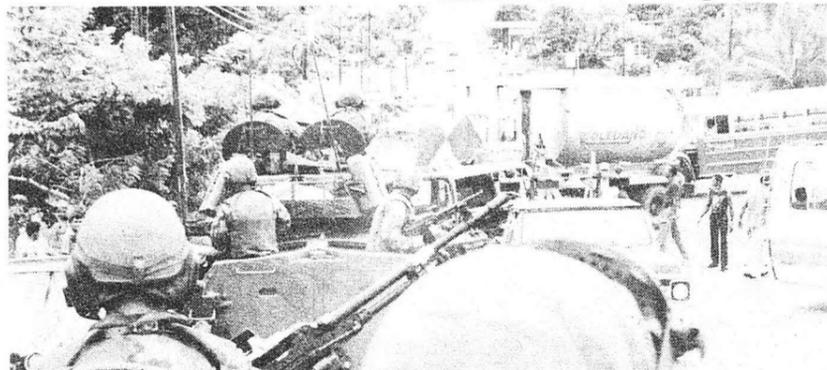
Noriega, who Washington wants removed from power, was indicted in two U.S. courts in February 1988 on drug trafficking and other charges which he has denied.

# Marines remove pro-Noriega roadblock

MARINE FORCES PANAMA, U.S. NAVAL STATION PANAMA CANAL (MARFOR PAO) — In an operational environment that is anything but routine, the exceptional is considered the Marine Forces Panama norm.

As was the case Wednesday when Marines from D Co., 2nd LAI Bn., Marine Forces Panama, were exercising America's right to movement in this small, but significant Central American nation.

Met with rock throwing, crude



Noriega regime supporters set up a roadblock near Nuevo Guarare Wednesday. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Robert C. Jenks)

gestures and cursing by Noriega regime supporters, a reinforced company of light armored vehicles, backed by scouts and beefed-up weapons systems assets, reasserted U.S. rights here by breaching three separate roadblocks established by the regime protagonists.

Under the agreement of the 1977 Panama Canal Treaty, U.S. forces are guaranteed the right of freedom of movement through the country. That's exactly what the D Co. Marines did in conducting Operation

Rough Rider — they exercised these rights.

While conducting a route reconnaissance exercise west of Howard AFB, near the town of Nuevo Guarare, a small group of regime supporters blocked Thatcher Highway with a tow truck, ice truck and two other vehicles, impeding the company's return to the base.

Despite Capt. Gerald Gaskins' (D Co. commander) explanation to the regime supporters that the Marines will exercise their right to movement under the treaty and that it would be in their best interest to take down the roadblock, they refused.

Consequently, Gaskins ordered the column of LAVs forward. In order to get through the first roadblock, the lead LAV physically removed one of the trucks by knocking it out of the way, making a lane through the blockade. When the company of LAVs and HMMWVs moved through, the supporters threw rocks, and waved the Panamanian flag without respect.

"We have been training

specifically for this operation and the expectation of roadblocks," Gaskins, a Mitchellville, Md. native, said. "These types of movements are non-doctrine so we had to redesign tactics and practice for civil disturbances and blockades."

Farther down the two-lane highway, the Marines hit a second roadblock.

A number of vehicles, including three from the Panamanian Electric Co., blocked the road west of the town of Arraijan. Once again Gaskins recited the U.S. position concerning movement. Once again it was ignored. This time, however, a white van, part of the blockade, had its side crushed in and was pushed aside — D Co. moved through.

A third roadblock, this time made of a Panamanian Defense Force Civic Action dumptruck and a white stakebed truck, was established near Rio Potrero. After Gaskins stated the U.S. position for the movement, and that the Marines would use force if necessary, the regime supporters backed down and removed the roadblock without incident.

## BEAR program helps increase understaffed MOSs

by PFC Megra D. Johnson

FORT DAVIS (USARSO PAO) — In the past the Army has designed programs which maximize the skills a soldier must possess to effectively execute missions and enhance a soldier's quality of life.

The Bonus, Extension and Retraining (BEAR) program is such a program. It is designed to entice qualified soldiers to migrate into understaffed Military Occupational Specialties (MOS).

Privates to staff sergeants serving in an MOS that is adequately or over staffed are eligible to migrate into MOSs which appear in the BEAR program.

The program is designed to assist in force alignment and allow soldiers to extend their current enlistment for formal retraining. When a soldier completes the course he is awarded a new primary MOS and a bonus which is based on his rank.

According to SSgt. Michael Baker, Atlantic career counselor, the program enhances soldiers' careers and assists in career progression. "If you have special skills this is the

chance for you to demonstrate them," said Baker.

Two year enlistees must have completed 18 months in service and be within six months of their Estimated Time of Separation, (ETS), in order to qualify for the program. Soldiers who enlisted for more than two years must have completed two years service and be within one year of their ETS.

In addition, soldiers who wish to enroll while overseas must be within one year of their normal tour completion at the time of application.

Baker said the BEAR program is not for everyone. "Everyone does not have the skills or ability to meet the requirements to work in these MOSs," he said. "Those soldiers who do possess the criteria and are identified by their unit reenlistment noncommissioned officer should take a look at the MOSs offered."

A wide variety of jobs are available, from executive administrative assistant to chemical operations specialist. "This is one of the better programs I've seen for reenlistment options," Baker said.

To find out more about the reenlistment NCO or call the career program talk to your unit counselor.

## Atlantic civilians get awards

by PFC Megra D. Johnson

FORT DAVIS (USARSO PAO) — Civilian employees in the Atlantic community were recognized at the Commander's Civilian Award Ceremony held Nov. 15 at Fort Davis Community Club.

Lt. Col. John Stobie, deputy commander of 41st Area Support Group, Lt. Col. Robert Henry, Atlantic garrison commander and Robert Pears, acting director for civilian awards, presented each awardee with a certificate in recognition of their hard work and dedication.

Performance, length in service and special act awards were given to the employees and volunteers in the community. "U.S. Army South is not just machines," said Aichel Tam, civilian awards administrator, "it is men and women giving of themselves."

Henry commended the employees on the fine work they had done noting the progress and change which has taken place in the community. He contributed the bulk of its successfulness to civilian workers.

After the presentations, Tam said the awards are a motivating tool which she believes will benefit not only those awarded but also those who work with the awardees.

Carol Grazette, a dispatcher at the Atlantic motor pool received a performance award.

## Lifejacket may save YOUR life

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO CRD) — Most people who died in boating accidents in 1988 drowned within a few feet of safety. Most owned lifejackets, but they weren't wearing them when they died.

The National Safe Boating Council urges people who use small boats to ensure everyone on board wears a well-fitted lifejacket before leaving shore.

U.S. law requires each boat to have a personal flotation device for each person on board. If the boat is longer than 16 feet, wearable flotation devices are required.

However, lifejackets don't work when they're not worn. Most deaths happen when boats capsize or passengers fall overboard.

If a boater falls into the water, his lifejacket keeps him floating so he can tend to urgent business, like climbing back on his boat. His lifejacket can also help him get to shore and forestalls hypothermia. Your lifejacket is your friend for life.

## Avoid travel to Howard, Albrook during hours of heaviest traffic

HOWARD AFB (24th COMPW PA) — People traveling to Howard or Albrook should expect some delay and should avoid traveling during heavy traffic times if possible.

Security police are doing a 100 percent identification check so drivers and all passengers should have their identification ready. Vehicles displaying government registration decals are subject to random search.

Vehicles without government registration decals will be permitted entry to Albrook only after being signed for and escorted by a sponsor. All of those vehicles will be searched. The sponsors are also responsible for escorting their visitors back to the gate.

All vehicles without government registration decals which are just

passing through Howard will be escorted after being searched.

Drivers of those vehicles who wish to visit someone on Howard must follow the same procedures as for entry to Albrook. They must have a sponsor, the person they are visiting, sign for them at the gate and escort them to their destination and back. Vehicles will not be permitted to leave the escort convoy while transiting the base.

Although there are currently no parking restrictions at Albrook, there are several spots at Howard where parking is limited. These areas include the air passenger terminal, the family support center, exchange and post office area, the commissary and the elementary school.

Anyone needing to visit these areas should be prepared for limited availability of parking.



"I HAVE A QUESTION, SIR" — A member of the Air Force community here asks a question about the new tour length changes and dependent travel guidelines recently implemented in Panama. A question and answer session was held last week at the Howard base theater. (U.S. Air Force photo)

# YOUR HOROSCOPE

by Charles King Cooper

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Certain goings-on behind the scenes will be in your favor ultimately. It's a good time to turn your mind to the future and retirement, as well as financial security. Domestic harmony will reign this week as well.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A very fortuitous travel opportunity comes your way this week. Your leadership qualities are very much in evidence, and people will be looking to you to make some major decisions this week, both at home and on the job.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your instincts will be right on target this week regarding your career. A wonderful financial opportunity will also come your way. Be sure to be on the lookout for this. Negotiations with bigwigs are favored, so take time to press for what you want.

**MOON CHILDREN** (June 21 to July 22) Cooperative ventures are favored this week. Others will go out of their way for you this week. Couples may want to plan a romantic getaway at this time. There is good news waiting concerning a legal, educational or publishing matter.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Something which has gone unresolved at home finally gets straightened out this week, taking a lot of worry off your shoulders. The money you may have needed for a career opportunity just may be at hand for you this week.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Any dealings you may have with children this week will be fortuitous. Couples should plan to spend more time together rekindling romance. A friend will surprise you with a special social invitation for the weekend.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Everything will be going your way this week at work, putting you

in a good mood. Not only will you make more progress in your career, but a new opportunity will arise, sparking your interest. Take time this weekend to relax.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You will be very happy this week with strides made at work and on the domestic front. It's a good week to spend time socializing with friends and family. However, do be sure to get enough rest. Spend time this weekend spiffing up your residence.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) This week, shopping and family matters are favored. Thus, it is a good time to think about mortgages and credit matters. Take some time this weekend attending to family matters. Some members of the household may have been feeling neglected lately.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) This would be a good week for you to start new projects. Creativity is at a peak and should be utilized for maximum benefit. This is also a good week to attend to correspondence. Any ideas you present will be well-received by bigwigs.

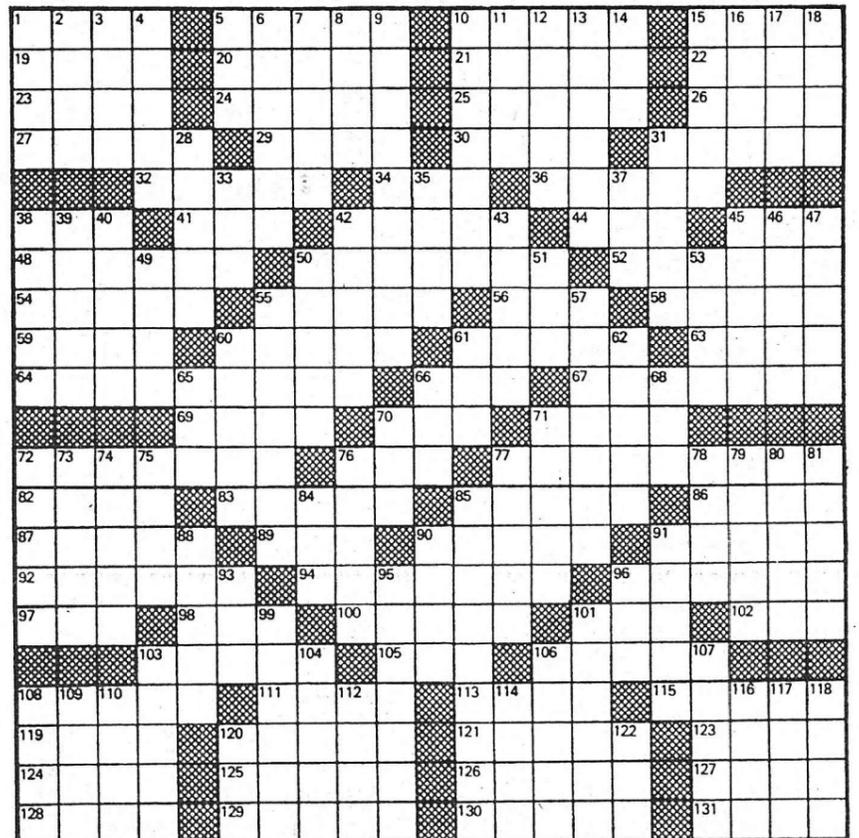
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) This will be a good week for you financially, since exciting opportunities will arise. Shopping trips are favored, but do be sure to get the best buy for your money. The weekend would be a good time to invite friends in for some socializing.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Friendships are highlighted this week. In fact, certain friends will play some important roles in your life right now. New romance awaits for those of you who are single. Couples will enjoy renewed harmony and romance.

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## Super Crossword

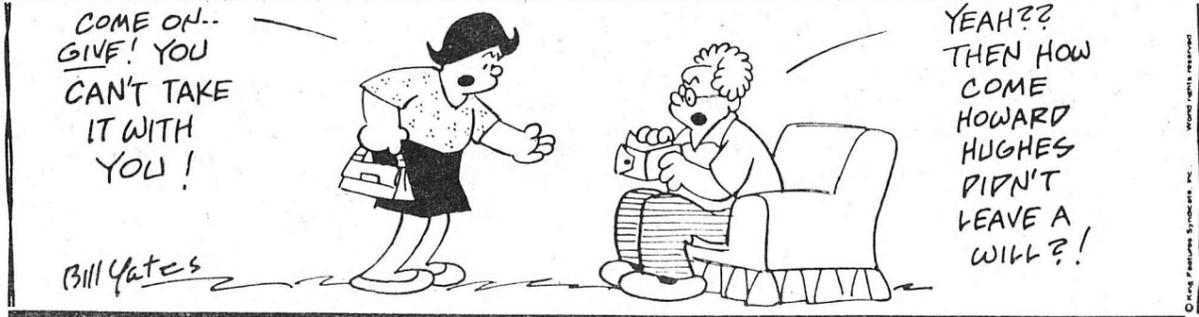
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| 1 Friendly talk               | 52 Spanish gypsy                 | 89 Blunder                    | 130 Unexpected delight    | 43 Ledger item               | 81 Cousin of 37 Down              |
| 5 Hit the button              | 54 The tortoise, to the hare     | 90 Italian musician           | 131 Formerly, once        | 45 Vietnamese city           | 84 Stammering sounds              |
| 10 Cheap magazines            | 55 Infant's complaint            | 91 Spanish hamlets            | <b>DOWN</b>               | 46 Hamburger garnish         | 85 Matador's contest              |
| 15 Spicy stew                 | 56 Head of the fairway           | 92 Tomorrow, to Tomas         | 1 Roughen                 | 47 Sheriff's band            | 88 Pilasters                      |
| 19 El Cid, for one            | 58 Major or Minor                | 94 Spanish city               | 2 Wife of Zeus            | 49 Festive occasion          | 90 Fish's "lung"                  |
| 20 Spanish province           | 59 Labor                         | 96 Dance done to lively music | 3 Soviet sea              | 4 Participants in 85 Down    | 91 Large artery                   |
| 21 Amazon cetaceans           | 60 Majorca seaport               | 97 Classified items           | 4 Actress Damber          | 50 Salk conquered it         | 93 Hebrew letter                  |
| 22 Burden                     | 61 Painful muscle contraction    | 98 —-tac-toe                  | 6 Wading bird             | 51 Dead or Red               | 95 TV audience                    |
| 23 Sandarach tree             | 63 Author Anita                  | 100 Turns off the engine      | 7 Curtain material        | 53 "Too —" Jones of football | 96 Encore, in Paris               |
| 24 Founder of Impressionism   | 64 Former Spanish province       | 101 "Bel — Bist Du Schoen"    | 8 Holm oak                | 55 Former Spanish kingdom    | 99 Spanish cellist                |
| 25 Street, in Madrid          | 66 One type of poodle            | 102 Security org.             | 9 Region in Spain         | 57 Trade prohibition         | 101 Seaport on the Mediterranean  |
| 26 In the same place: abbr.   | 67 Direct route                  | 103 Capital of Yemen          | 10 "Guernica" painter     | 60 Of ancient Carthage       | 103 More rational                 |
| 27 Seaport of Columbus        | 69 " — the Woods" (musical)      | 105 North Pole worker         | 11 Two-toed sloth         | 61 Male swan                 | 104 Some choir singers            |
| 29 Hip joint                  | 70 Provide with a new soundtrack | 106 — la vista                | 12 Gay songs              | 62 Pennies                   | 106 Wandering tribe               |
| 30 It's before bus or graph   | 71 Combat vehicle                | 108 Spanish rooms             | 13 Daughter of 10 Down    | 65 "Whopper"                 | 107 Maxim                         |
| 31 Affirms                    | 72 City destroyed by Vesuvius    | 111 — motion                  | 14 Compass reading        | 66 Wine cask                 | 108 Spanish muralist              |
| 32 Dutch painter              | 76 Beach bonus                   | 113 Object of worship         | 15 Spanish fruit          | 68 Supplement                | 109 Lily plant                    |
| 34 " — Miserables"            | 77 Spanish seaport               | 115 Hacienda brick            | 16 Ear part               | 70 Mail, in India            | 110 Etna output                   |
| 36 Struck, in olden times     | 82 One type of code              | 119 Verve                     | 17 Place of refuge        | 71 Afternoon, in Majorca     | 112 Indian                        |
| 38 Food fish                  | 83 Golf club                     | 120 Dull finish               | 18 Appends                | 72 Former Italian duchy      | 114 Energetic person              |
| 41 Table scrap                | 85 Freight boat                  | 121 Goat antelope             | 28 Bar perch              | 73 Mountain nymph            | 116 Skunk's defense               |
| 42 Of inferior quality        | 86 They're heard at 85 Down      | 123 Biblical name             | 31 "Toys in the —"        | 74 Great wealth              | 117 Former rulers of Tunis        |
| 44 It's featured in the Prado |                                  | 124 Wander                    | 33 Eagle                  | 75 Two-edged sword           | 118 Part of q.e.d.                |
| 45 School dance               |                                  | 125 Knock down                | 35 "The Red"              | 76 Sandpiper                 | 120 Advanced arts degree          |
| 48 Former Spanish kingdom     |                                  | 126 Privet border             | 37 Club or society: abbr. | 77 Removes water from a boat | 122 " — a Smile Be Your Umbrella" |
|                               |                                  | 127 "Maja Nude" painter       | 38 Magna —                | 78 Lounge lazily             |                                   |
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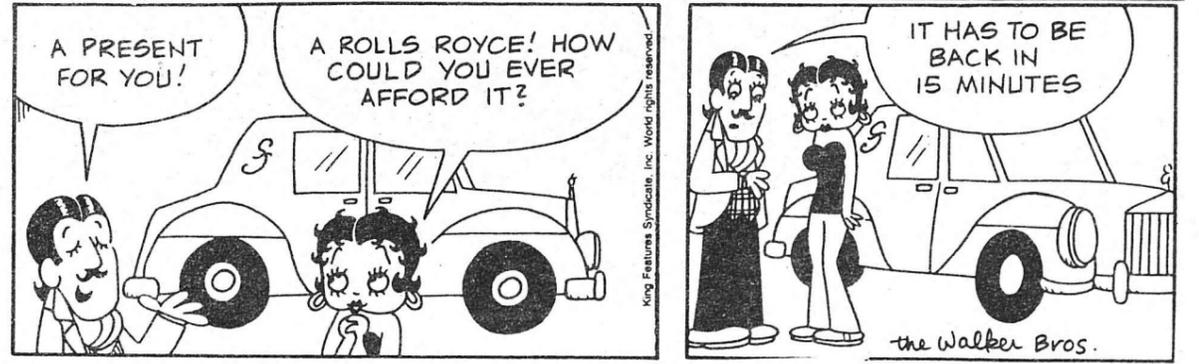
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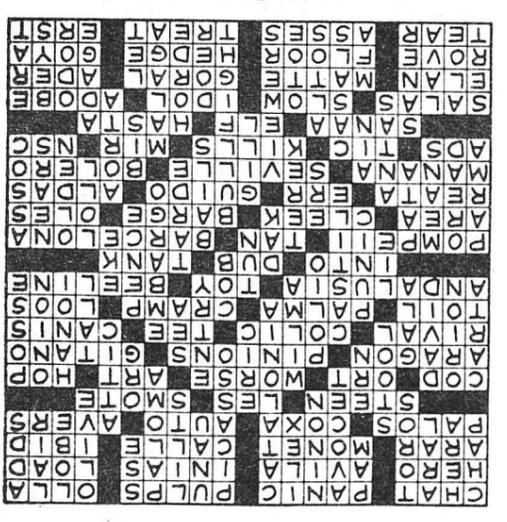
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### Answers To Super Crossword



sports

# Air Force wins Turkey Bowl football trophy



Air Force and Army defenses hounded each other's runners in Saturday's Turkey Bowl football classic. The Air Force squeaked past Army for a 10-3 win. Army won the overall Turkey Bowl. (U.S. Army photo by Spec. Paul L. Sweeney)



Air Force defensive lineman, Tim "Ziggy" Stephenson, has his eyes on the Navy quarterback during the Air Force's 32-0 victory over Navy Saturday. (U.S. Air Force photo by A1C Janel Schroeder)

## commentary

by SrA. Tamara S. Jacobson

HOWARD AFB (24 COMPW PA) — It's becoming a tradition in Panama, — no, not PML Charlie — for the third year in a row, the Air Force took home the coveted Turkey Bowl Football Championship Trophy, while the Army grabbed the overall honors, with the Air Force second.

Under the worst conditions imaginable, "four-star" Mother Nature pulled rank and decided to have a day her way - wet, cold and windy.

Jarman Field looked like Gatun Lake, but the Falcons took to it like ducks and embarrassed the Navy Seals in their natural habitat, 32-0, in football.

The only thing more embarrassing Saturday, was the number of Army spectators who showed up; there were more people on their 10K track team than in the stands. The event took place on Fort Clayton; what happened guys, a parking problem? The Air Force outnumbered all the services combined, 3 to 1, easily.

Those green members who did show up should have stayed home or volunteered to help the football team. Led by 200 screaming, drenched, blue-shirted fans, the Falcon team did as promised to the

Galleon Stallions and sent them to the glue factory, 10-3, for the football title.

Taking their lead from Indiana Copley, the men whipped the Galleon Stallions into submission and then sent them down the locks in a tugboat; they were doomed from the opening kickoff. The Army theme may have been "macho" this year, but the team was better suited for powder-puff football.

How then, did the Army win the overall trophy? By doing what they know best — running. Why wouldn't they have the advantage — who in Panama hasn't heard "jodie calls" at 6 every morning? It's more reliable than an alarm clock. Inside sources revealed that Saturday was actually a PT test, and participants were told they would receive 15 extra points toward promotion if they "maxed out." It worked.

The Air Force track teams had respectable showings, though, of third in the women's biathlon and men's 10K run, and fourth in the men's biathlon. With their previous events, the women's track team ended up with gold, silver and bronze medals, to carry the Air Force team to its second place finish overall. Nice job by the women in blue.

Hey guys, we have football down to a science. Can we break tradition and concentrate on track next year? Maybe the Marines will even show up...

	ARMY	NAVY	USMC	USAF
Relay	7	8	5	7
10K	4	1	3	2
Biathlon	8	5	3	3
Football	4	1	0	6
Total	23	15	11	18



The Air Force flag football team hoists the Turkey Bowl '89 championship trophy. (U.S. Air Force photo by SrA. Prentes Tramble)

# 49ers turn 'Giant' mistakes into 34-24 win

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Mike Cofer, given a reprieve by a penalty, kicked a 45-yard field goal with 4:12 remaining Monday night to put the San Francisco 49ers ahead to stay in a 34-24 victory over the New York Giants.

Cofer had missed badly from 50 yards, but got a second chance because New York's Ryna Thompson had lined up offside.

Joe Montana threw three touchdown passes, Pierce Holt had four of seven sacks and the San Francisco defense forced five turnovers as the 49ers took the inside track to the homefield advantage in the NFC playoffs by winning the matchup of teams with 9-2 records.

The Giants, boasting the stingiest defense in the conference (allowing 16 points per game), allowed Montana to improve his league-leading 70 percent completion rate, completing 27 of 33 passes for 292

yards. Montana's scoring passes were in the first half as the defending Super Bowl champions moved to a 24-7 lead.

But Phil Simms brought the Giants back, engineering two second-half touchdowns drives and eventually tying the score at 24. After Cofer's field goal, however, Simms was intercepted for the third time on the night, by Eric Wright, setting up Tom Rathman's 1-yard insurance TD with 1:08 remaining.

The loss leaves the Giants a game in front of Philadelphia in the East entering Sunday's game against the Eagles at the Meadowlands. The 49ers boosted their hopes of gaining the homefield advantage throughout the playoffs and retained a two-game lead over the Los Angeles Rams in the NFC West. They play in Los Angeles on Dec. 11.

Simms was 25 of 48 for 326 yards. The mistake-prone 49ers nearly

fumbled away the game in the second half in a manner similar to their collapse against the Giants nearly three years ago. In a Monday night game in Candlestick Park on Dec. 1, 1986, New York overcame a 17-0 halftime deficit with three third-period touchdowns for a 21-17 victory, and this second half seemed like a rerun.

Rookie David Meggett took a swing pass from Simms, raced through the secondary and slipped a tackle by Chet Brooks at the 15 as he completed a 53-yard scoring play to cut the lead to 24-17.

When Carl Banks slapped the ball out of Montana's hands and defensive end John Washington recovered at the New York 13, the Giants had a chance to tie it. But long-time Giant Jim Burt, a recent 49er pickup to shore up the nose tackle in Michael Carter's absence, forced a fumble by Meggett to kill

one threat, and Chet Brooks' interception of a Simms pass at the 49ers' 1 with 11:40 left in the game wiped out another.

The Giants finally drew even with 7:11 left after Banks hammered Mike Wilson and Mark Collins recovered at the San Francisco 30. Disdaining a field goal on 4th-and-goal from the 7, Simms lofted the tying pass to Odessa Turner in the left corner of the end zone.

## Standings

	East
N.Y. Giants	9 3
Philadelphia	8 4
Washington	6 6
Phoenix	5 7
Dallas	1 11
	West
San Francisco	10 2
L.A. Rams	8 4
New Orleans	6 6
Atlanta	3 9

## Colorado takes No. 1

by the Associated Press

Colorado took over the top spot in college football Monday for the first time in school history, while Alabama jumped to second and Miami moved back into contention for its third national championship of the decade.

Colorado replaced Notre Dame as the No. 1 team in The Associated Press poll after Miami beat the Fighting Irish 27-10 Saturday. Notre Dame, which had been No. 1 since the first week of the season, fell to fifth while Miami rose three spots to No. 4.

Alabama, the only major undefeated team besides Colorado, moved up two places to No. 2 while Michigan remained third after beating Ohio State 28-18. Alabama, which had the week off, finishes its regular season Saturday at Auburn.

The top five teams all have a shot at the national championship. Colorado can win it by beating Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl, but if the Buffaloes lose it would open the door for the other four teams.

"It is going to be our ultimate challenge," Colorado coach Bill McCartney said. "Anyone who knows anything about Notre Dame and its great traditions knows that they will bounce back from the Miami loss. You can count on that."

Colorado, which completed an 11-0 regular season on Nov. 18, received 53 first-place votes and 1,468 of a possible 1,500 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters. Miami got three first-place votes, with two going to Alabama and one to Michigan.

Alabama received 1,351 points, while Michigan got 1,332 and Miami 1,319. Notre Dame, whose 23-game winning streak was snapped by Miami, received 1,231 points.

Florida State and Nebraska, who will meet in the Fiesta Bowl, are No. 6 and No. 7. Although both teams were idle, each dropped one spot because of Miami's move.

Rounding out the Top 10 are Tennessee, Arkansas and Illinois. Tennessee beat Kentucky 31-10 and Arkansas downed Texas A&M 23-22.

## Transactions

by The Associated Press

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### BASEBALL

#### American League

**BOSTON RED SOX** — Signed Tony Pena, catcher, to a three-year contract.

**TORONTO BLUE JAYS** — Signed Mookie Wilson, outfielder, to a two-year contract.

#### National League

**PITTSBURGH PIRATES** — Named Dave Trembley director of operations of their spring training

### BASKETBALL

**National Basketball Association PHILADELPHIA 76ERS** — Placed Lanard Copeland, guard, on the injured list. Signed Dexter Shouse, guard.

### FOOTBALL

**National Football League CLEVELAND BROWNS** — Re-signed Ron Middleton, tight end. Placed Marlon Jones, defensive lineman, on injured reserve.

## Cambio de jugadores

### BEISBOL

#### Liga Americana

**BOSTON RED SOX** — Tony Peña firma contrato por tres años.

**TORONTO BLUE JAYS** — Mookie Wilson firmó un contrato por dos años con la Liga Nacional.

**PITTSBURGH PIRATES** — Nombra a Dave Trembley como director de operaciones del complejo de entrenamiento.

### Baloncesto

**PHILADELPHIA 76ers** — Colocan a Leonard Copeland en la lista de recuperación. Dexter Shouse lo remplaza.

### FUTBOL

**CLEVELAND BROWNS** — Firma de nuevo Ron Middleton. Colocan a Marlon Jones en la lista de reserva mientras este se recupera de salud.

## NBA player of week

NEW YORK (AP) — Clyde Drexler, who averaged 24.7 points to lead Portland to three straight victories, was named NBA Player of the Week on Monday.

Drexler also had 9.0 assists, 5.7 rebounds and 2.7 steals as the Trail Blazers defeated Chicago, New Jersey and Detroit to run their record to 10-3, tying the Los Angeles Lakers for the most wins this season.

Drexler began his week with 19 points and 10 assists in Portland's 121-110 victory over Chicago. He held Michael Jordan, the league's leading scorer, to 16 points in that game.

In a 125-99 win over New Jersey, Drexler had 28 points, eight assists, four steals and four rebounds, then added 27 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists as the Blazers beat the Pistons 102-82.

Other candidates for the NBA award included Moses Malone of Atlanta, Jerry Reynolds of Orlando, Denver's Fat Lever, Utah's Karl Malone and Tony Campbell of Minnesota.

## Ware's showing helps Heisman hopes

HOUSTON (AP) — Andre Ware's final bid for the Heisman Trophy was picture perfect — even if it wasn't on television.

Just days before the voters of the Heisman Trophy seal the envelopes on their ballots, the Houston quarterback pumped another four touchdown passes into his stats Saturday in a 40-24 victory over Texas Tech.

"It was just an average day for me," Ware said. "I felt no pressure. I wasn't playing for the Heisman Trophy. I played the best game I could have played against Tech."

"If Andre does not win, they should stop giving the award," Houston coach Jack Pardee said. "He is a player who has put up statistics each week and has not had a bad day this year."

Heisman voters have not seen much of Ware because Houston is on NCAA probation and is prohibited from having televised games or receiving a bowl bid. But it would be hard to overlook Ware's achievements.

Ware increased his season passing

totals to 44 touchdowns and 4,299 yards. The performance certainly couldn't hurt his chances against chief rivals for the Heisman, which will be awarded Saturday at New York's Downtown Athletic Club.

Indiana running back Anthony Thompson gained only 97 yards on 28 carries in a 15-14 loss to Purdue. Notre Dame quarterback Tony Rice rushed for 50 yards and passed for 106 in Miami's 27-10 defeat of the No. 1-ranked Fighting Irish.

Neither Thompson nor Rice scored.

West Virginia quarterback Major Harris, on the other hand, no doubt helped his chances with a Thanksgiving Day performance which resulted in a 24-17 victory over Syracuse. Harris, a junior, became the first player in college football history to pass for 5,000 yards and rush for 2,000 in a career. Against Syracuse, he rushed for 95 yards and a touchdown on 18 carries and completed 12 of 23 passes for 182 yards.

Air Force quarterback Dee Dowis, rated a longshot, scrambled for two

touchdowns in Saturday's 42-38 victory over Utah, having rushed for 103 yards on 17 carries and completing 6 of 8 passes for 137 yards.

Two other likely Heisman contenders — Colorado quarterback Darian Hagan and Florida running back Emmitt Smith — were idle this week.

"I watched Major Harris on TV against Syracuse and he does a lot for his team," Ware said. "I was very impressed."

But Ware holds the statistical edge, with nearly twice the number of touchdowns of his closest competitor, Thompson, who has 24 this season.

"And when you talk about character, he could have left school last year and been immediately eligible to play anywhere in the country (because of NCAA sanctions against Houston), but he stayed here and has had a phenomenal season," Pardee said. "What else can you say about what the award represents?"

# Cristiani breaks ties with Nicaragua after plane crash

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (UPI) — The crash of a plane allegedly carrying Soviet-made anti-aircraft missiles from Nicaragua to El Salvador's leftist rebels has derailed the regional peace process and raised fears the rebels could use the missiles to change the way the 10-year-old civil war is fought.

President Alfredo Cristiani said the planeload of 24 SA-7 heat-seeking, shoulder-fired missiles found in southeastern El Salvador proved what his government had always claimed — that Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega was supplying weapons to the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, or FMLN.

When Cristiani broke off diplomatic and commercial relations with Nicaragua Sunday, Ortega shot back saying he was glad, and Honduran President Jose Azcona Hoyo declared the 2-year-old Central American peace process all but dead. A peace summit scheduled for December in Nicaragua will almost certainly not take place.

But it was the missiles that captured most of the attention. Cristiani said it was likely the crashed plane was only one of several and there was a strong possibility the rebels already have missiles in their hands.

Salvadoran military officers have long suspected the FMLN was trying to acquire an anti-aircraft weapon to neutralize the government's fleet of U.S.-supplied helicopters and planes, but the rebels have never before used a missile. Military experts say use of the sophisticated

missiles could drastically alter the way the war is fought.

"They're not going to be able to respond as quickly, and that's going to cost them," said a military analyst who requested his name not be revealed, referring to the Salvadoran military.

"This will completely change the nature of the conflict," said Maj. Mauricio Chavez Caceres, the chief military spokesman. Chavez Caceres said the change was both tactical, in that it would affect fighting methods, and geo-political, because Nicaragua's involvement "gives the conflict a magnitude way beyond what the FMLN could do." Cristiani said "the armed forces can handle the FMLN with or without these weapons," and a Salvadoran Air Force helicopter pilot said: "We'll just have to fly lower so they don't have time to aim (the missiles) at us." Other military analysts say that if the rebels have anti-aircraft missiles and intend to use them, it would cut into the military's edge in the air.

The military has relied heavily on air power to fight back a nationwide offensive by the FMLN that began Nov. 11 and has left more than 2,000 people dead. Typically, the guerrillas would take over a neighborhood, set up fortified positions and trenches, and the military would counterattack using ground troops and rocket and strafing attacks from helicopter gunships.

"If they can't use their airpower, they will have to send in more ground troops, and they are already stretched thin," said one Western diplomat.

One source said the United States would help counteract the threat of missiles by sending the Air Force special flares that could be dropped from aircraft to confuse a missile's heat-sensing mechanism.

With many military analysts and diplomats predicting that the FMLN will soon launch a second wave of

attacks to press their offensive, the air force and others are speculating the rebels may bring the missiles into play, escalating the war to a new level.

"The moment they use a SAM-7 in El Salvador, they are recognizing the conflict is international," said Chavez Caceres.



**TORNADO CLEANUP** -- Lisa Bostwick Ducati of Valdosta, Ga. and Richard Bibb, right, sort through the wreckage of a dry cleaning business. The business belongs to Decati's mother. Seventeen people were killed and 463 were injured by a tornado Nov. 15. Only one person out of eight that were in the dry cleaners was injured. (AP Laserphoto)

## CG thanks community

To the United States Isthmian Community:

A most sincere thank you to the family members in all communities who have supported our soldiers throughout this difficult period, especially on Thanksgiving Day.

As I traveled from post to post visiting soldiers, I discovered that the civilian community was out in force, offering traditional dinners, warm generosity, and good cheer. It is a heartfelt pleasure to see community members and soldiers celebrating our national Thanksgiving holiday in the true spirit of thanksgiving and the true spirit of America.

United States Army South officers, both commissioned and noncommissioned, are grateful for your warm gesture to our soldiers. God bless America.

MARC A. CISNEROS  
Major General, U.S. Army  
Commanding General

## Colombian passenger jet crashes, witnesses see explosion, 'no survivors'

BOGOTA, Colombia (UPI) -- A Colombian passenger jet, apparently rocked by an explosion, crashed south of Bogota Monday morning and witnesses said there appeared to be no survivors.

An aviation official said the Avianca Airlines Boeing 727 carried six crew members and 101 passengers but radio reports said there were only about 60 people aboard the plane, which is capable of carrying about 135 passengers.

Many witnesses told radio stations the plane caught fire, then exploded shortly after takeoff at 7:13 a.m. from Bogota's El Dorado Airport en route to the city of Cali.

A control tower official said within four minutes, witnesses

began reporting the crash in a rural area near the town of Soacha, about 10 miles south of Bogota.

"The plane suddenly exploded, bam, it was a matter of seconds," one witness said.

Others said it appeared no one survived.

"There are no survivors," said Octavio Sierra, a resident who said the plane crashed near his home. "The bodies are scattered and many are mutilated. There is no one alive."

"I saw the plane that seemed like a ball of fire fall to the ground," he said. "The pieces of the plane flew into the air when it crashed into the ground. The plane broke in two."

## Guards tear down barriers

WEST BERLIN (UPI) — East German border guards Monday began ripping down barbed-wire fences and other barriers blocking the approach to the West German border near the northern city of Luebeck, authorities and witnesses said.

The barricades, part of an elaborate anti-escape system that runs parallel to the actual border — in some cases up to a mile deep — were erected over the years to discourage East Germans from fleeing to the West.

There was no explanation of the move from East German authorities and it was not clear if the barricades were being removed along the entire border. The walls and fences that mark the actual border were left intact.

East Germany's communist government announced Monday it has granted travel visas in the past three weeks to 11.3 million East Germans, or more than two-thirds the 16.6 million population.

The relaxation of travel restrictions followed weeks of mass demonstrations for political reform and the exodus of hundreds of

thousands of East Germans to the West through East Bloc countries.

West German border police and passersby reported seeing hundreds of East Germans tearing down the barricades along a 7-mile stretch of the border near Luebeck.

West German television showed footage of green-clad border guards rolling up barbed wire in large spools, pounding down fences of corrugated iron and gathering what appeared to be electrical equipment.

The East Germans already were being approached by souvenir hunters, a West German border guard said.

"One traveler asked a GDR (East German) officer if he was allowed to take a piece of barbed wire with him. He was given it and brought it back to me," the guard said.

The barricades have become obsolete since the dramatic Nov. 9 opening of the Berlin Wall. Since then, millions of East Germans have traveled to West Germany, and thousands have chosen not to return. About 1.5 million East Germans visited the West in the past weekend alone.

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