

# MR POPHistory

Week of January 25, 1986



A jammed bolt and tricky crosswinds delay the space shuttle Challenger. Located on a hatch door, the bolt was cross-threaded and took about an hour to remove. By that time cold crosswinds clocked at 30 knots were whipping around the shuttle, too dangerous if the craft had to return to make an emergency landing. The setback threatens an

attempt to get a close-up look at Haley's comet. In addition, the Challenger is set to deploy an important NASA tracking satellite. "It's just not our day" said Robert Sieck, a NASA launch director. The launch has been rescued for tomorrow morning at 9:38a (eastern) time. Most of the attention is focused on passenger Christa McAuliffe, a New England schoolteacher who is destined to become the first teacher in space.

After one minute and 15 seconds into its launch at 9:38a (eastern), the space shuttle Challenger explodes into a huge fireball with all seven members feared dead. Later in the morning, President Reagan said that there would be no more manned space missions until the cause of the disaster is established. "It's a horrible thing we all have witnessed."

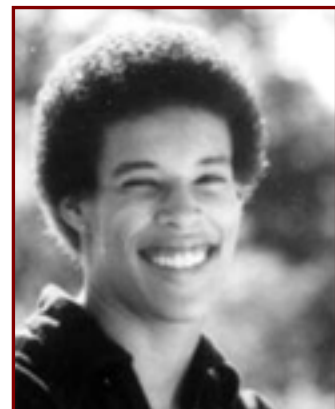


NASA pleads with souvenir hunters to not steal clues from Challenger debris - either from the ocean or debris that has washed-up on the beach. Some of the protective tiles and other debris were found on Atlantic beaches.

Ailing Eastern Airlines says it will cut the salaries of 17,000 employees by 20% beginning February 1.

Eastern plans to lay-off over a thousand flight attendants on February 4.

In sports - U.S Olympic volleyball star **Flo Hyman** (31) dies while competing in a match in Japan. After being replaced in the third game, she collapsed and died of heart failure.



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**Diana Ross** will wed Norwegian shipping magnate **Arne Naess Jr.** Naess scaled Mt Everest last year. The wedding will be held in a Swiss church.

Goodrich and Uniroyal agree to combine to become the #2 tire maker behind Goodyear.. Currently, Goodrich is #3 and Uniroyal is #5.

PepsiCo Inc of Purchase, New York buys 7-Up for \$380 million cash from Phillip Morris.

Passing - **L. Ron Hubbard** (74) - founder of the Church of Scientology (of a stroke).

Passing - actor and singer Gordon MacRae (64), best known for his portrayal of Curly in the film version of Oklahoma.

Bestsellers include - "Contact" - Carl Sagan, "Secrets" - Danielle Steel, "The Be-Happy Attitudes" - Robert Schuller, "Elvis And Me" - Precilla Presley



At the supermarket - Brawny paper towels 70 count roll - .69 ... Fryer Wings - .69lb ... Oreo Cookies - 20oz pkg - \$2.07 ... Generic Hamburger Rolls - pkg of 8 - .39

At your nearest AM/PM minimart - stock up for the big game - Coors & Coors Light - 6 pac (12oz) cans - \$2.49 ... (2) hot dogs for .99 .... Bag of Doritos - 7.5oz - \$1.39

Roone Arledge, President of ABC sports (and news) gives up that position to focus strickly on news. Until now, Arledge had been president of both divisions. ABC nightly news is currently in third place.

The Chicago Bears Crush the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XX 46-10

TV rating last week - The Cosby Show (38.5), Family Ties (34.8), Murder, She Wrote (28.1), 60 Minutes (26.6), Cheers (25.4), Special-Mafia Princess (24.4), Golden Girls (24.2), Dallas (23.2), Night Court (22.9), Miami Vice (22.2), Kate & Allie (21.9), Newhart (21.6), 227 (21.4), Special-Grand Ole Opry's 60th Anniversary (20.9), Who's the Boss (20.8), Knots Landing (20.7), Dynasty (20.4), Growing Pains (20.4), Highway to Heaven (19.9), The A-Team (19.7)

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Sunday TV - 3p (eastern) - NBC Super Bowl Pregame show w/Bob Costas ... 5p (eastern) - SuperBowl XX - Dick Enberg, Merlin Olsen, Bob Griese report...

Prime Time - CBS - 60 Minutes, **Murder She Wrote**, Movie ... NBC (After SuperBowl) - Movie - The Last Precinct, Alfred Hitchcock Presents ... ABC - Ripley's Believe It Or Not, Pros and Cons, Movie

Ripley's - Benjamin Franklin's alphabet and works of art no bigger than a grain of rice are featured.

The Last Precinct - Pilot for a TV series from the creators of "The A-Team." stars Jonathan Perpich, Eric Hudson, Adam West.

On the charts - "That's What Friends Are For" - Dionne Warwick & Friends, "Say You Say Me" - Lionel Richie, "Burning Heart" - Survivor, "Talk To Me" - Stevie Nicks, "My Hometown" - Bruce Springsteen, "Walk Of Life" - Dire Straights, "Spies Like Us" - Paul McCartney, "How Will I Know" - Whitney Houston, "Talk To Me" - Stevie Nicks, "When The Going Gets Tough, The Tough Get Going" - Billy Ocean, "I'm Your Man" - Wham, "Superbowl Shuffle" - The Chicago Bears Shufflin' Crew.



Country Charts - "Bop" - **Dan Seals**, "Just In Case" - The Forester Sisters, "Never Be You" - Roseanne Cash, "Morning Desire" - Kenny Rogers, "Hurt" - Juice Newton.

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At the movies –

**Iron Eagle** - Louis Gossett Jr, Jason Gedrick.



**A Nightmare On Elm Street 2** - Mark Patton, Kim Meyers

**Kiss Of The Spiderwoman** - William Hurt, Raul Julia.

**The Color Purple** - Danny Glover, Adolph Caesar (Introducing) Whoopi Goldberg

**Rocky IV** - Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire

**Out Of Africa** - Robert Redford, Meryl Streep