

Do you know these faces?



Sally K. Ride, America's first woman in space, will leave NASA in August to take a job at Stanford University in California. Ride was hired by NASA in 1978 and blasted into space aboard Challenger on June 18, 1983.



Tina Yothers, star on the TV show "Family Ties," thanked 40 kids who were given Outstanding Youth Awards by the City of Los Angeles. The young people were congratulated for their community involvement by Mayor Tom Bradley.



Dr. Neil Frank is director of the National Hurricane Center in Coral Gables, Florida. Frank is an East Coast celebrity because he has explained hurricanes to the public on television for 25 years. He retired in May.



Stephanie Petit from Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, won this year's National Spelling Bee. To win, the 13-year-old correctly spelled the 877th word staphylococci (staff-uh-la-kok-tsi), a bacteria which causes infection.



Japan's Kazuhiro Mizoguchi upset U.S. javelin thrower Tom Petronoff at the Bruce Jenner Invitational Track & Field Meet in California. Mizoguchi's throw of 275 feet, 7 inches topped Petronoff's second place throw.

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WORLD

Leaders talk it out in Venice

VENICE, ITALY — Seven world leaders met in the small Italian city of Venice to work together on issues important to each country. The meeting, called an economic summit, lasted three days.

Leaders from Italy, Germany, France, Japan, Canada, Britain and the United States talked about military issues, money and trading in the world marketplace. Only these seven leaders met for the economic summit because they represent the democratic countries that do the most trading in the world.

The countries have met for the past 13 years, each year in a different city. Last year's meeting was in Tokyo. This year's meeting was

in Venice, a city of canals. Instead of driving cars around in the city, people travel in gondolas. Gondolas are long, narrow boats rowed by men called gondoliers. However, for security reasons, the leaders traveled in motorboats.

During the many meetings at the economic summit, the leaders did not always agree with each other. Although that frustrates them, they all like the idea of meeting and talking about world issues.



VENICE, ITALY — Police boats patrol the canal in front of San Giorgio Island where the summit meetings were held. Gondolas were not allowed near the island.



Soviets open new policy

MOSCOW, USSR — Something new is going on in the Soviet Union these days.

Ever since the Russian Revolution in 1917, the U.S.S.R. (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics or Soviet Union) has been controlled by the Communist Party. This has not changed. What has changed is

the Communist Party's new policy of sharing information with Soviet citizens.

The Russian word that describes the policy is called glasnost. Glasnost means openness in English. Lately Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has asked Soviet government officials and leaders of other Communist

countries to stop acting as if their governments are perfect.

"We must not pretend that everything goes smoothly," Gorbachev said at a rally in Romania. "Half-truth is worse than a lie."

Americans are used to a policy of glasnost which translates roughly as "their right to know."

AT ISSUE

Do you still use your Christmas gifts?



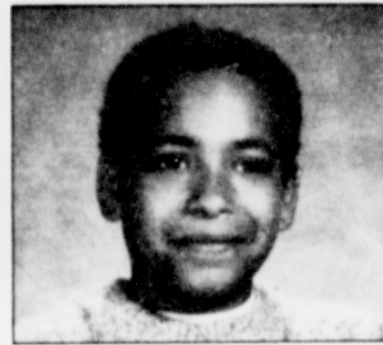
Angie Klinginsmith, 11
Caldwell, ID

I got a lot of horse pictures, little unicorn models, some horse statues, a necklace and a jewelry box. I wanted a horse for Christmas, but I ended up getting it later in February. Its name is Poco Lucky Sugar. I nicknamed it Sugar because it was a registered horse, and I couldn't change a thing.



Adrienne Terherst, 6
Concord, CA

I got a wallet, toothbrush, a game and a computer. I still use them when I have time. I really wanted a toy kitchen stove. I was sad I didn't get it. I still want one because I can play restaurant with it. I would put it with my kitchen set in my playhouse. It's dirty right now because I made cookies and cake out of dirt.



Perry Fullwhiley, 11
Portland, OR

I got an alarm clock, stuffed animal, new skateboard guards, a boom box radio and money. I still have all of them. I mostly use my radio. I spent my Christmas money on tennis shoes. I really wanted a mountain bike. But now I'm saving my allowance to buy it. Checkers and chess are my favorite games.



Kathryn Casillas, 16
Martinez, CA

I got some clothes. I still take care of those, but I am bored with some of them. I got a skateboard that I like a lot, and I'm still using it. I already got something for next Christmas. My parents gave me a new bedroom set. I really wanted a car. I still want one. My parents will get one for me this summer.



Elliott Johnson, 15
Portland, OR

I got a new pair of skateboard trucks, board, deck, some clothes and other little stuff. I don't have any of the skateboard stuff anymore because I ruined it all. I have the little stuff, like a pocketknife, but I don't use it. I really wanted a snowboard, and I still want one. I'm going to ask until I get it.