

Cosmonauts set record for most time in space

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 MOSCOW — Three Soviet cosmonauts aboard the Salyut-7 circled the Earth for the 211th day Thursday enroute to a new record for the longest time in space.
 "The 211th day of their space mission is ending and when night descends on Moscow they will surpass the achievements of another Soviet space crew made two years ago," the official Moscow radio said.
 At precisely 12 minutes after midnight Moscow time Friday, Leonid Kizim, Vladimir Solovyov and Oleg Atkov will break the 211-day record set by two Soviet cosmonauts in 1982.
 The previous record was set by Valentin Lebedev and Anatoly Bere-zovoy, who returned to Earth on Dec. 10, 1982, after completing 211 days, nine hours and five minutes in space.
 Under the rules of the International Aviation Federation, however, the trio will have to exceed the old

mark by 5 percent, or another 10.5 days, to be entered in the record books.
 The three blasted off from their central Asian space station on Feb. 8 and entered their Salyut-7 space station the next day to begin orbiting the Earth.
 The cosmonauts have been living and working in an area only 20.4 feet long and 13.2 feet in diameter within the 50-foot long cylindrical space station, which has been used by a series of teams since 1982.
 Their home in the past seven months includes such amenities as a table, shower, toilets and berths fixed to walls. It also contains a moving track and a special bicycle to counter the effects of prolonged weightlessness on their muscles.
 Atokov, a physician, has reported his colleagues in fine condition throughout the long mission.
 "All of us who communicate with the station's crew every day understand the cosmonaut's condition and

realize that it is not all that easy for them up there in weightlessness," Deputy Flight Director Viktor Blagov said.
 "Starting from the 212th day we shall be monitoring the spacemen's state of health even more carefully, although no other special measures are planned," Blagov told the official Tass news agency.
 There was no official word on when the cosmonauts will return to Earth.
 At a Kremlin ceremony honoring three other cosmonauts who were aboard the orbiting station for 12 days in July, President Konstantin Chernenko Wednesday praised the three men heading for the space record.
 Appearing in public after following a 54-day absence, Chernenko said "they have become so familiar with the conditions of a long flight that it appears space walks have become regular strolls for them."

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Religion crucial in '84 campaign

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 WASHINGTON — Religious issues, never far from the surface in a political contest, have emerged in a new and potentially divisive manner in the 1984 campaign.
 In the past, much of the concern and debate was centered on the candidates' religious affiliation — John Kennedy's Roman Catholicism in 1960 and Jimmy Carter's "born again" Baptist faith in 1976 — and the influence that affiliation might have on presidential and national policies.
 The current debate — not always explicitly stated by the candidates or the clerics, theologians and pundits commenting on the issue — has more to do with the institutional posture of the national government than it does with specific policies or beliefs.
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the mainline Protestant churches and the Jewish community, argue that while religious beliefs and morality have a major role to play in shaping public policy, identification of the government and its institutions with a particular religious view threatens not only religious liberty but democracy itself.
 The Rev. James Dunn, head of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and a leading church-state separationist, sees the current campaign as an "attempt to collapse the distinction between mixing politics and religion, which is actually necessary within certain limits, and merging church and state, which is never acceptable."
 It is no accident that the most bitter of the public policy debates involving religious issues has centered on the question of prayer in the public schools.
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Deer weigh 10 percent less due to shortage of forage

By DIB WALDRIP
 Reporter
 The 1984 white-tail deer season, which opens on Nov. 17, will be a hunter's year, Texas Parks and Wildlife white-tail specialist Charlie Winkler said Wednesday.
 This year's drought has caused a shortage of forage for the deer, Winkler said. The acorn crop, one of the white-tails' main sources of food, will be below average, he said.
 Charles Ramsey, wildlife specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said this year's rainfall has been spotty which will result in sporadic hunting conditions across the state. No one area of the state

can be labeled as good or bad, he said.
 "You will have a mixed bag of hunting," Ramsey said. The deer will react to the feed hunters put out only if range conditions are bad in that area, he said.
 The deer population is high, but no reports of large-scale die-offs have been made, Winkler said. As a result of the large population and the lack of rain, Winkler expects deer to weigh about 10 percent less. Antler development also will be below average, especially in the western two-thirds of the state, he said.
 In general, this is not a year to kill spike bucks, Winkler said. With the drought conditions, some good deer

will have only spike antler development, he said.
 This does not mean a good antlered buck and a buck should be shot, Ramsey said. Bucks with good antler development in a year with a limited amount of foodstuffs show that they are animals. A balanced harvest is necessary to maintain good quality, he said.
 Hunters should not be too hard on conserving deer this year, he said.
 "When forage is low on a ranch, the rancher sells," he said. "He doesn't wait until there's

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 being studied by the registrar's office. The necessity of the policy was ques-

tioned when the coordinating board said degree only students could not be considered bonafide registrants. Those students who have regis-

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