World
Fifty passengers killed in rescue of hijacked airliner — Ten minutes after Egyptair Flight 648 took off from Cairo Saturday afternoon, hijackers gained control of the plane and forced the pilot to fly to Malta. Egyptian special forces assaulted the plane, and the hijackers retarded by throwing hand grenades at the passengers. When the dust cleared, all of the four or five hijackers were "most probably" killed, along with 50 passengers, according to a spokesperson for the Maltese government.

Reagan Administration supports Egyptian action — The United States yesterday announced its support for the "difficult decision of the governments of Malta and Egypt to end the brutal terrorist hijacking." In a State Department release, the Reagan administration also regretted the heavy casualties resulting from the Egyptian troops' assault. "We are saddened by the tragic loss of innocent life resulting from this act of terrorism," the statement read. The State Department was unable to confirm reports that one of the three Americans on board died in the shooting.

United States accuses Israeli government of espionage — Israeli government officials denied any knowledge of covert operations against the United States and is investigating whether any such actions occurred. The Foreign Ministry did not rule out the possibility that an Israeli intelligence agent, acting on his own initiative, might have undertaken a spying mission against the United States without informing his superiors. Such missions against the United States violate Israeli government policy. The accusations arose after the conviction of a Maryland resident employed with the Naval Intelligence Service on charges of selling classified code information to Israel.

Ten anniversary of Franco's death marked — Francisco Franco's daughter led tens of thousands of Spaniards, singing fascist songs in commemoration of the leader's death, on a march through Madrid yesterday. The celebration was a mix of the old and the new, as old Spaniards and working-class teenagers demonstrated the crowd, estimated at 50,000.

Nation
Majority of American Catholics disagree with the Vatican — A New York Times/CBS News poll indicates that the opinions of Catholics are more in line with those of American non-Catholics than with Church leaders. The poll, taken to test attitudes in the United States as the Vatican is holding an extraordinary synod of the world's bishops, indicates that 68 percent of those surveyed favor artificial means of birth control, 35 percent approve of abortion in the event of rape, incest or a threat to the life of the mother, 52 percent support the ordination of women as priests and 73 percent favor remarriage for divorcees.

Reagan apologizes for sexist remark — White House Chief of Staff Donald T. Regan apologized for his comment that most women don't understand arms control or other summit issues. He repeated, however, that the women are more "interested in peace and things of nature" than the "nitty-gritty" issues of arms control.

Local
Middle East Studies Association condemns Harvard — The Middle East Studies Association of North America has condemned Harvard University for allowing the Central Intelligence Agency to fund a professor's research. By accepting CIA money, Harvard has violated the Association's resolution that requires that "appropriate safeguards" be put in place to avoid a conflict of interest in the professor's research. By accepting CIA money, Harvard has violated the Association's resolution that requires that "appropriate safeguards" be put in place to avoid a conflict of interest in the professor's research.

Sports
Jets avenge early-season loss to Patriots — The New York Jets, playing without the injured Freeman McNeill, took sole possession of first place in the AFC East division after beating the New England Patriots 46-17 in overtime Sunday at the Meadowlands. A Tony Franklin field goal with 16 seconds left to play in regulation time for the game, but Kurt Soehnle's 44-yard punt return set up Pat Leahy's game-winning field goal in overtime. The Jets have the best record in the AFC, at 9-3. The Los Angeles Raiders defeated the Denver Broncos 31-28 in overtime, tying them at 8-4 for first place in the AFC Central division.

Giants and Cowboys share division lead — The New York Giants (8-4) overwhelmed the St. Louis Cardinals (6-6) 34-0, but their Super Bowl chances are now very much dependent on the Dallas Cowboys (8-4), who defeated the Philadelphia Eagles (6-6) 34-17, to keep their scoring power and test confidence.

Weather
Stay indoors for Thanksgiving — if you're stuck in New England — Wednesday will be cold and cloudy, but the rains will return just in time for Thanksgiving. Friday might be slightly better.

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