

Teen pleads guilty

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer
Big Spring teen-ager Melanie Castaneda pleaded guilty to the murder of Harlan Jene Patton this morning in 118th District Court.
Eighteen-year-old Castaneda, who was scheduled to stand trial for capital murder Tuesday, will serve a 60-year prison term for her part in the murder of the elderly man.
"We're satisfied with the plea for a number of reasons," District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said. "First and foremost, we secured her testimony for the (Tommy) Rodriguez trial on Feb. 18."
Rodriguez, 16, was certified to stand trial as an adult for the

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NASA: Temperature shot up before Columbia came apart

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA engineers settled into their long, joyless task of figuring out how space shuttle Columbia broke apart, saying conditions in the shuttle's final minutes point to a possible problem with its critical heat-protection tiles.

NASA says new evidence shows that the temperature on Columbia's left side shot up and the ship was buffeted by greater wind resistance before it disintegrated over Texas, killing all 7 astronauts aboard. Those conditions forced its automatic pilot to quickly change course.

The combination of these events suggests that thermal tiles may have been damaged during launch. The shuttle's exterior is covered with thousands of tiles designed to protect it from the extreme heat of re-entry.

Despite the possible clues, shuttle program manager Ron Dittmore stressed Sunday that the information was only preliminary.

"We've got some more detective work," Dittmore said. "But we're making progress inch by inch."

While engineers at the Johnson Space Center in Houston analyzed billions of bits of electronic data



Members of the FBI, NASA and Texas law enforcement talk on the side of a dirt road near Hemphill on Sunday. Human remains, presumed to be from an astronaut of the space shuttle Columbia, were found near the road. Seven astronauts were killed when space shuttle Columbia exploded during re-entry Saturday.

radioed to Earth by Columbia on Saturday morning, state and federal officials collected bits and pieces of the shattered spacecraft over a broad swath of east Texas and Louisiana.

The debris was being catalogued and trucked to an Air Force base in Louisiana. Some human remains also have been recovered from the astronaut crew.

President Bush had

arranged a meeting Monday with NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe to get an update on the disaster.

Computer data indicates that moments before Columbia broke apart on

Saturday on its way toward a landing in Florida, temperatures rose in the wheel well and on the fuselage on the left side of the shuttle. The

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Scouts bring home the goods

Local troops gather some 4,000 pounds

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer
In accordance with the Scout Law, which directs all Boy Scouts to be helpful, kind and thrifty, Big Spring's scouts put in a good day's work Saturday, collecting about 4,000 pounds of canned food for the needy.

The total blew away the scouts' goal of 3,000 pounds, said Buffalo Trail Council District Executive Director Warren Wallace.

"We generally deliver between 3,000 and 5,000 pounds of food to the Salvation Army and the food bank," Wallace added.

Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan residents filled plastic or paper sacks with nonperishable food items and placed them on their porch or driveway Saturday morning. The scouts made the rounds and collected the generous donations.

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Big Spring Scouts Connor Furquerson, left, and Chas Anderson of Cub Pack 305 and Michael Steelman of Troop 16 collect a load of canned goods left during the Scouting for Food drive Saturday. The drive, benefitting the Salvation Army and the food bank, raised about 4,000 pounds of food.

Volunteers offering up sweet deals

By **BILL McCLELLAN**

News Editor

If you want to be a hit with your sweetheart this Valentine's Day one way is to contact the Volunteer Valentine House at Big Spring State Hospital. Actually, there are lots of choices there.



RUSSWORM

Flowers, a foot-wide cookie, chocolates and a bear?

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Gifts range in price from \$10 to \$35 and the money raised goes to the Volunteer Services Council at the hospital.

"Our goal is to net a little more than \$7,000. We're a little concerned about economy but the gifts are very reasonably priced," said Billie Russworm, director of community relations. "We have gifts ranging from \$10 to \$35, delivered.

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Only in the Herald: Complete shuttle coverage

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abnormal readings were on the same side of the craft that was hit by peeling fuel-tank insulation during the craft's Jan. 16 launch, NASA engineers said.

Dittemore said engineers also were planning to examine 32 seconds of computer data that earlier had been ignored because it was considered flawed. The data came just before all communications with Columbia were lost.

NASA engineers spotted the peeling fuel tank insulation on high speed cameras that recorded the

launch of Columbia. Dittemore said the possible effects on the tiles from the insulation were studied aggressively while the shuttle was still aloft, but engineers concluded "it did not represent a safety concern."

"As we gather more evidence, certainly the evidence may take us in another direction," he said.

Dittemore said engineering data shows a rise of 20 to 30 degrees in the left wheel well about seven minutes before the spacecraft's last radio transmission. There followed a rise of about 60

degrees over five minutes in the left hand side of the fuselage above the wing, he said.

The shuttle temperature rose the normal 15 degrees on the right side over the same period, he said. All the readings came from sensors underneath the thermal tiles, on the aluminum hull of the craft.

The temperature spikes were accompanied by an increased drag, or wind resistance, that forced Columbia's automated flight control system to make rapid adjustments maintain stability. Dittemore said the correc-

tions were the largest ever for a shuttle re-entry, but still within the craft's capability.

Lockheed, the maker of the fuel tank under scrutiny, said Sunday that NASA used an older version of the tank, which the space agency began phasing out in 2000. NASA's preflight press information stated the shuttle was using one of the newer super-light-weight fuel tanks.

Harry Wadsworth, a spokesman for Lockheed, said most shuttle launches use the "super-light-weight" tank and the older version is no longer

made. Wadsworth said he did not know if there was a difference in how insulation was installed on the two types of tanks.

Wadsworth said the tank used aboard the Columbia mission was manufactured in November 2000 and delivered to NASA the next month. Only one more of the older tanks is left, he said.

Dittemore said the tank, though no longer manufactured, had been used for many years and was between 6,000 and 7,000 pounds heavier than the newer version. Still, "we had no reason to doubt it

capability."

Earlier Sunday, O'Keefe named a former Navy admiral to oversee an independent review of the accident, and said investigators initially would focus on whether the piece of insulation caused the damage that brought down the shuttle.

While O'Keefe stressed that the space agency was not locking into a single scenario of what caused the crash, the insulation was "one of the areas we're looking at first, early, to make sure that the investigative team is concentrating on that theory."

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And of course there is no tax.

The Volunteer Services Council uses the money to help fund "We Care" bags, holiday activities, Christmas gifts and more for the patients, and even some major building projects that have made life a little easier for both the residents and careworkers at the hospital.

Orders are taken for the gifts, which may be picked up at the Volunteer Valentine House or delivered by volunteers to the sweetheart

of your choice.

"We will be taking orders until we are sold out," said Russworm. "There will be some cash and carry items we'll have on the 14th, but historically we pretty much sell out of our gifts by then."

There's a long list of gifts.

For \$10,

- Love Blooms: Three white carnations in a red bud vase;

- Pizza Delivered With Love: A 12-inch chocolate heart cookie;

- Sugar Bear: A small bear on a small box of

chocolates.

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- Baby Animal Basket: A small basket, stuffed animal and more;

- Love Grows: A heart-shaped topiary ivy plant.

For \$20,

- Puppy Love: Stuffed puppy on a large box of chocolates;

- Singing Telegram: A telegram delivered with a small box of candy;

- Bear Hug: Medium basket with a bear and more.

For \$25,

- Ape Over You: Musical gorilla on a large box of chocolates.

- Beary Special: Large basket with a large bear and more;

And for \$35,

- Bodacious Bear: An extra-large basket with an extra-large bear and more.

One of the most popular gifts each year is the Singing Telegram. About 10 groups of three to four singers will sing a favorite song to your sweetheart.

"Last year, we started something at lunch where our groups will go to different restaurants and sing. In turn, the restaurant pays for their

meals," said Russworm. "We really appreciate the restaurants doing that, and it gives us more business because someone will hear them and say, 'Here's my \$20, I want you to sing a song for someone.'"

Some customers will also have their name put in a hat for a large valentine gift basket valued at \$135. Ways to be included in the give-away are to order \$50 or more worth of gifts, or order three or more gifts.

To order a gift or for more information, contact the Volunteer Valentine

House between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 268-7362 or 268-7384.

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crime.

"She was the accomplice," Wilkerson said this morning in a telephone interview. "It's our theory that he did the actual strangulation of the victim."

Wilkerson went on to say his office was worried about how much the sympathy factor for Castaneda, who is seven-months pregnant, would play in her trial.

"Because we were able to obtain the live testimony of the accomplice for the Rodriguez case, and out of concern perhaps for wrong-headed but excess sympathy occurring in this case, we feel we walked away with an acceptable deal and it will help us gear up for the capital murder trial of Tommy Rodriguez," Wilkerson said.

Castaneda will remain in the custody of the Howard County Sheriff's Office, housed in the Midland County Jail until the Rodriguez trial, Wilkerson said.

Castaneda, 17 at the time of her arrest, will be eligible for parole in 30 years.

Patton's body was discov-

ered in a field off Rock House Road on July 30. Autopsy results indicated the cause of death was asphyxiation by strangulation.

As a result of the plea bargain, those who received jury notices calling for them to appear in 118th District Court on Tuesday need not appear.

Three other Big Spring teens will face first-degree murder charges in connection with the killing of Lennon Lane, 16, of Big Spring.

Michael Scott Jackman, 16, and Pedro Castillo, 16, have both been certified to stand trial as adults in the case. Jackman's brother, Terrell L. Jackman, 19, of Big Spring is also charged with the murder.

The three teens'

trial is set for March 3, but maybe subject to change.

"We have some very important laboratory results we're waiting on and it could effect the trial date," Wilkerson said.

Lane's body was discovered Aug. 5 in a field north of the intersection of 19th and State

streets. Autopsy results determined Lane died of blunt force trauma.

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SCOUTS

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Bags furnished by H-E-B were distributed in the Herald Thursday and the Howard County Buyer's Guide on Wednesday.

Scouts used the Herald parking lot as a base of operations for their endeavor, ranging out to collect the sacks of food and returning them to a trailer at the central location.

Area residents who missed out on the food drive can call the scouts at 263-3407 or deliver donations to the scout office, 610 Scurry.

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Si! High-school to offer free Spanish lessons to the public

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Hola!
A free adult conversational Spanish class will begin at Big Spring High School this week, sponsored by the high school Spanish department.
"This is a real fun environment," said Sheila Abusaab, high school Spanish teacher. "They don't have to worry about grades. We're not going to charge them. Anyone who wants to can just show up and learn conversational

Spanish."
The free course will be offered at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning this week at the high school library. The course doesn't require any books or material.
"We start out by teaching commands," Abusaab explained. "This method is called total physical response — TRS — and is used by a lot of foreign language teachers. You lean command forms like stand up, sit down, walk to the left, walk to the

right, ... giving commands in Spanish. It is recommended because that act triggers the thought process."
"We do everything as a group — even the teachers take part and do the activities," she said. "No one will have to ever feel they are on the spot."
Each class will begin with a review of the previous session before heading into the new lesson, Abusaab said.
"We are starting from the beginning," she said.

"There could be people who maybe had Spanish in high school and are rusty or have forgotten or people who have never had Spanish and want to know or have a need for it."
The free classes will continue through the rest of the school year until the last week of May when the teachers will evaluate the success of the program for the possibility of continuing.
"A large part of our population is Spanish speak-

ing," said high school principal Mike Ritchey. "Our teachers want to offer the services to those who don't understand Spanish and want to build a Spanish dialect."
Classes will be held at the high school library, 707 11th Place, and will be led by teachers Paula Underwood, Shelia Abusaab and Adela

Ramirez.
Those interested should come a little before 7 p.m. to the east doors of the front of the school. The school entryways will be locked a little after 7 p.m. to secure the building.

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Coahoma ISD to focus on achievement

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Coahoma schools will continue to focus on students' educational achievement while trying to survive in an ever-tightening climate of school financing.



Kingston

"As always, our top priority is to increase student performance, especially in light of the new assessment test coming up," said Dr. Bill Kingston, Coahoma Independent School District superintendent.

The Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS), touted to be a much more rigorous state-mandated test, is set to replace the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) this year.

"This is going to be a more demanding test for students," Kingston said.

Since the test is being implemented for the first time, school districts will not receive an accountability rating from the Texas Education Agency but third grade students still must pass the reading portion of the test to advance to fourth grade.

"One of our major goals is to prepare the student for this test and raise overall our standard for achievement," Kingston said.

Reading is a major fac-

tor in educational growth, Kingston said, and the district will continue to focus and develop reading skills in the early grades.

"Our goals are to have every student able to read by the third grade," he said. "Reading is the basis of all learning."

Technology will continue to play a large part in preparing students for the future, Kingston added.

"One thing we are proud of, is Coahoma has come a long way in four years in the area of technology," Kingston said. "Students leave here better prepared for success, whether they go to college or on to other things because of having a strong technology background."

Public education does require financing.

Coahoma, along with the rest of the state's public schools, faces a tight budget year as the legislature grapples with a multi-billion shortfall. Many West Texas school

districts — with declining enrollment and the resulting loss of state aid — are facing serious financial woes.

Last budget session, Coahoma school trustees raised the tax rate to \$1.50, joining the other two Howard County school districts at the state cap. Even with the 4-cent raise, Coahoma entered the year with a budget deficit of almost \$281,000.

Entering budget sessions this year, Coahoma trustees and administrators will contend with several unknown variables as they wait for the legislature work out school financing.

"I don't expect to know anything until May and it could be June or July if they (the legislators) call a special session for school financing," Kingston said.

Kingston isn't relying on any new state financing this biennium.

"I don't expect an

increase in state funding and a decrease in state funding may quite be possible," he said.

Kingston said the administration and board hope to present a balanced budget this year without sacrificing programs.

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A makeshift memorial is seen on the side of a dirt road near Hemphill on Sunday. Human remains, presumed to be from an astronaut of the space shuttle Columbia, were found in the exact place the cross was placed. Many parts of the shuttle along with other human remains have been found in the area near the Texas-Louisiana border.

Signs from heaven

Worshippers take time to remember astronauts and their family members

By **ANGIE ALVARADO**
CNHI News Service

PALESTINE — "For whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee."

"Rick W. Husband. Michael P. Anderson. William C. McCool. David Brown. Laurel Clark. Kalpana Chawla. Ilan Ramon," articulated the Rev. Jay Abernathy just minutes before the start of Sunday morning worship services at First Baptist Church in Palestine.

Worshippers took time to remember the fallen astronauts and their families by standing silently as the names of the seven were read and a solemn bell tolled once after each name.

As the eloquent sound of the seventh bell slowly faded, Abernathy urged his congregation to remember and honor the brave seven who fell from the sky Saturday morning when what was once the space shuttle Columbia broke apart over East Texas.

"Pray for their families," Abernathy asked of the congregation.

"We are reminded (by the tragedy) of the brevity of life and the eternal life God offers us," the pastor stated before saying a special prayer for the astronauts. He asked God to "lift those who lost loved ones" Saturday, and to "be with their families and military personnel as

"There will be signs from Heaven in the sun, the moon and the stars. ... and when the son of man comes in a cloud with power and great glory, stand up, raise your head, your redemption is near."

they do their work." He reminded church members and visitors to be thankful that no one on the ground was hurt as the debris fell from the sky.

Worshippers, who almost filled the church sanctuary, stood and sang the popular Baptist hymnal "Redeemed," which ends with "His child and forever I am."

The pastor tried to put the nation's tragedy into perspective for the youngsters in attendance by calling them to the front of the sanctuary and explaining to them why there was a television camera from an NBS affiliate in San Antonio at the church.

The media is in town, Abernathy told the children, "because the astronauts on the space shuttle were killed yesterday." He told the children that the astronauts go into space and from there they

can see how beautiful the Earth is.

Using a red Lego block and explaining how the tiny blocks fit together, Abernathy told the children that "God made all the world and He knows how everything fits together. He knows everything."

"The son of God, Jesus, died," Abernathy continued. "Remember if we believe in Him, we will have everlasting life."

The pastor described seeing a "large piece" of shuttle debris resting alongside Texas 155 Saturday, and said several church members found pieces of debris.

The tragedy was "a terrible thing that has impacted us all," Abernathy continued. "God works in ways we don't see and in ways we do see."

"We need to be able to see the signs," he advised.

During his sermon, Abernathy spoke of Luke 21:7-11 and Luke 21:25-28.

"There will be signs from Heaven in the sun, the moon and the stars. ... and when the son of man comes in a cloud with power and great glory, stand up, raise your head, your redemption is near."

Concluding the service, the young pastor reiterated that the demise of Columbia and its crew was a profoundly effecting incident.

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Rick Husband
Mission Comm



A piece of debris from the ground near Miller of Lapo Texas 83, not killed when space entry Saturday

Former Columbia astronaut can't believe it's gone

By **JENNIFER STONE**

CNHI News Service

ATHENS — The last thing Byron Lichtenberg expected to hear Saturday was that the shuttle on which he spent 10 of the most memorable days of his life is gone.

The Athens resident served as a payload specialist on NASA's ninth space shuttle mission in 1983 on board Columbia, earning his place in space history as the first non-NASA employee on a shuttle mission. He served a second mission in 1992 on space shuttle Atlantis.

"There's 10 days of memories in there," Lichtenberg said of his time aboard Columbia. He is now a pilot for Southwest Airlines.

"Those experiences, sights and sounds are all still there."

Lichtenberg was in the air Saturday morning, flying from Columbus, Ohio, to Tampa, Fla. When he landed, he heard the news of Columbia's end. He feels grief not only for Columbia itself, but for those who were on board.

"It's hit home kind of hard," said Lichtenberg, a break in his voice. "I was flying up from Houston and looking over the Crockett and Palestine areas today. And I couldn't help but think about what they were seeing as they came over that horizon Oh Lord, this is awful. This is absolutely tragic."

Those who go into space realize it's a risk, he said.

"Everything is dangerous. And it may sound trite, but

"I couldn't help but think about what they were seeing as they came over that horizon Oh Lord, this is awful. This is absolutely tragic."

Byron Lichtenberg,
former payload specialist on Columbia

they were doing something they wanted to do more than anything else," he said of the lost crew.

Of all the orbiters, or manned shuttles, NASA flies, he expected Columbia to be the last to fall victim to disaster.

Columbia (built in 1981) was the first of its kind, he said, and was designed differently than later models.

"If any one of them could have held together, it would have been Columbia," said Lichtenberg. "It was heavier and built with more material and NASA realized later some of that stuff was not necessary."

Those in the space program expect trouble at the beginning of the flight (when the shuttle is carrying thousands of pounds of fuel) not during the landing. When looking at the profile of the shuttle flight, he added, the launch is the risky part. The landing, he said, is considered to be relatively simple.

Even before he was aware of NASA's theory that the thermal

malfunctioned. Lichtenberg had thought of that as a possibility.

"It sounds like it had a major problem with the heat shield tiles," he theorized. "It's possible it could have caused something this bad."

If the tiles on the upper parts of the shuttle came loose, he said, the shuttle would have made it through the mission. But if the tiles on certain other areas, such as the front or the bottom, came loose, the searing 2,600-degree temperatures would have caused havoc.

Lichtenberg predicted that to find out exactly what went wrong, it will take months of sifting through debris, looking for clues, as well as exhaustive analysis of video footage.

Lubbock Coronado to create scholarship in McCool's name

LUBBOCK (AP) — Cmdr. Willie McCool, who died on the space shuttle Columbia, became known as "Cool Willie" during his high school days at Lubbock Coronado High School.

He was born in San Diego, Calif., the son of a Navy officer, and moved from one base to another until he reached Lubbock when he was in junior high.

He quickly began to impress his teachers with his intellect and energy.

"He was my committee of one," Ed Jarman, 81, McCool's former science teacher at Coronado, was quoted in Monday's editions of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. "Anytime there was anything that needed doing, Willie was there to do it."

Jarman added: "That boy used to be on the track team and the swimming team all the time he was taking the hardest courses he could. He'd swim in the morning, then go to class, then run track in the after-

Pilot Willie McCool, 42, graduated from Lubbock Coronado High School.



noon. He didn't waste a minute. "And he had this dry sense of humor. He'd crack a joke before anyone realized he was telling one."

McCool, 41, who graduated in 1979, also had varied interests. He was remembered for playing an array of music on the guitar as well as several other instruments.

"When it came time to graduate, he was hunting around for a scholarship," said Jarman. "He wasn't going to have any trouble finding one - he'd gotten 1,680 out of 1,680 possible points on his PSAT in 30 minutes."

"I suggested the Naval Academy and the space program to him. I don't know if anyone else advised him that way, but that's where he went."

Just before graduation, Jarman said, McCool called him one night from Annapolis.

"I asked him, 'What'd you do, flunk out?'" Jarman said. "He told me, 'Not exactly.'"

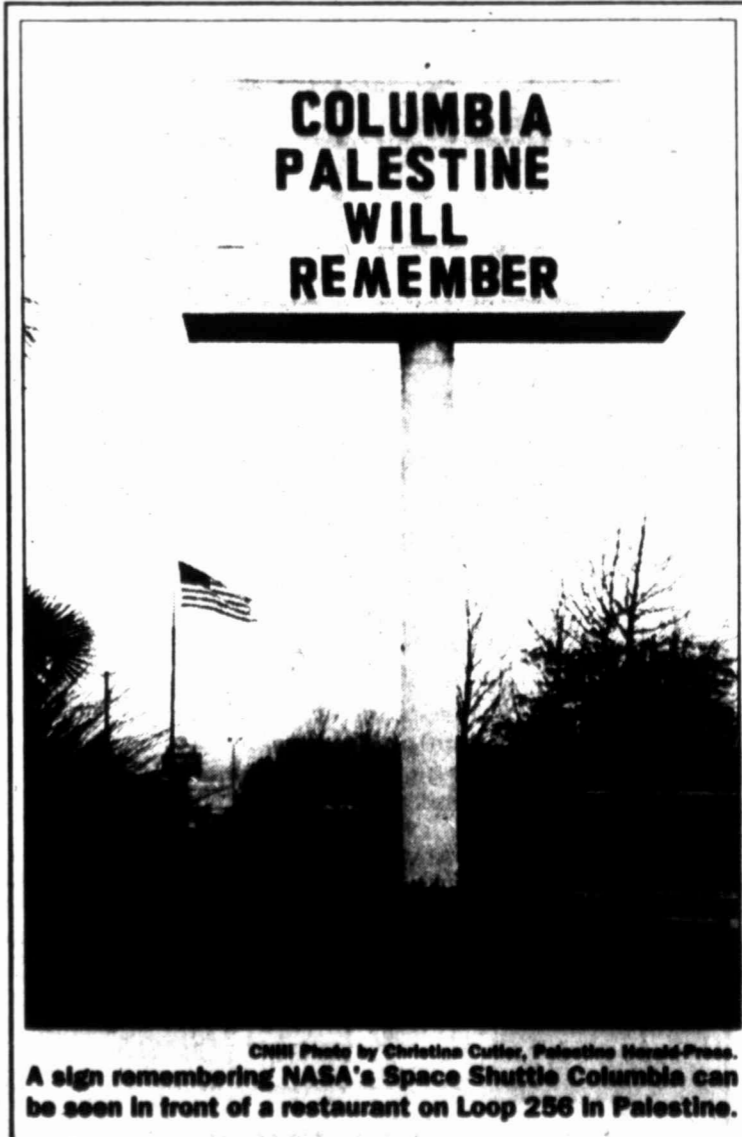
"He had graduated second in his class. He said he just wanted to thank me."

McCool later married and he and his wife, Atilana, had three sons, ages 22, 19 and 14.

During the shuttle flight, the first for McCool, he told reporters in an in-flight interview of his enthusiasm for the mission. His duties included filling in for Husband during Husband's sleep breaks.

"The 'oh, wow' for me is I have the opportunity to be on the flight deck," McCool said.

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CNHI Photo by Christina Cutler, Palestine Herald-Press.
A sign remembering NASA's Space Shuttle Columbia can be seen in front of a restaurant on Loop 256 in Palestine.

Emilio Hernan Clevenger, 9, east of Brons

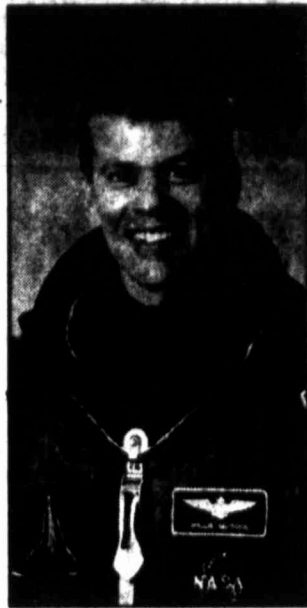
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Willie McCool
Pilot



Michael Anderson
Payload Commander



Kalpana Chawla
Mission Specialist



David Brown
Mission Specialist



Laurel Clark
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Ilan Ramon
Payload Specialist



CNHI Photo by Mark Zimmerman, The Edmond (Okla.) Sun.
A piece of debris from the space shuttle Columbia lies on the ground near Hemphill Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003. Wink Miller of Laporte, spotted the debris while driving on Texas 83, north of Hemphill. Seven astronauts were killed when space shuttle Columbia exploded during re-entry Saturday.



CNHI Photo by Mildred Brown, Palestine Herald-Press
Emilio Hernandez of Diboll, son Elishah, 9, and friend Cody Clevenger, 9, view debris found on Ruth Griffin's property east of Bronson on Highway 184.

McCOOL

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"Probably more than my crewmates to look outside and really soak up the sunrises and sunsets and moonrises and moonsets, the views of the Himalayas, Australia, all of the continents except North America." Not long after the breakup of the shuttle Saturday, Jarman called Coronado High School Principal Jack Booe to suggest that a scholarship be established in McCool's name.

"We've already got \$1,250 donated, and we won't have any trouble coming up with \$10,000 pretty quick," Jarman said.

"We don't know exactly how it will be styled or administered, but I think I know what we'll call it. I know he was Commander William McCool, but I believe we'll call this the Willie McCool Academic Scholarship. "I think he would have liked that."



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Flags fly at half staff over the Anderson County Courthouse in Palestine in remembrance of the space shuttle Columbia. Flags will remain flying at half staff until sundown Wednesday.

Hundreds of debris sites confirmed in Anderson County, officials declare

By **SCOTT TYLER** and **CHERIL VERNON**
CNHI News Service

On the first day after the space shuttle Columbia broke apart in thousands of pieces early Saturday over Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, people in Anderson County continued to search for and report more debris sites Sunday.

As of 2 p.m. Sunday there were 266 confirmed pieces of debris on the ground in Anderson County, according to Texas Department of Public Safety officials.

One of the biggest pieces of shuttle debris in Anderson County was found Saturday on King Ranch, a 650-acre spread in Elmwood.

"We went out to the ranch and found about six or seven pieces of

debris in a 100-mile radius," said Kenneth Woods, whose grandmother owns the property. "We called NASA and an investigator came out to check it out."

The biggest debris, which was discovered around 9 a.m. Saturday, was about five feet long. Investigator Rick Trevino informed Woods that it was the largest piece of debris found on someone's property Saturday.

"The investigator said it looked like a part to the (shuttle's) air conditioner or the tank," Woods told the Herald-Press Sunday afternoon.

Woods said that the pieces of debris on his grandmother's property could be seen from a far distance.

"The debris sparkled in the sun so you could see it from (the length of) two

or three football fields," said Woods, who helped investigators by photographing the debris for NASA.

"We just wanted to assist NASA, so we went out and when we found there was no radiation, we took pictures and sent them to NASA," Woods explained.

Reports of Anderson County residents finding shuttle debris continued to flow in most of the day Sunday.

James and Kathy Tinsley live in Elmtown, 12 miles outside of Palestine on CR 441 off of FM 315. They began searching for debris on their 20 acres Sunday around 1:30 p.m. by riding on their four-wheelers. By 3:30 p.m., they had already located five pieces of debris without venturing too far out.

EMS, law officers head up the search

By **WAYNE STEWART**
CNHI News Service
PALESTINE

Emergency service personnel along with law enforcement officers are continuing the search for debris from the space shuttle Columbia on a 40-mile path across Anderson County.

A person involved in the search process said human remains may have been found in the county, but that report had not been confirmed as of late Sunday afternoon.

There has been no official comment on the discovery of human remains in Anderson County or at any of the other debris sites.

During a Sunday morning press conference, State Sen. Todd Staples, R-Palestine, indicated that any information pertaining specifically to the astronauts who perished would be released by NASA.

Anderson County Sheriff John Hobson confirmed there were approximately 250 workers in the county inspecting the more than 266 confirmed debris sites.

"All of our personnel are working 12-hour shifts," Hobson said Sunday morning. "We're rotating our people in and out so they can get a little rest before being rotated back into the system."

"We'll be out there as long as we have to stay out there," the sheriff added.

One Texas Department of Transportation employee charged with directing traffic around a four-foot A-shaped piece of debris alongside Texas 155 said he and the other workers in the area have been told they could be at the various sites for days, maybe even weeks.

Much of the search effort Sunday was focused on the Neches area of the county.

Sunday afternoon Hobson used a map to show the path in which the debris field took. The debris followed a line north of U.S. 287, across Blackfoot and Montalba over Neches toward the southeast quadrant of the county.

"So far we've been relying on individuals that call debris sightings in," Hobson said. "We get the calls and try to respond, take photos, document it and then get coordinates with GPS (Global Positioning System) to make later inspection easier."

"This process could possibly take weeks to complete," the sheriff admitted.

WORSHIP

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"Everyone is impacted with these events," he stated.

"There are two kinds of people (in this world)," Abernathy said. There are those who believe the event that unfolded before

us on Saturday morning was simply a terrible reaction or just bad luck, the pastor explained.

"Then there are those with faith in God through Jesus Christ. They know that God was in control. God still delivers. God still provides. They know

that everything that happens is by God because He is in control."

Angie Alvarado is a writer for the Palestine Herald-Press, a sister CNHI paper.

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Commission rejects proposals to fundamentally change Title IX

WASHINGTON (AP) — A sharply divided Bush administration advisory commission voted last week for only modest changes to a landmark gender-equity law that has substantially increased the number of female athletes.

Women's sports advocates had feared the Commission on Opportunity in Athletics would seek to overhaul — and likely weaken — Title IX. But after two days of sometimes contentious meetings, the panel failed to pass any sweeping recommendations.

In a key vote, the commission deadlocked 7-7 on a plan to alter the requirement that the ratio of male and female athletes at colleges and universities be roughly the same as the overall student body.

Commissioner Lisa Graham Keegan showed up after the plan was considered and left the meeting early without talking to reporters.

The commission will forward its report to Education Secretary Rod Paige, who will consider whether to recommend changing the law.

University of Maryland Athletic Director Debbie Yow, who proposed the recommendation that produced the tie, said she's satisfied because under commission rules, the deadlock means it still goes into the report.

After Yow's proposal failed to pass, several more changes that would have altered or eliminated Title IX's fundamental proportionality standard were defeated.

Instead, the commission voted to tinker with the standard, recommending changes in the ways students and-or athletes are counted to measure compliance.

Title IX prohibits gender discrimination in programs that receive federal funding. Its effect has been profound: The number of girls participating in high school sports rose from 294,000 to 2.8 million from 1971 to 2002. The number of women in college sports increased fivefold during the same time frame.

The law was clarified in 1979 with the introduction of the "three-prong" test, which gave schools the option of meeting any single element to be in compliance:

- A school's male-female athlete ratio must be "substantially proportionate" to its male-female enrollment.

- The school must show an ongoing history of broadening opportunities for women.

- A school must show that it is "fully and effectively" accommodating the interests and abilities of women.

The first prong gets the most attention, and it's the only one that can be

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met using pure statistics with little or no subjective interpretation. Even so, there is still a substantial gap between the percentage of U.S. female college students (56 percent) and the percentage of female college athletes (42 percent).

The commission recommended several changes to the first standard. One would establish a predetermined number of roster spots on each team that count toward Title IX compliance, rather than the actual number of athletes.

Co-chairman Ted Leland, athletic director at Stanford, said this rule would prevent a school

from putting "100 women on the rowing team" to comply with the law.

"People just pump their numbers up by having a huge roster on their first day of competition," Leland said.

The commission also voted to count male walk-ons — athletes not on scholarships — and nontraditional students such as those who are part-time or older as part of a school's male total. The change would mostly affect smaller schools, particularly community colleges.

Northern Illinois University athletic director Cary Groth opposed the recommendation.

MORRISS

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Morriss isn't promising a quick fix at Baylor. He knows the foundation is just being laid, and the first major step is Wednesday's national signing day.

About 20 players have verbally committed to the Bears, more than half of those since Morriss, a Texas native, took over in mid-December. The new staff is honoring commit-

ments made to Steele, at least seven who haven't changed their minds despite the coaching change.

Before taking the Baylor job, Morriss and his staff all nine assistants that he brought from Kentucky were already recruiting in Texas. Their focus switched from getting players to the Bluegrass State to getting them to stay home.

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"Walk-ons do cost money," Groth said. "We get back to what is the center of these discussions, and that is money."

Yow amended her plan to try to get it passed. It called for schools to be allowed a 50-50 split of male and female athletes, regardless of the student body makeup, with a leeway of 2 to 3 percentage points. Her earlier proposal called for a leeway of 5 to 7 percentage points.

"If we had an apple and were hungry and we wanted to be fair, we would split it 50-50," Yow said.

Commissioner Julie Foudy, a member of the U.S. women's national soccer team, was among those who voted against the plan. She said she doesn't believe the commission's mandate was to change proportionality and favors stronger enforcement of the exist-

ing law. The commission voted down several other proposals, the most sweeping of which would have eliminated the "proportionality" requirement. It failed 11-4.

The commissioners also voted 8-7 against a proposal that interest surveys on campus be used to set a standard for proportionality.

They did, however, vote to recommend that surveys be used as a tool to demonstrate Title IX compliance.

Critics say proportionality has forced schools to cut male sports to meet the ratio requirement. Roughly 400 men's college teams were eliminated in the 1990s, with wrestling taking such a blow that the National Wrestling Coaches Association has filed suit, claiming that the first prong has evolved into a quota system.

PRO BOWL

Jeff Garcia, making his first Pro Bowl start, threw three interceptions in the first 17 minutes. Donovan McNabb wasn't much better for the NFC, and New England's Ty Law returned one of Buccaneers QB Brad Johnson's passes for a

touchdown in the fourth quarter. The NFC's best performance might have come from its kicker. Philadelphia's David Akers set a Pro Bowl record by kicking a 53-yard field goal against a strong crosswind in the second quarter.

The Super Bowl champions were well-represented, with six Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the lineup. Linebacker Shelton Quarles was a last-second addition; he already was in Hawaii for a vacation when Atlanta's Keith Brooking dropped out.

The AFC had a balanced effort, but Williams won the MVP Cadillac with several key plays. In the second quarter, Williams even forced a fumble while playing on the kick-off coverage team for the first time since the eighth grade.

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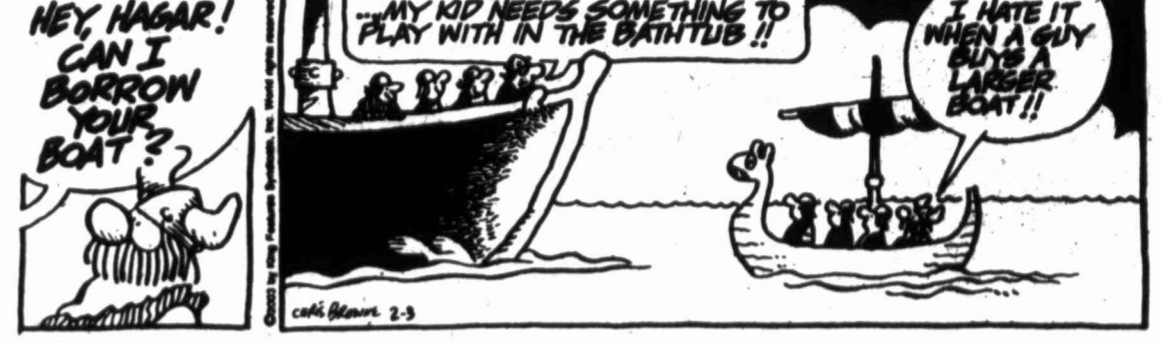
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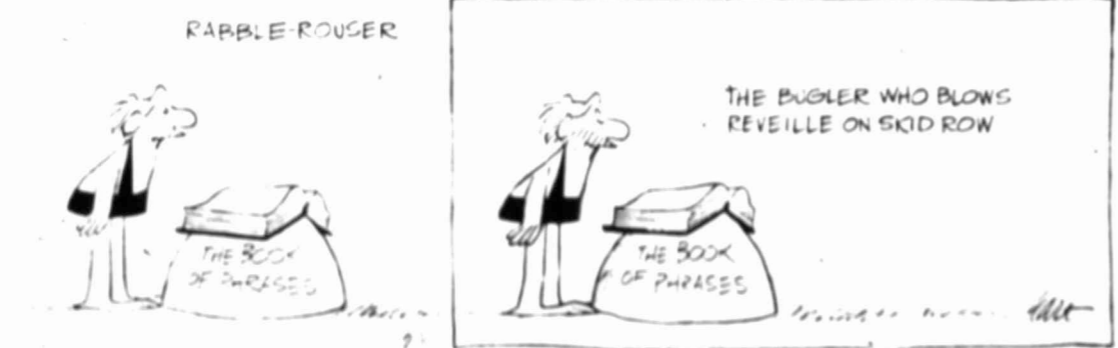
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People In the News

By The Associated Press

LONDON. Is the love affair over between Britain and the superstar it likes to call Madge? Recent press reports claimed adopted Londoner Madonna has decamped to Los Angeles, defeated by the dreary English weather. But Madonna's spokeswoman said the absence is only temporary. "She'll be back in London in the spring," Liz Rosenberg said Wednesday. "Madonna has homes in the States, she has homes in England, and she moves between the two." A spokesman for Madonna's British husband, Guy Ritchie, said the couple split their time evenly between Britain and the United States. British newspapers reported this month that Madonna had withdrawn her 6-year-old daughter, Lourdes, from a London

school, and quoted the singer as telling friends she was fed up with "everything that is English." One magazine quoted Madonna's father-in-law, John Ritchie, as saying: "Madonna is very happy to be out of London because the harsh winter weather was getting her down." The reports of Madonna's departure cheered some sections of the British press. "Madonna the Brit," wrote David Thomas in Wednesday's Daily Mail, was "a classic case of the rich, crass, clueless American playing at English tradition." How things have changed since the singer married Ritchie - the 34-year-old filmmaker behind the gangster flicks "Snatch" and "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels" - in December 2000 at a Scottish castle. Soon, Madonna sightings were as common as double-decker buses in London. The 44-year-old began speaking in a mild "Mockney" accent and was photographed wearing

tweeds, flat caps and a more downmarket British fashion favorite - track suits. Madonna and Ritchie bought a London house and a mansion in the English countryside, where the vegetarian star briefly took up pheasant shooting. Scottish tourist authorities even gave her her own tartan as an anniversary gift. But critics trashed Madonna's West End acting debut in the satire "Up For Grabs" last May. And distributors decided not to release last year's "Sweet Away" in Britain after the film - directed by Ritchie and starring Madonna as a spoiled socialite marooned on a deserted island - failed in the United States.

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