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Teen-age spaceflight controller

Woman to aid in first shuttle flight

United Press International
HOUSTON — Jackie Parker takes a lot of kidding about her age, but success as a math whiz who graduated early from college and became a teen-age spaceflight controller has kept her good-natured about it.

She's training at Johnson Space Center to be part of the ground team managing NASA's space shuttle during its first orbital flights next year.

"It's all in fun," Miss Parker, 19, said of the jokes. "Besides, if it wasn't my age, they'd find something else to kid me about. I think I'm just one of those people who encourages kidding."

She has been the youngest in her crowd since she was 12 years old,

when she decided to finish high school in two years. She started college at 14, graduated at 17 and went to work for NASA at 18.

Miss Parker, who keeps the exact numerical value of her "genius-level IQ" to herself, also has earned a pilot's license and intends to become an astronaut.

"I just want to live in space for a period of time," she said. "I'd like to construct something up there. Just to be free in a simple umbilical cord and a spacesuit must be neat."

Her father, Dr. William Dale Parker, is a retired former NASA employee who worked at JSC years ago. She credits him for rescuing her from junior high school unhappiness she blamed in part on the family's repeated moves.

"My father knew what was going on," she said. "He said there's a way out. You can go to college early."

She went to summer school and crammed credits to complete high school early and then applied to small colleges, finally choosing what has become the University of Central Florida.

"When I got to college, it was so much easier," she said. "People are more willing to meet you. There aren't many cliques. It worked out real good for me."

She took an overload 41 hours in her last two quarters to graduate early in computer science and

joined NASA as a summer intern. She currently works as a \$17,000-a-year flight controller.

"Flight control seems to center around a lot of information that I have to know as an astronaut," she said. "Anything I know is going to help me as an astronaut."

She plans to return to school for other degrees, perhaps in biomedical or mechanical engineering, which could enhance her chances of becoming an astronaut.

Parker credits her early success to hard work and good fortune and wants others to consider her smart but normal. Occasional giggles support her claim.

She points to her "forgetfulness"

and the fact that cramming extra work into a short period of time kept her grades lower than they otherwise would have been; a 2.7 out of possible 4.0 grade point average.

She plays what she called mediocre but enthusiastic games of softball, is on a volleyball team, and on Clear Lake, likes all kinds of music and dates men "of various ages" just like a lot of other women her age.

"When people see a high IQ, the first thing they think is 'my God, I couldn't talk to that girl,'" she laughed. "I don't want them to think that. I just want them to think I could do that or my daughter could do that."

Solar power is solution: expert

United Press International
HOUSTON — One answer to the energy shortage currently being ignored is massive development of solar power satellites, the director of Johnson Space Center said.

"Inevitably, the Earth has to come to some form of the use of solar energy," Dr. Christopher C. Kraft said in an interview in the July issue of Government Executive.

Kraft said an orbiting platform containing solar panels could convert the sun's rays into electricity and microwave transmitters could beam that power back to Earth.

Cost estimates run into the billions for one satellite that could supply enough power for a city of 1.5 million persons, but experts say improvements in technology, particularly solar cell technology, could reduce that cost.

"I really believe they are (feasible)," Kraft said. "The route to demonstrating the feasibility is exactly the same road the space program needs to follow even if it never sends a kilowatt back from space."

He said the elements required for solar power development of solar power satellites are the capacity to build and assemble parts into large structures in space. Solar platforms would be miles wide.

Kraft said the same skills would be required to expand observation, communication, military and exploration capability in space.

Washington has the highest gasoline tax rate — 12 cents per gallon.

The comptroller said gasoline rates in the nation's nine northern states averaged 9.5 cents per gallon.

He also said Arkansas, Georgia, Iowa, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Washington had recently increased gasoline taxes.

In-state vacations OK, says Bullock

United Press International
AUSTIN — State Comptroller Bob Bullock Monday said Texas still has the lowest gasoline tax rate and encouraged Texans to vacation in the state this summer.

Bullock said Texans can save fuel and money by taking in-state trips since the state only places a 5 cent tax on each gallon of gasoline.



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