

# Shuttle lights up night with a flawless launch

**United Press International**  
Cape Canaveral, Fla. — The shuttle Challenger rocketed the first black American spaceman and four other fliers into a 184-mile-high orbit early Tuesday, riding a brilliant spear of fire that turned night into day in a spectacle seen 400 miles away.

The launch was flawless and the astronauts got down to work quickly with Guion Bluford, one of four blacks in the space corps, using a biological processing machine to purify living cells for the first time in space.

lenger's boosters cast an eerie orange glow that brightened in seconds to virtual daylight intensity over the spaceport. To the astronauts aboard Challenger, at one point it seemed like they were "inside a bonfire." That was when the two boosters were kicked away by explosive charges to parachute into the Atlantic ocean near two waiting recovery ships.

"It looked like we were just totally enveloped in a ball of flame," Gardner said. "The flame appeared to be all around us, like we were in the center." "It looked like we were in a ball of flames for about 15 seconds. In fact, it looked like it was never going to stop. That really surprised us. It was quite a ride." Truly said the liftoff was like driving through a fog bank with an internal light that "got brighter and brighter." Before liftoff, President Reagan saluted Bluford on his historical trip.



Warped by Scott McCullar



## Majority of telephone workers back on the job after strike

**United Press International**  
Nearly 700 directory salespeople in Western states returned to work Tuesday, but telephone workers were back on their jobs providing operator assistance and catching up on orders for repairs and installation. Negotiations in Denver and Los Angeles sought to end the strikes continuing against Mountain Bell and Pacific Telephone. In Los Angeles, John Vivrett of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, said

about 450 Yellow Pages sales and support personnel were "still holding out" in his city. He said bargaining was to resume Tuesday in the strike, which is "really starting to hurt." Bargaining also was being conducted in Denver. "We're a long way apart right now," Vivrett said. "The company is proposing take-back offers in our wages." Elsewhere, almost all other workers were on the job after a 22-day walkout, and American Telephone & Telegraph Co. spokeswoman Edie Herman

said in Washington "everything seems to be fine." In Denver, Mountain Bell spokeswoman Nancy Barnett said almost 99 percent of the 47,000 work force was back on

the job, but 295 directory sales people in Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Idaho, and Montana remained on strike as negotiations continued in Denver.



## Taxi regulation changes authority

**United Press International**  
DALLAS — City officials and cab companies Tuesday agreed the decision of the Texas Railroad Commission to give up exclusive regulation of airport taxi cabs, marking the end of one firm's monopoly. Yellow Cab of Dallas Inc., has been the only firm to receive a license from the commission since the D-FW's opening in 1974. Monday's decision by the commission to allow the airport's governing board the authority to issue licenses to taxi firms drew praise from city officials and applications to begin service from at least two companies, Terminal Cab Co., and Taxi Dallas.

Tom James, the city's consumer services director, said the commission's decision "means that local authorities can regulate local service and by providing a wide range of choices, should be in the public interest." Yellow Cab officials were critical of the commission, saying the decision would hurt the public by overloading the airport with cabs. Yellow Cab, under the present license agreement, subcontracts with other firms for the right to pick up passengers, charging each company \$1 per pickup. Under the commission's new rule, taxi firms licensed through the airport board will not have to pay the fee to Yellow Cab.

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