

Enterprise gets piggyback to Calif

# Shuttle completes Fair exhibit

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MOBILE, Ala. — The space shuttle Enterprise ended its exhibition at the World's Fair in New Orleans when it arrived in Alabama's port city Monday to be readied for a piggyback flight to California atop a Boeing 747.

The Enterprise has been used to test shuttle approaches and landings, but has never gone into outer space. It has been exhibited at the World's Fair since April until it arrived by barge in Mobile Sunday night.

Al Harley, operations manager at Kennedy Space Center in Florida,

said the shuttle arrived in Mobile a day earlier than scheduled due to good weather and good travel time along the barge route.

The spacecraft left New Orleans on two barges about 1 a.m. Saturday and arrived about 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Coast Guard base at Brookley Industrial Complex in Mobile.

While on the barges, the Enterprise sits on a transportation device which is pulled by a tractor-trailer truck. Harley said the barges will be submerged a few feet to make them flush with the pier. The truck can then pull the shuttle off the barges.

The shuttle is to stay at the Coast

Guard complex until today when it will be driven to the Brookley airport and attached to a Boeing 747.

The Enterprise will be in Mobile until Saturday when it will be flown piggyback to Kansas City, then to Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., and finally to Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

Harley said the shuttle will remain at Vandenberg where it will be used to check facilities at that base. Vandenberg will be the site of the first space shuttle launch from California.

Harley said a tail cone will be in-

stalled at the airport to protect the shuttle's engine and streamline it for the piggyback flight. The shuttle will also be inspected at the airport to make sure it's ready for flight, he said.

On Thursday, two cranes with slings, one in front of the shuttle and one in the rear, will lift the Enterprise about 60 feet to allow room for the 747 to be driven under it.

The 160,000-pound Enterprise will be lowered by the cranes and workers will attach the space shuttle to the 747 at three points.

# Travelers taught to beat fear of flying

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ST. LOUIS — Psychologist Ron Scott says there are successful businessmen who would rather drive all day and night than board an airplane. He says others prepare to leave the ground with more than a few stiff drinks.

In an age when flying has become as common as crossing the street, Scott estimates 10 million to 15 million people in the United States suffer from some degree of anxiety when flying.

"I've talked to people who have quit their jobs rather than tell their bosses they are afraid to fly," Scott said.

Scott teaches a five-week course

sponsored by Ozark Airlines to help frightened air travelers overcome their phobias.

Scott says it's usually a combination of fears that comes into play.

Claustrophobia, the feeling of being closed in, plays a major role in the fear of flying, as does a fear of not being in control and of high places. The fear of dying also comes into play.

"I've heard people say, 'They won't let me fly the plane,'" Scott said. "The thought of not being in control is what bothers them."

Scott said a bad experience or a turbulent flight may cause a seasoned flier give up air transportation.

"I've seen cases where experienced fliers who have been on a scary flight begin thinking about death and dying," he said. "The effect is a learned response that develops as a result of a traumatic experience."

"They maintain their fear through avoidance. By not flying, driving for instance, the fear is reinforced and it builds to become a phobia."

Scott said his teaching involves three steps.

"First, we give people lots of information on how a plane operates," he explained. "The more they know, the less they have to fear. We tell them flying is safer than driving. All

first-time fliers really need is information."

The second part involves teaching the student how to relax. Scott cautioned that drinking before the flight is not the answer.

"A couple of drinks increases the blood sugar and thinking is less in control," Scott said. "With alcohol in the bloodstream a person is more likely to overreact; it acts to intensify feelings."

The last step is cognitive therapy where a person draws up a list of his fears with the help of a therapist. The therapist then guides the patient through the list, explaining the illogic and inconsistency behind the fears.

# Gandhi's ashes to be taken on tour of India

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NEW DELHI, India — The ashes of assassinated Prime Minister Indira Gandhi were taken from her funeral pyre Monday and sent in urns across India for final homage before being scattered over the peaks of the Himalayan Mountains.

Gandhi, whose assassination last Wednesday triggered a wave of violence across northern India that has claimed about 1,100 lives, was cremated Saturday in a ritual Hindu ceremony before hundreds of thousands of mourners.

A Hindu priest Monday gathered

the ashes from the concrete-and-brick platform on the banks of the sacred Yamuna River, where the body of the woman who dominated Indian politics for nearly 20 years was engulfed by flames in a ceremony designed to guarantee safe passage of the soul.

The priest then packed the ashes in 40 urns and gave them to her son, India's new prime minister, Rajiv Gandhi.

Rajiv, 40, sworn into office just hours after his mother's slaying, solemnly placed the urns in a flower-bedecked carriage for transport to

Teen Murti House, the slain leader's childhood home that is now a museum.

Rajiv put one of the urns under a tree on the grounds of Teen Murti House, where his mother's body lay in state for three days last week to allow Indians to catch a final glimpse of the woman known as "Mother India."

Gandhi's grandson, Rahul, placed a flower wreath at the house, followed by his sister, Priyanka, and their mother, Sonia who is wife of the new prime minister.

President Zail Singh, a Sikh, Vice President R. Venkataraman and other national leaders also placed floral wreaths at the house in tribute to Gandhi.

The remaining urns were sent on a tour of India's 22 states and nine union territories by special train and aircraft to allow the nation's 720 million people pay their final respects to the slain leader.

The remains are to be returned to New Delhi on Saturday and then scattered over the Himalayas by aircraft on Sunday.

# Meteor streaks over Texas sky

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EDINBURG — A fiery object that streaked across the South Texas sky, accompanied by an explosive sound and shaking of the earth, probably was a meteor, a Pan American University professor said Monday.

The object — alternately described as a shooting star, a flare and a fireworks rocket — was seen by dozens of people who later jammed law enforcement switchboards with Sunday night calls.

It came across the sky from east to west and was seen as far north as Austin, the National Weather Service reported Monday.

Dr. Ed LeMaster, a physical sciences professor at Edinburg University, said he spoke to several students who witnessed the phenomenon and concluded one or more fragments from a meteor shower may have come down in the McAllen-Mission area.

Both LeMaster and a weather service spokesman at Brownsville

said it would be extremely rare to find any remnants of a meteor shower on earth, because most of the material burns up when entering the atmosphere.

"It's estimated that thousands of tons of meteoric material are striking the earth unnoticed every day and most of it burns up," LeMaster said.

At Rio Grande City, about 30 miles west of the McAllen-Mission area, Starr County investigator Joel Pena said he spied the brilliant object and it appeared to strike the ground four to five miles east of him.

"What I saw was like a flare," Pena said. "I think it was a lightning-type thing, like a falling star, like fireworks, and it disappeared. I didn't hear any explosion, but I had my radio on."

In the La Victoria area where Pena said the object appeared to come down, a woman telephoned the Starr County sheriff's dispatcher moments later and reported hearing an explosion near her house.

# San Francisco offers amusement in winter

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SAN FRANCISCO — Some meteorologists have found the San Francisco Bay Area's winters so boring, they've simply left.

But there are exceptions like John Dawkins, who never misses a University of California home football game and would rather watch sports on television than be on the road.

"I just kick back during the winter," said Dawkins, a corporate librarian who lives in San Francisco's Mission District. "There's a lot of sports on TV and there's always something to do in the city."

When there's snow in the Sierras, non-stop lines of traffic with ski equipment head for the mountains. Most people drive 250 miles to Lake Tahoe or Reno in Nevada and take to the slopes or the gambling tables.

Ray Reigert said: "People in the San Francisco area tend to travel a lot in the winter, it's definitely a mobile population."

Reigert, author of the guide "Hidden San Francisco and Northern California," said he likes to spend winter going to places like Gold Country, for inexpensive cross-country skiing or to a lodge in Yosemite National Park.

"One really nice thing to do is find a bed and breakfast inn along the coast and hole up for the weekend and watch the whales or the fog rolling in," Reigert said.

San Franciscans have a variety of choices. He said if the weather's bad, they can stay home and visit museums.

"San Francisco is good in the winter because there are so many indoor as well as outdoor activities," said Reigert. "Prices tend to be lower and it's easier to get around."

In nearby resort areas, prices are lower and accommodations and good restaurants are easier to reserve.

Winter is also the season for San Francisco's opera, ballet, symphony

and American Conservatory Theater, all of which enjoy sellouts on nearly every performance.

Ron Wagner, a forecaster for the National Weather Service, said a three-month prediction calls for a 50 percent chance of normal rainfall this year. If that holds up, San Francisco can expect 19.33 inches, Oakland will get 18.03 inches, and San Jose will have 13.5 inches.

"A lot of forecasters leave the area because they find the weather so dull," said Wagner. "They're used to places like the Midwest where things can get exciting very quickly."

But the weather isn't always boring. In the winters of 1981-82 and 1982-83, storm after storm roared in off the Pacific, belting the coast with high winds and record rains. Hundreds of homes were destroyed or damaged along the shore and flooding and landslides caused millions of dollars in damage to inland areas.

Although not faced with the big heating bills residents pay in cold, snowy climates, northern Californians will be paying a little more this winter.

Ron Rutowski of Pacific Gas & Electric Co., said the average monthly user of electricity will be paying \$35.19, compared to \$31.94 a year ago. Natural gas users will pay \$54.24 compared to \$46.12 last season.

"So much depends of course on the type of winter we have," Rutowski said. "If it's colder than usual, more natural gas will be used and bills will be higher."

Reigert suggests that San Franciscans spend wintry days exploring places that might otherwise be crowded with tourists, like the alleyways in Chinatown or the wineries of the Napa Valley.

"If all else fails," he said, "you can always escape to Southern California."

# High poll turnout predicted

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AUSTIN — Secretary of State Myra McDaniel, noting that absentee voting has increased dramatically, predicted Monday that 77.6 percent of Texas' registered voters may turnout for today's general election.

McDaniel said 261,125 voters in the state's six largest counties had voted absentee already — a number she described as incredibly high.

McDaniel said that if the past relationship between absentee bal-

loting and total turnout remained the same, 77.6 percent of the Texas electorate would go the polls.

However, McDaniel said it was more likely that 72 percent to 75 percent of the voters would actually cast ballots.

Texas recorded its highest turnout in 1972, when 88 percent of the state's registered voters went to the polls to vote in both a presidential and gubernatorial election.

# Claim denied

Congressman says federal funds for clinics will continue

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DALLAS — A Republican congressman said Monday that health care professionals in the Lower Rio Grande Valley are wrong to claim President Reagan has moved to close eight federally funded clinics in the border area.

"In fact, the reverse is true," said Rep. Steve Bartlett of Dallas.

Bartlett said President Reagan supported and signed into law a measure re-funding community health clinics until the end of this fiscal year and increasing the amount

of money they will receive by 2.5 percent, from \$351 million to \$360 million.

Last week, officials at the Brownsville Community Health Clinic complained that the veto last Tuesday of the Health Professions and Services Amendments of 1984 would end federal funding for the clinics that serve patients unable to afford private doctors in the Valley.

"Without this funding, we can't stay open, period," said Dr. David Smith, medical director of BCHC.

Paula Gomez, executive director

of the Brownsville clinic, added, "The killing of the bill will, in essence, kill some people, without a doubt."

But Bartlett said the measure signed by Reagan also increased the National Health Service Corp's budget 10.1 percent, from \$68 million to \$75 million, and gave a 27 percent increase to nurse education, from \$52 million to \$66 million.

The funding was continued for this fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30, 1985, and Bartlett said that gives

Congress time to approve another bill funding health care services for the 1986 fiscal year, Bartlett said.

The bill that President Reagan vetoed a week ago proposed a 41 percent increase in funding and included funding for new kinds of bureaucracies to which the administration objected, Bartlett said.

Bartlett said there is no chance the eight Valley clinics will close next year, because by then, Congress will have approved a health bill acceptable to the president.

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