

NAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Astronauts due to leave today will follow in the footsteps of Benjamin Franklin, testing a satellite one mile of electricity string. The shuttle will be unreleased from the shuttle Atlantis and will be in orbit for 30 days. The half-ton satellite shuttle — just one inch in diameter — generate 5,000 volts as the craft hurtles through the magnetic field. The 12-mile formation of nearly 5 miles per second will be the longest string in space. One big physics question is whether we're in the middle of a solar storm. Astronaut Jeffrey Hoffman is the mission commander. Hoffman is flying with kites as I can about 100 miles flying up in space. Hoffman is flying up by a tether, said Marco Malerba, who is the first Italian to fly in space.

eronautics and Space Administration flight director. The seven-day mission is a complex in shuttle history.

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Iraq faces military action

Bush administration sends aircraft carrier, Patriot missiles

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is sending Patriot missiles to Kuwait and a third aircraft carrier to the Middle East, a senior Pentagon official said today following a warning by the president that Saddam Hussein must comply with all U.N. orders.



Bush

The USS John F. Kennedy broke off a five-day port visit to St. Thomas and is now steaming toward the Mediterranean Sea, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. A Patriot missile battery — with eight launchers and "dozens" of missiles — has left Germany for Kuwait, the official added.

"They have started to move," the official said of

the anti-missile Patriots, which garnered fame in the Gulf War for their role against Iraqi Scud missiles.

The decision puts three U.S. aircraft carriers and their battle groups in the waters within striking distance of Iraq.

Queried about the reasons behind the military moves, the Pentagon official responded with a smile, saying, "Be prepared."

The JFK's departure was so hurried that the warship left some 50 sailors behind on the dock, a military source confirmed. All crewmen should be aboard by nightfall, he added.

Earlier, Bush warned Saddam that Iraq must obey all U.N. orders, including resolving a border dispute with Kuwait and ending persecution of minorities. Any further defiance, Bush said, "will not be tolerated."

Gulf tensions create questions

Hussein's power retention at heart of post-war debate

WICHITA (AP) — For many people in this heartland America



Hussein

community, the euphoria that followed the Persian Gulf War has changed to the frustrating reality that Saddam Hussein remains in power.

"We didn't finish the job" is a common refrain.

The threat of renewed military action against Iraq left many people in this community uneasy.

"I don't think that's what we need," said Robin Van Huss, owner of a furniture store.

That possibility diminished Sunday when Saddam's government agreed to permit United Nations inspection of the agriculture ministry suspected of housing information on missile, chemical, biological and nuclear programs.

But even with that compromise, U.S. officials continued to hold out the threat of force. A senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there will be "a lot of soul-searching" over the next few weeks on how to proceed

against future Iraqi intransigence.

Such behavior "will not be tolerated" says President Bush, who called Saddam "the bully, the dictator, the brutal merchant of death."

Duane Sanders, a local farmer, agrees with Bush's description of Saddam.

But Sanders said that renewed military action against Iraq would be "a waste of time and life" if it stopped short of driving Saddam from power.

Sanders supported the president's decision to use force to drive Iraq out of Kuwait.

"But they didn't go ahead and finish the job over there."

Duane Nordick, an electrical workers union official, said that at the time, the Persian Gulf War seemed to come out well. But then "all the negative stuff came out," including reports of U.S. help to Saddam's government up until shortly before the invasion of Kuwait. It's nearly a year and a half since America celebrated the swift victory over Iraq.

The few voices that questioned the wisdom of allowing Saddam to remain in power were muted back then.

"Everyone in the short term was incredibly grateful that the war didn't last any longer than it

did," said Roger Verdon, managing editor of the Hutchinson News. "On the other hand, looking back, they wish the job could have been done permanently."

Immediately after the war, said Verdon, "These people were walking on clouds. They felt good about themselves, about their country." But now, he said, "We're overwhelmed with so many other concerns that the gulf war is instant ancient history."

Opinion polls at the end of the war reported Bush had record support throughout the nation. Yet conversations in recent days with people in this part of Kansas found Bush getting little political benefit from the memory of the gulf war.

And Nordick speculated that renewed military action could hurt Bush politically "if Saddam Hussein comes out smiling and says, 'I'm still here.'"

Real estate developer Bill Bachman was a staunch Republican who ended up attracted to Ross Perot's candidacy. With Perot out of the race, Bachman said he'll vote for Bush even though he sees him "as a guy with no guts."

Bachman, a paratrooper during World War II, said the Persian Gulf War was "the first time I really felt Bush had guts. Then we

UPD captures third place in vehicle design contest



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Increased visibility at heart of change, official says

By Julie Chelkowski
The Battalion

The Texas A&M University Police Department captured a third place award in a recent contest for the best police vehicle design in the United States and foreign countries.

The 1992 International Police Vehicle Design Competition attracted over 500 police departments nationwide and nine foreign police departments.

A panel of three judges selected first, second and third place vehicles from five different divisions: special purpose, sheriff's agency, municipal agency and federal or state agency, the UPD's division.

The department was after a new look with the modern design of the vehicles, said Lt. Cabrera

Scott of the UPD.

"We wanted to be different (than before)," she said. "We wanted to dress up the vehicles and make them look more professional."

One of the main purposes of the changes was to make the vehicles more visible and identifiable to the community, Scott said.

"We wanted to project a professional image and allow citizens to easily recognize them (the cars)," she said.

Elmer Schneider, associate director of the UPD, said the judges were impressed with the reflective material that was used on the 1992 Chevrolet Caprice. The material increased the visibility of vehicles in a variety of weather conditions, he said.

Another improvement, Schneider said, was a color change from white to blue which had to be ap-

proved by Robert Smith, vice president of finance and administration, but was needed to project a "police" image.

"People usually associate blue as being connected with police agencies," he said. "It reflects the area that we're in."

The contest had many advantages other than creating motivation to design a practical and appealing vehicle, Schneider said.

"The competition builds the spirit of cooperation," he said. "It shows you have a pride in what you're doing and that builds the image that you project to the public."

The Minnesota State Patrol was selected for first place and the Fort Drum Military Police vehicles took second. Law and Order magazine and 3M Company sponsored the competition.

Clinton asks for aid in battling GOP's 'smoke screen'

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Bill Clinton appealed to a National Urban League audience Monday to help him fight "broken record" Republican charges that the Democratic ticket is too liberal and wants only to raise taxes and federal spending.

He said the Bush-Quayle team is using such charges as a smoke screen to avoid blame for not dealing with housing, jobs and other national problems.

"There's an overwhelming desire that cuts across race, income and political party to see this

country work for all the people again," said the Democratic presidential nominee. "I don't find that I have to tailor the message. I think most people want the same things."

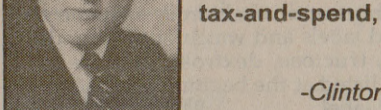
Later, Clinton traveled to Cupertino, Calif., where he discussed economics, jobs and the federal budget deficit with high-technology computer workers.

On another subject, the Clinton camp brushed off a Bush administration attack on his foreign policy judgment. White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said

Clinton was backing a "reckless approach" in suggesting bombing

continue. But Clinton aide Bruce Lindsey said Clinton's position to

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-Clinton, Democratic presidential nominee

strikes in the former Yugoslavia if attacks against the relief effort

use military force, if needed, was close to the Bush administration's.

at the Urban League, Clinton said Bush's people, "in their eagerness to prove they did nothing wrong," will try to make this fall's White House run about "liberal vs. conservative, left vs. right."

"That's the load of bull we've been paralyzed with for too long," Clinton said.

He noted that the Urban League supports an agenda under which high school graduates should be able to work calculus, speak a foreign language and write a 25-page essay, and he asked, "Does this sound like a tax-

and-spend liberal to you?"

Clinton said in his speech in southern California, where the Los Angeles riots are still vivid in many voters' minds, that Bush had responded with housing programs only when a crisis hit. The Arkansas governor mocked Republicans for calling him and running mate Al Gore liberals.

"When people in this election try to put on yesterday's broken record, that sticks at the same old place in the song ... tax-and-spend, tax-and-spend, tax-and-spend," Clinton said, lowering his voice.

Health system reform receives local support

By Mark Evans
The Battalion

The Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce Health Services Committee announced its support on Monday for a health program which calls for reform of the current health system.

"While we have a health care system that works most of the time for most people, without question, parts of it are broken and need to be fixed," said Reed Edmundson, administrator of Greenleaf Hospital.

"There are too many economically disadvantaged people who don't have access to the system."

Congress has before it over two dozen bills offering solutions to health care problems, Edmundson said. These bills advocate one of two approaches: socialization of the health care system or drastic reform of the existing one.

The committee supports the latter option, believing socialized medicine will result in a system in which the patient pays more and receives less.

In their opinion, the United States' current system works because the patient has a choice between public and private health care.

Edmundson called for "a drastic reform of health care using the same public and private system that has made health care in the United States the best in the world."

"We need to keep the best and reform the rest."

The issue of health care reform is second only to the economy in terms of importance this election year, Edmundson said.

Plans laid out by the Healthcare Equity Action League (HEAL), outlining specific areas within the health care system needing reform, have received the committee's endorsement.

HEAL has developed seven recommendations which the organization believes will provide Americans with a more effective health care program.

"They'll fix the broken parts of our health care system without hurting the things that make it so great," Edmundson said.

"If more and more people get behind this plan, I think we'll start to see some action come out of it."

Of the two presidential candidates, Bush's health care program more closely parallels that proposed by HEAL.

HEAL's seven recommendations are:

- eliminate state-mandated benefits
- eliminate legal barriers to managed care
- reform health insurance underwriting practices
- reform the malpractice system
- reform the tax laws so that all businesses can deduct health insurance premiums.
- encourage patients to become knowledgeable about health care
- bring health care costs under control through more efficient delivery systems.

"President Bush is more in line with this health care plan than any other, although he hasn't specifically mentioned the HEAL plan," Edmundson said.

Though, Edmundson admits any reforms in health care are not likely to occur until after the November elections.

"Our goal is to educate the public, so that the public votes in the way that reflects what they really want from their health care," Edmundson said. "I think it's important that people make those decisions based on an informed opinion."

Both the local and the national Chamber of Commerce back the HEAL plan.



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