

Endeavour returns to earth

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Endeavour and its crew of five glided through a hazy sky and landed Tuesday, completing a mission that featured a spacewalk and other preparatory steps for building space station Freedom.

"Welcome home. Congratulations on a super flight and a great start to the shuttle '93 mission," Mission Control's Kevin Chilton told the crew after the ship aceship rolled to a stop at Kennedy Space Center.

Mission Control monitored the weather until the last possible moment before directing shuttle commander John Casper to an 8:37 a.m. landing at Kennedy.

"We wanted to start the year out in great fashion, on the right foot, and with this landing here today at Kennedy Space Center it looks like we did that," said launch director Bob Sieck.

Sieck said a quick inspection showed Endeavour to be in good shape. It was the third flight of NASA's newest shuttle and the 33rd shuttle mission overall.

Jeremiah Pearson III, head of NASA's space flight program,

said he was "real excited" about the crew's successes, most notably Sunday's 41/2-hour spacewalk by two crewmen.

The four-man, one-woman crew also released a \$200 million Tracking and Data Relay Satellite during the six-day flight, held a toy demonstration for children in their hometowns, rang in the Clinton administration, and broke in a \$23 million toilet making its space debut.

"It's always good to do your

with spacewalking experience to it.

Harbaugh and Runco carried each other to see how hard it would be to haul bulky objects in space. They said it was hard.

They also tried out tools and compared different ways of moving in the open cargo bay.

They said handrails were easier to use than slide wires.

In another station-era preview, the astronauts shut down one of three power generators for nine hours.

NASA wanted to see if the fuel cell would restart — it did, effortlessly. Fuel cells will have to

be turned off for extended periods when shuttles begin docking with Freedom.

The crew said it was pleased with the new toilet, considered by NASA to be a major improvement over the old shuttle commode because of its unlimited capacity for solid waste.

The toilet attracted considerable attention long before Endeavour lifted off. The General Accounting Office cited the rising cost of the commode in an October report that called for improved financial management at NASA.

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other missions, throwing the TDRS out and doing that successfully," Pearson said.

"But to me, this was the start of building a base of EVA (spacewalking) knowledge and preparation for assembling our space station."

NASA plans to start building Freedom in orbit in 1996 and have astronauts living there full time around the turn of the century.

Sunday's spacewalk by Gregory Harbaugh and Mario Runco Jr. — the first spacewalk by Americans in nearly a year — boosted the number of shuttle astronauts

Court throws out restrictions

Ruling to allow newspaper distribution on college campus

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court today refused to let Southwest Texas State University restrict the on-campus distribution of most newspapers.

The court, without comment, let stand a ruling that said such a regulation violates free-speech rights. Southwest Texas State, in San Marcos, expanded its anti-solicitation rule in 1989 to include all newspapers that contain advertising.

Distribution of such newspapers was limited to vending machines at five campus locations, a single "free expression area" or by subscription.

The Hays County Guardian, a free newspaper then distributed throughout San Marcos, challenged the university's policy but U.S. District Judge Walter Smith threw out the lawsuit in 1990.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last August said the school's policy on solicitation could not be applied to newspapers.

"The anti-solicitation regulations cannot be applied to forbid an individual student from handing out a newspaper solely because the paper contains advertisements," the appeals court ruled.

The appeals court rejected arguments by university officials that they merely were regulating commercial speech. "The Guardian is not commercial speech," it said. "The advertisements . . . were included to finance the publication. Under such circumstances, commercial speech was inextricably linked to the newspaper's non-commercial speech, making the

whole paper noncommercial."

Past Supreme Court decisions have given government more leeway to restrict commercial speech. For example, the court in 1989 ruled that the peddling of Tupperware and similarly sold products can be banned from college dormitories.

The 5th Circuit court also rejected the university's arguments that most of its campus is not a "public forum" where free-speech rights are most ardently protected.

And the appeals court said the university was misguided in trying to limit distribution of the Guardian to preserve the academic environment for its 22,000 students.

"The handing out of a political newspaper filled with editorials and reportage about matters of public concern is compatible with the university's academic mission," the appeals court said.

University officials also cited litter control, security and preventing fraud and deception as reasons for its anti-solicitation policy.

In the appeal acted on today, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales argued that "without significant limitations the campus would eventually be dominated by unwarranted hawking from every salesperson in town."

The appeal drew no distinction between newspapers and commercial speech. In a friend-of-the-court brief, the American Council on Education said the 5th Circuit court's ruling would "hamstring the ability of colleges and universities to create the relaxed environment . . . so conducive to higher education."



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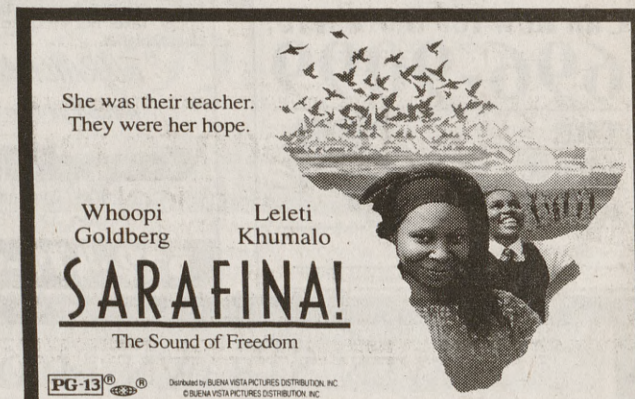
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