

NASA sends Discovery to retrieve solar science craft

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Discovery's astronauts chased a solar science satellite through space Monday, intent on capturing the craft they released a day earlier and bringing back its valuable data.

As Discovery soared past the midway point of its eight-day atmospheric research mission, the crew fired the shuttle jets to catch up to the \$6 million Spartan satellite, about 200 miles away.

NASA expected Discovery to close to within 35 feet early Tuesday, when astronaut Ellen Ochoa would use the shuttle's 50-foot robot arm to grab Spartan and lower it into the cargo bay.

Flight director John Muratore said the rendezvous is not as demanding as the retrieval of a science satellite by an Endeavour crew in May and the Hubble Space Telescope repair mission in December. Spartan, which is designed to be reusable, is smaller and simpler than those two satellites.

"We kind of view this as a good warm-up," Muratore said. "It's still a very serious exercise, and we get a lot of experience out of it."

Ochoa, the first Hispanic woman in space, released the 2,800-pound Spartan on Sunday.

The two telescopes aboard Spartan were aimed at the sun to collect information about solar wind and the sun's corona.

A satellite recorder is saving all the data.

Spartan consequently has to be retrieved and returned to Earth or the findings would be lost.

Survey says . . .



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Sophomore engineering majors **Tammi Flue**, of Borger, and **Carleton Sherrer**, of Ft. Worth, map the area near the Civil Engineering Building for their Civil 201 Surveying class.

Runoff for RHA VP

Student Government will hold a runoff election today for the position of Residence Hall Association vice president of student development.

The special election will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at the Commons and Sbis Dining Centers.

Former president receives honors for Desert Storm Bush jet fails to reach Kuwait

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HOUSTON — A damaged wing forced a Kuwait Airways jet carrying former President George Bush and his family to make an emergency landing Monday at Houston Intercontinental Airport, authorities said. No injuries were reported.

The 747 jet, which was carrying about 60 passengers and crew, was taking the Bush family to Kuwait where the former president is to be honored for his leadership in the Desert Storm campaign.

But the pilot asked for clearance to return to Houston for an emergency landing, said Sarah Oates, spokeswoman for the city's aviation department. The jet

landed safely at Intercontinental Airport at 10:25 a.m., about an hour after it took off from Houston's Ellington Field, she said.

Tina Ceppi, another spokeswoman for the aviation division, said the plane had wing damage, but she had no further details.

Inspectors with the National Transportation Safety Board were summoned to investigate the cause of the emergency landing.

After the plane landed, it taxied to the international terminal. The passengers were allowed off and taken to an airport VIP lounge.

The Bushes returned to their Houston home, said Andrew Maner, a Bush spokesman. They will try to fly to the emirate again

on Tuesday, with their plane scheduled to leave Intercontinental about 2:30 p.m., he said.

Bush, his wife Barbara and several other family members were traveling to Kuwait via Washington, D.C., for a three-day visit.

During the trip, Bush is to receive Kuwait's highest civilian honor, the Mubarak al-Kabeer medal, named for a former emir, and an honorary doctorate from Kuwait University. He also was to address Kuwait's Parliament.

Also aboard the plane were his son, Neil Bush, and his wife, Sharon, and two other daughters-in-law, James Baker III and John Sununu were to join the entourage in Washington.

Crime Stoppers

Police seek clues in clock theft

Sometime overnight on Thursday, Dec. 17 thieves took a piece of history from Nita's Flowers at 919 South Texas Avenue in Bryan.

The thieves stole an antique clock that had been displayed on the front of the flower shop. Evidence indicates that the thieves forced the 100-pound clock from its mounting, then carried it to a waiting vehicle. Experts estimated the value of the clock to be \$3,000.

The owner's description indicates that the clock was 32 inches in diameter, had a rare pink neon light surrounding the face, and had a backlit sign of "Nita's Flowers" over the top of the face. The owner stated that this clock had been displayed at their shop since 1952.

Bryan Police detectives believe that the clock was taken by someone who intended to keep it for

themselves.

Eight weeks ago Crime Stoppers featured this theft as the Crime of the Week, since that time Crime Stoppers has received no calls regarding the offense, and detectives have exhausted all leads, leaving no viable suspects.

If you have information that could be helpful, call Crime Stoppers at 775-TIPS.

When you call, you will not have to give your name. Crime Stoppers will assign you a special coded number that will be used to protect your identity.

If your information leads to an arrest and grand jury indictment, Crime Stoppers will pay you up to \$1,000 in cash. Crime Stoppers also pays cash for information on any felony crime or the location of any wanted fugitive.

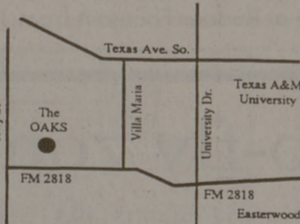


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