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by R. DeLuna

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**Temp**

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computerized data from a doomed spacecraft.

As engineers pinpointed exact satellite locations of debris, Robert Cabana, director of flight crew operations at the Johnson Space Center, said remains for all seven of the astronauts have been found. Later, Cabana said in a statement that he had been misinformed and that NASA could not confirm that remains from each of the astronauts were recovered.

Dittmore said earlier in the mission, NASA had aggressively investigated the possible effects of the impact from a fuel tank's foam insulation and concluded "it did not represent a safety concern."

"As we gather more evidence, certainly the evidence may take in another direction," he said.

Dittmore said the engineering data showed a rise of 20 degrees in the left wheel well about seven minutes before communication was lost with the spacecraft. Then there was a rise of about 60 degrees over five minutes in the left-hand side of the fuselage above the wing, he said.

On the right side, the temperature rose the normal 10 degrees during the same period, he said. All the readings came from sensors underneath the thermal tiles, on the aluminum hull of the craft.

The temperature rises were followed by increased drag on the spacecraft that caused its automated flight system to adjust its path, Dittmore said.

**chat & chew**

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**CUBE OF XOE**

By C.J.

AS FEW OF YOU MAY KNOW, XOE WENT CRAZY LAST WEEK AND TRIED TO THROW HERSELF OFF A CLOCK TOWER. FORTUNATELY, THE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTED HER BEFORE SHE COULD GO THROUGH WITH IT.

NOT SURPRISINGLY, THE AUTHORITIES THOUGHT XOE WAS A SNIPER. EXPERTS AT THE NEARBY UNIVERSITY SPECULATED THAT XOE'S STRANGE MAKE-UP STYLE COULD ONLY MEAN SHE WAS A ROBOT SENT BACK THROUGH TIME JUST TO SHOOT (BUT NOT KILL) STUDENTS.

THE LOGIC USED IN FIGURING THAT OUT IS BEYOND ME.

HEY, BABY, WHAT YA IN FOR?

APPARENTLY, I'M A TERMINATOR.

NO KIDDIN'. MY HUSBAND WAS AN EXTERMINATOR, TOO... BEFORE I KILLED 'IM.

LIFE CANNOT GET ANY WORSE.

NOT OFFENSIVE STEREOTYPES

**Noise Pollution**

by Josh Darwin

OK, WE NEED A BAND NAME, AND IF THERE ARE NO OTHER IDEAS, WE'LL BE "GROOVEKILL OVERDRIVE."

OOH! I HAVE ONE!

YEAH? A REAL KICK-BUTT NAME?

OH YEAH! PICTURE THIS: "THE BEEGEEES!" YEAH!

UM, OK, "GROOVEKILL OVERDRIVE" IT IS THEN.

WHAT? HAS IT BEEN DONE?

**Tests**

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data received from the Johnson Space Center.

"We would have gotten more data, had (the shuttle) made it back, but we had enough information to validate the ideas a success," said John Junkins, the creator of the project and a distinguished professor of aerospace engineering at A&M.

At the time of the explosion, a student working on the experiment was en route to Johnson Space Center to retrieve the computer used to track data, Boyle said. But NASA officials have kept the computer for

further investigation into the explosion, he said.

Puente said working with the NASA astronauts and controllers reminded her of the friendly environment at A&M. During the mission, Puente was able to see the astronauts in action and hear conversations between them.

Prior to the launch on Jan. 16, Puente spoke to the seven astronauts, briefing them on the star tracker experiment, which is required before any space mission.

"They were very humble and nice," she said. "It was great to see them in space and listen to their conversations throughout the mission."

Puente arrived at the Johnson Space

Center Saturday just after the news of the tragedy reached NASA. She said even though the tragedy is sad, everyone in the line of work is aware of the risks.

She said she hopes NASA plans to continue working in space because of the many rewards received from scientists NASA's caliber working together on so exciting and beneficial projects.

Puente said she will stay in the space business and continue to work on her specialty, orbital analysis.

An A&M scientist in the health and kinesiology department, Michael Delp, who conducted a cardiovascular experiment on Columbia, was unavailable for comment Sunday night.

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