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n **Confronting the risks**

Debris that hit left wing during liftoff primary focus of inquiry.

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n **Challenger remembered**

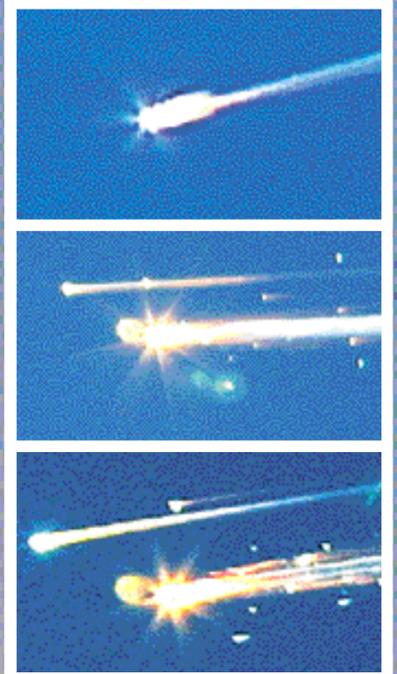
Area residents say tragedy reinforces how fragile life is.

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Live updates, videos available on our Web site.

7 astronauts die in fiery tragedy



Photos by Dr. Scott Lieberman/AP

Contrails from the space shuttle Columbia can be seen across the sky over eastern Texas in this composite photo Saturday. Columbia disintegrated in flames over Texas 15 minutes before it was to land at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

The Associated Press

Space shuttle Columbia thunders off the launch pad Jan. 16 at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., with a crew of seven astronauts. The mission, scheduled for 16 days, lasted 15 days, 22 hours, 20 minutes and 22 seconds.

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