

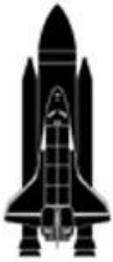
Thursday, February 10, 2000

Sen. Graham says thanks for Space Summit



STS-99 mission uses experienced crew

▲ **Sen. Graham Says Thanks:** In a letter to Center Director Roy Bridges, Senator Bob Graham thanked him for hosting the Florida Space Summit on Jan. 14. He said: *"The summit was conducted smoothly and all participants were enthusiastic in their reactions. This is a testament to all of the hardworking and dedicated staff who supported the event. . . . Please accept my sincere thanks for making the Florida Space Summit such a success. I look forward to working with all of you again soon."*



▲ **Mission Update:** STS-99 is the first Space Shuttle mission of 2000, the 14th flight of the orbiter Endeavour and the 97th flight overall in NASA's Space Shuttle program. The crew are largely all experienced, although this is Mission Specialist Gerhard Thiele's first Shuttle flight. It is Mission Specialist Janice Voss's fifth, and Commander Kevin Kregel's fourth. Pilot Dominic Gorie and Mission Specialists Janet Kavandi and Mamoru Mohri are making their second Shuttle flights.

◆ **NASA Names New Positions:** Monday, Feb. 7, NASA Administrator Dan Goldin announced the following personnel appointments: *W. Brian Keegan* – Chief Engineer; *Orlando Figueroa* – Deputy Chief Engineer, Systems Engineering; *Dr. Mary Cleave* – Deputy Associate Administrator (Advanced Planning) for the Office of Earth Science. In addition, Goldin announced the Chief Technologist's office would merge with the Office of Aero-Space Technology. Chief Technologist *Samuel Venneri* will remain in that position while becoming associate administrator for Aero-Space Technology succeeding Lt. Gen. Spence

Armstrong, USAF (Ret.), who will become Senior Advisor to the Administrator.

◆ **Call For Speakers--NASA Forum At Sun 'N Fun** is looking for speakers to participate in this year's aeronautical show at Lakeland, Fla., April 9-15. Participants can be NASA and/or contractors. Slots are open for April 10 and 12. Forums are one hour each — the talk should be 45 min. with 15 min. for questions. Interested speakers should contact Pam Bookman, NASA/MM-E/7-6291.

◆ **Reminder: Bone Marrow Week is Feb. 15-18.** Does Donating Marrow Hurt? No, the procedure does **not** hurt. Minor discomfort after the process is described on the new Web site: <http://www-pao.ksc.nasa.gov/kscpao/univ/programs/marrow/marrow.html>. There are now two methods available to you for the actual donation process, and the new method requires no anesthesia at all. Anyone interested in pre-registering as a donor, please contact project leads at marrowdrive@ksc.nasa.gov, or call Dr. John Cinco, 867-6130, or Jennifer Murray, 867-6673.

The Marrow Registration Drive is scheduled at the following locations:

Feb. 15-16, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m., NASA Training Aud.
Feb. 15-16, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m., CCAS, Cape Area Clinic
Feb. 17, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., USA, Cape Canaveral, Health and Wellness Center (NSLD-2)
Feb. 17, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Launch Area Clinic, by OSB
Feb. 18, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m., Launch Area Clinic, by OSB

◆ **Did You Know?** As part of KSC health initiatives, all hazards at KSC have been baselined.

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Deadlines: 10 a.m. the day before. Send information, comments or questions to:

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Countdown on the Internet -- <http://www-pao.ksc.nasa.gov/kscpao/ksccount/2000/2000.htm>