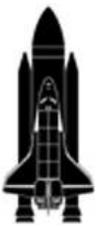


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TCDT to end with test countdown for crew and Shuttle engineers



Space Summit at KSC Visitors Complex to host state officials, NASA's Dan Goldin



▲ **Shuttle Update:** As part of TCDT, yesterday the STS-99 crew practiced driving the M-113, an armored personnel carrier. Today they will practice emergency egress procedures at Launch Pad 39A. The TCDT activities conclude tomorrow with a simulated countdown.

Along with the flight crew's launch day dress rehearsal on Friday, Shuttle engineers will conduct a planned year 2000 test on ground, flight and vehicle systems to confirm their readiness to support mission operations.

▲ **Florida Space Summit:** The Kennedy Space Center Visitors Complex will be the stage for the first Florida Space Summit on Friday, Jan. 14, from noon to 2:30 p.m. Senator Bob Graham, Governor Jeb Bush and Representative Dave Weldon are hosting the event that will include a roundtable discussion on Florida's position as a leader in future space flight and research. KSC Director Roy Bridges will moderate the roundtable discussion that will include NASA Administrator Dan Goldin, 45th Space Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Donald Pettit, members of Florida's State Government, and heads of aerospace companies. The summit will be broadcast on closed-circuit television throughout Kennedy Space Center.

◆ **Request For Career Week Speakers** --Rockledge High School is sponsoring a Career Week on Jan. 24-28. If you are interested in talking to 11th and 12th grade students about your career, please call AB-G1/Denise Coleman at 867-4444, or send an e-mail to denise.coleman-1@ksc.nasa.gov, for more information. The schedule is

very flexible, and career related materials are available for handout.

◆ **The National Space Club Luncheon** will be held Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 11:30 a.m. at the DoubleTree Oceanfront Hotel, Cocoa Beach. Spaceport Florida Authority (SFA), considered by many to be the model for other states, will be the subject. Edward O'Connor Jr., executive director of SFA, will be the guest speaker. O'Connor is responsible for statewide space-related industrial, economic and educational development as well as the development and management of space transportation infrastructure for various commercial and government users. Reservations can be placed with Judy Casper at 459-1067. Individual tickets are \$15 with corporate tables of eight available for \$125 each.

◆ **At Lunch And Learn, Foot Care and Exercise**, sponsored by the KSC Fitness Centers, is being held Wednesday, Jan. 19, from noon to 1 p.m., at the O&C Fitness Center's Aerobics Room. Hear a presentation by Dr. Seth Weaver from Space Coast Foot and Ankle. Also a representative from Superfeet Footbeds and Brooks running shoes will be present, and **free** samples of foot care products and informational pamphlets will be available. Please Call 867-7829 to sign up, or for more information. Or send an e-mail to Erik.Nason-1@ksc.nasa.gov

◆ **Did You Know? Monday, Jan. 17, is Martin Luther King Jr. Day**, a federal holiday. On Monday, the Headquarters and O&C cafeterias will be closed. All the other cafeterias will be open regular hours.

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