

Tuesday, January 25, 2000

STS-99 crew arriving Thursday for launch Jan. 31



KSC to celebrate African-American History Month



▲ **Shuttle Update: Endeavour remains on schedule** for the Jan. 31 launch date. Aft compartment close-outs on Endeavour are taking place tomorrow. The flight crew arrives at KSC Thursday at noon. And launch countdown begins Friday, Jan. 28, at 5:30 p.m.

▲ **February is African-American History Month.** In celebration, a buffet luncheon is being held at 11 a.m., Feb. 16, in the Early Space Exploration Conference Center, KSC Visitor Complex. Tickets are \$12 per person. The guest speaker is Dr. Julian Earls, deputy director for Operations, Glenn Research Center. Ticket sales, which end Feb. 1, are available from: *Wanda Petty*, HQ, Room 2321, 867-2307; *Terrasena Jones*, HQ Room 2276, 867-4622; *Wanda Henderson*, O&C Room 3006a, 867-6389; *Debbie Houston*, O&C Room 3018a, 867-6923; *Barbara Lockley*, SSPF Room 3006, 867-6151; *Mary Poitier*, M502 Room 1209b, 867-8281; and *Chuck Baldwin*, Logistics Room 1715b, 861-1160.

◆ **Environmental Conference:** More than 250 state and agency representatives are at KSC today and tomorrow for presentations and demonstrations of groundwater cleanup methods developed by the Interagency NDAPL Consortium (IDC) comprising DOD, EPA, DOE and NASA. In an environmental research project, IDC studied three technologies for removing trichloroethylene from the ground at Launch Complex 34 on CCAS. The solvent is the result of cleaning methods for rocket parts during the Apollo Program in the 60s.

◆ **Women's History Month Dinner:** March is Women's History Month (WHM) and the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) is hosting its second annual WHM dinner on March 8, at the Radisson Resort. Special guests are Theresa Loar, director for the International Women's Issues Council from the President's Office of the U. S. Secretary of State for Global Affairs; LTC. Theresa Morris, director of academics for the Department of Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute; Linda J. Bradley, president elect of the National Association of Women in Construction. Individual registrations and corporate tables are available. For more information or to obtain a registration form, contact Brenda S. Fuentes, at 867-1294, or e-mail to Brenda.S.Fuentes@jboss.ksc.nasa.gov; or Judy Kersey, at 407-783-4644; or visit the Web site <http://www.spacecoast.net/spacecoast/swe/WHM.html>,

◆ **KSC Bone Marrow Drive:** There are now two methods available for the actual donation process. The new method requires no anesthesia at all. **For more information, check out the new Web site:** <http://www-pao.ksc.nasa.gov/kscpao/univ/programs/marrow/marrow.html>. The Marrow Registration Drive is scheduled for Feb. 15-18, 2000. Anyone interested in pre-registering, please contact project leads Dr. John Cinco, 867-6130, or Jennifer Murray, 867-6673. 

◆ **Did You Know?** GSA increased the mileage reimbursement rate from 31 to **32.5** cents per mile for use of a privately owned automobile (POA) on official travel, effective Jan. 14, 2000. (FTR Amendment 88). Please make note of this change.

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