

Thursday, June 8, 2000



Safe Haven at VAB undergoing tests



▲ **Safe Haven Being Tested:** The Safe Haven project that began in August 1999 is nearing completion. The project strengthens KSC's readiness for hurricane season by expanding the VAB's storage capacity. A new high bay 2 will allow NASA to preassemble stacks and still have room in the VAB to pull a Shuttle back from the pad if severe weather threatens by moving a stack into high bay 2, freeing up bay 1 or bay 3. Potential rollouts of booster stacks to high bay 2 will involve making a turn around the north side of the VAB. To enable the rollout, the crawlerway on the west side of the VAB had to be restored. Last week, the road and high bay 2 were tested with a mobile launcher platform (MLP) atop a crawler-transporter (C-T). Above is an aerial photo of the site, showing the roadway curving around OPF-3 (at left) to high bay 2. For a series of photos showing the movement of the MLP/C-T into high bay 2, go to the Publishers Photo Corner at <http://www-pao.ksc.nasa.gov/kscpao/captions/hotpics.htm>

Feeding alligators a safety risk for employees

▲ **Safety a Concern at the Banana Creek Overpass --** This area is a cafeteria for a variety of wildlife, including alligators. Staff at the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge are responsible for managing the wildlands of KSC and urge Center employees to keep their distance at these wildlife feeding areas. The refuge is concerned that employees may be feeding the fish and alligators at these sites and urges KSC employees not to feed wildlife anywhere on the Space Center. When alligators receive food from humans they become aggressive and pose serious safety concerns, resulting in the need to remove them. Additionally, it is a federal offense to feed or disturb any wildlife on a national wildlife refuge. Please help us keep the refuge wild by observing and not interacting with the wildlife.



◆ **Traffic Alert On SR-3 at SR-528 --** For KSC commuters travelling southbound on SR-3, the traffic light for the right turn onto SR-528 has changed. The permanent "No right turn on red" sign has been replaced with a periodic sign. Right turns are now allowed after stopping at the red light, EXCEPT when the northbound SR-3 traffic turns left across the intersection onto westbound SR-528. At those times, the new electronic sign on the southbound side reads "No right turn on red." Commuters are urged to pay special attention to the lights, the electronic sign, and oncoming traffic in order to keep traffic moving smoothly and safely through the intersection.

◆ **Did You Know?** Flag day is Wednesday, June 14.

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