

Tuesday, March 28, 2000

Atlantis at pad, waits for launch NET than April 18



Cafeteria services to change hands as of Monday, April 3



▲ **Shuttle Update:** On Saturday, Atlantis rolled out to Launch Pad 39A (left). The payload, SPACEHAB Double Module, was installed in Atlantis' cargo bay on Sunday. As of press time, launch was scheduled no earlier than April 18.

▲ **Change in Cafeteria Services Provider:** As of Monday, April 3, operation of the cafeterias at KSC will be provided by Lackmann Culinary Services. To help accommodate the transition from Sun Coast Services to Lackmann, on Friday, March 31, service will not be provided at CIF Snack Bar, O&C Cafeteria, MFF Night Shift; and Mobile Service will be limited to one unit. All food units will be in full operation on Monday, April 3.

◆ **Engineering Award:** The Cape Canaveral Technical Society, during its Engineers' Week Banquet, presented the CCTS Engineering Achievement Award to Dr. Pedro J. Medelius, who was recognized for the revolutionary invention and testing of a low-cost method of locating the point of attachment of lightning strikes to pad structures. This dynamic new technology, called the Universal Signal Conditional Amplifier (USCA), allows for the automatic setup of many parameters previously done by hand, and can withstand shock greater than 30 G's. Dr. Medelius led a crew

of 15 scientists, engineers and technicians at the Data Acquisition Laboratory at Kennedy Space Center.

◆ **Career Day – Merritt Island H.S., April 13:** Merritt Island High School is looking for experts in the following fields to talk to specialized groups of students: 1) Someone who uses foreign language on the job; 2) Graphic artists (computer design); 3) Writers; 4) Finance experts (CPA); 5) Environmentalists/Biologists; 6) Animators; 7) Medical/Physical Fitness experts; 8) Divers (SRB divers); 9) Architects/Design Engineers. The hours are 8 a.m. to noon (the school will feed you lunch!). For more details, please contact Denise Coleman at 867-4444 or send an e-mail to denise.coleman-1@ksc.nasa.gov by April 4.

◆ **Reminder:** Employees are invited to the FAIR (Free Access to Information and Referrals) being held March 28 (O&C Mission Briefing Room and LCC lobby) and March 30 (CCAFS Hangar F) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. KSC will provide bus service between the O&C and the LCC.

◆ **Did You Know? Two events are new to this year's KSC All American Picnic:** 1) *A chance to win an Astronaut Autographed NASA jacket!* Sign up at Pavilion 2 from 10 a.m. - noon on the day of the picnic. The winner will be announced at 12:30 p.m. at Pavilion 2 by KSC Center Director Roy Bridges. You must be present to win. 2) *Skateboard Demonstration.* Come check out these professionals as they twist, turn and fly through the air on skateboards. The demonstration will be from 2 - 3 p.m. behind Pavilion 1. For more information go to: <http://www.ksc.nasa.gov/events/2000/picnic/entertainment/> ★

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