

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2002

Columbia at pad, being prepped for launch Feb. 28



Nominations sought for Environmental & Energy Awards

▲ **Mission Update: Columbia at Pad.** Yesterday Columbia rolled to Launch Pad 39A, beginning at 6:38 a.m. (below), in preparation for mission STS-109, scheduled to launch Feb. 28.



▲ **KSC Bi-Annual Environmental & Energy Awards Call** -- Employees are invited to participate in the 2002 KSC Bi-Annual Awards Call. In October 2001, the Environmental Program Office had the honor of awarding their newly established award, called the "*Environmental & Energy Awards Program*," to one individual and three teams recognizing their contributions and/or successful operations in preserving *the environment, conserving energy, and reserving natural resources while reaching for the stars*. The Center Director presented the awards to contractor and civil service employees, including a certificate with a newly designed environmental logo patch. The patches have been flown on one of the Shuttle flights with a certificate of authenticity attached. The award is given in honor of exceptional performance in making a unique contribution to the Environmental & Energy Awareness Program, hazardous waste reduction,

energy use reduction, pollution prevention, affirmative procurement, chemical substitution, water conservation and enhancing substantial savings. Nominations to the *Environmental & Energy Awards Program* are due by close of business Feb. 8 to /Barbara Naylor/TA-C3. For nomination forms, contact Barbara Naylor at 867-8452 or e-mail to Barbara.Naylor-1@ksc.nasa.gov. The Bi-Annual Awards Ceremony will take place on March 14.

◆ **Tickets For The KSC African-American History Month Luncheon are now on sale!** The KSC Black Employee Strategy Team (BEST) will host the 2002 event, which will be held at the Debus Conference Facility, Wednesday, Feb. 20. Visit the Art Display at 10:30 a.m. prior to the luncheon at 11 a.m. For more details, go to <http://www-best.ksc.nasa.gov/best/aahm2002.htm>

◆ **Strategies for Career Success** -- The KSC Black Employee Strategy Team (BEST) will host a panel discussion titled "Strategies for Career Success" on **Thursday, Feb. 7, at 4:30 p.m.** in the Mission Briefing Room, O&C Building. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Michael Bell, 867-3312.

◆ **Did You Know? Four To Six Science Fair Judges** are needed for each of the four Science Fairs at local malls. Along with judging, they will present savings bonds from the Society of Women Engineers (SWE)-Space Coast Chapter. Approximate time is 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Criteria and materials will be provided. If interested, please e-mail or call Karen Lineberger at the following numbers. 321-861-5486, (3:30 to midnight) or 321-454-4523 after 10 a.m., or e-mail linebergerk@usasrb.ksc.nasa.gov. ★

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

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