

Thursday, Nov. 14, 2002



New launch date for STS-113 under review as oxygen leak sought on Endeavour

NASA seeks employee input on proposed Research Park at Spaceport



▲ Mission Update:

During inspections conducted Tuesday, an oxygen flex hose fitting was identified as the source of an oxygen leak in Endeavour's mid-body. The leak was

identified using helium detectors and also could be felt by hand. Visual inspection found a deformity in the flex line braid where it connects to rigid tubing. The entire flex hose assembly and bulkhead fitting were removed Wednesday, and work is underway to complete the installation of a replacement.

▲ International Space Research Park Scoping Meeting - December 3

-- The Environmental Program Office (EPO) invites KSC employees to an International Space Research Scoping Meeting Dec. 3, at 11 a.m. in the KSC Training Auditorium. NASA is proposing entering into an agreement with the State of Florida, through the Florida Space Authority, to develop an International Space Research Park (ISRP) on the Kennedy Space Center. The goal of the park is to provide an opportunity for appropriate commercial, research and educational interests to develop new, state-of-the-art facilities to promote the expanded use of space. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) addressing the impacts of the proposed development on two alternative sites on the Kennedy Space Center is being prepared and will be discussed. A Notice of Intent (NOI) was published Oct. 8. Employees are invited to attend this meeting, bringing concerns, issues and questions. Check out what KSC is planning on proposing. A web site has been established for the ISRP, <http://researchpark.ksc.nasa.gov> (select the Environ-

mental link), for your information and use. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mario Busacca, 867-8456, or Barbara Naylor, 867-8452.

◆ **Education Opportunity** -- Webster University is now accepting applications for the Master of Science in Computer Science program that will be held onsite at KSC, with a proposed start date of Jan. 7, 2003. Candidates for this program must have a bachelor's degree in computer science or a bachelor's degree with documentation showing related experience or course work. Classes are one evening per week. Other programs are available at the Merritt Island, Palm Bay, and Patrick AFB campuses. For more information, call 449-4500 or visit the web site www.webster.edu/spacecoast.

◆ **EEAW 2003 Kickoff Planning Meeting** -- The EEAW Team is planning a kickoff meeting on Nov. 19, at 9 a.m. in the O&C Building/Room 3132 to plan next year's event. The team is looking for volunteers to help with the upcoming awareness event. The slogan for next year is "Kennedy Space Center = Kilowatts Saved Counts." Your support is needed!

◆ **Did You Know? S.R. 3 Daytime Bridge Closures** -- The Florida Department of Transportation is in the process of refurbishing the twin mechanical bridges that carry S.R. 3 over the Barge Canal in Merritt Island. Closure of the northbound bridge began Nov. 13. All traffic is being shifted to the southbound bridge for approximately six weeks. Upon completion, the southbound bridge will then be closed for another six weeks. For more information, visit the project web site at www.christabridge.com.

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