



Space Shuttle Discovery prepares for rollout to pad next week

KSC invites employees to participate in Center Director's forum

▲ Return to Flight Update:

After rollover to the VAB early Tuesday morning, **Discovery** was raised to a vertical position and lifted for the crossover to the SRB and External Tank stack on the Mobile Launcher Platform. The lift and mate took place late Tuesday. After all umbilicals have been connected, workers will perform an electrical and mechanical verification of the mated interfaces to verify all critical vehicle connections. A Shuttle interface test follows, using the launch processing system to verify Space Shuttle vehicle interfaces and Space Shuttle vehicle-to-ground interfaces.



As early as Monday, Space Shuttle Discovery will be ready for rollout to Launch Pad 39B for Return to Flight mission STS-114. The launch window is May 15 to June 3.

▲ KSC, Can We Talk?

The next "KSC, Can We Talk" forum is scheduled from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. April 14*. This informal dialogue between Center Director Jim Kennedy and the NASA/KSC work force attempts to enhance the workplace culture and create open communications. Limited to 15 NASA employees, the forum has no prepared, preselected, or predetermined topics. Randomly selected participants provide the topics. Participants must be nonsupervisory, non-SES and GS-14 or below. Participation is completely anonymous. To apply for this opportunity, simply e-mail CanWeTalk@kscems.ksc.nasa.gov by April 8, and include your name, mail code and telephone number. Previously selected employees who could not attend must reapply; also, attendee participation has been limited to once a year. If you have any questions, please contact Gisele Altman, e-mail Gisele.Altman-1@nasa.gov, or call 867-4000. (*Date is subject to change due to Mr. Kennedy's schedule.)

■ **Ethnic Foods Return To All American Picnic** — The All American Picnic this year not only will celebrate with a Return to Flight theme, but also will have plenty of diverse foods available. In addition to the regular menu and the Chili

Cook-Off (10 teams registered already), Asian-Pacific, Italian, Mexican, German and Jamaican style "finger foods" will be available at **reasonable prices** all day. For all the details, please visit the Web site at <http://kscpicnic.ksc.nasa.gov>.



■ Did You Know?

The new Talking Phone Books and the BellSouth Telephone

Books are expected to be distributed within Brevard County through mid-April. All KSC employees are encouraged to recycle their old phone books. From April 4 – 15 you will have the opportunity to participate in the Centerwide telephone book recycling program by placing your telephone books in the outgoing mailboxes within your office; they will be picked up by the mail carriers.

Two bulk collection dumpsters will be designated for recycling your telephone books: A dumpster will be located at the *southeast end of the Headquarters Building*, and the other dumpster will be located at the *southwest end of the OSB Building*. If you have more books than your outgoing mailbox can hold, please place them in a neat stack on the floor, table or desk next to the mailbox.

Please do not put the telephone books in the trash. Recycle them!