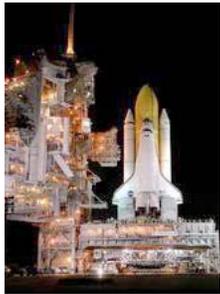




Discovery undergoes tanking test Thursday



▲ **Shuttle Update:** Now at the launch pad, **Space Shuttle Discovery** is undergoing final connections for launch, and a pressurized cargo

container will be installed. The special “tanking test” on Thursday will check out Space Shuttle hardware associated with filling the External Tank with its cryogenic propellants. The test also will condition the main propulsion system.

▲ **ELV Update:** In the Orbital Sciences Corporation hangar at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, **DART** has been re-mated to the Pegasus launch vehicle and fairing reinstallation has been completed. Flight Simulation 4A was completed April 1 as scheduled with a nominal outcome. The Launch Readiness Review, the final review to be held, is set to occur one day before launch, which is scheduled for Friday.

The Orbital Sciences L-1011 aircraft arrived at Vandenberg AFB last week and Pegasus has been mated to the L-100. A Combined Systems Test of the Pegasus/DART/L-1011 combination was conducted over the weekend. A launch countdown and mission dress rehearsal is scheduled for early this week.

■ **NASA Announces Public Scoping Meetings on the Prometheus PEIS** — NASA’s Exploration Systems Directorate is holding a scoping meeting at 1:30 p.m. April 18 in the KSC Training Auditorium on the Development of Reactor Technology for Space Applications Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Prometheus PEIS). The briefing will include brief presentations from representatives from NASA Headquarters and an opportunity to discuss the Prometheus Program and the EIS process with technical staff.

Members of the public are encouraged to participate in the open exchange of information and submission of comments on the scope of the PEIS by using the U.S. Mail (Prometheus PEIS, NASA Headquarters, Suite 2V39, 300 E. Street SW, Washington, DC, 20546-0001), e-mail (NASA-Prometheus-PEIS@nasa.gov); the Web site (<http://exploration.nasa.gov/nasa-prometheus-peis.html>); toll-free phone (866-833-2061); or fax (202-358-4037). Anyone requesting special accommodations, a translator, or a signer at the meeting should contact NASA at the above addresses or phone number by Wednesday.

■ **NASA-KSC Administrative Professionals' Breakfast May 3** — The NASA Senior Secretaries Team is hosting its annual Administrative

DART launches Friday from Vandenberg AFB

Professionals’ Breakfast May 3. NASA managers and their secretaries are invited to join in the celebration! The breakfast is at 8:30 a.m. in the O&C Mission Briefing Room and features Dr. Fiorella Terenzi, speaking about the “Invisible Universe.” Tickets are now on sale for \$10 until April 27, available from *Maxie Johnson*, 867-7770; *Arden Belt*, 867-4413; *Michele Foster*, 867-7246; *Jennifer Horner*, 867-6400; *Christy Moore*, 867-2550; *Peggy Parrish*, 476-4000; *Jeanette Martin*, 861-3871; or *Lisa Peckham*, 867-6153. The menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, home fries, muffins, juice and coffee.

■ **Buy EEAW Breakfast Tickets Now** — Today is the last day to buy your tickets for the EEAW breakfast, being held at 8:30 a.m. April 20 in the Space Station Processing Facility Cafeteria. You can purchase tickets from *Kim Osgood* at HQ, 867-2518; *Catherine Hope* in the O&C, 867-3056; *Scott Scrupski* in the SSPF, 867-8105; *Allison Moree* in the ARF, 861-8063; *Steve Geis* at the Visitors Complex, 449-4268; *Martha Pessaro* at the PRF, 867-5405; and *Laura Sardella* at the EHF, 867-3556. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

■ **Did You Know?** On this date in 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt died in office at age 63 in Warm Springs, Ga; Harry S. Truman became president.