



## Foam research, plans for next shuttle mission topics of media update on NASA TV Friday

### ▲ Space Shuttle Program Media Update:

NASA managers will brief media about the status of the Space Shuttle Program at noon Friday. The news conference is live on NASA TV and the Web from the Johnson Space Center in Houston. The briefing includes an update about engineering teams studying why a large piece of external tank insulating foam broke off during Space Shuttle Discovery's liftoff in July, and the plans for the next shuttle mission, STS-121.

Questions will be taken from media at participating NASA locations.

Briefers are Bill Gerstenmaier, NASA associate administrator for Space Operations; Wayne Hale, Space Shuttle Program manager; Richard Gilbrech, external tank and Tiger Team lead.

### ▲ Cape Canaveral Spaceport National Disability Employment Awareness Month:

Kennedy Space Center is observing National Disability Employment Awareness Month through Oct. 31. The theme for this year is "Disabilities...Look at the Possibilities," emphasizing that people with disabilities are a vital part of America's workforce, and important to our country's future economic success!

The Disability Awareness and Action Working Group will host its 3rd annual Awareness Month Breakfast at the Debus Conference Center on **Friday** from 8:30 to 10:30

a.m. This year's guest speaker is Tim Piccirillo. He was born with Tourettes Syndrome and learned to cope with this devastating disorder and achieve success in two different fields. In 1992 he decided to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a professional comedy magician and is now a motivational speaker and magician, relaying his message of "The Magic of Your Potential."

Breakfast tickets are \$15 per person.

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■ **Purchase Recycled Plastic Picnic Tables** — The NASA Environmental Program Branch is compiling a list from individuals or organizations who would like to order recycled-content plastic picnic tables or benches for outdoor break, work or smoking areas. These tables/benches can replace old wooden tables that are in disrepair and now pose safety problems. The recycled tables are made of solid recycled plastic – no metal legs that can rust. KSC

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employees can view the rectangular and hexagonal recycled plastic picnic tables at the Web site

<http://www.itsrecycled.com>. Please provide the quantity requested and locations for placement of your new recycled plastic tables/benches. Contact Hien Nguyen, at 867-8455, or [Hien.Nguyen-1@ksc.nasa.gov](mailto:Hien.Nguyen-1@ksc.nasa.gov).

■ **Trade Show** — More than 175 national and local businesses and government groups are showcasing their best products and services at the annual "Business Opportunities Expo 2005" on Oct. 18 at Port Canaveral. The trade show will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Cruise Terminal 3. In its 15th year, the Expo is sponsored by the NASA/Kennedy Space Center Small Business Council, 45th Space Wing and Canaveral Port Authority. Vendors will highlight a variety of product and service areas, such as computer technology, communication equipment and services, and construction and safety products. Admission to the Expo is free. For more information, call 867-7353 or visit the Web site at <http://expo.ksc.nasa.gov>.

■ **Did You Know?** The Health Education and Wellness Program has a new Web site, <http://hewp.ksc.nasa.gov>, that can be accessed at work, at home, or on vacation. For more information, contact Jessica Crews at 867-4566 or [Jessica.Crews@jboss.ksc.nasa.gov](mailto:Jessica.Crews@jboss.ksc.nasa.gov).