



Center enters HURCON IV status, prepares for strong winds

New station crew settling in, getting familiar with space home

▲ **Hurricane Update:** Due to the uncertainty of Hurricane Wilma, the hurricane preparedness team, and Kennedy Space Center and 45th Space Wing senior staff recommended that KSC and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station enter HURCON IV status effective Wednesday. HURCON IV means these areas could get 58-mile-per-hour or 50-knot winds within the next 72 hours. For preparation measures and other details, visit <https://tdksc.ksc.nasa.gov/servlet/dm.web.Fetch/JDP-3006-E.pdf?gid=34405>.

▲ **ISS Update:** Expedition 12 Commander Bill McArthur and Flight Engineer Valery Tokarev spent their first few days alone on the International Space Station following the safe return home of their predecessors last week. McArthur and Tokarev, veterans of shorter space shuttle flights, began familiarizing themselves with the nuances of a longer on-orbit life.

While becoming acquainted with their new microgravity home and laboratory, they did some routine maintenance work, exercised and conducted early experiment work. The crew also reviewed emergency procedures for departing the station, swapped a battery in the Zarya module and rearranged some stowage items in the Unity connecting node.

During McArthur and Tokarev's

six months in orbit, they expect to perform at least two spacewalks, the first in early November.

■ **Celebrate Return of the STS-114 Crew to KSC** — KSC/CCAFS employees and members of their households are invited to celebrate from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Nov. 1 the return of STS-114 crew members to KSC. The tickets are free to employees and are available for purchase for employee family members for \$5/person (children under age 2 are free) from NASA Exchange Stores. Ticket sales end Oct. 28. For more information, please contact Kandy Warren at 867-7711.

■ **Another Chance to See “Magnificent Desolation” at KSC Visitor Complex** — Free admission is available for an extra weekend for badged KSC and CCAFS employees and up to five family members to view “Magnificent Desolation” on Oct. 22 and 23. Through the magic of IMAX® 3D, *Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon 3-D* takes audiences to the lunar surface to walk alongside the 12 extraordinary astronauts who have been there to experience what they saw, heard, felt, thought and did. Presented and narrated by Tom Hanks, the movie features rarely seen NASA footage, CGI imaging and live-action renditions of the lunar landscape to propel audiences nearly a quarter-million miles above the

Earth’s surface. Admission includes the IMAX movie and access to the main Visitor Complex exhibits and attractions only (does not include KSC Bus Tour). It is recommended that you attend the 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m. or 1 p.m. showings. Please show your badge at the will-call/group ticket windows to receive your tickets the day you are visiting and please arrive at the IMAX Theater 15 minutes prior to show time. Tickets may not be picked up ahead of time. For more information, call 321-449-4400.

■ **Webster University Offers Diversity Seminar** — Webster University Professor Leo Lennon will conduct a seminar entitled “Managing a Diverse Workforce” from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 28 and from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 29 at the school’s Merritt Island campus. The seminar is open to the public and can be audited for \$100. Attendees also have the option of earning one semester hour of graduate credit by enrolling as a degree-seeking student and paying the regular tuition rate. For more information, call 321-449-4500 or e-mail spacecoast@webster.edu.

■ **Did You Know?** The monthly workshop for the Nutrition Education for Workers at the Spaceport (N.E.W.S.) program will be *Nutrition for Weight Loss* and will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 26 in the OSB/Room 6320.