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## Managers to make tank decision next week

## Interviews with Williams about marathon plans air on NASA TV

◆ **Shuttle Update:** Shuttle program managers will meet on April 10 to decide whether to use ET-124, undergoing foam repairs, or substitute it with a new tank, ET-117, which is scheduled to arrive at KSC on April 6.

◆ **ISS Update:** NASA astronaut Suni Williams discussed her upcoming 2007 Boston Marathon run aboard the International Space Station during recent media interviews. The *Boston Globe* and the New England Sports Network interviews with Williams were broadcast live on NASA Television.

Williams, an accomplished marathoner, is an official entrant in the Boston Marathon and will run the race on a station treadmill. She qualified for the race, along with fellow astronaut Karen Nyberg, as one of the top 100 female finishers in the January 2006 Houston Marathon. Williams will be the first astronaut to officially run in a marathon from space.

Due to the crew's work schedule, the date and time of her run on the station may not coincide exactly with the April 16 marathon on Earth, but mission control is working to match the events as closely as possible.

■ **The 2007 KSC Bi-Annual Diversity Event** — The event will be held in the Training Auditorium at

11:45 a.m. on Monday. The guest speaker is George Takei, best known for his portrayal of Mr. Sulu in the television and film series "Star Trek." Seating allocations for this presentation have been provided to directorates and contractors. The event will be broadcast live on NASA TV, Channel 7, and can also be viewed on the internal home page at <http://portal.ksc.nasa.gov/portal/>. No flash photography or individual videography will be allowed during the presentation. Those present in the auditorium will have an opportunity for questions following the formal presentation.

■ **Engineering and Scientific Accomplishments of the Shuttle Program** — The shuttle program is soliciting information about technological, engineering, manufacturing and scientific innovations developed by KSC for the shuttle program to be published in a book summarizing the program's accomplishments. A section of this book will be dedicated to the innovations and accomplishments by KSC ground operations and processing. Information regarding new technologies, processes, techniques and materials that changed the nation's space program or affected the direction of science or engineering is being sought, with a focus on unique contributions to the shuttle program.

Please submit a **few lines** (by e-mail) no later than **April 18** on any innovation or unique capability that KSC developed for the shuttle program and a point of contact, who, if selected, would write the technical details. Responses should be sent to Steven Sullivan at [Steven.J.Sullivan@nasa.gov](mailto:Steven.J.Sullivan@nasa.gov), Shaun Green at [Shaun.L.Green@nasa.gov](mailto:Shaun.L.Green@nasa.gov), or Chris Iannello at [Christopher.J.Iannello@nasa.gov](mailto:Christopher.J.Iannello@nasa.gov).

■ **Education Opportunity** — **Barry University** is currently registering for its summer semester beginning on May 29. Barry offers five, eight-week terms per year with classes scheduled evenings and weekends at two locations in Merritt Island and Melbourne. Students may also be eligible to earn up to 30 credits toward their undergraduate degrees from work experience through Barry's portfolio program. For more information on how you can earn your degree, either visit the Web site at [barry.edu/ace](http://barry.edu/ace), e-mail [lgrant@mail.barry.edu](mailto:lgrant@mail.barry.edu) or call 453-6253 (Merritt Island) or 409-5553 (Melbourne).

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