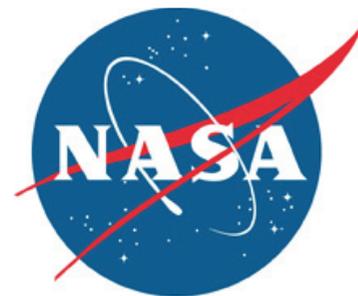


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Closeout crew gets it done by the numbers

Workers strap in STS-124 astronauts, close hatch before beautiful launch

By Kate Frakes
Spaceport News

As countdown to the launch of Discovery on its STS-124 mission approached the final hour, United Space Alliance lead, Travis Thompson, and his six-member closeout crew helped strap the astronauts into their ascent positions aboard the space shuttle at Launch Pad 39A at Kennedy. "Come back and see me," Thompson told the crew as he exited the cockpit.

Thompson and his team were responsible for the astronauts' safety and comfort while boarding the space shuttle and they only had 50 minutes.

"It's like softball," Thompson said. "I ask myself what I'm going to do if the ball is hit to me. I'm always aware of everyone's location; whether it's on ship, in the White Room or outside."

"I'm following a checklist, talking to the orbiter test conductor and NASA test director and keeping track of time while making sure every crew member gets the right piece of equipment." He said that the given, but approximate, 50-minute timeframe was never far from his mind.

Discovery lifted off May 31 at 5:02 p.m. EDT. It was a successful beginning to the second of three launches scheduled to complete the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's (JAXA) Kibo laboratory, at the International Space Station.

"This particular launch was spotless. It was flawless and smooth. That is what stands out; no

Touchdown time

As of press time, the landing of STS-124 was targeted for 11:15 a.m. June 14.

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anomalies," Thompson said.

Those flawless preparations were reflected in the cabin's energetic atmosphere.

"The astronauts were all happy, talkative and relaxed; like it was a cakewalk," Thompson said.

Thompson said his crew prepares two astronauts at a time, while the others wait outside.

"When the last astronaut Ron Garan walked inside, he joked that



Smoke and steam billow across Launch Pad 39A as space shuttle Discovery races toward the International Space Station.



NASA

Travis Thompson, right, enjoys a light moment with STS-124 Mission Specialist Ron Garan in the White Room on Launch Pad 39A prior to launch May 31.

we had been keeping the air condition all for ourselves," Thompson said. "I didn't have to ask him if he wanted the cooling system hooked to his suit."

The closeout crew prepared seven astronauts for launch including Commander Mark Kelly and Pilot Ken Ham, Mission Specialists Ron Garan, Karen Nyberg, Greg Chamitoff, Mike Fossum and JAXA astronaut Akihiko Hoshide.

Chamitoff will transfer to the station and take astronaut Garrett Reisman's place as a space station Expedition 17 flight engineer. He will return to Earth on shuttle mission STS-126 targeted for November. Reisman will return with Discovery's crew on June 14.

After Discovery's June 1 arrival to the station, Kelly and Ham performed a rendezvous pitch maneuver, allowing the crew to photograph the orbiter's protective heat-resistant tiles and send the results to engineers on Earth for analysis. After necessary pressure and leak checks were performed on the hatches, the two spacecrafts were joined.

Crew members performed three spacewalks to install the Japanese

Pressurized Module and its Remote Manipulator System. After Garan and Fossum transferred the Orbiter Boom Sensor System's heat shield inspection tool back to the space shuttle, where it was temporarily stored on the station's exterior in March, the crew prepared the pressurized module for its installation to the left side of Harmony.

The spacewalks also included work on the starboard Solar Alpha Rotary Joint. They installed a replacement atrundle bearing assembly, assessed a potentially damaged area on the joint and tested possible techniques to clean the surface of the joint's race ring.

STS-124 is the 123rd space shuttle flight, the 26th to the station, the 35th for Discovery and the third flight in 2008.

Thompson has worked as lead of the closeout crew for more than half of the shuttle program's launches. "I have two shoeboxes full of the mission patches I wore on each launch that I was lead," he said. "I'm not counting them until the shuttle program ends."

For the latest information about the STS-124 mission and its crew, visit www.nasa.gov/shuttle.



NASA/Kim Shillett

Brevard Workforce Development Board President Lisa Rice, Kennedy Center Director Bill Parsons and Brevard Workforce Development Board Vice Chairman Jack Rood signed the document that will help pave the way for work force cooperation between Kennedy and the BWDB.

Leaders sign Space Act Agreement to help work force during transition

By Linda Herridge
Staff Writer

Kennedy Space Center Director Bill Parsons signed the center's first Space Act Agreement with the Brevard Workforce Development Board (BWDB) during a ceremony in the Headquarters Building on May 27.

With several board members at their side, Brevard Workforce Development Board President Lisa Rice and Vice Chairman Jack Rood signed the document that will help pave the way for work force cooperation between Kennedy and the BWDB in support of existing and future missions at the space center.

The agreement will be the foundation document used by both organizations, to partner with state and local community leaders, in the joint goal of preparing Brevard County's highly skilled work force for the transition from the Space Shuttle Program to the Constellation Program.

"It is important that we communicate and work together," Parsons said. "Getting started early is the key."

According to Rice, the agreement will allow the BWDB to increase its efforts to retain, strengthen and expand the county's diverse and available work force, and help to keep Brevard County and its skilled work force in the forefront of the aerospace industry.

Rice said the agreement will offer the work force opportunities for

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**Bill Parsons,
Kennedy Center Director**

lifelong learning and job training. It also allows for increased availability of the Brevard Job Link Express Bus at various locations around the center.

The Job Link Express is a self-contained career center on wheels with twelve computer stations, Internet and telecommunications, printing, copying and fax capability, as well as new sources of information to assist workers with job searches and help determine other career interests.

Rice praised the center for appointing Human Resources Director Tracy Anania as an ex-officio liaison to the workforce board. Rice said her participation has opened channels of communication with the center's contractor human resource departments.

Rood said it is part of the workforce development board's vision to help create and maintain a highly competitive work force for Brevard County.

"We look forward to a long and mutually advantageous working relationship with Kennedy Space Center," Rood said.

Transition Working Group seeks to involve everyone

Planning the future posture of Kennedy Space Center following the retirement of the Space Shuttle Program, ramp-down of International Space Station ground operations and the emergence of the Constellation Program requires center-wide involvement. The Kennedy Transition Working Group (TWG) was chartered in 2006 to provide center leadership in those efforts. TWG includes members from all Kennedy directorates responsible for identifying and resolving key transition issues, particularly those that cross organizational lines. The scope of TWG is wide-reaching and includes planning for personal property, facilities, work force and budget issues.

The membership includes Kennedy transition managers appointed for Constellation, Melodie Jackson; Institution, Kelly Gorman; Shuttle Processing, George Jacobs; and Space Station, John Jackson. Managers oversee transition within their organizations and programs, and work closely with their counterparts in the programs and at NASA Headquarters to make sure Kennedy concerns are taken into consideration when transition and retirement are discussed.

TWG is chaired by the Institutional Transition Manager, Kelly Gorman. "The TWG's job is to stay on top of transition issues and develop center positions to respond to program decisions," Gorman said. "We can charter subteams to focus on particular subjects, like property disposition and artifacts, and we work closely with other groups and teams working on future planning activities."

Kennedy's work force, considered the most vital and important asset, is widely discussed when planning for the center's upcoming transition. Human Resources is leading the effort at Kennedy and already has participated in ongoing work force planning exercises for civil service and contractor personnel. TWG primarily provides a forum for information exchange

so all directorates are aware of the status of these planning exercises and any issues that may arise.

As budgets and technical requirements are firmed up, TWG may take on an integrating function to make sure all programs and institutional organizations are engaged in implementing the transition of work force

Kennedy faces some significant challenges post-shuttle and TWG is developing plans to lessen the impact while keeping in mind that every dollar spent on transition and retirement is a dollar not available for future missions.

For example, the group is planning for the orderly disposition of more than 300,000 line items of shuttle personal property located at Kennedy.

Much will be reused by Constellation or other programs, but the remainder must be properly assessed and cost effective methods to accomplish the task must be developed.

Another important task is identification of the buildings and capabilities needed by Constellation so Kennedy management knows which assets are available for other uses or for closure.

Budget submittals for transition and retirement efforts are reviewed closely by the agency and TWG reviews Kennedy submittals and notes potential impacts so center management can raise them to appropriate agency forums, when necessary. Members participate in agency and program transition meetings and provide reports to the rest of the membership.

TWG meets monthly and reports to the deputy center director quarterly.

More online

To find out more about the status of the Kennedy Transition, including TWG presentations and minutes, go to:

<http://ksctransition.ksc.nasa.gov>

Team prepares Kennedy, CCAFS for new contracts

By Linda Herridge
Spaceport News

Kennedy Space Center's two largest institutional contracts, the Joint Base Operations and Support Contract, or J-BOSC, and Kennedy Integrated Communications Services, or KICS, will end Sept. 30. Since January, the center's Institutional Contracts Transition Team has been hard at work, preparing for the contract transition.

Currently, the J-BOSC contractor is Space Gateway Support and the KICS contractor is InDyne.

The J-BOSC contract includes services at Kennedy and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. The follow-on institutional contracts will include eight new contracts at Kennedy and seven new contracts at CCAFS.

Joyce Riquelme, deputy

director of Cape Canaveral Spaceport Management Office, said, "The purpose of the team is to help provide a smooth and seamless transition to ensure continuity of services to customers without disruption. There will be changes that affect the customer in terms of who they call, for example."

Riquelme said information will be sent out to all workers as soon as it is available.

Kennedy contracts will include Institutional Support Services, Protective Services, Information Management and Communications Services, Medical/Environmental services, Mail Services, Technical Training, Custodial Services, and Grounds Maintenance and Pest Control.

The Kennedy Institutional Support Services contract was awarded to ReDe-

Critique of Metairie, La., in March, which includes but is not limited to technical training activities.

The NASA Protective Services contract, an agency wide contract, was awarded to Coastal International Security of Lorton, Va., in May.

New contracts at CCAFS will include Installation Operations and Maintenance Services, Security Protection Services, Fire Protection/Emergency Management and Emergency Medical Services, Grounds Maintenance and Pest Management Services, Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Services, Combined Refuse Collection and Disposal Services, and Installation Support.

Though NASA and the Air Force will have separate contracts beginning Oct. 1, Riquelme said there will be opportunities where each

may procure services from the other when needed.

There will be a 90-day phase-in period beginning July 1, for the Institutional Support Services, Information Management and Communications Services and Medical/Environmental Support contracts.

The NASA Protective Services contract will have a 60-day phase-in period beginning Aug. 1, while the Mail Services, Custodial and Grounds Maintenance/Pest Control contracts will have a 30-day phase-in period beginning Sept. 1.

A similar phase-in schedule for the Air Force contracts is anticipated based on the dates the new contracts are awarded.

"We're working together on this transition," said Wayne Beaulieu, a transition team member from CCAFS. More information will

be provided to the Kennedy and CCAFS work-force as the new contracts are announced. Riquelme said significant changes affecting customers will be distributed through town hall meetings, additional Spaceport News articles and the KSC Daily News Bulletin online.

Two e-mail accounts have been set up to accept feedback, questions or concerns to help ensure a smooth transition. The global addresses are: KSC-JBOSC-Transition and KSC-KICS-Transition.

Peggy Parrish, the lead for transition communications planning, said a transition Web site is in the works so the team can post updated information as it becomes available.

Look for the Web site address in the KSC Daily News or a future Spaceport News article.

Spacesuits remain cool despite always-changing fashion trends

By Steven Sicheloff
Spaceport News

The technical marvel that is the space shuttle system, does not stop with the spacecraft.

Spacesuits the astronauts wear during launch and landing are examples of high-tech clothing designed to hold communications equipment, oxygen tanks, parachutes and enough water for a day. All while keeping the astronaut cool.

You won't see a bulky pressure suit, weighing 91 pounds and painted orange, on the fashion runways of Paris, but they are an essential element to any astronaut's wardrobe.

No one goes into space aboard a shuttle without one because it could be the key to keeping an astronaut safe in case of emergency situations.

According to shuttle crew escape subsystem manager K.C. Chhipwadia, it's all about safety.



NASA/Amanda Diller

Shuttle Crew Escape System Manager KC Chhipwadia describes the elements of the helmet that is part of the launch and entry suit (seen on the table) used by shuttle crews during their missions.

"It's not really designed to walk around and move like a (spacewalking suit) is, it's really to stay seated and stay alive," Chhipwadia said.

That means it can take as long

as 30 minutes to get inside one.

That's because the ensemble is several layers of thin clothing, not just one big suit an astronaut climbs into and zips up. The orange part that everyone sees as astronauts walk from the Astrovan to the launch pad is simply the top layer.

With the helmet, visor and gloves locked in place, the suit fully encloses the astronaut in an air bubble inflated to 3.5 pounds, about the same air pressure as a person would find 30,000 feet above Earth. That is slightly lower than the cruising altitude of many airplanes.

That air pressure was chosen because the bailout scenarios for an astronaut in the unlikely event of an emergency call for the crew to evacuate the spacecraft at 30,000 feet, Chhipwadia said.

Once an astronaut gets out of a crippled shuttle, the suit is designed to act automatically.

"We have to protect the unconscious crew member as well as the conscious crew member," Chhipwadia said.

For example, a pressure switch on the suit tells the main parachute to open at 14,000 feet. The harness has water-sensitive devices to detach the parachute when the astronaut reaches the water. Otherwise, the unconscious crew member could be dragged around the waves behind a billowing canopy.

Other water-sensing items deploy a life preserver around the astronaut in the water. The helmet is equipped with a valve that lets air inside after the oxygen runs out. There also is a larger life raft in the suit, along with a bailing cup to scoop water out of the suit.

Since the suit is designed to keep an astronaut alive for 24 hours, it also carries a supply of drinking water.

NASA's spacesuit collection also is versatile. The agency has 12 different size suits for its astronauts, but they are not custom-fitted, which means they can be used by several astronauts over the course of many different missions.

Scene Around Kennedy



NASA/Jim Grossman

Workers maneuver the lightning mast onto the ground on Launch Pad 39B at Kennedy. It is part of the lightning protection system being built for the Constellation Program and Ares/Orion launches. Pad B will be the site of the first Ares vehicle launch, including Ares I-X.



NASA/Cory Huston

High school students release a weather balloon June 6 during part in a five-day, free program called the Governor's School Summer Academy. Funding for the program supports planning to establish a Governor's School for Science, Mathematics and Space Technology at or near Kennedy.

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You are encouraged to send unique story ideas and exciting photos of workers in action for possible publication. Photos should include a short caption with the names and job titles, from left to right. Send e-mail to

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for NASA

Fifteen students received their preschool diploma from Kennedy Space Center Child Development Center during a graduation ceremony June 7. About 80 people attended. The graduates are headed for kindergarten.

Kennedy Space Center



NASA/Jim Grossman

A group from the first graduating class of astronauts after the Apollo program gathers at the Banana River viewing site at NASA's Kennedy Space Center before the launch of space shuttle Discovery on its STS-124 mission. In 1978, after nine years without new astronauts, a new group of 35 astronauts was selected. Since then, a new group has been selected about every two years.



NASA/Bill Ingalls

Suzu Sawanuki presents artwork by her husband Toshiro Sawanuki to James Hattaway, associate director for Business Operations at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral.



NASA/Kim Shifflett

A technician inspects a replacement part for the Zvezda Service Module toilet on the International Space Station following its arrival at Kennedy Space Center.



for NASA

From left, Pvt. Marin, Pvt. Miloro, Pvt. Cook, 2nd Lt. Chris Scott, Cpl. Galletti, Sgt. 1st Class Maschek, Cpl. McGrane are among the troops of Charlie Company 2/7 Cavalry stations at Fort Hood, Texas. They are performing security tasks in Iraq.

Co-workers adopt son's Army unit headed to Iraq

By Jennifer Wolfinger
Spaceport News

While American soldiers and NASA workers support different national objectives, it didn't stop a team of Information Technology and Communication Services' employees from supporting a recently deployed U.S. Army unit.

When several of Ann Marie Keim's colleagues saw photos of her son, 2nd Lt. Chris Scott, in his military uniform, many asked if his unit stationed in Fort Hood, Texas, needed any assistance. She informed them that units could be "adopted." Her co-workers within the security office immediately signed up.

"We feel great about the support we received. Everyone is excited that an agency like NASA would take an interest in our small unit in such a big Army," Scott said. "It also means a lot to realize that people are still out there that care about our soldiers and the sacrifices we make. Our company has about 90 soldiers in it."

Keim, an information technology specialist, said more than 60 pounds of essentials, goodies and NASA decals were quickly shipped to the unit's 90 members at Fort Polk, La., where the troops were participating in a month of pre-deployment exercises.

"It is so awesome that my

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teammates would adopt me and my son as family after only a short time of me working with them," Keim said.

The soldiers, who deployed to Iraq in early June, perform security tasks throughout Iraq, but their missions can change based on immediate needs.

Once the Kennedy team receives the unit's address, they intend to send care packages to them monthly. Keim said they will coordinate "packing parties" to make personal grab bags with snacks, lip balm, sunscreen and other useful and uplifting items.

"I am truly humbled by the interest and support my teammates, and even those outside of my team, have shown. The unquestioning support leaves me speechless – not an easy thing," Keim said.

Keim, Lt. Scott and his fellow soldiers are grateful for those supporting them including Henry Yu, Diana Kniffin, Elaine Brabaw, Dawn Kniffin, Dave Roberts, Janet Thompson, Mark Mason, Maria Donat, Truemilla Johnson and KICS employee Ted Cayer.

Kennedy visit inspires boy in Doodle 4 Google contest

By Jennifer Wolfinger
Spaceport News

For many computer users, the Google logo is a familiar sight. For 12-year-old Karl Berg, the emblem represented an opportunity to share his enthusiasm for NASA.

Through the Doodle 4 Google competition, U.S. students were given a chance to design Google's homepage. The students' doodles were required to center around the theme "What if ...?"

In his "Reach for the Stars" design entry, Berg said, "What if: two simple words that have led mankind to achieve incredible accomplishments that were once thought to be impossible. Among these amazing feats are the Wright Flyer, missions to the moon, and the space shuttle. We must keep asking 'what if,' and be inspired to reach for the stars."

Before designing his logo, Berg found inspiration when he and his family visited Kennedy Space Center in September 2007. According to him, he enjoyed walking under the massive Apollo rocket at the KSC Visitor Complex, looking at the different mission patches and banners, and was fascinated to learn that the space shuttle and its launch platform travel on a gravel surface due to its weight.

"I've always liked drawing and thought it would be a neat experience to take part in a competition created by a world-renowned internet search engine. I've always been intrigued by flight and NASA.



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Karl Berg's inspiration came from his 2007 visit to Kennedy.

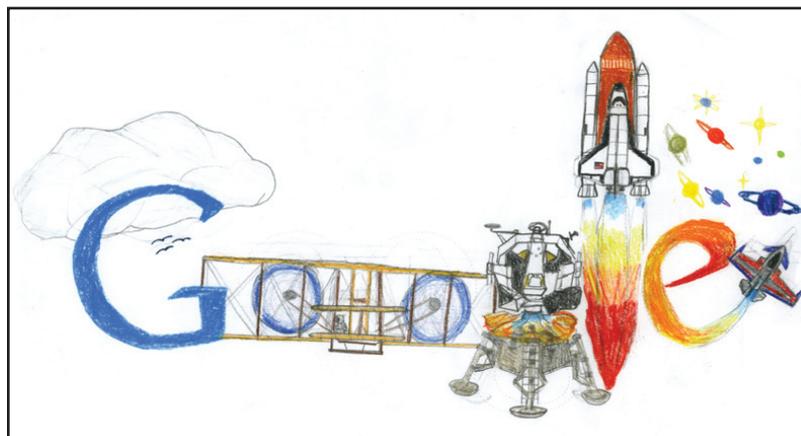
I wanted to show the progression of flight in my doodle and accomplishments of NASA," said Berg, a home school student from Colorado who just completed the sixth grade.

Submissions were divided into four grade groups and the contest included four stages of judging. At the regional level, 40 winners were selected from a pool of 400 state finalists.

Berg was one of the 40 regional winners that traveled to Googleplex, the company's headquarters in Mountain View, Calif., for a tour, fun, food and the announcement of the national winner.

According to Berg, when the students entered the campus, 7,000 employees lined the pathway and cheered for them. The winner was selected May 21 and that image was used for the May 22 logo.

The competition is held to encourage and celebrate the creativity of young people. For more information and to see the various doodles, visit www.doodle4google.com.



for NASA

Karl Berg's award winning Doodle 4 Google highlights the Wright Flyer, missions to the moon and the space shuttle.

Sally's ride 25 years ago was a giant leap for women

By Kay Grinter
Reference Librarian

America celebrated a milestone in the advancement of women in the workplace 25 years ago as Sally Ride launched to orbit aboard space shuttle Challenger June 18, 1983.

With the arrival of the Space Shuttle Program, NASA created a new category of astronaut: the mission specialist. No longer would astronaut selection be limited to those trained as test pilots. The new vehicle was designed for science and research investigations in Earth orbit and could support crews larger than three.

In January 1978, NASA announced the candidates selected for the first astronaut class of the new era. Sally Ride, a recent recipient of a Ph.D. in physics from Stanford University, was chosen along with five other women who excelled in their respective scientific fields: Anna Fisher, Shannon Lucid, Judy Resnik, Rhea Seddon and Kathryn Sullivan.

Kennedy Space Center's former director, Bob Crippen, was commander of Ride's historic mission.

From his home in South Florida, Crippen said: "Any one of the six women NASA hired would have been qualified to be the first American woman in space. They were all great. Sally's thorough knowledge of the shuttle arm and other shuttle systems made her an especially good choice."

Ride was one of five crew members aboard STS-7, slated to deploy two communications satellites - the ANIK C-2 for TELESAT Canada and the PALAPA-B1 for Indonesia, as well as release and retrieve the Shuttle Pallet Satellite on which 10 microgravity experiments were mounted. Other crew members included Pilot Rick Hauck and Mission Specialists John Fabian and Norm Thagard. These three were also among the astronaut candidates chosen in 1978.

"Sally was an integral part of the crew and functioned as flight engineer, positioned between the commander and pilot on the flight deck. She monitored our tasks and kept us 'honest,'" Crippen said.



NASA file

The STS-7 crew, from left, Mission Specialists Norman Thagard and Sally Ride, Commander Robert Crippen, Mission Specialist John Fabian and Pilot Frederick Hauck, answer questions from the media at Kennedy on June 3, 1983.

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Crippen was impressed with Ride's performance and requested that she serve on the STS 41-G mission which he commanded in October 1984.

From her office at the University of California in San Diego where she is now employed, Ride said: "Bob was the ideal commander. He had a real focus on teamwork and cooperation. We all got along, liked each other, and had a good time while we were in flight."

On STS-7, the shuttle arm was put through its paces.

"During the mission, John and I split the duties, releasing and retrieving the satellites," Ride said.

Asked to comment on similar experiences with astronauts on recent shuttle and station flights, Ride was forthcoming: "I was one of the lucky ones and did not experience any space sickness. I adapted pretty quickly to microgravity on both my missions. And there were no

problems with the toilet on either of my flights."

NASA alumnus Art Willett was a "pad rat" and member of the team that supported the STS-7 prelaunch activities, including the terminal countdown demonstration test launch dress rehearsal.

"It was Sally's first mission, and we tried to make her feel at home," Willett said. "It was stressful enough for her with all the attention of being the first woman astronaut to fly in America's space program. She really seemed to have it together. From interacting with her during the training activities, I got the impression that she was a smart individual and looked forward to using her skills in space."

Ride remembers her first dress rehearsal on Pad 39A, as well.

"Getting out of the simulators in Houston, seeing the hardware up close for the first time, and being inside the actual orbiter made the upcoming flight seem real," she said.

Space Gateway Support's Roger Tome was the assistant fire chief at launch time. He briefed the STS-

7 crew on emergency procedures at the Shuttle Landing Facility and the role of Chief 5, the fire officer in charge of all rescue operations in the event of an emergency landing.

"Ride was very knowledgeable and wanted to learn all facets of our jobs," Tome said. "She was very attentive and appreciative of our efforts."

Crippen praised the Kennedy team for doing "an excellent job of preparing us to go fly."

Today, Ride is involved with Sally Ride Science, a company she founded in 2001. Its innovative science content promotes children's interests in science, math and technology. A key part of their mission is to make a difference in girls' lives and in society's perception of the roles of women in technical fields.

"My involvement in the space program shows that girls and young women can do anything that they want to do," Ride said. "That if they have an interest in math or science, they should pursue their dreams."

For more information on Sally Ride Science, visit www.sallyridescience.com.

Today is deadline to buy BBQ tickets

Tickets will not be available after June 13.

The 2008 KSC Best BBQ will be June 20 at KARS Park I (Area 2) from 3 to 6 p.m. Food will be served from 3:15 to 5 p.m.

There will be a homemade dessert contest. For more information, call Janice Everett at 867-8421.

Also, a spades tournament will be held along with a cake walk, 3-legged race, intern scavenger hunt, karaoke, volleyball and an intern vs. employee tug-o-war.

To sign up for the spade tournament, call T.C. Williams at 476-3648 or Gloria Y. Johnson at 867-9150.

For more information call Brittani Sims at 476-4000.

NASA Employees of the Month: June



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Employees of the Month for June are, from left, Ralph Mikulas, Launch Services; John T. Jones, Engineering Directorate; Penny Myers, External Relations; Gladys I. Morales, Engineering Directorate; Irma Granell, Chief Financial Office; Carol Cavanaugh, Center Operations; Cindy Dunn, Human Resources Office; Lisa Peckham, International Space Station & Spacecraft Processing Directorate; and Neil Berger, Constellation Project Office. Not pictured are Tracy Lee Belford, Chief Counsel; Bill Dearing, Information Technology & Communications Services; Eugene (Trip) Healey, Launch Vehicle Processing; and Chris Weaver, Safety & Mission Assurance.

WORD ON THE STREET

How has the price of gas affected the way you get to work or travel overall?



"I now drive a motorcycle. And let's not even discuss the rising cost of food."

Jerome Bostick, electrician with United Space Alliance

"I live on the other side of the bridge in Titusville. It has affected the other cars in my household."

Chris Grubbe, contract administrator with NASA



"I use cruise-control more. Not much you can do when you have to travel 37 miles each way."

Dennis Dammann, project manager with Met-Con Inc.

"I try to cut back as much as I can. I drive a motorcycle on evenings and weekends."

Russ Planke, project superintendent, with Speegle Construction II



"If (gas) continues to rise I may have to carpool, vanpool or even telework."

Neil Roever, computer science staff IV with United Space Alliance

Looking up and ahead

June 20	Launch/VAFB: Delta II, OSTM/Jason II; 3:46-3:55 a.m.
June 20	2008 KSC Best BBQ: 3 to 6 p.m. KARS Park I
June 26	Leukemia/Lymphoma Symposium; 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Mission Briefing Room in O&C Building
Target Oct. 8	Launch/KSC: Atlantis, STS-125; TBD
Target Nov. 10	Launch/KSC: Endeavour, STS-126; TBD
No earlier than Nov. 13	Launch/CCAFS: Delta II, STSS; TBD
No earlier than Nov. 24	Launch/CCAFS: Atlas V, LRO; TBD
No earlier than Dec. 1	Launch/CCAFS: Atlas V, SDO; TBD
Target Dec. 4	Launch/KSC: Discovery, STS-119; TBD
No earlier than Dec. 12	Launch/CCAFS: Delta IV, GOES-O; TBD



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