



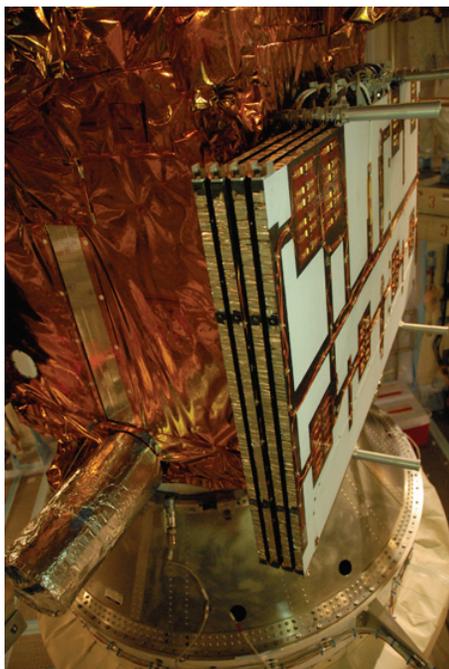
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OSTM/Jason-2 prepped for Friday's launch

◆ **ELV Update:** The Ocean Surface Topography Mission, or OSTM/Jason-2, spacecraft has been mated to its Delta II launch vehicle (see below) and is undergoing closeout checks before launch on Friday between 3:46 and 3:55 a.m. EDT.



◆ **Shuttle Update:** With space shuttle Discovery's STS-124 mission successfully completed, NASA is turning its attention to evaluating and repairing damage to Kennedy Space Center's Launch Pad 39A.

During Discovery's May 31 liftoff, the east wall of the pad's north flame trench suffered damage, with broken sections of the wall scattered from the flame trench to the pad perimeter fence. The

pad is expected to be repaired by October, when the crew of STS-125 is targeted to launch aboard space shuttle Atlantis on a mission to service the Hubble Space Telescope. Pictures of the pad like the one below are online at:

<http://mediaarchive.ksc.nasa.gov/search.cfm?cat=167>.



■ **The KSC/CCAFS Health Education & Wellness Program, or HEWP, for June Is Healthy Eyes** — Taking care of your eyes and getting regular examinations can prevent many leading causes of blindness. Many eye problems can be prevented or corrected if detected in their early stages.

The June 2008 HEWP packet covers eye exams, nutrition for healthy eyes, UV protection, computer vision and dry eyes. The packet will be posted under the "Monthly Health Topics" section of the HEWP Web site at:

<http://hewp.ksc.nasa.gov/mthly.cfm>.

Hard copies of the packet will also be available at all medical and fitness facilities.

■ **Use New Form For Excessing Untagged Property** — A new excess form, KSC 7-652, has been developed for non-

NASA considers repairs to damaged Pad 39A flame trench

tagged items. This form will replace the KSC 7-49 for **turn-in**. The KSC 7-652 includes blocks for all information that is required to excess a non-tagged item appropriately. The KSC 7-49 is still required to **acquire** items from excess. The new form is to be submitted with original and three copies, and it is available at the KSC Forms Web site:

http://kscforms.ksc.nasa.gov/search_Forms.cfm?RequestTimeout=300.

If you have any questions, please contact the Property Disposal Office at 867-7027.

■ **Summer Camp Reminder** — Camp Kennedy Space Center, called Camp KSC, offers weekly summer camp sessions through Aug. 15 for children entering second through ninth grade. Badged employees and contractors of Kennedy, CCAFS, Patrick Air Force Base and retired KSC personnel receive a 15-percent discount off regular tuition of \$295 per child, per session.

Campers receive a complimentary Commander's Club Annual Pass for a full year of fun at the KSC Visitor Complex. Also included are lunches and afternoon snacks, an official Camp KSC T-shirt, the Camp KSC graduation ceremony and a certificate of completion.

For more information, visit: www.KennedySpaceCenter.com.

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