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## Endeavour stacking ready to begin for STS-127

◆ **Shuttle Update:** Aft closeout on space shuttle Discovery is on hold for continuing analysis of the GH2 flow control valves.

The rollaround of Atlantis' ET/SRB stack on the mobile launcher platform to High Bay 3 of the VAB was completed yesterday. The move frees High Bay 1 for Endeavour's ET/SRB stacking for the STS-127 mission.



◆ **ISS Update:** Russia launched the next supply spacecraft to the International Space Station early Tuesday morning. The ISS Progress 32 cargo ship lifted off at 12:49 a.m. EST (11:49 a.m. Baikonur time) from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. Progress contains 1,918 pounds of propellant, 110 pounds of oxygen and air and 2,866 pounds of dry cargo including spare parts and equipment for the station's Expedition 18 crew. The spacecraft is scheduled to dock to the station early Friday and will be carried on NASA TV.

■ **ODIN Tip: MS Office 2007** — Do you know what the “ribbon” is used for in MS Office 2007? The “ribbon” makes

navigating in Office 2007 products much easier. ODIN is releasing Microsoft Office 2007 to all ODIN-supported users. The successor to the Office 2003 suite, Office 2007 runs applications such as Outlook, Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

Check out the ODIN Web site at: <http://www.odin.lmit.com/ksc/ksc0708.doc.html> to learn more about the differences in MS Office 2007. The ODIN Web site also includes additional ODIN Tips, upcoming training classes, and an overview of other Microsoft products.

■ **Diabetes Education Seminar** — The Health Education and Wellness Program is hosting a seminar, called Diabetes Updates, as part of its KSC Diabetes Education Series. The seminar will be held at 11 a.m. Feb. 19 in the O&C Mission Briefing Room. Peggy McLaughlin, a diabetes nurse educator from the Parrish Diabetes Education Program, will speak.

To be placed on the Diabetes Interest Group e-mail distribution list, please e-mail Kris Calderon at [kristine.s.calderon@nasa.gov](mailto:kristine.s.calderon@nasa.gov). List members will be sent information from the diabetes seminars along with other information, announcements and updates pertaining to diabetes.

■ **Reminder** — The annual luncheon celebrating African American History Month will be held 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Feb. 19 in the Kurt Debus Conference Center at the KSC Visitor Complex. The guest speaker is Christyl Johnson, assistant associate administrator in the Office of the NASA Administrator. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased from:

## Russian cargo ship to dock at ISS Friday morning

- *Truemilla Johnson*, HQ/2610P, 867-2307.
- *Raquel Lumpkin*, HQ/2504H, 867-5381.
- *Betty Lee*, HQ/3441A, 867-3677.
- *Valarie Franklin*, O&C/1020, 867-7051.
- *Maxine Daniels*, SSPF/3228X, 867-5976.
- *Ledlyne Heriscar*, OSB/15309K2, 861-1044.
- *Willie Mae Moore*, OSB/14403S1, 861-4862.
- *Bruce Lockley*, Shuttle Logistics Bldg./3836, 861-1333.
- *April Lovelady*, SLS Lab/102-10, 861-2921.
- *Linnette Daniels*, Hangar N/CCAFS, 853-9261.

■ **NASA Science** — A gamma-ray flare star 30,000 light years from Earth is putting on a remarkable show for NASA spacecraft. Highlights include ghostly x-ray “light halos” and eruptions packing more total energy than the sun puts out in 20 years. You can read the full story at: [http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2009/10feb\\_sgr.htm](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2009/10feb_sgr.htm).

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