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KSC COUNTDOWN

TDRS-I ready for launch March 8 from CCAFS

Get tickets early for All-American Picnic March 16

▲ ELV Update: The TDRS-I satellite has been stacked with its launch vehicle, the Lockheed Martin Atlas-Centaur rocket, on Pad 36-A, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. The time of launch extends from 5:39 - 6:19 p.m. EST. The second in a new series of telemetry satellites, TDRS-I replenishes the existing on-orbit fleet of six spacecraft. The TDRS System is the primary source of space-to-ground voice, data and telemetry for the Space Shuttle. It also provides communications with the International Space Station and scientific spacecraft in low-Earth orbit such as the Hubble Space Telescope. This new advanced series of satellites will extend the availability of TDRS communications services until about 2017.

▲ The KSC All American 2002 Picnic: This year's picnic is scheduled for March 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at KARS Park 1. Along with the traditional atmosphere, the event will have a few twists, like a pie-eating contest and more. Ticket prices are $5 for adults, $3.50 for children 3-12 years of age; children 2 and under eat FREE. Ticket prices will **increase** if purchased on the day of the event, and this year's event is headed for another record setting pace, so buy ***your*** tickets early at all NASA Sundry stores or from those individuals listed below. This a great way to enjoy an inexpensive family activity.

- Beth Smith HQ 4th flr.
- Carol Swem, NSLD1 room 421.
- Maria Ray, HQ room 3144
- Clare Smith O & C room 3028
- Mary Baldwin EDL room 200
- Kim Armour Visitor Center
- Marsha Straughan TRM 0017 room 100
- Cassandra Getter EDL room 201
- Peggy Parrish Hangar I annex room 204 CCAFS
- Shermane Martino Hangar I " " 210 D CCAFS
- Annette Dittmer " " " " 213 CCAFS
- Sadie Copeland Hangar R & D 2nd floor CCAFS

Also, go to the web site at **kscpicnic.ksc.nasa.gov**

◆ Slogan Winner -- The Environmental Program Branch/Permitting & Compliance Group congratulates **Kandy Warren** for her winning slogan in the KSC Water Conservation Program Slogan Contest. The new slogan is "**One small drop for KSC -- One giant lake for mankind."** Kandy will receive an award during KSC's Environmental & Energy Awareness Week -- April 22-24. The Environmental group thanks employees for the many great and creative slogans submitted.

◆ Did You Know? March is National Athletic Training Month, and RehabWorks would like to invite employees to learn more about the profession and the KSC program. Stop by one of the cafeterias listed below between 11a.m. and 1p.m. in order to "Ask the ATC." The staff will be on hand to answer injury prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation questions, or discuss exercise and conditioning needs. Free rehabilitation handouts and physician referral forms will be available.

CCAFS	March 5 & 28
SSPF	March 7 & 26
MFF	March 12 & 19
O&C	March 14
HQ	March 21 ★

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