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Work on Atlantis, Discovery progressing on schedule

CFC exceeds goal in first 2 weeks of campaign

▲ **Shuttle Update:** On **Atlantis**, the power-down period continues with critical path wiring, structural inspections and electrical modifications throughout the vehicle. RTF modifications, including the wiring for the Orbiter Boom Sensor System and installation of the wing leading edge sensors, are progressing on schedule.

On **Discovery**, during powered-up system testing, technicians performed numerous checks including Orbiter Maneuvering System and Reaction Control System heater checks, nitrogen and oxygen leak checks, and Ku-band system work. Closeouts continue on the Rudder Speed Brake with seal installations.

▲ **CFC Donors Prove Generous:** In less than 3 weeks of the CFC campaign, 57 percent of NASA KSC employees have contributed $302,903, or **103 percent** of the $294,000 goal established for this year's campaign.

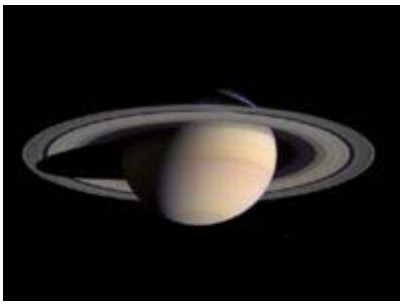
Congratulations to the following employees who won in the drawings in the first two weeks: $100 gift certificate to the NASA Exchange - **Patrick Breen**; two Maximum Access passes to the KSC Visitor Complex - **Pat Jordan**; two tickets to the Annual Disability Awareness Action Working Group breakfast - **Angie Brewer**; two Maximum Access passes to the KSC Visitor Complex - **Robert Youngquist**; $75 gift certificate to the NASA Exchange - **Diana Kniffin**.

■ **Supporting Our Troops Update —** The JBOSC/SGS/Information Management Directorate has been shipping care packages to our military in Iraq/Afghanistan/Kuwait, etc., since April 2004. To date we have mailed over 130 packages to 31 friends and family members serving abroad. If you have a friend or relative serving in the military and want to include them in this project, e-mail Joy Antonucci or Elaine Brabaw with their full name and mailing address.

If you would like to lend a hand and purchase supplies, you can see a list of the most requested supplies on the IM home page **(http://sgs.ksc.nasa.gov/sgs/departments/informationmanagement/ or www.anysoldier.US).**

You can bring your supplies to CIF 218 or send your supplies through our regular internal mail services by addressing them to: **FOR OUR TROOPS, SGS-009**. (Leave them at your regular mail stop and the mail carriers will bring them to the IM office.)

■ **Education Opportunity — Florida Tech's** School of Management offers an MBA, MBA with concentration in acquisition and contract management, MBA with concentration in accounting track, and an MS in engineering management. Contact Sharon Anderson (*sanderso@fit.edu*) for additional information.



■ **A Ring-Side View of Saturn —** Enjoy the beauty of Saturn with a photo essay produced from images taken by NASA's Cassini spacecraft, orbiting Saturn since June 30, 2004.

This new multimedia presentation from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory also includes an image gallery and science section that highlights the mission's early stages of exploration. This feature is available in Flash and html versions at **http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/multimedia/cassini-essay/**

■ **Did You Know?** Martin Van Buren, born on Dec. 5, 1782, was the first President to be born a citizen of the United States. Previous Presidents had been born before the American Revolution and thus were born British subjects.

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