



Equipment problem delays Swift launch

▲ **Swift Update:** Launch of NASA's Swift spacecraft aboard a Boeing Delta II rocket was delayed Wednesday at least 24 hours due to a concern with Range Command-Receiver Decoder equipment on the launch vehicle. The concern arose overnight after the "Safe and Arm" devices were connected.

The decision to postpone the launch occurred as engineers were making final checks prior to launch tower rollback at Complex 17 on Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

At press time, the management team was due to meet Wednesday evening to confirm the launch date based on the latest engineering assessments.

▲ **Return to Flight Progress:**

Early next week, the first Solid Rocket Booster segments will be moved into the VAB to begin the stacking process for the Return to Flight mission, STS-114. The stacking begins with the right aft booster and right aft center segment.

■ **Road Construction** — The right lane of the southbound Kennedy Parkway, between Schwartz Rd. and the exit ramp at NASA Parkway, is being resurfaced. Until construction is complete, there will be a 3.5- to 4-inch drop-off in the area.

Also, the other two lanes will be milled to 1.5 inches and resurfaced.

Please drive cautiously to prevent

damage to vehicles and harm to workers in the area. The work areas will have cones, barricades and other signage to inform the drivers where to go and what speed to drive. Normal work hours for the job site are 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Questions, comments or concerns may be addressed to NASA Construction Management, either Jim Lorence at 867-9293, or Tommy Sizemore at 867-3689.

■ **Flu Vaccine Available for At-Risk Employees** — The Occupational Health Facility (OHF) has received a limited supply of influenza vaccine. The OHF will be distributing this vaccine in strict adherence to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines. You are eligible to receive the vaccine, as long as there are no medical contraindications, if you are in at least one of the following high-risk categories:

- People 65 years of age or older;
- adults with chronic lung or heart disorders, including heart disease and asthma;
- women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- adults with chronic metabolic diseases, such as diabetes;
- adults with kidney diseases;
- adults with blood disorders, such as sickle cell anemia;
- adults with weakened immune systems, such as those with some

Discovery's SRB segments moving to VAB

forms of cancer, on chemotherapy, or persons with HIV/AIDS;
– household members and out-of-home caregivers of infants under the age of 6 months.

The OHF will vaccinate high-risk individuals on a first-come basis. Healthy people 2 to 64 years of age are asked to postpone or skip getting a flu shot this year so that available vaccine can go to protect those at greater risk for flu complications.

■ **NASA Science** — Scientists are using space satellites to unravel one of the great mysteries of the ancient world. The long-lost secrets they're discovering could help modern people in Central America avoid the fate of the Maya.

Read the full story at the Web site http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2004/15nov_maya.htm.

■ **Did You Know?** The KSC NASA Institutional Safety and Quality Branch has more than 100 safety training videos available for checkout and viewing by any KSC employee. Categories cover electrical safety, confined space, ergonomics, hazard communication, weather hazards and more. Videos can be checked out for two weeks at a time from room 3021 of the O&C building. The complete list can be viewed at <http://kscsafety.ksc.nasa.gov/KSCN ASASafetyTrainingLibrary.htm>.