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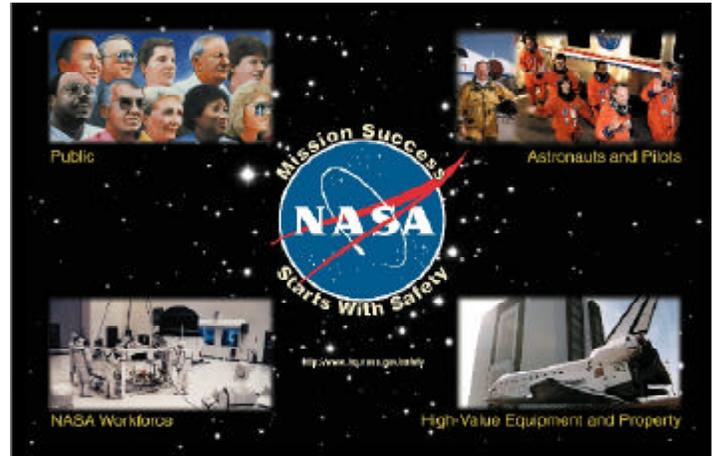
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NASA administrator discusses safety and health concerns

In a letter to the NASA team, Administrator Dan Goldin encouraged employee support of the Agency's Safety Initiative.

NASA is committed to the safety and quality of life for employees on the ground, in the air and in space. No longer is it acceptable to focus attention primarily on health care expenditures and discount employee well being and a long-term commitment to risk prevention at home and at work. NASA will first consider the safety and prevention of impairment of the workforce. Consequently, preventive health care costs are viewed as health care investments.

Reducing the health risks of NASA employees leads to a more committed and effective workforce. A more productive workforce provides NASA and this nation with a greater competitive edge when carrying out NASA's mission. Potential health risks facing the NASA population include: poor lifestyle habits such as inadequate nutrition, insufficient exercise and smoking; hazardous environmental exposures in the workplace, at home or during leisure; and inadequate medical monitoring and preventive screening for disease.



The Agency's Safety Initiative "Mission Success Starts with Safety" is depicted in the poster above.

Such poor lifestyle habits may not only contribute to compromised performance and safety in the workplace but can also lead to early disability and death from cardiovascular disease, cancer, lung disease, diabetes, and, of course, accidents and on-

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Lockheed Martin's Richard Brown, with the computational modeling group of the Commercial Remote Sensing Program (CRSP), informs members of the Space Studies Board about aspects of the remote sensing program. The board, part of the National Research Council, visited Stennis Space Center during the second week of November. The board came to Stennis to gain a better understanding of how CRSP works in partnership with private U.S. industry and other users of remote sensing.

NASA supporters given credit for FY 2000 budget appropriation

Thanks to support from across the nation and throughout our local communities, NASA's funding is in place for fiscal year 2000. On Oct. 20, President Clinton signed the appropriations bill which included NASA's funding for fiscal year 2000. The bill included more than \$13.6 billion for the space agency, an additional \$74.3 million over the President's original request.

"Three months ago, NASA's budget potentially faced more than a \$1 billion reduction," NASA Administrator Dan Goldin said in a written statement. "With the signing of the bill, we can breathe a collective sigh of relief. It was because all of our voices were

heard that the Congress responded. You, our contractors, space advocacy groups, students, teachers and citizens who cared about NASA shared their concerns with their elected representatives. The Congress and the President recognize that the work you do will help open the space frontier, develop new technologies, strengthen our economy and enrich lives in the new century."

In July, Partners for Stennis issued a statement calling for a united effort to stop Congress from proceeding with the House Appropriations Subcommittee vote to slash the NASA budget. Partners for Stennis, lead by

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LAGNIAPPE Commentary

Gator's Thanksgiving Turkey . . .

I hadn't seen Gator for awhile so I went down to his old haunt on the river near the Cypress House. Sure enough, there he sat on the banks of the river on his favorite log.

"Gator, where you been?" I addressed the old boy, "Is something wrong?"

When he turned around to greet me, I could see a troubled look on his face, almost like he had been crying. I've gotten to know the Gator very well through all these years, and I can tell when he's feeling low.

"Ah, you couldn't help, Pilgrim, it's that time of year again, Thanksgiving, you know?"

"But Gator," I replied, "Thanksgiving is supposed to be a joyful time of year. You know, when we celebrate our many blessings. Cook up all that good food— oyster dressing, yams and, of course, turkey.

"Oh, that's the trouble—turkey!" Gator bellowed. "Why you folks want to chop my good friend's head off just to garnish your old pagan feast?"

"Now Gator, I know old Tom, the great wild turkey in Honey Island Swamp, is a good friend of yours. We're not going to serve him in the cafeteria. I know the boss would grant him a pardon, even if he were selected. Old Tom is almost as much a celebrity around here as you are. So quit that brooding and get with the season. We've more to be thankful for this year than any other time I can remember."

"You sure about that Pilgrim?" Gator asked, "I feel better then. You know us creatures got to stick together, and our wild turkey population goes down lower every Thanksgiving."

"Now that we've got that settled, Gator, what are your plans for the Thanksgiving holiday?"

"I guess me and Mrs. Gator will be visiting our family in Florida. You know that's where our ancestors settled. They came over on the Wild Flower from the old country. They started an alligator farm in St. Augustine, and my branch of the Gator family migrated up here to the Pearl River swamps. The Choctaw Indians met us, and we celebrated our first Thanksgiving together, long before your bunch landed at Plymouth Rock!"

"Gator, you're full of it," I said, and gently slapped the old timer on his scaly back.

"Now that I told you my plans, Pilgrim, what are your plans for celebrating Thanksgiving?" Gator asked.

"I don't know, Gator, I guess we'll stay around here," I replied. "We usually have a store-bought turkey—not one of your wild turkey friends—and all of the trimmings including pumpkin pie. Whatever, all of us out here at Stennis Space Center have got a lot to be thankful for this year."

"You got that right, Gator said. "The good Lord has been awfully good to us this year. And you know what, Pilgrim, this will be the last Thanksgiving this century. Gosh, would you believe the last Turkey Day in the whole millennium!"

"Now you've got the spirit, Gator, give my holiday greetings to your old pal Tom. And tell him not to worry. We'll see him around next year!"

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NASA NEWSCLIPS

X-43 Hypersonic flight research vehicle delivered—The world's first hypersonic air-breathing free-flight vehicle is no longer just a paper airplane. The first of three experimental vehicles, designated X-43A, recently arrived at NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center, Edwards, Calif., to prepare for flight in May 2000.

Flight of the X-43 vehicles will be the culmination of over 20 years of supersonic combustable ramjet research and the first time a non-rocket engine has powered vehicles at hypersonic speeds.

Program managers hope to demonstrate hydrogen-powered, air-breathing propulsion systems that could ultimately be applied in vehicles from hypersonic aircraft to reusable space launchers.

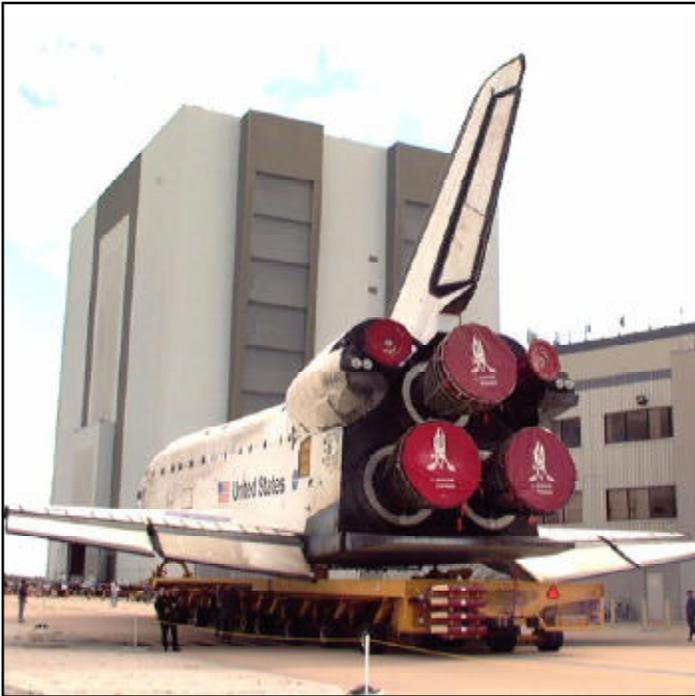
NASA fuels land mine removal efforts with Thiokol—The same rocket fuel that helps power the Space Shuttle as it thunders into orbit will now be taking on a new — perhaps surprising — role, with the potential to benefit millions of people worldwide.

Leftover rocket fuel from NASA is being used to make a new flare that destroys land mines where they are buried, without using explosives.

The flare was developed by Thiokol Propulsion, the NASA contractor that designs and builds rocket motors for the Space Shuttle, through an agreement with NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.

NASA technology tracks consequences of Hurricane Floyd—A NASA oceanographer, using spaceborne technologies to study the effects of Hurricane Floyd, has seen indications that there may be significant impact on the marine food chain along the North Carolina coast due to extensive rainfall in the region.

"The NASA technology improves our ability to monitor these important fishery areas by covering larger areas than direct sampling from boats can and by providing this information for weeks or months," said Pat Tester, a NOAA scientist at the Center for Coastal Fisheries and Habitat Research, Beaufort, N.C.



Orbiter Discovery rolls out of Orbiter Processing Facility Bay 1 Nov. 4, at Kennedy Space Center, bound for the Vehicle Assembly Building. Processing of Discovery for launch on STS-103 continues toward an early December liftoff on the third mission to service the Hubble Space Telescope.

Discovery slated for December launch; Hubble to be repaired

Discovery and its seven-member crew are scheduled for a Dec. 6 launch. This date remains tentative due to ongoing repairs and inspections. STS-103 is NASA's third servicing mission that will be divided into two parts to repair the Hubble Space Telescope. The second part is scheduled for mid-2001.

Crew members include: Commander Curt Brown, Jr.; Jean-Francois Clervoy; C. Michael Foale; John Grunsfeld; Scott Kelly; Claude Nicollier and Steven L. Smith.

NASA's Hubble Space Telescope was placed into a safe mode Nov. 13, when the fourth of the six gyroscopes ceased operation. With only two operational gyros remaining, the science program will be suspended until completion of Discovery's mission.

In addition to replacing all six gyroscopes on the December flight, the crew will replace a guidance sensor and the spacecraft's computer. A voltage/temperature kit will be installed to protect the spacecraft batteries from overcharging and overheating when the spacecraft goes into safe mode. A new transmitter will replace a failed spare currently aboard the spacecraft, and a spare solid state recorder will be installed to allow efficient handling of data.



American Needlepoint Guild presents Stennis with replicas of mission patches

When the expanded Stennis Space Center Visitors Center reopens next spring, 123 hand-stitched patches donated to NASA by the American Needlepoint Guild (ANG) will be displayed.

The colorful, intricately detailed patches, commemorating all the American human space flight missions flown to date, were the project of individual needlepoint stitchers, ranging in age from 29 to 89 and including four men, from across the country who are members of the nonprofit guild. Barbara Edmonds, past director for educational services for ANG, developed the concept for, as well as spearheaded this mammoth needlepoint effort, which involved months of labor and coordination.

"There was so much excitement among our members about this unique project," said Edmonds. "They were all constantly chatting on the web about it. And, as a result, it has certainly heightened their awareness about America's space program and activities," she concluded.

Many of the members selected the patch they would stitch because they had a personal connection to a particular mission or astronaut. One example was Pat Correz of Rialto, Calif., who currently serves as the ANG western area representative. The mission patch she hand stitched commemorated the historic Apollo-Soyuz mission that combined the technological efforts of the United States and the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics during the 1970s.

A former United States Air Force (USAF) lieutenant, Correz was stationed at the USAF's Experimental Flight Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. As administrative officer, she worked with Apollo-Soyuz's American commander, Capt. Thomas Stafford, and was also indirectly involved with many future astronauts who underwent training at the Test Pilot School.

The American Needlepoint Guild was established for the educational and cultural



Pat Correz of Rialto, Calif., left, a member of the American Needlepoint Guild, presents NASA's Myron Webb, public affairs officer at Stennis, right, the Apollo-Soyuz mission patch. Correz' patch was just one of 123 hand-stitched patches donated to NASA by the guild. They will be proudly displayed in the expanded Stennis Visitors Center when it reopens in spring 2000.

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International Space Station Status Report

Routine operations continue aboard the International Space Station as flight controllers monitored systems and made the usual checks of its orientation and spin rate.

The five batteries on Zarya used to store the Sun's energy and convert it to electrical power are in cycling mode. Periodically, each battery is cycled to ensure its health and maintain its life. Battery 1 continues to remain disconnected from the electrical unit and is likely to be replaced during the next Shuttle visit scheduled for the spring of 2000.

Tests were performed of the command path to Zarya from Mission Control, Moscow, using Unity's early communications system and to Unity from Mission Control in Houston, via the Komparus computer system inside Zarya.

All other Station systems are in excellent shape as it orbits at an altitude of 245 by 226 statute miles. Since the launch of Zarya last November, the ISS has completed more than 5,470 orbits.

Space Station viewing opportunities worldwide are available on the Internet at: <http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/realdata/sightings>.

Director's Dialogue

from Center Director
Roy Estess



Got a Bright Idea?

One of the Diversity Dialog Group (DDG) recommendations was to develop an effective suggestion system. Now that we have our ISO certification and an environment in which we can be assured that processes and instructions are defined and followed, it is appropriate to improve them. A suggestion system is an effective way to identify improvements because it relies on you, the person doing the work or involved in the situation, to recognize and suggest potential enhancements from your expert perspective.

There are many ways this system could fail. These include making it cumbersome and difficult to enter submissions; providing no feedback or status on suggestions; never implementing anything or using it as a complaint system.

We've worked hard to find an approach which avoids these pitfalls and which makes suggesting improvements painless and maybe even fun. We're calling it Bright Ideas. To facilitate input and response, it operates from the Stennis Internal Home Page at <http://sscisl.ssc.nasa.gov/ideas/>. Gator is your host as you enter the Bright Ideas site where he'll greet you with some words of wisdom. Ideas may be submitted anonymously. Submission of an idea is recognized immediately, and it is then sent to appropriate evaluators and implementers. The site also contains a status of each idea so that its progress can be tracked. To thank people who submit ideas, we conduct a drawing each month from all submitters to award a cash prize to two individuals. Bright Ideas is up and running.

To strengthen our future, please take time to let us hear from you and help Stennis improve. We need your Bright Ideas!



NASA's Fred Gregory, left, associate administrator, Office of Safety and Mission Assurance, recently visited Stennis Space Center. Clifton Arnold, Jr., center, an aerospace engineer with the Stennis' Office of Safety and Mission Assurance, and John Gasery, right, director of Stennis' Office of Safety and Mission Control, discussed the center's status with the Agency's Safety Initiative (ASI). Gregory said, "Stennis has made significant progress since the last process verification. The things that Center Director Roy Estess and John Gasery have put in place are very positive signs that Stennis will become an Agency leader and, perhaps, a world leader in safety." The ASI is aimed at strengthening capabilities so that safety permeates every aspect of NASA and the workforce incorporates safety and health principles and practices into our daily decision making processes and lives.

Stennis' growth affects Eppersons professionally, personally

For more than 20 years, NASA's David and Cindy Epperson have been eyewitnesses to the many changes that have taken place at Stennis. The professional and personal changes in their own lives, in many ways, have kept pace with those of the space center.

In 1976, Gulfport native, Cindy Harrison, came to the National Space Technology Laboratories (NSTL) as a secretary to NASA's comptroller. Today, she is still in the same office; only now, she is the deputy Chief Financial Officer for financial management at Stennis.

Three years later, Long Beach native, David Epperson joined Rocketdyne at the NSTL as an avionics engineer. Today, he is NASA's senior engineer in automation and control systems.

When Cindy Epperson joined the NSTL, NASA had little more than 100 employees on site. Now, she is responsible for the Agency's financial management system at Stennis and has seen the NASA family grow to more than 250 employees.

"There is a spirit of camaraderie here," she said. "Being able to know your co-workers is one of the benefits of working at a smaller center. It really helps us to be more of a NASA family."

Other responsibilities for Cindy include payroll, travel, commercial accounting, reimbursable accounting and development of the center's annual occupancy rate.

David Epperson's role has seen more changes in the last five years than in the last 20. "For such a long time we



Cindy and David Epperson

were just testing the Space Shuttle Main Engine," he said. "Now, we have a broad assortment of new test articles with applications that reach beyond any one program or project."

Neither Cindy or David knew each other prior to their employment at Stennis. A pair of mutual friends kept promising to arrange a blind date between David and Cindy and when it never materialized, David took matters in his own hands. He called Cindy himself.

And after 17 years, they are still amazed at their similarities. They attribute much of that similarity to their parents, both fathers being from Alabama, Cindy's mother from Germany and Dave's from Czechoslovakia.

"We are very close to our families," Cindy said. "We go to see Dave's mom every night, and every Saturday I visit my parents and go shopping with my mother. If I don't do that, my weekend is not complete. I try to do a good job of creating a balance between career and family."

It is the amount of balance between the Epperson's vocations and avocations that have served to keep the couple evenly tasked. Dave, a musician who frequently

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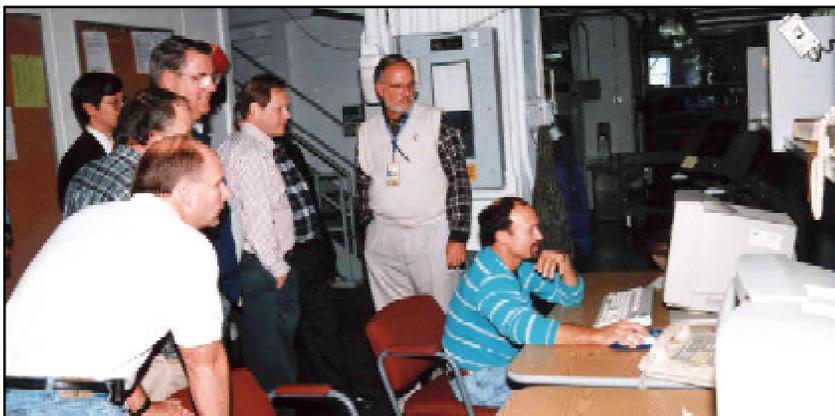
plays in a local jazz band and with the Gulf Coast Wind Symphony, holds his private airplane pilot's license and commercial helicopter pilot's license. Cindy is an avid do-it-yourselfer in the garden and at home, who has a serious propensity to shop and take in flea markets.

Cindy was recently accepted as a member of the 1999-2000 Class of Leadership Gulf Coast - a program that brings together representatives from private industry, as well as state and federal government, to discuss issues that affect the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

"We find that we are happiest when we each have time to pursue our own interests. I think having our own time makes us a stronger couple," David said.

"Together we enjoy skiing and love to take the train each year to New York City to see the Christmas decorations and take in some plays."

Both Cindy and David said no profile would be complete without mentioning Maximilian, their poodle-terrier mix dog. "Max rounds us out as a family," David said, "He has a way of drawing our attention from more stressful thoughts. He is a little celebrity bringing a new dimension to our lives."



Boeing's Sonny Jarrell, seated, a mechanical technician on Test Stand A-2, demonstrates a new paperless planning system to engineers from United Space Alliance (USA) as Boeing's Dave Geiger, center, watches the demonstration. Geiger toured the USA engineers who were on site as part of a recent nationwide USA Engineers Council meeting held at Diamondhead. USA is a joint venture between Lockheed Martin and Boeing contracted with NASA for the management of the Space Shuttle Program. USA is headquartered in Houston, Texas.

New exhibit depicts Stennis' development

When the Stennis Visitors Center reopens in spring 2000, patrons will have the opportunity to learn about the history of Stennis Space Center through the recently completed Swamp to Space exhibit. The Visitors Center is currently closed for major renovations and expansion.

“The historical section of the Swamp to Space exhibit tells the story of and pays tribute to the families who moved their homes to make way for the space age in Mississippi,” Linda Theobald, NASA public affairs specialist at Stennis, said. Names of the 2,202 family members are listed on two columns in the exhibit.

A video on the five communities — Gainesville, Logtown, Napoleon, Santa Rosa and Westonia — in existence before the creation of Stennis, is also part of the exhibit as are historical photographs and a photo mural of the massive construction effort necessary to build the space center. Artifacts such as a large, century-old wooden tiller, used for steering boats, help complete the new exhibit.

Also aiding in telling the story is a map dating back to 1956, donated by the Hancock County Historical Society. The 6-by-4 foot map notes the names of those owning tracks of land at least two acres in size during the pre-Stennis days. In addition, replicas of flags dating back to 1699 that have flown over land Stennis occupies are



also on display.

As an example of Stennis' commitment to the environment,

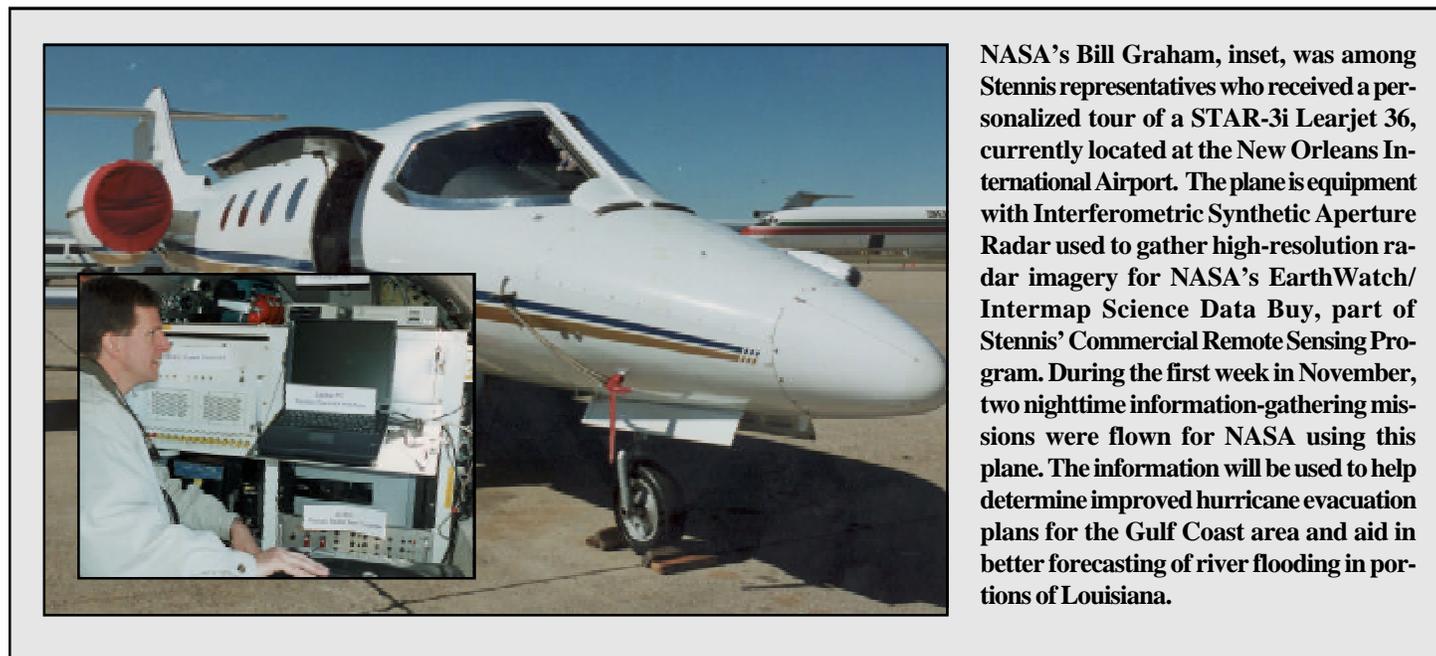


the second portion of the exhibit includes a slice of a Mississippi swamp. Besides animals depicted in their natural habitat and native flora such as water hyacinths, this lifelike exhibit also features a video journey down the Pearl River, which forms the boundary of Stennis.

This is the first of many new exhibits being added to the Stennis Visitors Center. Upon reopening in spring of next year, the Visitors Center will offer more than 14,000 square feet of exhibits, covering space exploration, ocean and earth-related sciences, and information on the work of agencies located at Stennis. A space-theme restaurant and a gift shop will also be included.



The menacing-looking creatures—the wild boar and alligator, above left, are not living. They are realistic props to help convince visitors that the feel of the swamp is real. The props are part of the newly-completed Swamp to Space exhibit at the Stennis Visitors Center. Included in this exhibit is a listing of the of 2,202 family members who moved in order to make Stennis Space Center a reality. The exhibit is one of several new exhibits that will be part of the renovated and expanded Stennis Visitors Center when it reopens in spring 2000.



NASA's Bill Graham, inset, was among Stennis representatives who received a personalized tour of a STAR-3i Learjet 36, currently located at the New Orleans International Airport. The plane is equipped with Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar used to gather high-resolution radar imagery for NASA's EarthWatch/Intermap Science Data Buy, part of Stennis' Commercial Remote Sensing Program. During the first week in November, two nighttime information-gathering missions were flown for NASA using this plane. The information will be used to help determine improved hurricane evacuation plans for the Gulf Coast area and aid in better forecasting of river flooding in portions of Louisiana.

Stennis to negotiate 11 small business contracts

Stennis Space Center has received 11 of the 290 research awards recently announced by NASA for negotiation of Phase I contracts for its 1999 Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program. The total value of the awards, nationally, is expected to be more than \$20 million.

In addition to stimulating innovation, the SBIR program aims to increase the number of small businesses, including women-owned and disadvantaged firms, conducting federal research and commercializing the results of federally funded research.

Stennis officials reviewed some 55 proposals for technical merit, feasibility and relevance to NASA research and technology requirements, before making recommendations and forwarding them to NASA Headquarters. The selected firms will be awarded fixed-price contracts worth up to \$70,000 to perform six-month Phase I feasibility studies. Companies which successfully complete the Phase I activities are eligible to compete for Phase II selection the following year. The Phase II award allows for a two-year, fixed-price contract of up to \$600,000.

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the-job injuries. The undetected and unrecognized errors caused by a compromised physical and mental state are the greatest threats to safety that we face!

Healthy employees are the pillars of NASA's success and can get the job done better and more efficiently. An investment in healthy lifestyle improvement is an investment in NASA's future and is one of the most significant competitive advantages available today.

Research indicates that, on any given day in America, as much as 80 percent of the workforce is not fully productive because of poor health.

NASA spends between \$6 million and \$7 million on workers' compensation costs annually and a far greater amount on lost productivity due to loss of personnel from the job site due to injury and illness. In the current climate of shrinking resources, we cannot afford lost productivity and losses of our most important asset, our workforce.

Annual Cultural Awareness festival at Stennis focuses on international diversity



A world of food, fashion, festivities and more played a part in Stennis Space Center's recent International Day Festival sponsored by the Association For Cultural

Awareness. Photos clockwise include Richard Gonzales, Sr., top left, center, of the Canary Islands Descendants Association of St. Bernard, demonstrates techniques for palmetto weaving. Upper far right, a mother-daughter team comprised of Debra Matrana and Frances Evans sniff out the benefits of spicy concoctions developed using age-old recipes. Center, Denise Dedeaux, left, association president, admires the hairstyle of Florence Duffie, of the Panama Folk Dancers. Lower left, flamenco dancer Michelle Paule and guitarist Brock Fanning practice for their performance at the festival.

Stennis announces first pilot site for National Workforce Development Training Initiative

Stennis Space Center, NASA's lead center for commercial remote sensing, has chosen Tupelo Middle School as the first pilot site for the National Workforce Development Education and Training Initiative (NWDETI). The announcement was made during a recent trip to Tupelo by Dr. David Powe, chief of the Education and University Affairs Office at Stennis.

"We are moving to the cutting edge of education," Dr. Mike Vinson, superintendent of the Tupelo School District, said. "This certainly is a giant step to have the opportunity to share in the brain power this program will generate."

The initiative has been launched to ensure our nation's ability to remain competitive in the growing remote sensing job market.

Remote sensing is a way to determine information about the Earth such as soil type, plant health and terrain, without taking in-place measurements. Applications include finding the best routes for highways, determining placement of utility lines, deciding the best time to irrigate and fertilize crops and assessing environmental damage caused by oil spills and natural disasters.

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development through participation and encouragement of interest in the art of needlepoint. Placing needlework in public locations, on a local and national level, is one of its objectives.

Previous, ANG projects include stitching over 250 stocking ornaments for the White House Christmas Tree and providing needlepoint kneelers and chair seats to the Old North Church in Boston, Mass.

At the group's annual convention in Atlanta, Ga., earlier this month, Edmonds officially presented NASA's Myron Webb, public affairs officer at Stennis Space Center, with one of the 123 hand-stitched patches that will occupy a prominent place at the Stennis Space Center Visitors Center.

"NASA sincerely thanks the guild members and is appreciative of their time, talent and dedication to this historically significant project. We are excited about sharing these authentic needlepoint mission patches with the many thousands of visitors who tour Stennis Space Center each year," Webb commented.

The Stennis Space Center Visitors Center closed recently to complete an expansion project that will offer 14,000 square feet of interactive exhibits representing NASA, the Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command and other Stennis agencies. The Visitors Center will reopen in spring 2000.

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QUICK LOOK

■ **The Stennis Chapter of the NASA Alumni League** will hold a meeting December 16 at 1:00 p.m. in the Center Director's conference room in Bldg. 1100. All members and retirees are invited to attend. For more information call Helen Paul at 228-467-7113.

■ **The following will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25 in observance of Thanksgiving:** Keesler Federal Credit Union, Stennis Child Care Development Center, APG service station, Dave's Snack Bar, Main Cafeteria, U. S. Post Office, World Wide Travel, Airport Dispatch, Hancock Bank, The Wellness Center, Corporate Cleaners, MSS-InDyne mail services and MSS-Abacus taxi service, the barber shop, and communications.

The Main Cafeteria, U.S. Post Office, World Wide Travel, Corporate Cleaners and the Wellness Center will remain closed Friday, Nov. 26.

■ **The following will be closed Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and New Year's Eve, Dec. 31:** Keesler Federal Credit Union, Stennis Child Care Development Center, APG service station, Dave's Snack Bar, Main Cafeteria, U. S. Post Office, World Wide Travel, Airport Dispatch, The Wellness Center, MSS-InDyne mail services and MSS-Abacus taxi service, and communications.

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president Dr. Martin Berry of Picayune, is an advocacy group of Mississippi and Louisiana leaders, organized in the mid-1990s to promote and support the activities and agencies based at Stennis.

The proposed cuts would have meant that, locally, Stennis would have major cut-backs in the areas of shuttle support, and possible elimination of Earth Sciences and Commercial Remote Sensing programs.

"We at Stennis should be very pleased with the signing of this bill," Stennis Space Center Director Roy Estess said. "This bill includes new work for Stennis, and we thank both the Mississippi and Louisiana delegation for their support."

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The high-tech remote sensing industry is rapidly growing worldwide.

The program is based on the successful approach developed and demonstrated by the Mississippi Model for Workforce Development. The national plan includes a three-part strategy: being customer driven; utilizing the existing infrastructure; and creating systemic change. Under this plan, NASA will partner with other federal agencies, industry, and colleges and universities so that a natural saturation of the United States is possible.



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