



Proposed FY '02 budget offers increase for Agency's funding

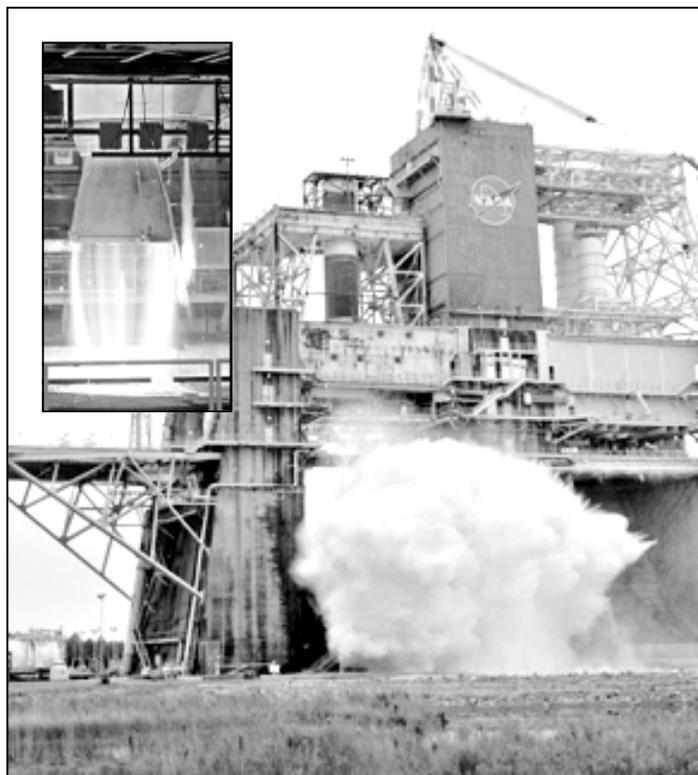
NASA's budget for fiscal year 2002 would rise to \$14.5 billion under the federal budget submitted to Congress by President George W. Bush on April 9. The President's request represents a 2 percent increase over the current year budget and a 7 percent increase over fiscal year 2000. NASA Administrator Daniel S. Goldin, in presenting the budget details, said that these increases indicate the administration's strong support for NASA programs at a time when many other federal agencies are getting less.

"We face some difficult decisions and will take a close look at program priorities and the supporting capabilities at our NASA field installations," Goldin said. "This budget provides the funding for research and technology advances in areas including a 64 percent increase over fiscal year 2001 for the Space Launch Initiative (SLI) and strong support for improving aviation safety, space science programs, Earth sciences and for space shuttle safety improvements."

The budget includes \$7.2 billion for the Agency's Human Space Flight (HSF) activities, including \$3.3 billion in support of the Space Shuttle program. This recommendation proposes approximately \$100 million for HSF activities at Stennis.

From a Stennis Space Center perspective, Acting Director Mark Craig notes that the budget proposed by the Bush administration will mean some changes for NASA and the HSF program. "With the proposed budget, Stennis would have funding to continue expansion of our rocket propulsion test capabilities to meet customer needs. NASA's SLI will see significantly increased funding, and we do anticipate some new jobs coming, but it is too early to determine how many. The proposed fiscal year 2002 budget indicates no loss of NASA employee jobs for

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The Common Booster Core (CBC) for the Boeing Company's Delta IV family of rockets passed a critical test March 17 at Stennis Space Center, marking a major milestone for the program. Engineers conducted the first in a series of static fire tests on the CBC with the RS-68 engine. The test lasted 15 seconds and generated the equivalent of 14 million horsepower. The Delta IV test program also includes a 5.5-minute full-flight duration test that will simulate events of an actual flight profile.



Representatives of six resident agencies at Stennis Space Center cut a ribbon opening their exhibit, "Caring for the Gulf Together." The new exhibit opened March 22 at StenniSphere. Participating in the ribbon cutting were, from left, Walt Gandy, National Marine Fisheries Service; Aubry Dupuy, Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Chemistry Laboratory; Mike Hemsley, National Data Buoy Center; Jim Giattina, Gulf of Mexico Program Office; Frank Henry, United States Geological Survey; and Capt. John Horsman, Naval Research Laboratory. Two additional exhibits also opened at StenniSphere. See story, Page 6.

Safety — NASA's top priority — requires a constant, vigilant effort in all aspects of work

Mark Craig
Acting Director

I want to take this time to heighten our awareness of safety reporting and ensure our constant vigilance concerning safety and health. We will not compromise the safety and health of our people and property or degrade the environment.

Our goal is to have safety permeate all aspects of our operations at Stennis Space Center and to routinely incorporate safety and health practices into our daily decision-making processes.

Communication is essential to safety. I encourage every Stennis employee to raise

all safety concerns to his or her supervisor. If that concern is not addressed, the employee should raise it to higher levels of management, ensuring safety risks are taken seriously and addressed properly. If necessary, raise these concerns to division supervisors, general managers or to me personally.

It is each employee's responsibility to report any unsafe conditions — even if there are perceived consequences. Each person at Stennis has my personal assurance that this may be done without fear of retaliation.

Please elevate to your division supervi-

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NASA's MAI Web tool helps analyze data

As available information increases, so does the need for tools to assist in the analysis, classification and management of that information.

The Web Machine Aided Indexing (MAI) is a Web-based interactive tool for analyzing and indexing the content of technical documents. At the heart of the application is a language processor that can accept any text

as input — including abstracts, text documents or Web pages. Within seconds, text copied to the Web-based input screen is analyzed and a ranked listing of subjects provided. The program is accessible to all members of the extended NASA community, which includes NASA personnel and contractors from a NASA site. To access MAI, go to <http://www.sti.nasa.gov/nasaonly/webmai/>.

NEWSCLIPS

New scanner helps the search for shuttle tile flaws — NASA workers who face the critical task of evaluating damage to the Space Shuttle's protective thermal tiles now have some high-tech help in the form of a new portable, digital inspection system.

Engineers from NASA's Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif., and the Boeing Co., Huntington Beach, Calif., delivered a hand-held laser scanner earlier this month to NASA's Kennedy Space Center for evaluation.

The scanner uses a digital camera and is the first step toward the development of a system that could aid the evaluation of the shuttle's Thermal Protection System.

Images of the scanner are available on the Internet at: <http://amesnews.arc.nasa.gov/releases/2001/01images/scanner>.

NASA satellite tracks hazardous smoke and smog partnership — New research sponsored by NASA may soon help scientists do a better job of tracking pollution plumes around the world and provide more advance warning of unhealthy air.

In the March 16 issue of "Science" magazine, NASA's Earth Science Enterprise at Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., along with industry and university researchers, reported that smoke and smog move in different ways through the atmosphere. By studying a series of unusual events several years ago that created a blanket of smoke and smog over the Indian Ocean, the researchers determined the pollutants were in different layers of the atmosphere. It was the first time researchers have seen smoke move more slowly and in different directions from where smog moved.

Sun unleashes record superflare; Earth dodges solar bullet — The Sun blasted one of its largest flares in 25 years from the same region harboring the largest sunspot of the current solar cycle in late March.

The flare was observed by the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO), one of a fleet of spacecraft monitoring solar activity and its effects on the Earth.

The project is an international cooperative program between NASA and the European Space Agency.



Five Stennis Space Center employees were honored with NASA's Space Flight Awareness Award. The award program was established to prevent human error by instilling in civil service and contractor employees an awareness of personal responsibility for shuttle missions. Award recipients traveled to Washington, D.C., for activities celebrating the 20th anniversary of the first Space Shuttle Mission. Recipients included, back row from left, Lockheed Martin's Robert Van Peski and Bernie Parker, and NASA's Cliff Arnold. Seated, Mississippi Space Services' Carol Schuler and Boeing Rocketdyne's James Foil.

International Space Station Status Report

Space Station crew rotation successful

STS-102, flawlessly launched March 8, brought home the first resident crew of the International Space Station March 21 and left the replacement crew.

The crew transfer, the first for the station, was among Discovery's top priorities. Expedition One Commander Bill Shepherd, Soyuz Commander Yuri Gidzenko and Flight Engineer Sergei Krikalev were replaced by Expedition Two Commander Yury Usachev and Expedition Two flight engineers Susan Helms and Jim Voss.

The transfer took place in a carefully orchestrated, one-at-a-time process that ensured the current members of the station crew would be able to come home at any time during the switch. Expedition Two crew members officially joined the station when they installed their seat liners in the Soyuz.



Five astronauts and a Russian cosmonaut share space on the flight deck of the Space Shuttle Discovery following that spacecraft's separation from the ISS. Cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev, far left, joins astronaut Bill Shepherd, bottom center, and cosmonaut Yuri Gidzenko on the return trip after several months aboard the ISS outpost. Other STS-102 crew members are astronauts James Kelly, Andrew Thomas, and Paul Richards along with James Wetherbee.

Mission to extend humans' reach into space

Endeavour's launch marks 20th anniversary

On April 12, 1981, the Space Shuttle orbiter Columbia lifted off from its pad at Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The launch of Endeavour — scheduled at press time at 3:41 (CDT) today, April 19, — marks the 20th anniversary of the program's maiden voyage.

Space Shuttle Endeavour will expand humans' reach into space with the delivery and installation of the Canadian-contributed robotic arm, called Canadarm2 — Canada's next generation of space robotics for the International Space Station.

Other major objectives for Endeavour's mission are to berth the Raffaello logistics module to the station, activate it, transfer cargo between Raffaello and the station, and reberth Raffaello in the shuttle's payload bay.

Raffaello is the second of three Italian Space Agency-developed multi-purpose logistics modules to be launched to the station. The Leonardo module was launched and returned on the last shuttle flight, STS-102, in March.

Endeavour also is planned to boost the station's altitude and perform a flyaround survey of the complex, including recording views of the station with an IMAX cargo bay camera.



The launch of STS-100 scheduled for launch today, April 19, will mark the 20th anniversary of the Space Shuttle program. The Endeavour crew poses for a photo on Launch Pad 39A's Fixed Service Structure. Standing, from left, are Mission Specialists Umberto Guidoni, Scott Parazynski, Chris Hadfield, Yuri Lonchakov and John Phillips; Commander Kent Rominger; and Pilot Jeffrey Ashby.

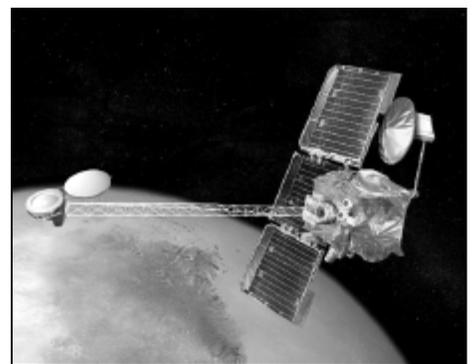
Odyssey sets out to find more about Mars

When NASA's 2001 Mars Odyssey launched April 7 to explore the fourth planet from the Sun, it carried a suite of scientific instruments designed to tell us what makes up the Martian surface and provide vital information about potential radiation hazards for future human explorers.

"The launch of 2001 Mars Odyssey represents a milestone in our exploration of Mars — the first launch in our restructured Mars Exploration Program we announced last October," said Dr. Ed Weiler, associate administrator for Space Science, NASA Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

The April 7 launch from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla., was NASA's first mission to Mars since the loss of two spacecraft in 1999. Of the 30 missions sent to Mars by three countries over 40 years, fewer than one-third have been successful.

Odyssey is part of NASA's Mars Exploration Program, a long-term robotic



The 2001 Mars Odyssey Orbiter launched April 7 is scheduled to arrive at Mars on Oct. 20.

exploration initiative launched in 1996 with Mars Pathfinder and Mars Global Surveyor. The Jet Propulsion Laboratory manages the 2001 Mars Odyssey mission for NASA's Office of Space Science in Washington, D.C.

19th Annual Special Olympics draws large field of athletes

More than 300 volunteers along with 230 Special Olympics athletes from Hancock, Harrison, Pearl River and Stone counties participated March 24 in the 19th Annual Area III Special Olympics Games at Stennis Space Center.

“Stennis looks forward every year to the Special Olympics,” said Becky Rotundo of the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) Public Affairs Office, this year’s Stennis coordinator.

“Returning volunteers often request to be placed with athletes they’ve worked with before.”

The benefits of participation in the Special Olympics for the athletes include improved physical fitness and motor skills, greater self-confidence, and a more positive self-image. “The benefits we as volunteers and sponsors receive — beyond the inspiration and friendships created — are immeasurable,” Rotundo said.

Top performers in the day’s activities will go on to the state games at Keesler Air Force Base in May.

The yearly event is coordinated by a Stennis committee consisting of representatives from NASA, NRL, the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, the Naval Oceanographic Office and the National Data Buoy Center.



Athletes, volunteers and sponsors took part in the 19th Annual Area III Special Olympics at Stennis Space Center March 24. Clockwise from left, athlete Cole Ferguson and sponsor officially present the Olympic Torch to begin the festivities. Athlete Donna Ford waves triumphantly to the crowd during the opening parade. Athlete Mike Robinson gets last-minute instruction from NASA’s Kern Witcher before the shot putt competition as a school volunteer looks on. Robinson picked up a blue ribbon for his efforts.

NASA begins clean up process

The initial phase of an environmental remediation program being implemented by NASA and the U.S. Air Force is under way at the John C. Stennis Space Center.

The remediation activities will address soil and groundwater contamination at the Air Force disposal site known as Area A. The contamination originated in the late 1970s after Air Force materials containing small amounts of herbicide were transported from the Seabee Base in Gulfport to Stennis for burial.

“The first phase of the project includes the installation of barrier walls around contaminated areas and specially engineered caps on top of these areas to contain contamination and protect the surrounding environment,” said Ron Magee, NASA’s Environmental Officer. “The second phase will be followed by long-term groundwater monitoring to be done by NASA’s Environmental Laboratory at Stennis.”

Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation, a leading environmental consulting, engineering and remediation firm serving clients across the United States and the world, is the prime contractor for the project and is utilizing Environmental Chemical Corporation of Mobile, Ala., as its primary subcontractor. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of the summer or early fall.

“The design of this cleanup project was closely coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Mississippi Department of Health, the Mississippi Department of



Above center, NASA’s Ron Magee, environmental officer at Stennis Space Center, briefs the media April 6. Right, Magee shows the material used to fill the containment wall.



Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that the remedy will be protective of human health and the environment,” Magee said.

Pennie Turner feels pride for part in NASA's programs

The best thing that ever happened to her career, NASA's Pennie Turner said, was Kim Williamson's marriage to Danny Guin in 1986. "Danny's father, Harry, was head of propulsion," Turner said. "Kim was his administrative assistant. When Kim and Danny married, I stepped in to take her place. It was the best move I have ever made."

Turner has worked with the Stennis Propulsion Test Directorate — with the exception of a short three-month stint in 1999 with the Commercial Remote Sensing Program Office — for 15 years.

"It (Stennis) is really the only place I have been," she said recalling her first years at the test facility.

However, her length of service at Stennis actually began in 1966 with General Electric. Fresh out of Phillips College of Business, Turner spent 10 years on site with GE. In 1981, she moved over to Computer Science Corporation and a year and a half later, she took a position with Sverdrup, during their phase-in stage. "Six weeks later," Turner said, "I left Sverdrup and started with NASA. I have been here ever since."

While much of her own work — in the



Pennie Turner



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past with technical documents and today with organization — is primarily supporting to the work of the engineers in propulsion, her job puts her in a position to witness, first-hand, the excitement, frustration and successes over the years.

"I remember the first test of the Space Shuttle Main Engine in 1981," she said. "Today, I feel that same sense of pride being a part of NASA's program."

Turner said the growth of the site has been incredible. "Stennis has grown over the years, and the two biggest changes I have seen are in the number of the different agencies here and in the people employed here," she said, with an expand-

ing smile. "The people are really young! When I first came here, at 18 years of age, I was among the youngest. Now, I am among the older employees."

It is not just her longevity that brings her notice.

In 1995, she received NASA's "Woman of Year" award at Stennis for her work in the development of a data package that supported the transition of responsibilities of the Space Shuttle Main Engine testing program from Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., to Stennis.

While Pennie, who resides in Long Beach, has done all of her professional "growing up" at Stennis, she has grown a family that is now off raising their own families and careers. Turner has two daughters, Brandi, who is 23 and has two daughters of her own: Alison, 5, and Catie, 15 months. Turner's youngest daughter, Sherry, is 21 and a junior at Mississippi State University in Starkville majoring in biological sciences.

"Most people have hobbies or do exciting things when they are done at work," Turner said, "I just enjoy my grandchildren who live in Gulfport and my backyard garden."

Stennis breaks ground to begin new Hancock Bank drive-thru

The planned opening of Hancock Bank's new drive-thru facility is just another chapter in the bank's long tradition of serving the needs of Stennis Space Center employees.

According to an account in the history of Stennis Space Center, "Way Station to Space," the growing number of construction workers at the Mississippi space center in November 1963 necessitated the need for a bank. The nearest financial institutions were located in Picayune or Bay St. Louis, both at least 12 miles from the temporary offices of the construction companies working at the NASA site.

Through a lease negotiated by the Corps of Engineers, Hancock Bank opened a custom-built double-wide trailer at Stennis that has grown into one of Hancock Bank's most active branches.

Located across from the Stennis Child Development Center, the new drive-thru facility is being built in an effort to make on-site banking services more convenient for staff and employees.

The new drive-thru facility will augment the Stennis Branch Bank located in Bldg. 1100 and is expected to be completed in August.



Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Hancock Bank drive-thru facility at Stennis Space Center were held March 9. Participating in the ceremonies were, from left, Gerald Cruthird, president of the Picayune Chamber of Commerce; Ed Hillard, Hancock Bank division manager; Stacey Spiers, Stennis branch manager; NASA's Ed Gobert; Gordon Myrick, contractor with HGM Contracting, Inc.; and NASA's Jon Roth, special assistant to the director.

NASA holds annual Community Leaders Briefing at StenniSphere

More than 220 community leaders from around the Mississippi Gulf Coast came to StenniSphere March 22 to learn more about the economic impact and growth of Stennis Space Center and to celebrate the opening of three new exhibits in the visitors center — Mississippi's Travel Attraction of the Year.

The 2001 Community Leaders Briefing was sponsored by Partners for Stennis. Presentations were made by Acting Director Mark Craig; Rear Adm. Thomas Q. Donaldson V, Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command; and James Giattina, director of the Gulf of Mexico Program at Stennis.

In addition to the "Caring for the Gulf Together" exhibit, the Stennis Office of Technology Transfer opened its exhibit, "NASA's Technology — An Investment in America's Future," and the Office of Education opened its exhibit, "Touching Tomorrow ... Today," which highlights the importance of sharing tomorrow's vision with today's youth and educators.

StenniSphere has over 50 exhibits from NASA, the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command and other agencies and provides live presentations daily throughout the museum and auditorium. More than 225,000 visitors have toured StenniSphere since it opened in May 2000.



Stennis Space Center Acting Director Mark Craig, left, and Skip Olson, vice president of operations, InDyne, Inc., visit at the Community Leaders Briefing at StenniSphere held March 22.

Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber, left, and Hancock County District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour sign in.



Beth Carriere of the Hancock County Bureau of Tourism, left, and Dr. James Williams, vice president of the University of Southern Mississippi, Gulf Park campus, tour the new "Caring for the Gulf Together".

NASA partners with USDA to promote new Ag 20/20 program

NASA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) have jointly released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit proposals for the Application of Geospatial and Precision Technologies.

The RFP was released March 15 for proposals to support NASA's Ag 20/20 program which was developed to aid farmers in key decisions regarding the fertilization and harvesting of crops by applying remote sensing technology applications. Contracts awarded as a result of proposals submitted in response to this RFP will fund projects that will develop new products to enhance the efficiency and profitability of agriculture production.

A joint effort between NASA's Earth Science Enterprise and USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, this solicitation represents a significant step in strengthening the partnership between NASA and USDA. It meets the requirements of the Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems legislated by Congress and authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture to address critical agricultural issues, including food production and safety, air quality, natural resource management, and farm profitability.



NASA's Mike Thomas, deputy manager, Geospace Applications & Development Directorate at Stennis, congratulates Ron Rabin and Barbara Brodtmann, both of Lockheed Martin. Rabin and Brodtmann are the recipients of 2001 American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing Presidential Citations. The award recognizes their work with a marketing survey that created a baseline and a 10-year forecast of the remote sensing industry, covering commercial, academic and government sectors.



The Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command (CNMOC) officially posted colors in flag-raising ceremonies March 2 at the command's new headquarters at Stennis Space Center. Assisting in the ribbon-cutting duties, upper insert, were from left, Rear Adm. Thomas Q. Donaldson V, CNMOC commander; CNMOC's Joseph Peek; NASA's Jon Roth and CNMOC's Technical/Deputy Director Dr. Donald Durham. Raising the flag, from left, were, Dr. Durham, Lt. Rob Crofoot, executive assistant; Command Master Chief Bob Harlan; Rear Adm. Donaldson and Capt. Larry Warrenfeltz, former CNMOC chief of staff. Lower inset, in keeping with tradition the admiral tosses a silver dollar into the hole where the flag will be raised as Dr. Durham looks on.



In celebration of National Women's History Month, the Federal Women's Program Advisory Council at Stennis sponsored a lecture/luncheon March 28 entitled "Balancing Hormones Naturally." Dr. Jim Berg, medical director of Global Medical Center, was the featured speaker. Dr. Berg, far right, was accompanied by, from left, Donna Penny of Global Medical Center, NASA's Dinna Cottrell and Dr. Dennis Peyroux, executive director of Global Medical Center.

Stennis teams with CNNfyi.com for new learning adventure

NASA and the Stennis Space Center Office of Education have been selected by CNNfyi.com and Turner Learning to sponsor a month-long "Learning Adventure" on the subject of space and NASA's Human Exploration and Development of Space (HEDS) Enterprise.

During the month of April, CNNfyi.com will focus on space as its Learning Adventure of the month. A Web cast scheduled for April 26 will be filmed at Stennis. The Web cast was taped on April 18. Michael McManus, CNN Washington correspondent served as the host for the Web cast.

The Web cast will be four hours long and will include the following topics:

- Hour One — Humans in Space, Astronauts and Astronaut Training: how can I be one and who are they, what do they do, and do spacesuits come in colors? Duane Ross, head of astronaut selection and Phil West, space suit engineer, both of Johnson Space Center, will be the guests for this segment.
- Hour Two — STS (Space Transportation System) the Shuttle Program: how does it take off, how does it stay up there, how big is it and what does it haul? Guests for this segment of the program include Stennis' Larry Ellis, director, Center Operations and Support Directorate, and Michael Dawson, Propulsion Test Program Office.
- Hour Three — The International Space Station (ISS): where does it go, what do we use it for, how do people live there, what's going on at the station? Guests for this hour include Dr. John Charles, Johnson Space Center, and Dan Woodward, Marshall Space Flight Center.
- Hour Four — Mars: are we going to go there, didn't we already go, why do we want to go to Mars, how are we going to get there, how long will it take, what's this Odyssey thing, is there life there, what's the Mars Internet, and are there space jobs out there?

CNNfyi.com will initiate a marketing campaign including direct mail to more than 90,000 educators and an e-mail campaign to more than 100,000 teachers. The marketing campaign will also include on-air promotions, joint releases and banner promotions on the CNNfyi.com Web site.

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our center.”

The proposed budget also includes nearly \$7.2 billion for the Agency’s science, aeronautics and technology programs, including approximately \$87 million to support Stennis activities in the areas of Earth science research and applications, education and technology transfer.

“Keep in mind that this is only the beginning of the budget process, and although it gives us some preliminary information, it will be up to the President and Congress to work out the final figures to see how the Agency and Stennis will fare for 2002,” Craig said. “There will be challenges ahead for all of us, but I am confident that our team will meet these with the same can-do spirit that has gotten us here. We are moving into the future from a position of strength.”

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sors, general managers or to me any negative consequences you believe you have suffered as a result of reporting safety concerns. It is ultimately up to each of us to accept responsibility for our personal health and the safe conduct of our operations at Stennis and within NASA.

Our safety policy, “Everyone working together creates our safe environment,” reflects our firm commitment to safety across the NASA and contractor teams at Stennis Space Center.

QUICK LOOK

■ **The NASA Crawfish Boil** is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. April 20 in the Cypress House Pavilion. Tickets are \$3 prior to the event and \$4 at the door. Take out is available after 5 p.m. For tickets, contact Diane Sims at Ext. 2164 or Mary Gene Dick at Ext. 2004,

■ **The Federal Women’s Program Advisory Council** will host an invitational luncheon and “Dress for Success” fashion show for NASA’s administrative professionals on April 25 in Conference Center Room 107 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ **Stennis will participate in the ninth annual Take Our Daughters to Work Day** on Thursday, April 26. The program is designed to help young women become acquainted with a variety of career options. For information, contact Karen Vander at Ext. 3054.

■ **Space Day 2001 ... The Odyssey Continues** will be observed on May 3 to celebrate the extraordinary accomplishments of space exploration. Space Day activities are to encourage adults and children alike to pursue science, math and technology education and inspire students to realize the vision of early space explorers. For information, go to www.spaceday.com.

■ **The Occupational Health Services** division is sponsoring the annual Stennis Health and Wellness Fair May 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the exhibit hall in front of the cafeteria in Bldg. 1100. Local agencies, clinics and hospitals will be present. For more information, call Tim Donohoe at Ext. 3005; Anne Koske at Ext. 3950; or Lisa Snellings at Ext. 1392.

■ **Old Timers’ Day set at John C. Stennis Space Center** – Old Timers’ Day at Stennis Space Center has been scheduled for May 18 at the Cypress House Pavilion. NASA and contractor retirees are invited to the annual reunion.

■ **The NASA Speaker’s Bureau at Stennis** kicked off the 2001 recruitment season with a reception April 4. If you are interested in signing up, contact Jeanie Maxwell at Ext. 1032 or 3182 or visit the Web sites at www.nasa.gov/speakers.

■ **Congratulations to the Stennis Recreation Association’s Mardi Gras Krewe of 2000-2001.** They took second place in the Waveland Civic Association’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

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