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Administrator O'Keefe discusses FY2005 NASA budget today



ECU testing done, unit reinstalled soon on GP-B

▲ **Budget subject of press conference:** NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe previews the Agency's fiscal year (FY) 2005 budget proposal during a press conference at 1 p.m. today from NASA Headquarters. The press conference is being carried live on NASA Television.

▲ **ELV Update:** The Gravity Probe B spacecraft in NASA's Payload Processing Facility at North Vandenberg Air Force Base in California is awaiting the return of the reworked Experiment Control Unit (ECU) from Lockheed Martin spacecraft facilities in Palo Alto, Calif. The reworking of the circuit board, installation into the ECU and functional testing is complete. Final thermal vacuum chamber testing is under way. The ECU will be returned for installation into the GP-B spacecraft by Feb. 10. Meanwhile, the Delta II rocket is at Space Launch Complex 2, enclosed within the gantry-like mobile service tower. No after-effects to the launch pad or the gantry from the January earthquake have been noted. Precautionary testing of the solid rocket motors has been re-scheduled for Feb. 9.

◆ **Reminder: Environmental and Energy Awareness Week 2004 Poster Contest** – Get involved with Earth Day activities! Commemorate the day by participating in the EEAW 2004 poster contest, which ends Feb. 26. Design your poster around the winning slogan, *"Today's Conservation Defines Tomorrow's Future."* The contest is open to all KSC civil service and contractor employees. You can use Photoshop, PowerPoint, Word and/or hand sketches. Size requirement is 8-1/2" x 11". Only one entry per person is permitted; put your name, mail code and phone number on your entry. The winner will be notified in February. Submit your art work to TA-C3/Gail McLean.

◆ **Recycling is environmentally friendly** – Follow these

guidelines for recycling paper:

White paper. Place in the recycle bin only white bond paper and notebook paper, white adding machine paper, white computer paper with green bars, white stationery (with or without colored ink/letterhead), *KSC Bulletin*, *Spaceport News*, KSC Telephone books (cover and colored pages **MUST** be removed first), fax paper (plain paper or thermal), or other non-coated office news-letters.

Cardboard Boxes. Small boxes (the size of a small copier paper box) should be broken down and placed next to trash containers located in the halls or janitor's closets. All other large boxes are the responsibility of the individual employees and must be broken down, all packing materials removed and disposed of in the regular trash, and taken outside and placed in the cardboard recycling dumpster only.

◆ **Reminder:** The auction at Ransom Road Bldg. M6-1671 is being held Feb. 4, at 9:30 a.m. Inspection is being held today, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For additional information, please visit <http://surplus.ksc.nasa.gov> or call the Sales information line, 867-7605.

◆ **Did You Know? NASA satellites help improve ocean condition forecasts.** Freighters, cruise lines, marine rescuers and coastal managers could benefit from prototype three-dimensional, three-day ocean condition forecasts created with the assistance of NASA satellite data, computer models and on-site ocean measurements. Scientists hope to forecast ocean conditions several days ahead, much like regional weather forecasts broadcast on television news. For more information, visit the Web site <http://www.gsfc.nasa.gov/topstory/2004/0113forecastca.html>