

DATES & DATA

May 24

Alzheimer's support group meets: The Clear Lake Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group will meet from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. May 24 in the first floor conference room in St. John Hospital, West Building, in Nassau Bay. For details, call Nancy Malley (281-480-8917) or John Gouveia (281-280-8517).

May 26

Astronomy seminar: The JSC Astronomy Seminar will meet at noon May 26 and June 2 in Bldg. 31, Rm. 248A. For details, call Al Jackson at x35037.

Spaceland Toastmasters meet: The Spaceland Toastmasters will meet at 7 a.m. May 26 and June 2 at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church. For details, call George Salazar at x30162.

Communicators meet: The Clear Lake Communicators, a Toastmasters club, will meet at 11:30 a.m. May 26 and June 2 at Lockheed Martin, 555 Forge River Rd. For details, call Allen Prescott at 282-3281 or Mark Caronna at 282-4306.

Spaceteam Toastmasters meet: The Spaceteam Toastmasters will meet at 11:30 a.m. May 26 and June 2 at United Space Alliance, 600 Gemini. For details, call Patricia Blackwell at (281) 282-4302.

May 27

National Space Society: The National Space Society will hold the 18th annual International Space Development Conference May 27-31, 1999, at the Hobby Airport Radisson Hotel, 9100 Gulf Freeway. Call 1-800-333-3333 by May 12 for reservations at the \$75 rate.

Radio Club meets: The JSC Amateur Radio Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. May 27 at the Piccadilly, 2465 Bay Area Blvd. For details, call Larry Dietrich at x39198.

May 28

Apollo 10 anniversary: The NASA Alumni League will sponsor a celebration of the 30th anniversary of Apollo 10 at the Radisson-Hobby May 28. See the National Space Society's International Space Development Conference registration form at <http://www.nss.org/isdc>. Those interested in attending may also contact Norm Chaffee at 281-483-3777 or Chet Vaughan at 281-336-4140. For additional information about the ISDC, contact Marianne Dyson at 281-486-4747. For details about the Apollo 10 celebration, contact Don Brown at 281-488-0754.

June 3

Warning System Test: The site-wide Employee Warning System will perform its monthly audio test at noon June 3. For details, call Bon Gaffney at x34249.

June 7

NSBE meets: The National Society of Black Engineers will meet at 6:30 p.m. June 7 at Texas Southern University, School of Technology, Rm. 916. For additional information, call Kimberly Topps at 281-280-2917.

June 9

IAAP meets: The Clear Lake/NASA Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (formerly Professional Secretaries International) will meet at 5:30 p.m. June 9 at Bay Oaks Country Club. Cost is \$16. For details and reservations, call Tami Barbour at 281-488-0055, x238.

June 10

MAES meets: The Society of Mexican-American Engineers and Scientists will meet at 11:30 a.m. June 10 in Bldg. 16, Rm. 111. For details, call George Salazar at x30162.

Office of Criminal Investigations Hot Line

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NASA BRIEFS

NASA WORKING TO IMPROVE CRIME-SCENE TECHNOLOGIES

Watch out, America's most wanted. NASA scientists are developing promising new software technologies and instruments to help law enforcement agencies catch criminals by improving the analysis of crime-scene evidence.

Marshall Space Flight Center has demonstrated software that enhances and improves dark, blurry videotape — technology used by law enforcement to study video of the bombing at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. And Goddard Space Flight Center is working with the National Institute of Justice to develop remote crime-scene analysis.

Goddard and the National Institute of Justice will study how remote-sensing technology — used to study everything from crops on Earth to galaxies millions of light-years away — might allow investigators in a central location to study a distant crime scene.

Criminologists may be able to identify everything from fingerprints to gunpowder residue without disturbing a crime scene, preserving the chain of evidence while saving time and money.

IMPROVING HEALTH FROM A DISTANCE

Doctors at five distant sites in the United States recently demonstrated how to use NASA telemedicine to diagnose patients, practice operations and train, using 3-D medical images carried by a high-capacity computer network.

The NASA telemedicine system, demonstrated recently at Ames Research Center, has potential for improving health care at the far corners of the Earth by linking remote sites with the best medical minds and facilities.

During the demonstration, physicians used 3-D, scanned images of patients' hearts, skulls and other body parts. On computer screens, doctors at the five sites saw every procedure in stereo 3-D as each physician manipulated images of the virtual patient. The specialists used high-fidelity, NASA-developed 3-D imaging software to analyze and discuss patients.

NASA RENAMES CENTER IN JOHN GLENN'S HONOR

On May 7, NASA paid tribute to John Glenn, a symbol of the Agency's past, present and future, by renaming the Agency's Ohio center the John H. Glenn Research Center at Lewis Field.

The salute to Ohio's native son and former senator began with a parade at the center for employees, registered media and honored guests. The parade led into a picnic, where everyone gathered to eat and listen to music performed by the all-astronaut band, "Max Q."

The ceremony was held in the Glenn Hangar. NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin, U.S. Senator Mike DeWine and Glenn Center Director Donald Campbell participated.

GILRUTH CENTER NEWS

Hours: The Gilruth Center is open from 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Contact the Gilruth Center at 281-483-3345.

Sign up policy: All classes and athletic activities are on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up in person at the Gilruth Center and show a yellow Gilruth or weight room badge. Classes tend to fill up two weeks in advance. Payment must be made in full, in exact change or by check, at the time of registration. No registration will be taken by telephone. For additional information, call x33345.

Gilruth badges: Required for use of the Gilruth Center. Employees, spouses, eligible dependents, NASA retirees and spouses may apply for photo identification badges from 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays. Cost is \$10. Dependents must be between 16 and 23 years old.

Nutrition intervention program: Six-week program includes lectures, a private consultation with the dietitian and blood analysis to chart your progress. Program is open to all employees, contractors and spouses. For additional information call Tammie Shaw at x32980.

Defensive driving: One-day course is offered once a month at the Gilruth Center. Pre-registration required. Cost is \$25. Call for next available class.

Stamp club: Meets every second and fourth Monday at 7 p.m. in Rm. 216.

Weight safety: Required course for employees wishing to use the Gilruth weight room. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$5. Annual weight room use fee is \$90. The cost for additional family members is \$50.

Exercise: Low-impact class meets from 5:15-6:15 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Cost is \$24 for eight weeks.

Step/bench aerobics: Low-impact cardiovascular workout. Classes meet from 5:15-6:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cost is \$32 for eight weeks. Call Kristen Taragzewski, instructor, at x36891 for additional information.

Yoga: Stretching class of low-impact exercises designed for people of all ages and abilities in a Westernized format. Meets Thursdays 5-6 p.m. Cost is \$32 for eight weeks. Call Darrell Matula, instructor, at x38520 for more information.

Ballroom dancing: Classes meet from 7-8:15 p.m. Thursdays for beginner advanced classes and from 8:15-9:30 p.m. for beginner-intermediate and intermediate students. Cost is \$60 per couple.

Country and western dancing: Beginner class meets 7-8:30 p.m. Monday. Advanced class (must know basic steps to all dances) meets 8:30-10 p.m. Monday. Cost is \$20 per couple.

Fitness program: Health-related fitness program includes a medical screening examination and a 12-week individually prescribed exercise program. For additional information call Larry Wier at x30301.

Check out all activities at the Gilruth online

<http://www4.jsc.nasa.gov/ah/exceaa/Gilruth/Gilruth.htm>



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