

## Ripped from the ROUNDUP

Ripped straight from the pages of old Space News Roundups, here's what happened at JSC on this date:

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**F**rom the Mission Control Center in Houston, Paul Haney described the beginning of what has been the United States' most spectacular and longest space flight to date with America's first space pilot going outside a spacecraft in space.

"Liftoff. We have liftoff at 16 minutes after the hour. Climbing very nicely. We have a roll program initiated. Roll program completed, McDivitt reported and the pitch program has been initiated."

Liftoff from Launch Complex 19 at Cape Kennedy was at 10:16 a.m., EST, June 3, and flight trajectory was very nearly as planned. The spacecraft with Astronauts James A. McDivitt as command pilot and Edward H. White II as pilot was placed in an orbit with a perigee of 100 miles and an apogee of 175 miles.

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**N**ASA scientists have adopted a laser originally designed to measure gases in the atmosphere to the task of cleaning out clogged arteries without harming the walls of the blood vessels. The technique, when perfected, could allow patients to avoid coronary bypass surgery.

Physicians at Los Angeles' Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and laser scientists at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory recently teamed together to develop a laser system designed to non-surgically clean clogged arteries with unprecedented precision.

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**T**hough their tools will be updated, NASA flight controllers will carry many of the traditions and procedures from 30 years of experience to a new Mission Control Center as portions of STS-70 are controlled from a new building for the first time.

The new MCC's design offers an unprecedented flexibility in flight control operations, allowing the facility to be changed from controlling a space shuttle to controlling any other spacecraft with almost the speed of simply choosing a different function from a computer menu.

## Damien, Green get Secretarial Excellence Awards



Yvette Damien

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Linda Green

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**Y**vette Damien of the Johnson Space Center's Public Affairs Office and Linda Green of the White Sands Test Facility each recently received the Marilyn J. Bocking Secretarial Excellence Award in recognition of their exceptional contributions, professional competence, and personal dedication.

Damien was recognized in April for her contributions as secretary to the director of the Public Affairs Office. She has added thoughtful organization to the everyday functioning of the director's office. Tracking actions to their completion, assuring timely responses to all inquiries, effectively handling callers on a wide variety of topics, taking the extra steps to ensure callers get what they need, prioritizing the incoming actions and requests for the director – these are all critical skills for an effective, responsive, and friendly interface to JSC through the front desk at the PAO.

In addition to her PAO responsibilities, she provides support to the associate director for university research and affairs and backs

up and at times substitutes for the support staff to the associate director. Her organizational skills and professionalism have allowed for helpful process improvements and the orderly transition of cooperative projects between offices.

Green was recognized in May for her contributions as secretary to the manager, White Sands Test Facility, and his staff. She also serves as administrative assistant, responsible for coordination issues such as travel, training, personnel actions, awards, and co-op students. These responsibilities put her in constant contact with representatives from the general public, the media, academia, and industry, as well as with JSC and NASA Headquarters management.

Since the small size of the NASA contingent at WSTF precludes the depth of specialized support services available at larger installations, Green found it necessary to develop a high degree of independence and versatility to perform most of these diverse functions herself. Indeed, since the retirement two years ago of another secretary in the

manager's office, she has worked exceptionally hard to perform those combined functions single-handedly. The non-stereotypical nature of test work creates a large number of unique, unforeseen demands, and as the primary focal point for many of these demands, she has demonstrated excellent innovation, adaptability, poise, and judgment in handling these unusual requests, in addition to the heavy load of daily routine functions.

Green maintains excellent official and personal records for quick retrieval of information often misfiled, overlooked, or forgotten by everyone else, and has become a valuable single-point focus for getting a job done through the WSTF manager's office. She has developed an excellent ability to foresee needs, plan responses, and prioritize the constant and diverse demands of the manager and his staff, rapidly producing high-quality work to support the schedule of each requester. Her speed and proficiency with the computer, combined with excellent knowledge of word usage rules, have made her an increasingly valuable asset. ■

## PEOPLE on the MOVE

### Human Resources reports the following personnel changes:

#### Key Management Assignments

*Nate Wright Jr.* was named acting director, Center Operations Directorate.

*Leonard Nicholson* was named chief engineer, Office of the Director.

*Jim Jaax* was named acting director, Engineering Directorate.

*Frank Benz* was named acting deputy director, Engineering Directorate.

*Irene Verinder* was named acting chief, Manufacturing, Materials, and Process Technology Division, Engineering Directorate.

*Ladonna Miller* was selected as manager, Space Shuttle Customer Integration Office, Space Shuttle Program Office.

*Larry Shaw* was selected as assistant chief, Technology Division, Safety, Reliability, and Quality Assurance Office.

*M. Scott Johnson* was selected as assistant chief, Space Shuttle Division, Safety, Reliability, and Quality Assurance Office.

#### Additions to the Workforce

*Kristi Devos* joins the Projects Procurement Office, Office of Procurement, as a contracting specialist.

*Troy Whitney* joins the Aircraft Maintenance and Engineering Branch, Aircraft Operations Division, Flight Crew Operations Directorate, as an electrical engineer.

*Zeb Scoville* joins the EVA and Crew Systems Operations Branch, EVA, Robotics, and Crew Systems Operations Division, Mission Operations Directorate, as an EVA instructor and flight controller.

*Donna Dempsey* joins the Avionics Training Branch, Space Flight Training Division, Mission Operations Directorate, as an ISS instructor.

*Nicole Smith* joins the Systems Training Branch, Space Flight Training Division, Mission Operations Directorate, as an ISS instructor.

*Amy Pippert* joins the Systems Development and Operations Division, Mission Operations Directorate, as a computer engineer.

*David Saley* joins the Guidance, Navigation, and Control Development and Test Branch, Aeroscience and Flight Mechanics Division, Engineering Directorate, as a navigational guidance and control systems engineer.

#### Promotions

*Sherry Nelson-Murray* was selected as an accounting technician in the Resource Control and Reimbursables Branch, Financial Management Division, Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

#### Reassignments Between Directorates

*Bob Alexander* moves from the Safety, Reliability, and Quality Assurance Office to the International Space Station Program Office.

*Don Pallesen* and *Ben Pawlik* move from the Mission Operations Directorate to the International Space Station Program Office.

*John Shebalin* moves from the International Space Station Program Office to the Space and Life Sciences Directorate.

#### Reassignments Between Centers

*David Black* moves to Marshall Space Flight Center.

*James Reuter* moves to Marshall Space Flight Center.

#### Retirements

*William Drastata* of the Office of Procurement.

*Stanley Avent* of the Mission Operations Directorate.

*Palmer Chiu* of the Engineering Directorate.

*Bob Dotts* of the Technology Transfer and Commercialization Office.

*James Vincent* of the International Space Station Program Office.

#### Resignations

*Keith Reiley* of the International Space Station Program Office.

