

## 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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**T**he first of the spacecraft for Project Gemini was delivered recently by McDonnell Aircraft Corporation to NASA Manned Spacecraft Center officials at Cape Canaveral, Fla., for preflight checkout procedures leading to the first Gemini mission.

Spacecraft No. 1 will be used in an unmanned orbital flight from the Cape, tentatively scheduled for early next year.

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**T**he precount for the Apollo VII mission at Roundup press-time was clicking along smoothly toward a launch at 10 a.m. CDT today. Mechanical buildup of the Apollo VII spacecraft Wednesday was completed as pyrotechnic devices and other ordnance were installed.

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**C**linical research in female physiology to develop selection criteria for woman passengers on space shuttle missions has begun at NASA's Ames Research Center, Mountain View, Calif., as a follow-on to similar studies on men conducted last year.

Twelve nurses are joining a five-week experiment as volunteers to find out how weightlessness and reentry Gs may affect the female body. After two weeks of orientation and preliminary medical studies, eight of the 12 nurses will simulate weightlessness by absolute bedrest and four will act as ambulatory control subjects.

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**T**he Orbiter *Atlantis* is undergoing final preparations at Kennedy Space Center for her third trip to space, currently scheduled to be launched in less than a month.

The same modifications made to *Discovery* have been completed on *Atlantis*, a veteran of shuttle missions 51-J in October 1985 and 61-B in November 1985, and the Orbiter is getting final touches in Bay 2 of Kennedy's Orbiter Processing Facility.

## New batting cages installed at Gilruth Center

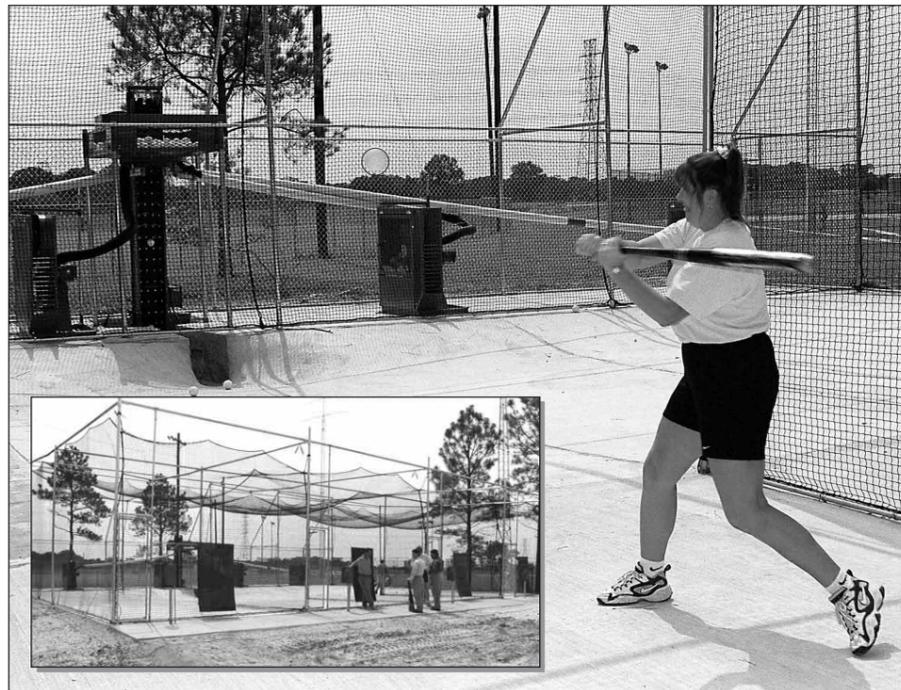
An intercenter team of employees from the JSC Exchange, Center Operations Directorate, Procurement and the EAA, working with G&Z contracting, has completed construction of four batting cages.

These cages, located at the entrance to softball fields one, two and three at the Gilruth, opened in early September. Each cage is coin-operated, providing batters with the opportunity to swing at 20 pitches for \$1. The batting cages can be set for a specific time limit, thus enabling teams to pay a set amount and take batting practice together.

"We're excited about the new batting cages, and we've received a tremendous response from our softball players," commented Karl Schuler, the JSC Exchange's operations manager. "I'd like to thank the Exchange's equitable share partners who made this project possible."

The cages will have plenty of use since softball is the most popular of all the sports played at the Gilruth. Four leagues comprised of 68 teams are scheduled to play this fall.

"The cages were needed to give participants a chance to practice batting,"



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**Robin Hartlieb, Gilruth Center assistant recreation director, practices her hitting in one of the new batting cages.**

said Eddy Rodriguez, Gilruth recreation director. "The players now have a top-notch facility to use year-round."

The batting cages are the most recent addition of many improvements that have either been completed or are under way at the Gilruth. Two lighted, regulation-sized sand volleyball courts opened last May and two new playgrounds have been built. Future projects include upgrading

the soccer/football field and remodeling the Gilruth's ballroom.

"We plan to invest in upgrading our Gilruth Center during the upcoming fiscal year," added Schuler. "Over the past two years, we have remodeled the Bldg. 3 cafeteria and built the new retail store. Improving the facilities at the Gilruth Center will be one of our primary focuses in FY99." ■

## JSC space station employee Rusczyk dies at work

The NASA family is mourning the loss of David Rusczyk of the International Space Station (ISS) Program Office from a ruptured aorta. He collapsed near his office at the Sonny Carter Training Facility on Sept. 11.

Rusczyk was 35 years old and worked as the ISS program lead for guidance, navigation and control system integration.

After graduating in 1985 with a B.S. in aerospace engineering from the State University of New York at Buffalo, Rusczyk spent almost 13 years working on various NASA programs and projects. During that period he designed many shuttle missions, controlled Tracking and Data Relay Satellite System spacecraft



**Rusczyk**

trajectories, helped integrate the Space Station Freedom GN&C system, led development of the ISS Environmental Impact Statement, helped integrate the ISS communications and tracking system and led integration of the ISS GN&C system. He received numerous awards for his efforts.

Bill Panter, manager, ISS Avionics Integration Office, said, "David was the

type of person a supervisor wishes everyone on the team could be. His technical and interpersonal skills were superb. He was willing to accept any assignment, no matter how difficult, and always got the job done successfully. In fact, he often didn't get as much credit as he deserved because he handled his responsibilities so well that they didn't need to receive upper management attention."

Rusczyk grew up in Buffalo. His hobbies included HO scale model trains, woodworking and many home improvement projects.

Rusczyk is survived by his wife, Dawn, and their three children: Craig, 10; Danielle, 9; and Bryan, 7. ■

### JSC to kick off Combined Federal Campaign

## Center's goal for 'Make this a Campaign For Caring' is \$500,000

JSC officially will kick off the 28th annual Combined Federal Campaign on Oct. 23, establishing a goal of \$500,000 for 1998.

The theme for the Texas Gulf Coast CFC, of which JSC's efforts are a part, is "Make This a Campaign for Caring." The JSC campaign will run through Dec. 4.

The CFC is an annual voluntary fund-raising effort that gives JSC employees a chance to contribute to local, national and international health and welfare charities. The CFC was established by Presidential executive order to provide a single, uniform fundraising program within the federal government. The Office of Personnel Management establishes the

regulations governing the CFC including the charities which participate in the campaign.

There are more than 1,500 charitable organizations in the Houston CFC. These agencies are listed in a brochure that will be available online and copies will be available from each organization's coordinator.

Last year, JSC employees gave more than \$505,000 of the \$2.5 million contributed by federal employees throughout the Houston area. This year's CFC goal is \$2.6 million.

JSC CFC Coordinator Teresa Sullivan said there are some interesting incentives this year for employees who pledge one hour's pay or more. Those who pledge one hour's pay per month will receive a

CFC lapel pin. Those who pledge two hours' pay will receive a lapel pin and a badge lanyard. Those who pledge \$600 or more per year will receive a lapel pin, a badge lanyard and a personalized certificate of appreciation signed by the STS-95 crew.

In addition, those employees contributing one hour's pay per month or more will be eligible for the drawing for five three-month reserved parking spaces. The drawing will be held at the conclusion of the campaign.

For further information, contact your organization's coordinator or Sullivan at x31034. ■

