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Fire station renamed for Darren Spurlock at dedication ceremony

Redstone Arsenal Fire Station No. 1 on Rideout Road was dedicated Oct. 16 in memory of Darren Spurlock, the Marshall Space Flight Center employee who died May 30 when his vehicle was struck broadside by a speeding car at the intersection of Martin and Rideout roads.

Spurlock worked as a systems engineer in the Spacecraft and Vehicle Systems Department in Marshall's Engineering Directorate. The building has been renamed the Darren M. Spurlock Fire Station. At the ceremony, Spurlock's wife Kelly spoke to attendees about her husband's life and expressed her thanks to the Marshall Center family and others who have supported her throughout this time.

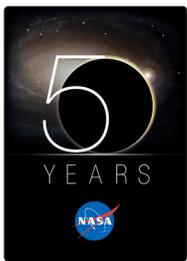
Marshall Center Director David King spoke at the ceremony and recognized the lasting impression Spurlock made on everyone who knew him. "It is fitting that we pay tribute to a man whose passion and dedication defined his character and continues to inspire those who knew and loved him," King said. "We are making this dedication to acknowledge his life and honor his memory."



A plaque displayed in the fire station in Darren Spurlock's memory was unveiled at the ceremony by Marshall Center Director David King, left, and Spurlock's wife, Kelly, center. Looking on were Spurlock's sons, Ben, second to left, and James, held by his mother, and Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commanding general of Redstone Arsenal.

Celebrate good times, come on!

Marshall team invited to NASA's 50th celebration Oct. 28



By Megan Norris Davidson

A big celebration in honor of NASA's 50th anniversary is planned for Oct. 28, and all Marshall Space Flight Center civil service and contractor employees and retirees are invited.

A special history panel discussion, "Whoever Said This Would Be Easy: NASA's 50 Years of Experience," will be held from 10 to

11 a.m. in Building 4200, Morris Auditorium. A panel will provide highlights from Apollo, NASA's first lunar program; Skylab, America's earliest space station; and other NASA programs and initiatives that have integrated science and exploration to accelerate scientific discovery. Presenters will include Marshall Historian Mike Wright, and Marshall retirees Jim Odom, Bob Schwingamer and Luther

Powell. Herb Shivers, deputy director of Marshall's Safety and Mission Assurance Directorate, will serve as moderator. "Marshall team members should find the panelists' past experiences useful as the center responds to new challenges in the future," said Wright.

Odom worked on the Saturn launch vehicles that launched the first humans to the moon in 1969. He served as director of the center's Engineering and Science Directorate and as NASA's associate administrator for the International Space Station. Odom retired from NASA in 1989.

Schwingamer worked on the Mercury-Redstone launch vehicle that lifted Alan Shepard, America's first astronaut, into space in 1961. He also served as director of Marshall's Materials and Processes Laboratory. Schwingamer retired from NASA in 1999.

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'I saw the doctors bring him back to life three times'

Marshall's Baraka Truss believes CFC donations saved her baby's life

By Jessica Wallace

Today, Silas Truss is an energized, healthy little boy running around every corner of his parents' house. A year and a half ago, he weighed 1 pound, 14 ounces.

Baraka Truss, a software reliability engineer in the Marshall Space Flight Center's Safety & Mission Assurance Directorate, had only been pregnant for six months when she met her son Silas face to face in 2007. There were no first cries within minutes of his birth, no chance to hold and rock Silas the day he was born. That precious moment didn't happen for Truss and her husband Sylvester until eight weeks later.

It might not have happened at all without the help of organizations that support the Combined Federal Campaign, the annual initiative by federal and military personnel to raise money for local charities. One of those organizations is the Huntsville Hospital Foundation's Melissa George Neonatal Memorial Fund. Without the help of this fund, Truss is not sure her son would be here today.

The Melissa George Fund was established in 2005 in memory of Melissa George, daughter of Amy George, director of special projects for the Huntsville Hospital Foundation and a former Huntsville TV news anchor. Melissa and her twin sister Ann Catherine were born three months early. Ann Catherine survived, but Melissa died a few hours later because she did not have enough amniotic fluid for her lungs to develop. George and her husband set up the memorial fund to purchase lifesaving equipment for the neonatal intensive care unit.

"This memorial fund helped my son by providing him a Giraffe OmniBed," Truss said. "This bed creates a warm, simulated environment very similar to a womb. It has a high humidity level, so it slows water loss and protects the skin, keeping my son from infections. The bed is equipped with monitors and sensors, so if anything happens, it allowed for medical attention without risks associated with direct physical contact.

"Silas was the first baby to use one of the OmniBeds purchased by the fund," Truss said. "That was his home for about 12 weeks."

For 106 days, Truss and her husband were regular visitors to Huntsville Hospital. Silas stayed there from February until a week after his original

delivery date, which was May 12, Mother's Day. During those days, he endured an open-heart surgery called "patent ductus arteriosus ligation" to correct an opening in his heart. He also had to have laser surgery on both eyes, because his corneas hadn't properly developed.

"And because Silas was so premature, he had respiratory issues," Truss said. "I actually saw the doctors bring him back to life three times. No parent should have to witness that.

"We were first-time parents, expecting to go through what every normal parent would go through when having a baby," Truss said. "You expect that, when you leave the hospital, your baby comes with you. Instead, I had to leave without my son. I remember longing to hold him. It was such a struggle, but our faith held us strong."

With much intensive care and the strength of loving parents, Silas overcame all those hurdles. On May 19, it was homecoming day.

"We were so ecstatic to finally bring our son home," Truss said.

In the wake of this experience, Truss shows her appreciation for the help her son received by participating in the Marshall Center's Combined Federal Campaign. This year, she is serving as executive vice chairperson for bus tours.

"Marshall team members can go on tours to selected charitable organizations supported by CFC to see how they operate and aid those in need," she said. "I encourage everyone to sign up so they can see the great things their donations are doing for others in our community.

"I am a faithful believer in contributing to CFC," Truss added. "Having something like this campaign in place to help provide funding or volunteer services is just awesome. You just never know when you're going to need help."

Marshall team members can sign up to volunteer for CFC Community Service Days. For information on how to volunteer, sign up for bus tours or make a donation, please visit <http://cfc.msfc.nasa.gov/index.html>.

"Every time I see my son's little face in the morning, I remember waiting for him to come home, and boy, now he's home — getting into everything!" Truss laughed. "God has truly been good to us and I thank Him every day for my healthy child."

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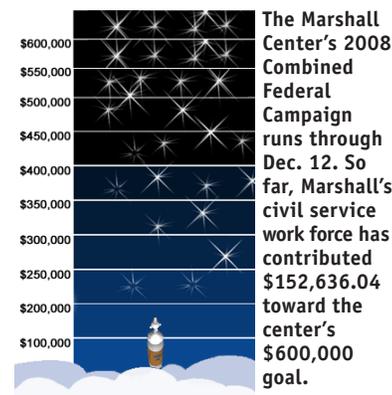


Baraka Truss with her 21-month-old son, Silas.



Silas, two days old, inside the Giraffe OmniBed made available by Combined Federal Campaign donations and the Huntsville Hospital Foundation's Melissa George Neonatal Memorial Fund.

Courtesy photos



Marshall recognizes prime, subcontractors, individuals with Advocates Awards for support of center's mission

By Jessica Wallace

The Marshall Space Flight Center recognized NASA prime contractors, subcontractors and other individuals for their outstanding work in support of Marshall's mission at its annual Advocates Award ceremony Sept. 25.

Companies are selected for their accomplishments and participation in the NASA Small Business Program. The program develops and manages NASA's efforts to assist small businesses. To qualify for these awards, businesses work to impact NASA's mission by increasing the use of technology, reducing costs and creating innovative methodologies and processes.

The awards were presented in four categories: Marshall Center individual awards, Prime Contractor Small Business Advocates of the Year, Prime Contractor Awards and Prime Contractor Subcontractor Awards.

Marshall individual awards were presented to team members who made a significant contribution to the center's Small Business Program. Marshall's Small Business Office works closely with small businesses to match their talents and capabilities with the center's requirements. Individual awards winners for the year were:

- Small Business Specialist of the Year — David Brock, small business specialist in the Office of Procurement
- Procurement Support Person of the Year — Emil Posey, manager of the Space Transportation Support Office in the Office of Procurement
- Technical Support Person of the Year — Charlie Nola, upper stage contracting officer technical representative in Ares Projects
- Small Business Leadership Award — Steve Cook, manager of Ares Projects

Prime Contractor Small Business Advocate of the Year awards were presented to those who demonstrated outstanding leadership in promoting the use of small businesses under subcontracting programs. This year's recipients were:

- Jenifer Scoffield, small business liaison officer for ATK Launch Systems of Brigham City, Utah
- Brant Julian, small business liaison officer/supply chain manager for Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne of Canoga Park, Calif.
- Linda Weaver, small business liaison officer/supply chain manager for Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne of Canoga Park, Calif.

Prime Contractor Awards were presented to the following companies:

- COLSA Corp. of Huntsville, Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year for support at Marshall under the Huntsville Operations Support Center contract
- The Boeing Co. of Huntsville, Large Business Prime Contractor of the Year for support in promoting the utilization of small businesses under Ares I upper stage production and upper stage instrument unit avionics contracts



Emmett Given/MSC

Accepting awards at the Advocates Award Ceremony are, seated from left, Melanie Pickens, Orion Propulsion Inc.; Jenifer Scoffield, ATK Launch Systems; Linda Weaver, Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne; Kathy Broad, QTEC Inc.; and Elizabeth Morard, Qualis Corp. Standing, from left, are Byron Butler, Marshall Center; Dwight Potter, The Boeing Company; Bruce Emerson, SAIC Inc.; Ron Belz, Jacobs Technology; Richard Amos, COLSA Corp.; David Brock, Marshall Center; Brant Julian, Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne; Scott Wallace, Votaw Precision Technology Inc.; and Charlie Nola, Marshall Center.

- Jacobs Technology of Tullahoma, Tenn., and SAIC Inc. of Huntsville, Large Business Prime Contractor Excellence Award for support in promoting the Marshall subcontracting programs
- Votaw Precision Technology Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, Calif., was chosen Small Business Subcontractor of the Year in the Prime Contractor Subcontractor Awards category for providing exceptional contributions to the Ares I first stage contract. Votaw was nominated by its prime contractor, ATK Launch Systems.

Other small businesses nominated for this award were presented the Subcontractor Excellence Award. Recipients were:

- Orion Propulsion Inc. of Madison for its subcontracting contributions provided to The Boeing Co. under the Ares I upper stage production contract
- Qualis Corp. of Huntsville for its subcontracting contributions to Jacobs Technology under the engineering, scientific and technical services contract
- QTEC Inc. of Huntsville for support provided to Teledyne Brown Engineering under the specialized engineering and project support contract and the systems development and operations support contract
- InfoPro Corp. of Huntsville for its subcontracting contributions provided to SAIC under the unified NASA information technology services contract

Brock congratulated the companies at the ceremony for their work over the past year. "Your remarkable performance is what brought you all here today," he said. "Congratulations to each of you for a job well done."

For more information about NASA's Office of Small Business Programs, visit <http://osbp.nasa.gov/>.

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Clinton, Chapman, Jones honored

Three Marshall managers receive Presidential Rank Awards

By Sanda Martel and Lori Meggs

Three Marshall Space Flight Center managers were recently awarded the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executives — one of the highest honors given to federal employees.

President George W. Bush recognized Raymond "Corky" Clinton, Jr., deputy manager of the Science & Mission Systems Office; John Chapman, manager of the External Tank Project in the Shuttle Propulsion Office; and Preston Jones, manager of the Engineering Directorate's Spacecraft and Vehicle Systems Department, with the award. They are among only 24 NASA employees in the Senior Executive Service — the personnel system covering top managerial positions in approximately 75 federal agencies — to be selected for the honor nationwide.

The Presidential Rank Award is presented annually to a select group of senior federal executives for outstanding leadership and service in some of the most critical positions in federal government. Executives who have consistently demonstrated strength, integrity and commitment to public service in their careers are nominated for the award by members of their agency. A board of private citizens reviews nominees' applications. Only a select few are referred to the president for approval.

Clinton has served as deputy manager of the Science & Mission Systems Office since April 2008. He is responsible for the day-to-day oversight of the organization and its more than 250 civil service and contract employees. The office conducts advanced research at the intersection of science and exploration — expanding general scientific knowledge and understanding, while furthering NASA's mission to extend our reach across the solar system.

Clinton also is acting manager of NASA's Lunar Program & Projects Office at Marshall, which manages pathfinding robotic missions to the moon to lay the groundwork for sustained human exploration of the solar system.

From 2006 to 2008, he was deputy for program assurance in Marshall's Safety & Mission Assurance Directorate. He instituted the S&MA Council, the safety element of the NASA governance model, and led substantial improvements in assessment and communication of technical issues for space shuttle propulsion systems and the propulsion elements for the Ares I — the rocket that will send future astronauts into orbit and new missions of discovery to the moon and beyond.

From 2003 to 2006, Clinton was manager of the Microgravity Science and Applications Department, part of Marshall's former Science Directorate. He began his NASA career in 1984 as an aerospace ceramic materials engineer in Marshall's Materials and Processes Laboratory.

Clinton earned his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in



Corky Clinton



John Chapman



Preston Jones

Atlanta, in 1973, 1976 and 1982, respectively. He has published more than 60 papers and technical reports. He has received numerous NASA and industry awards, including the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal, NASA's Outstanding Leadership Medal, and a Silver Snoopy award, presented by the Astronaut Corps for his noteworthy contributions to NASA's ongoing human spaceflight missions.

Chapman has served as manager of the External Tank Project Office since November 2005, overseeing one of NASA's highest-profile projects. He manages a work force of more than 2,000 government and contractor technical and engineering experts. He is responsible for the requirements definition, design, development, manufacturing, assembly, testing and flight performance of the space shuttle external tank.

From 2004 to 2005, Chapman served as chief engineer for shuttle propulsion projects in the Engineering Directorate. He served as technical assistant to the manager of the Space Transportation Directorate from 2001 to 2004. During this time, he completed a year-long rotational assignment at NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va.

Chapman has been involved with the shuttle program almost since its inception, beginning in the early 1970s when he worked in private industry. He joined NASA in 1980 as an engineer in the Solid Rocket Booster Project Office. Chapman has held nearly every post in the Shuttle Propulsion Office, including deputy project manager and business manager of each propulsion element. He also served as solid rocker booster chief engineer.

Chapman earned a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta in 1973. He has received numerous honors and awards during his NASA career, most recently the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal in June 2008. He has participated in various executive-level training courses, and is the co-author of three technical publications.

Jones has served as manager of the Spacecraft and Vehicle Systems Department since September 2007, where he oversees approximately 700 technical and engineering experts responsible for research, development, conceptual and final design, analyses, verification, and integration of state-of-the-art spacecraft and

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Louisiana Aerospace Industry Day held Oct. 15



Marshall Center Director David King welcomed more than 150 attendees Oct. 15 to the Louisiana Aerospace Industry Day, hosted by the Louisiana Economic Development team, Louisiana Technology Council and Greater New Orleans Inc. The event was open to small businesses to provide information about how to do business with NASA and its prime contractors at NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility. The keynote lunch speaker was U.S. Sen. David Vitter (R-LA). Several Marshall managers provided information on the Michoud facility and upcoming Ares work at Michoud including Michoud Transition Director Sheila Cloud; Ares Upper Stage Office Manager Danny Davis; Space Transportation Support Office Manager Earl Pendley; and Marshall Small Business Specialist David Brock.

David Higginbotham/MSFC

Marshall awards Occupational Health Services contract to HPM Corp.

HPM Corporation of Kennewick, Wash., has been awarded a NASA contract to provide Occupational Health Services to the Marshall Space Flight Center beginning Nov. 1.

Under the terms of the contract, HPM Corporation will manage medical services, industrial hygiene, respiratory protection and radiation safety services at the center.

The contract has a one-year base period, followed by four, one-

year extension options that may be exercised at NASA's discretion. The contract has a maximum potential value of \$24,855,193.

HPM Corporation was awarded the contract in early October. Its proposal was among five evaluated by NASA during the bidding process.

For more information about Occupational Health Services at the Marshall Center, visit <http://co.msfc.nasa.gov/ad10/health/index.html>.

In celebration of NASA's 50th anniversary

Three weeks after NASA officially began operating Oct. 1, 1958, prospective contractors were invited to a briefing at NASA Headquarters on the development of a 1.5-million-pound-thrust launch vehicle engine. That engine would later help power the Saturn family of launch vehicles for which the Marshall Space Flight Center would ultimately have responsibility.

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vehicle systems and exploration missions.

From 2004 to 2007, Jones was manager of Marshall's Propulsion Systems Department in the Engineering Directorate. Following his appointment to the Senior Executive Service, Jones served from 2002 to 2004 as manager of the Subsystems and Components Development Department in Marshall's Space Transportation Directorate. Jones led the Systems and Requirements Team for the Space Shuttle's Main Engine Office from 2000 to 2002. Prior to working in the shuttle project offices, he was manager of Marshall's Propulsion Test Division from 1997 to 2000. From 1994 to 1997, he served as chief for the Liquid

Engine Systems Branch, where he supported all of Marshall's propulsion projects. Jones began his NASA career in 1982 as an engineer for Marshall's Structural Dynamics Laboratory, where as a data analyst he supported more than 70 space shuttle launches.

Jones earned a bachelor's degree in physics from North Georgia College and State University in Dahlonega, Ga., in 1982. He has received a number of NASA awards, among them NASA's Medal for Outstanding Leadership, NASA's Medal for Exceptional Service, a Director's Commendation, and the Silver Snoopy Award for his contributions to the success of human spaceflight missions.

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Michoud Assembly Facility's Hurricane Gustav rideout crew honored with Director's Commendation Award

By Amie Cotton

David King, director of the Marshall Space Flight Center, has awarded the Director's Commendation to members of the Hurricane Gustav rideout crew at NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans. The awards honor their outstanding effort in planning and implementing emergency operations to protect the facility.

As Hurricane Gustav approached the Gulf Coast, the 51-person rideout crew stayed on the Michoud site to secure the facility, monitor the hurricane and ride out the storm. Its members include NASA civil service employees, Lockheed Martin contractors and Coastal International Security personnel.

"The Michoud Assembly Facility Hurricane Gustav rideout crew prepared, secured and maintained critical infrastructure; preserved spaceflight hardware; and safeguarded more than \$2 billion of NASA assets while risking their lives during a period of five days before, during and after Hurricane Gustav," said King during the awards ceremony October 14. "We honor you for your service and dedication to NASA's spaceflight program."

Members of the rideout crew honored for their service include Miles J. Arthur, Joseph C. Barrett, Donald Bollich, Christopher M. Butler, Trellis Carter, Wesley D. Clampitt, Jason A. Cobden, Russell L. Crawford, Edward C. Cummings, Eric D. Dede, David E. Dyer, Stephen J. Ehrlicher, Stephen L. Francis, Joshua A. Goyette, William C. Hale, Gregory C. Hanrahan, Leonel C. Harrache, Eugene J. Harris, Gregory W. Heaslip, Willie F. Henderson, Simmie P. Herrin, Guy M. Jackson, Shawn Jayne, Manuel C. Johnson, Nicholas J. Jones, Joe E. Kennedy, Gregory R. Lain, Thomas G. Marie, Glenn L. Marx, Cornell P. Mathieu, Christopher D. Merz, David C. Morrow, Kevin M. Pace, Doretha A. Parker, Michael A. Parquet, Danielle A. Phillips-Fields, Robert W. Poche, Jason M. Pohlmann, Larry D. Primeaux, David C. Reese, Richard J. Roberts, Alan J. Rovira, Gino Saladino, Vickie A. Schmersahl, Patrick S. Shea, Ronald J. Tagliaferri, William J. Tardy, Marlene M. Theriot, David J. Turnage, Stephen A. Turner and Byran D. Walker.

During the storm, the Michoud facility experienced

maximum sustained winds of up to 70 mph with gusts up to 114 mph. A storm surge of approximately 13 feet was measured in the Michoud harbor area.

With more than 3.8 million square feet of infrastructure, including a port with deep water access, Michoud is one of the world's largest manufacturing plants. For 35 years, it has manufactured and built the Space Shuttle Program's external tank. Today it supports several major projects for the Constellation Program, which is developing NASA's next generation of crew exploration and launch vehicles — including the Ares I rocket, the Ares V heavy cargo launch vehicle and the Orion crew exploration vehicle. The Marshall Center manages the Michoud facility.

Michoud is located on 832 acres. The facility consists of more than 2.2 million square feet of manufacturing space and features a full complement of state-of-the-art plant and tooling equipment. The Michoud facility is one of the largest employers in Louisiana, with more than 4,200 employees on-site.

For more information on NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility, visit <http://www.nasa.gov/centers/marshall/michoud>.

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Stephen A. Turner, Michoud safety and protective services manager and Hurricane Gustav rideout crew team lead, left, accepts the Director's Commendation award Oct. 14 from Marshall Center Director David King.

Two Marshall Exchange council members being sought

Nominations are being accepted from NASA civil service employees for an election to fill two positions on the Marshall Exchange Council. Deadline for submissions is close of business

Nov. 7. For information on how to nominate, go to Inside Marshall at http://inside.msfc.nasa.gov/announcements/exchange_council.html.

Celebration

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Powell worked on plans for the Saturn launch vehicles, Skylab and the Spacelab modules for the space shuttle. He managed Marshall's Space Station Projects Office before retiring in 1988.

After the panel discussion, the celebration will continue from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the courtyard of the Building 4200 complex. Lunch will be provided by the Marshall Exchange and catered by Apple Lane Farms. It will include a choice of a turkey, ham, Cajun roast beef or cheese sandwich and chips. Cake, cupcakes and drinks also will be served.

Door prize tickets will be distributed at lunch stations near Building 4203. Participants must be present to win the prize drawings, which begin at 11:30 a.m.

Exhibits, photographs and videos commemorating NASA's 50 years will be displayed in the courtyard and the Building 4203 lobby — including the Mythbusters moon landing episode. Mythbusters is a popular science television program on the Discovery Channel. In January 2008, the Mythbusters "Build Team" — Kari Byron, Tory Belleci

and Grant Imahara — visited Marshall to test the moon landing hoax. The episode, which busted myths backed by critics who think NASA faked the Apollo moon landings, will be played in the Building 4203 cafeteria. A list of videos and show times will be posted soon on Inside Marshall.

Live entertainment will be provided by Sharon Hancock, a Science Applications International Corporation employee supporting Marshall's Networks, Telecom & Desktop Services Office, appearing with local musical group Dixie Diesel. The band includes Louie Clayton, Pete Allen, Ed Ricks and Andrew Smith, all Marshall Engineering Directorate employees.

Celebration participants are encouraged to wear NASA 50th anniversary T-shirts, on sale at the Space Shop in Building 4203. Watch Inside Marshall for more event information and a bus schedule.

To volunteer at the celebration or for questions, contact Linda Gomez in the Office of Strategic Analysis & Communications at 544-0594.

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Classified Ads

To submit a classified ad to the Marshall Star, go to Inside Marshall, to "Employee Resources," and click on "Marshall Star Ad Form." Ads are limited to 15 words, including contact numbers. No sales pitches. Deadline for the next issue, Oct. 30, is 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23.

Miscellaneous

Antique milk glass pitcher, \$25 obo. 509-2536
NordicTrack ski machine, heart rate, time, speed, calories, distance monitor, \$20. 776-7248
Lined drapes, two pairs, 96Wx82L, rods, gold, \$200. 837-2267
Dining table, six fiddle-back Windsor chairs, solid oak, natural finish, \$600 obo. 347-1674
Dell Axim X-30 PDA, accessories, \$50 obo. 843-513-7939
225 amp Lincoln AC Stick electrode welder, extras, \$190 obo. 353-7670
Dell laptop, Windows XP, Microsoft Office. 509-7273
AKC Weimaraner puppies, silver, 9 weeks old, second shots, \$350 cash. 347-2097
CDs, oldies, country, folk, jazz, <http://home.comcast.net/~savagmf/>, \$2 each. 883-7752
1915 Edison Disc phonograph, model A250, \$550. 461-0903
2007 Pearl Export six-piece drum kit, throne cymbals, stands, \$900. 345-0852

Broyhill solid oak computer desk, painted black swivel chair, five castors, \$300. 468-6016
Mirage speakers, two OM-7 towers, two Omnisat satellite speakers, stands, \$1,500. 679-2165
32x22 bird cage, toys, food, \$30. 885-2293
Marshall JCM 900 guitar amp, \$1,000 or trade for good 2x12 combo tube amp. 293-8774
K'NEX sets, \$115. 464-9408
Jeff Dunham tickets, Nov. 9, Von Braun Center, Mezzanine seats, \$80 for pair. 457-5173
John Deere LX5 5-foot bush hog, less than 40 hours, \$800 firm. 651-5570
DT gas mower, pull start, large back wheels, \$120 firm; pallet jack, \$130 firm. 651-5570
Transfer bench, back/side arm for bathtub, \$75. 498-2028
Authentic Amish bedroom suite, double bed, wardrobe, door chest, honey oak finish, \$2,000 obo. 653-9222
Dining room set, \$325; dresser, mirror, \$50; computer desk, \$20; computer chair, \$20. 776-7399
CalSpa hot tub equipment, 4BHP motors/pumps, 220V heater, control pack, new flow switch. 828-1234
Two Case XX limited edition Alabama knives, serious inquiries only. 693-4280
1847 Rogers Brothers silver plate, 57 pieces, flair, service for eight, nine serving pieces, \$135. 883-8257
Gift certificates for house cleaning, prices vary. 777-8595
Gateway notebook, Intel Pentium Dual core mobile processor, 1.60 GHz, 15.4 ultra bright screen, \$450. 883-5168
Firewood, seasoned or new, mixture or hardwoods, oak, maple, walnut, hickory. 679-5799
Garmin Colorado 300 GPS, street-level maps, firmware update, \$375. 461-6337
Titleist "Scotty Cameron" Newport 2 putter, \$275. 881-1249

Vehicles

2008 Maxima SL, loaded, leather, warranty, 11k miles,

\$23,995; 1999 Mercury Mystique, \$2,650 obo. 520-2802
2006 Honda CRF230F dirt bike, \$1,950 obo. 776-4741
2006 Honda Accord EX, charcoal, fully loaded, \$24,500. 353-0933
2004 Saturn L300, four door, white, sunroof, leather, \$4,000. 508-5031
2003 GMC 1500HD, crew cab, black/gray, fully loaded, 73k miles, \$14,500. 975-0068
2002 Fleetwood Expedition motor home, 300HP Cummins diesel, Allison transmission, take up payments. 431-9898
2001 Jeep Cherokee, \$6,000. 603-3466
2000 Camry, silver, four cylinder, sports package, rims, spoiler, 103k miles, \$7,300. 880-9184
1996 Corvette, new transmission, removable top, 25 MPG, 72k miles, \$12,250 obo. 723-8877
1995 Nissan pickup, AC, CD, new tires, five speed, 125k miles, \$3,000. 673-0041
18-foot Stingray RS180 bowrunner, 140HP, custom trailer, extras, \$9,500. 586-7297

Free

Firewood, locust, already cut to fireplace length but not split; you haul. 539-5495
Moving boxes, enough for two-bedroom house. 881-8123

Wanted

Portable outdoor storage. 509-7907
Used furniture. 506-8153
Four tickets, Alabama vs. Arkansas State, Nov. 1. 318-5613
Wooden bed rails, hook onto a headboard and footboard. 830-9331
Nintendo DS Handheld, small, fingerprint/digital keypad safe; flat-bottom boat, trailer, motor. 426-2312



NASA Administrator Michael Griffin hosts all-hands meeting for Marshall team

NASA Administrator Michael Griffin, left, and Marshall Space Flight Center Director David King talk with center employees at Griffin's all-hands meeting in Building 4316 on Oct. 21. Marshall team members had the opportunity to ask questions of the administrator. Discussing the upcoming presidential transition and what should be NASA's focus, Griffin said, "Keep doing what you are doing, what you are supposed to be doing." He added, "I think NASA is executing very well in the last couple of years. If you think we are on a good path, the best chance you have to stay on that path is to keep doing it and let the results speak for themselves." Griffin also delivered the keynote luncheon address Oct. 21 at the Wernher von Braun Symposium, held at the Von Braun Center in downtown Huntsville.

Marshall offers targeted buyout to eligible employees through Nov. 7

The Marshall Space Flight Center is offering eligible civil service employees a buyout opportunity worth up to \$25,000. The buyout application period began Oct. 20 and ends Nov. 7.

The buyout is a step that the Marshall Center is taking to reshape the current center's work force to meet current and future mission requirements. Marshall employees with competencies in excess of those needed to perform current or

projected assignments will be eligible to receive a separation incentive payment.

In addition, employees in targeted positions also may opt to take early retirement, if eligible. Full details of the buyout program are available on Inside Marshall at <http://inside.msfc.nasa.gov/buyout/index.html>. Buyout applications must be submitted to Iris Rivera no later than close of business Nov. 7.

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