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KENNEDY SPACE CENTER SPACE SHUTTLE STATUS REPORT
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MISSION: <u>STS-75</u> -- TETHERED SATELLITE-1R & USMP-3
VEHICLE: <u>Columbia</u>/<u>OV-102</u>
LOCATION: Pad 39B
TARGET LAUNCH DATE/TIME: Feb. 22 at 3:18 p.m.
LAUNCH WINDOW: 2 hours, 30 minutes
TARGET KSC LANDING DATE/TIME: March 7 at 7:32 a.m.
MISSION DURATION: 13 days, 16 hours
CREW SIZE: 7
ORBITAL ALTITUDE and INCLINATION: 184 statute miles/28.45 degrees
NOTE: Work continues to remove and replace the high pressure fuel
turbo pump from <u>main engine</u> no. 1. The old pump will be removed late
tonight and the new pump installed on Saturday. The Terminal
Countdown Demonstration Test is underway and will end with a
simulated main engine cut-off at about 11 a.m. Friday. The Tethered
Satellite System (TSS) and USMP payloads have been installed into the
orbiter's payload bay. TSS electrical mates are in work today.
IN WORK TODAY:
* Terminal Countdown Demonstration Test
* Remove and replace high pressure fuel turbo pump from main engine no. 1
KEY STS-75 OPERATIONAL MILESTONES (dates are target only):
* Payload interface verification test (Saturday/Sunday)
* Flight readiness review (Feb. 9)
MISSION: STS-76 -- 3rd MIR DOCKING
VEHICLE: <u>Atlantis</u>/<u>OV-104</u>
LOCATION: Orbiter Processing Facility Bay 1
TARGET LAUNCH DATE/TIME: March 21 at about 3:35 a.m.
LAUNCH WINDOW: about 6 minutes
TARGET KSC LANDING DATE/TIME: March 30 at about 8:05 a.m.
MISSION DURATION: 9 days, 4 hours
CREW SIZE: 6 up -- 5 down
ORBITAL ALTITUDE and INCLINATION: 184 statute miles/51.6 degrees
NOTE: Leak checks of the Orbiter Docking System and the tunnel
adapter continue today. Tunnel installation is set for Friday.
KEY STS-76 OPERATIONAL MILESTONES (dates are target only):
* Mate <u>external tank</u> with <u>solid rocket boosters</u> in Vehicle Assembly
Building (Feb. 5)
* Crew equipment interface test (Feb. 8)
MISSION: STS-77 -- SPACEHAB-4 & SPARTAN 207
VEHICLE: <u>Endeavour/OV-105</u>
LOCATION: Orbiter Processing Facility Bay 3
TARGET LAUNCH DATE/TIME: May 16 at 6:32 a.m.
TARGET KSC LANDING DATE/TIME: May 26 at 6:49 a.m.
MISSION DURATION: 10 days
CREW SIZE: 6
ORBITAL ALTITUDE and INCLINATION: 176 statute miles/39 degrees
NOTE: Tests of the flash evaporator system continue this week.
Forward reaction control system functional checks continue in work
today.
KEY STS-77 OPERATIONAL MILESTONES (dates are target only):
* Remove Space Shuttle <a href="main engines">main engines</a> (Feb. 16)
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