

DAILY PLANET

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Marshall-managed Chandra X-ray Observatory to ship Thursday

NASA managers have announced plans to ship the Marshall Center-managed Chandra X-ray Observatory from its prime contractor TRW Space and Electronics Group in Redondo Beach, Calif., to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida Thursday. The world's most powerful X-ray telescope will be transported from its assembly plant to NASA's launch site on a U.S. Air Force C-5 Galaxy aircraft. At Kennedy, the observatory will be prepared for launch aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia on mission STS-93. One of NASA's Great Observatories, Chandra will help scientists understand the structure and evolution of the universe.

Black History Month celebration Friday

To commemorate Black History Month in February, the Marshall Center Black History Committee has several events planned. "Down Home Blues" will be the theme Friday in the Bldg. 4203 cafeteria. Soul food will be featured as a manager's special. Marshall employees will provide musical entertainment from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Taylor reception postponed

The retirement reception to honor Bill Taylor, director of Marshall's Science and Engineering Directorate, has been postponed due to family illness. The event, originally set for 4 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 4 will be rescheduled.

Space Operations Management Office briefing Wednesday

A Space Operations Management Office briefing will be 9-11 a.m. Wednesday at the Huntsville Operations Support Center at Marshall. The briefing will include information about the Space Operations Management Office organization structure, services and the new Consolidated Space Operations Contract awarded to Lockheed-Martin. All Marshall projects and programs office personnel, and contractors providing services to the offices, are encouraged to attend. **Contact:** David Mann, 4-2070

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