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STS-95 launch set for Oct. 29

NASA program managers have officially set Thursday, Oct. 29, as the launch date for STS-95. The nine-day flight is scheduled to lift off at 1 p.m. CST from KSC. The mission will mark the return of astronaut John Glenn to space. Besides being the subject of various life science experiments aboard the Shuttle Discovery, Glenn will work as a payload specialist, activating and monitoring several Marshall-managed microgravity experiments.

Washington Update Luncheon with U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions, noon Mon. at VBC

NASA delays shipment of X-ray telescope to complete testing

NASA will delay shipment of the Advanced X-ray Astrophysics Facility (AXAF) from the prime contractor, TRW Space and Electronics Group in Redondo Beach, Calif., to KSC. AXAF was scheduled to be shipped later this month. The postponement will allow TRW time to complete testing. A new shipment date will be set after a review of AXAF, a Marshall-managed program.

Burt Rutan to speak at Marshall Association meeting Monday

Burt Rutan, designer of the Voyager aircraft that flew around the world nonstop, will speak at a Marshall Association breakfast meeting at 7 a.m. Monday, Oct. 19, in the cafeteria of Bldg. 4203. The cost is \$8 per person. For reservations, **contact:** Jerry Williams, via e-mail or at 4-0295.