

# DAILY PLANET

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

Friday, April 17

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## Columbia Poised for Launch Today; A Quick Look at STS-90

**Flight:** STS-90

**Orbiter:** Columbia

**Launch:** Friday, 1:19 p.m. CDT

**Landing:** Sunday, May 3, 10:07 a.m. CDT

**Duration:** 16 days

**Crew Members:**

Richard Searfoss, Commander

Scott Altman, Pilot

Richard Linnehan, Mission Specialist

Dafydd Rhys Williams, Mission Specialist

Kathryn Hire, Mission Specialist

Dr. Jay Buckley, Payload Specialist

Dr. James Pawelczyk, Payload Specialist



**Highlights:** The Neurolab mission focuses on the effects of microgravity on the nervous system. A Marshall Microgravity Research experiment, called the bioreactor, will help researchers gain new understanding of the body's immune system. Scientists will grow disease-fighting cells needed by patients with kidney disease, AIDS or undergoing chemotherapy.

## Great Moon Buggy Race, 10 a.m. Sat. at The Space & Rocket Center

## Senator Sessions' NASA Aide Visits Marshall Optics Lab Fri.

Arch Galloway, Military/NASA Legislative Aide for Sen. Jeff Sessions, is visiting Marshall Center Friday. During his visit, Galloway will tour Marshall's Optics Laboratory.

## Engineering Students Tour Marshall

Approximately 154 students from 16 premier Aerospace Engineering universities in the Southeast will tour Marshall today. This tour is the capstone activity for the 1998 American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Southeast Regional Student Conference in Huntsville.

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