

DAILY PLANET

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

Friday, Dec. 17

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Discovery to launch Friday, NASA reviews quality control

Space Shuttle Discovery now is scheduled to launch at 7:47 p.m. Friday. Shuttle engineers requested the additional time to inspect the quality control processes involved in the welding process on the Shuttle's external tank. Managers are confident in the structural integrity of Discovery's main propulsion system lines. This evaluation is a precaution.

**Center blood drive
Friday, 8 a.m.-
1:30 p.m., North
Loop, Bldg. 4203**

**Engineering
Systems to host
retirement party
9:30 a.m., Jan. 12,
Bldg. 4203, room
1201**

SSME Team successfully completes certification test

The Space Shuttle Main Engine (SSME) project has successfully completed the first certification test series of the Block II configuration engine which incorporates major safety improvements, including the alternate high pressure fuel turbopump. The test series was accomplished in record time with hot-firings every other day during the past two months.

Apply by Jan. 7 for NASA's Fellowship Program

Nomination paperwork to apply for the NASA Administrator's Fellowship Program is due no later than Jan. 7. For eligibility and application requirements, call 544-7527.

**NASA Exchange,
Bldg. 4752, will be
closed Christmas
and New Year's
Day**