

# DAILY PLANET

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

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## Shuttle Discovery lifts off on mission to repair Hubble

Space Shuttle Discovery and a seven-member flight crew lifted off from Kennedy Space Center, Fla., at 7:50 p.m. EST Sunday. Discovery and crew will rendezvous with the Hubble Space Telescope on Tuesday afternoon. Three space walks are planned during this mission to service Hubble. Discovery returns to Earth Dec. 27 at about 5:24 p.m. EST.

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

**Writing workshop  
Jan. 10-11 and  
Jan. 12-13.  
Register via  
AdminSTAR**

## Marshall engineer wins National Space Award

A NASA team led by Parker Counts, manager of Marshall's Space Shuttle External Tank Project, has won the Dr. Wernher von Braun Space Flight Award for work on the Space Shuttle's external fuel tank. The 2,600-person, nationwide team of civil servants and contractor employees was lauded for its work to develop the super-lightweight fuel tank, an improved version of the large, orange tank the Shuttle "rides" into orbit.

## Young, retired Lockheed Martin VP, to lead Mars Team

Thomas Young, retired executive vice president of Lockheed Martin, has been named to chair the Mars Program Independent Assessment Team that will review the agency's approach to robotic exploration of Mars.

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is Jan. 3**