

DAILY PLANET

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

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Space Station Component Arrives At KSC for Launch Preparation

The first of two pressurized mating adapters for the International Space Station has arrived at KSC from manufacturer McDonnell Douglas in Huntington Beach, Calif. The adapter is a cone-shaped connector that will be attached to Node 1, the Space Station's structural building block which Marshall recently delivered to KSC. Node 1, with the adapter attached, will be the first element of the Station to be launched aboard the Space Shuttle in July 1998.

**Thurs. is
Reservations
Deadline for
Aug. 8
Washington
Update
Luncheon**

Blast Damages Utah Ammonium Perchlorate Plant

An explosion occurred Wednesday morning at a plant in Cedar City, Utah, which manufactures an ingredient used in solid rocket motors. One person was killed and one injured in the blast at Western Electrochemical Co. NASA Space Shuttle officials say that, although ammonium perchlorate for the Shuttle's solid rocket boosters is produced at this plant, no immediate impact to the Shuttle program is anticipated. Last year, the program adopted a dual-source arrangement, by which it also obtains the product from a second supplier. In addition, there is a supply of the material in storage.