

# DAILY PLANET

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

Thursday, March 15

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## First free-flight of Air Force X-40A test vehicle successful

The first free-flight test of the X-40A was successfully conducted Wednesday at Dryden Center. The Boeing-built X-40A, on loan from the U.S. Air Force, is an 85 percent scale version of NASA's X-37 technology demonstrator. A U.S. Army Chinook helicopter lifted the X-40A to an altitude of 15,000 feet above ground level and released it to glide to a runway landing, guided by on-board systems. The test took approximately 75 seconds. The vehicle reached a velocity of up to 200 mph (168 knots).

Thursday is last day to volunteer for Great Moonbuggy Race. Call 544-2319

Repair work to Bldg. 4200 entrance loop, loading dock Thursday and Friday. Use caution

## Center blood drive Friday at NASA Exchange, Bldg. 4752

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Friday in the NASA Exchange, Bldg. 4752. Those whose last names begin with A-B should donate at 8 a.m.; C-F, 8:30 a.m.; G-H, 9 a.m.; I-L, 9:30 a.m.; M-O, 10 a.m.; P-S, 10:30 a.m.; and T-Z, 11 a.m. All blood types are urgently needed. Donors will receive a coupon for a free, one-topping Domino's pizza.