

# DAILY PLANET

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## **Spartan Recovered As Science Continues Aboard Columbia**

Even as Columbia's crew successfully retrieved the Spartan satellite, researchers at Marshall continued with scientific investigations. The Spartan recovery did not have a major impact on the mission's original plan, said Marshall's USMP-4 Assistant Mission Manager Jimmie Johnson. "We had to pause some of our experiments, but we picked them right back up." The remainder of the mission will be devoted to microgravity science experiments.

## **USMP-4 Science Briefing to Air at 3 p.m. on NASA TV**

## **Thrift Savings Plan Open Season Now Under Way Until Jan. 31**

Open season for the Thrift Savings Plans is under way until Jan. 31. Civil service employees hired prior to June 30, 1997, are eligible to begin participation or make changes to their plans. Brochures are being mailed to employees and summary booklets are available from administrative officers. To enroll or make changes, employees may visit the Personnel Office in Bldg. 4200, Room 759, or access the Employee Express at (800) 571-3453.

## **MSFC Exchange To Sponsor Biannual Book Fair Next Week**

The Exchange will hold its biannual book fair 8 a.m - 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, through Thursday, Dec. 4, in Bldg. 4200, Room G-13. A variety of books, including bestsellers and children's books, will be on sale at discounted prices.