

DAILY PLANET

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

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Columbia Gets Presidential Call Of Thanks; New Science Begins

After marking the Thanksgiving holiday in orbit, the Columbia crew Friday continued cutting-edge research to improve high-tech electronics, satellite imaging and computers. President Clinton phoned the crew Thursday with thanks for their dedication and hard work. Friday, science on the fourth U.S. Microgravity Payload mission includes the first test runs of a combustion study to determine how air flow currents influence the stability of flames.

USMP-4 Science Status Report to Air on NASA TV at 12 noon Fri.

Dec. 26 Made a Federal Holiday Reception Planned for Retiring Associate Director Susan Smith

President Clinton has signed an executive order declaring Friday, Dec. 26, 1997, a holiday for Federal workers. Marshall will be closed.

A farewell reception will be held for Center Associate Director Susan M. Smith 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18, in the cafeteria in Bldg. 4203. Tickets are \$7 and may be purchased from administrative officers. Smith recently announced her plans to retire from NASA by year-end.

Marshall's Lightning Imaging Sensor Launched Thursday

The first space mission dedicated to the study of tropical and subtropical rainfall was launched successfully Thursday from the Japanese Space Center at Tanegashima, Japan. One of the primary instruments on the Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission is the Lightning Imaging Sensor, a system developed at Marshall and managed and monitored at the Global Hydrology and Climate Center.