

DAILY PLANET

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

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Russians successfully launch first Space Station segment

Assembly of the International Space Station, the next step in human exploration of space, began early Friday with the successful launch of a Russian Proton rocket at 12:40 a.m. CST from the Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kasakstan. The booster delivered the U.S.-financed, Russian-built Zarya control module into Earth orbit. Zarya is designed to provide early orientation control, communications and electrical power for the Space Station. Later, it will serve as the docking port for the third major element — Russia's Service Module. The Service Module will become the early living quarters for the crew.

Deadline for all-hands meeting questions is Friday, contact: Judy Werner, CO01

Blood drive Friday

The American Red Cross blood drive at Marshall is from 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday at Bldg. 4752. Donation times have been scheduled according to last names:

T-Z: 8 a.m.
Q-S: 8:30 a.m.
M-P: 9 a.m.
I-L: 9:30 a.m.
G-H: 10 a.m.
C-F: 10:30 a.m.
A-B: 11 a.m.

Red Cross volunteers will be available until 1:30 p.m.

Exchange nut sale begins Friday

The Marshall Exchange annual nut sale begins Friday. Nuts will be sold from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday in Bldg. 4752. One-pound bags of nuts are: pecans (fancy, mammoth halves) for \$5.25; chocolate-covered pecans for \$6.75; English walnuts for \$3.25; jumbo raw peanuts for \$1.75; roasted, salted (in shell) natural pistachios for \$3.25; dry-roasted cashews at \$5.25. Twelve-ounce bags of nuts are: hickory-smoked almonds for \$3; natural, whole almonds for \$3.25; and honey-roasted almonds for \$3. **Contact:** NASA Exchange, 4-7564.

Marshall Association to hold luncheon meeting Tuesday

The Marshall Association will hold a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 24 in the Bldg. 4203 cafeteria. Steve Richards will brief attendees on the International Space Station Propulsion Module. Ticket cost is \$8 and payable at the door. Reservation deadline is noon, Monday, Nov. 23. **Contact:** Jerry Williams, 4-0295