

week of debriefings on what NASA calls one of its most successful flights.

The astronauts returned home Monday night to welcome-home festivities at Ellington Field airport that rivaled those given to earlier space heroes. The red-carpet rally included bands, balloons and speeches celebrating America's first manned spaceflight in 32 months. Commander Frederick Hauck

told the crowd of about 5,000 flagwaving well-wishers the Challenger accident "made us resolved to recover from that, and we have done that.

Hauck guided the 97-ton shuttle to a pinpoint landing on a dry lake-bed runway at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., at 9:37 a.m. PDT Monday

Discovery's four-day flight, a test of the space agency's massive effort to redesign the shuttle after Challenger exploded, was nearly flawless from takeoff to touchdown and the shuttle itself suffered only some minor wear, NASA officials said

After resting for a day and visiting with their families, the astronauts return Wednesday to the Johnson Space Center to begin briefings with management and ground control-lers about the four-day mission, spokesman Steve Nesbitt said.

"They will go over all the details of the flight while their memories are still fresh," Nesbitt said.

The other crew members are pilot Richard Covey, John M. Lounge, David C. Hilmers and George D. "Pinky" Nelson. Nesbitt said the astronauts later

will make public appearances across the country to discuss the flight.

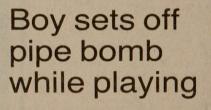
The flight followed more than 400 changes to the shuttle system. many for safety reasons, in one of the biggest redesign and testing programs ever attempted by NASA. More than \$800 million was spent

on renovating the solid fuel rocket boosters alone. It was a flawed rocket that caused Challenger to ex-plode 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on Jan. 28. 1986, killing its seven crew members

Discovery's boosters were recov-

spokesman Karl Kristofferson said Tuesday.

After the boosters are taken apart, the pieces will be sent to Utah to Morton Thiokol Inc., the manufacturer, for a more detailed examination of their performance, Kristofferson said.



FORT WORTH (AP) - A 9-yearold boy had set a pipe bomb on fire before the explosive went off, killing him and injuring five other children, a girl injured in the blast said.

Jael Zamora, an 11-year-old girl injured in the Sunday night explosion in south Fort Worth that killed Max Herrera, said Max and two other boys rolled paper around the bomb and used matches to set the

paper on fire. "At first, just smoke and a little flames came up," she said. "But they kept doing it." Max sent his 4-year-old sister,

Irena, to their house to get a lighter when they ran out of matches, Jael said. Irena also was injured in the explosion.

Jael said that after igniting the paper, the boys stepped on the paper to put out the flames and then shook the explosive to get a black powder out of it.

'The last time he lit it, they poured black powder on the flames and it exploded," she said. "When my parents heard the explosion, they ran out of the house.

The blast from the device also injured Max's brother, Rudy Herrera, who along with Jael Zamora was treated and released from Harris Methodist Hospital; Joel Zamora, who was in good condition Tuesday at Fort Worth Children's Hospital; Irena Herrera, who was in serious condition Tuesday at John Peter Smith Hopsital; and one other.

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