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## ROUNDUP



## Apollo 16 Crew Ready； Landing Thursday

The usual little glitches show up from time to time，but the Apollo 16 countdown，begun in earnest Monday evening，continues to tick toward a Sunday noon liftoff．

John Young，Ken Mattingly and Charles Duke are going through pre－launch routine at the Cape to ready themselves for the schedule 11：54（Houston time）launch．

Given a good liftoff and orbital insertion，the 16 spacecraft will aim at the Moon about 2：30 Sunday afternoon

Lunar touchdown，with Young and Duke at the controls of the lunar module＂Orion＂，is programmed for 2：41 Thursday afternoon．

The Descartes landing site is series of experiments．
a grooved，hilly region which ap－Young and Duke will climb pears to have undergone some modification by volcanic proces－ ses during formation．
The site is in the southwest quadrant of the visible face of the Moon．


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weeks．On the traverse map，the weeks．On the tavicate the EVA，
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and the Arabic numbers designate and the Ark station．The three explora－ tory journies are scheduled for the late afternoon and early evening hours，Houston time，with television coverage scheduled for most of the action．The map should prove useful in following Young＇s and Duke＇s prog－
ress．


Young and Duke will make three forrays over the surface， gathering samples and setting up scientific experiments．

Mattingly，orbiting in the com－ mand module＂Casper，＂will carry out an equally impressive
down from the lunar module onto the lunar surface for three seven－hour periods of exploration and experimentation．
A major part of the first EVA will be devoted to establishing the nuclear powered，automatic scientific station－Apollo Lun－ ar Surface Experiment Package （ALSEP）－which will return scientific data to Earth for many month for correlation with data still being returned by the Apollo 12， 14 and 15 ALSEPs．
The second and third EVAs will be devoted primarily to geo－ logical exploration and sample gathering in selected areas in the vicinity of the landing site．
As in past missions，the crew＇s observations and comments will be supplemented by panoramic stereo，and motion picture photo－ graphic coverage and also by tele－ vision coverage．
Crew mobility again will be aided by the use of the lunar
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## Shirley Price Selected Handicapped Worker

Shirley Price of Planetary and Earth Sciences Division，Science and Applications，has won the ＂Fourth Outstanding Handicapped Federal Employee of the Year Award．＂
Among the recognition and honors accompanying the award is a tour of the White House， with Mrs．Nixon as hostess．
The award is made each year by the Civil Service Commission to recognize persons with＂ex－ ceptional job performance ．．．in spite of severely limiting physical factors．＂

Shirley is just under four feet tall and without arms，yet she con－ trols a 10,000 －item data library used in connection with an experi－ ment designed to measure cosmic ray bombardment of the Earth＇s atmosphere．
She also uses and interprets UNIVAC 1108 computer runs She types（with her toes）at 45 － 50 words per minute，files，and answers telephones．
Miss Price has received the Young Women＇s Association A．
ward of the Baptist Convention； the Peacock Record Company＇s Courage Award Trophy；and the Texas Governor＇s Citation as Handicapped Employee of the Year．

She has served as president of the Interdenominational＂Celestial Chorus，＂and vice president of the Baptist Training Union．

Local Girl Earns
Spot in Skylab
Project Finals
Twenty－five national finalists in the Skylab Student Project have been selected and the daughter of an MSC man is one of them． She is 16 －year－old Kathy Jack son，daughter of John Jackson of Crew Systems Division，E\＆D．
Her proposal was＂a quantita tive measure of motor－sensory per－ formance during prolonged in－ flight zero－G．
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# Life Sciences Replaces Medical Directorate 

The Medical Research and Operations Directorate has been redesignated the Life Sciences Directorate.

In announcing the reorganization, Director Chris Kraft said "With the impending phaseout of the Apollo program and with Skylab nearing a flight operational phase . . . new emphasis must be placed on the bioengineering and biomedical aspects of long duration manned space flights.
"In the original concept of Medical Rescarch and Operations Directorate, we were concerned with the ability of man to endure the environment of space.
"The Life Sciences program now is being expanded to include increased research work in developmental biology, plant and animal physiology, and bio-scientific program which potentially will benefit mankind.
The reorganization will not require an increase in personnel strength.
The reorganized directorate will have all biomedical research activities centralized into the Biomedical Research Division; all medical, operational, and environmental health activities will be consolidated into the Health Scrvices Division; and all equipment development, testing and integration will be centralized within the Bioenginecring Systems Division.

Richard S. Johnston, who has served as acting director of MR\&OD, becomes director of Life Sciences. Dr. Lawrence R. Dietlein, who has served as MR\&OD assistant director of Medical Research since 1967, will become deputy director of Life Sciences at MSC.
Dr. Willard R. Hawkins will be the Life Sciences Directorate's deputy dircctor for Medical Operations. Dr. Hawkins has been chief of Medical Operations Division since 1967.
Chief of the Biomedical Research Division will be Ed Michel, who has been chief of the Biomedical Laboratories Division since 1969.
Dr. George G. Armstrong, Jr.

## Miss Clear Lake

## Contest Coming

MSC lovelies interested in competing in the 1972 Miss Clear Lake Jaycees, host group for the prelude to the Miss Texas and Miss America pageants.

Entries chairman is George Holt, telephone 488-5188. Unmarried women from 18 to 28 are cligible.

## Zero In

On Safety
will be chief of the Health Services Division. He has been deputy chief of Medical Operations for the past three years.

John C. Stonesifer, who has been chief of MR\&OD's Project Support Division for the past 18 months, becomes chief of the Bioengineering Systems Division.


AWARDS-Performance awards in Spacecraft Design Division of Engineering and Develonment Directorate and in the Safety, Reliability and Engineering surance Office have been made to 26 employees. Pictured are Tony Girala, a quality step increase, and Bob Bond and Bill Humphrey, sustained superior performances. In the bottom row are Bill Creasy and Will Taub, outstanding performance ratings, and Jack Kohanke, quality step increase. Kohanke is from SR\&QA, the rest from E\&D. Not pictured but also honored in Safety Reliability and Quality Assurance Office were Jean Brown, Norm Schulze Clarence Presswood and Placido Valdivio with OSIs, Jean Alexander, Dick Herman Lauterbach, and Suzette Partin with SSPs. Terry Spence, Mac Fields Patt Huber, Mary Lewis, Quint Ussery, Jim Chappee and William Fitzgerald earned OPRs.

## New Shuttle Work Invited, Awarded

Ten aerospace industrial firms have been asked to submit bids for a television system to be used on a Shuttle orbiter to aid cargo handling in space
The system bears the space age name of "Head-Aimed Foveal/ Peripheral Television System;" acronym is HAFPTS.
HAFPTS is a part of a Remote Manipulator System, called RMS, which will accompany each orbier into space.

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\text { NASA is awarding a } 90 \text {-day }
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HONORS - Three Future Programs Division personnel have been honored HONORS - Three Future Programs Division personnel have been honored
for the way they have done their jobs. They are Audrey $V$. Lemons of the Program Planning Office and Leonard $S$. Nicholson of the Project Definition
Office, both with sustained superior performance awards, and John K. Hirasaki of Payloads Engineering Office, a quality step increase.

Ten aerospace industrial
etter contract to the Rocketdyne Division of North American Rockwell Corp. to begin development and production of the rocket engine for the Space Shuttle orbiter stage.
Estimated amount of the letter contract is $\$ 9,800,000$ and the contract will permit work to get underway while NASA and Rocketdyne are negotiating a cost-plus-award-fee contract for the engine

Total cost of the negotiated conract is estimated at $\$ 450,000,000$.


## 'Roses' is Subject

## At 3-C Theatre

"The Subject was Roses" is the subject of the Clear Creek Country Theatre's current production.

The award-winning comedy drama stars Carol Stodghill, George Pheneger and George JonI Ir. Director is Harry Booker.
Reservations for the play, which cpens tonight, can be made through 332-2931.

## Tough-to-Tag Subject Could Mean Cash in Hand in Awards Program

A subject that's difficult to casy to describe.
identify could be worth mones.
The subject is "contributions."
It falls into the Inventions and Contributions Awards Program, where inventions and technical briefs are pretty easy to pin down. Contributions, since they are not the subject of technology transfer and do not fall into a category for which patent applications can be filled, are not so

## Local-

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That tongue-twister boils down to a maze drawn on something akin to pegboard. A crewman will trace the maze with a stylus.
The instrumented system feeds into a computer which will measure the astronaut's visual manual coordination as he hits 119 eighth-inch holes along the maze's path.

Kathy is a junior at Clear Creek High School. Her sponsor in the nation-wide program is chemistry teacher Mrs. Mary Kimzey.
A limited number of these experiments and demonstrations proposed by high school students will be chosen for performance aboard the Earth orbital Skylab manned space station in 1973.

Selection of flight experiments and demonstrations will be completed by this June 1 .

The 25 student finalists and their teacher-sponsors will be invited to attend the Skylab Student Education Conference at Kennedy Space Center at the time of the Skylab launch
The national finalists and sponsors also will receive special medallions. Plaques will be presentec to their schools.
Proposals by the 25 finalists were chosen from 3,409 submitted by U.S. secondary school students across the nation and overseas.

The Skylab Student Project is overseas.
The Skylab Student Project is designed to stimulate interest in science and technology by directly involving secondary school students in space research.
Skylab is an experimental space laboratory to conduct scientific, technological, and biomedical investigations from the vantage point of space. The first manned mission will last up to 28 days, the second and third 3 -man missions are planned to last up to

They are innovative techniques for scientific or technical accom plishment which could be of true value to NASA's activitics
Contributions are evaluated and considered for monetary awards as inventions
All MSC: and contrator em ployees are cligible to submit any innovation they fee to be a scientific or teclanical contribution of value to NASA
An abstract of the achievement should be sent to the MSC Awards Office for evaluation.

## Aero Club Offers <br> Training Package <br> To Non-Pilots

The Acro Club is offering a specially designed course for nonpilots who want to complete introduction to flying without ex cessive cost.
The $\$ 161$ package includes ten hours of flying time, all flight instructor charges through solo. and a session in ground school.
If time bevond ten hours is needed for solo, the only extra charge is $\$ 11$ per hour for the plane.

Enrollees become associate members of the Aero Club and thereby are covered by the club's insurance policy. After solo, the new pilot can apply for club membership without the usual $\$ 50$ initiation fec.

The offer is open to MSC and contractor personnel and their families.

Contacts are Jim McCoy, extension 5171, or Bob Moncsko, $+667$.

Next Aero Club meeting is May 1 at 5 p.m. in Room 511 of Building 2. (iround school, with out flight instruction, starts Mas 2 at a fee of $\$ 20$.

## 56 days.

The Skylah program will test equipment and techniques to gather information on Earth: ecology, occanography, water man agement, agriculture, forestry geology, and geography

Astronomy experiments will substantially increase knowledge of the Sun which sustains life on Earth.

Habitability, biomedical, behavorial, and work effectiveness experiments will further evaluate man's capabilities in space flight.

## ROUNDUP

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## LC Jaycees Also Sponsor Pageant

Another opportemity for MSC
beatues is the Leagoe City laveec spenseree Miss Parada del Rodeos Pageant on May 13, a steppingstone to Miss Texals W'orld and $\$ 15,000$ in prizes.
Limarriced sirls 17 to 25 from Galvester or Brazoria countics on the Clear Lake area of Harris County are cligille. Contaces are John Hollan. 554.5037 . or Leo

## MSC Radio Club

 Gives Noon-Hour Code ClassesInterested in obtaining an amayour present license?

The MSC Amateur Radio Club (MARC) is offering lunch hour code classes for beginning, and advanced operators.

Classes are held Monday from 11:30 to 1 in Building 15, Room 125. and Friday from 11:30 to 1 in Building 15. Room 212.

The first half of each class is devoted to beginners with code speeds up to 13 words per min-
ute. The last half of cach class covers intermediate (13 to 16 wpm) and atvanced ( 20 and up) code speeds.
All Msc: Civil service and contrate cmplosees and their families are digible to join
MARC. It is not necessary to be a member of the club to participate in code classes.
For further information on code classes contact Kient Castle. extesion 3171. Anyone interested in ioining MARC, should contact

## Secretaries Set

 Seminar April 22The NASA Clear Lake Chapter of National Secretaries Association will kick of National Secretaries W'rek with its annual semiIt" on April 22 at the Learue


Keynote speaker will be Marvin Hurley, execu dent of the
Houston Chaml, er of Commerce. will be featured.

The registration fee, which in chudes lunch, is reimbursible to MSC secretaries - Form $116 t$ and a signed receipt or cancelled check. Seminar chairman: Virginia Thompson, extension 5473.

## Roundup Swap-Shop

Ads are limited MSC civit service employees and assigned military personnel. Maximum length is 20 words, including name, office ccae and home telephore number. Send ads, typed or legioly written, to Roundup Editor. AP3)


WINNERS - The Clear Lake Hospital Blazers, NASA employees softball team sponsored by the hospital, won the third-place trophy in the Pasadena Pre-season Tournament, the club's first outing of the year. The Blazers pictured
are. in the back row from left to right. Joe Bell. Richard Kruse. Mike Collins, Nick Lance, and Mel Richmond in are, in the back row from left to right. Joe Bell, Richard Kruse. Mike Collins, Nick Lance, and Mel Richmond. In front are John Kaderka. Bailey Corbett, Jim Larey, Ron Epps, hospital administrator and team sponsor David Rose and Jack Boykin. Dale Frost and Vince Voytek made the tournament but missed the photo.

REGISTRATION FORM - SECOND ANNUAL SEMINAR FOR SECRETARIES

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Address


## Address

Preregistration $\$ 8.00$ (includes luncheon)
Registration at Door $\$ 9.00$

Make checks payable to: NASA Clear Lake Chapter, NSA
Mail to: Mrs. Helen Weseman, P. O. Box 235, Friendswood, Texas 77546

4 -spd stereo phono \& stereo AM-FM is attractive cocktail table. compact, beaut ful tone. Simon. 488-4043.
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Oxygen $\&$ acetylene bottles which can be refilled locally. Donahoo, 925-2139.

## "Almost" puppies. elkhound-collie cross,

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TO USE SPACE TECHNOLOGY ON EARTH

## Urban Systems Project Office Set Up Here; Hays Heads It

An Urban Systems Project Office has been established at MSC to apply space technology and techniques to urban problems and systems.

The new organization is parı of a cooperative effort between the Department of Housing and Urban Development, NASA and the Atomic Energy Commission to develop new methods of servicing urban areas.

The new effort, called Modular

Sized Integrated Utility System (MIUS), is investigating and demonstrating the feasibility of servicing communities of limited size with utilities generated by a single processing plant.
MSC will furnish life support engineering expertise.
MSC will be the lead field center in performance of NASA responsibilities and with support from other NASA elements
The MSC Urban System Proj
ect Office-USPO-will be responsible for the management of the design, development, verification, fabrication, installation, and evaluation or urban systems in support of this program.
Edwarl L. (Ted) Hays, 29 -year veteran aerospace engineer and presently deputy chief of Crew Systems, will be project manager. Approximately 35 NASA engineers and technicians will be transferred from within MSC and as-

## assigned to USPO.

At present the principle func tion of USPO's activity will be concentrated on an economically acceptable modular sized integrated utility system design definition.

In describing USPO's work, Project Manager Hays said, "Basic resiga criteria would emphasize economic practicality, environmental quality and energy and other natural resource conservation.


GOOD EGGS - Saturday the First was Egg Hunt Day at MSC, thanks to the Employees Activities Association, and it was no April foolin' for the mob of youngsters who turned out on the bright, sunny day. When the rope was raised, it was every kid for himself, but-judging from the smiles on most of the faces - nobody seemed upset by the competition. When it
was over, the winners collected their prizes, the parents collected their kids, anci the EAA sponsors collected their wits and guessed the confusion was worthwhile after all.

## Picnic: Sept. 23rd

## Cost Reduction Corner

Skylab Operational Data Books, requiring almost daily updating, were distributed widely through the Skylab and Apollo offices until Connie Critzos of Skylab and Herbert Tash of Apollo suggested it might be easier for some of the offices to use either of the two con-stantly-updated copies on file in the Apollo Presentations and Data Management office rather than maintain their own copies.

Twenty-six offices agreed. At $\$ 50$ per volume per year plus $\$ 8652$ a year for the time needed to maintain the 26 volumes, the saving to John Q. Taxpayer came out to $\$ 9952$.

Nearly 100 Golfers Battle for Honors

## In Second MSC Tournamen of '72

More than 90 MSC golfers wandered the bayous, fairways, sand traps, and woods of Brock Park Golf Course April 1 during the second tournament of the 1972 MSC Golf Association season.
Bill Nunnery and Tom Semenuk shared the low gross each carding 83 on the par 72 course. The MSC league, now divided into four flights-championship, first, second and 'new member'-had the following wirners:
CHAMPIONSHIP: First - Pete Smetek 85 (72), Second-Bill Nunnery 83 (73), Third - Dave Chenault 89 (76), and two way tie for Fourth between Bill Shrop-
shire 86 (77) and Jay Harnage 88 (77).
FIRST: First-Harry Kolkhourst 87 (70), Second-Rowland Williams 86 (72), Third-Bob Gordon $92 ; 74$ ), and two way tie for Fourth with Joe Siegfried 91 (75) and Gerry Kenney 91 (75).
SECOND: First Dick Redi 96 (73), Second-Bob Lacy 98 (75). and a two way tie for Third between Dave Harris 101 (78) and Jim Sanders 97 (78).
NEW MEMBER: First-John Lottinville 97 (70), Second-Tom Semenuk 83 (73), Third-Bill Keathley 96 (74) and Fourth-Don Blevins 104 (74)

The Modular-Sized Integrated Utility System approach will include electricity, heat, air conditioning, waste water and solid waste treatment, and water supply.

These services appear to be applicable to apartment complexes. conduminiums, shopping centers, urban development areas and new community developments.

## Countdown

(Continued From Page 1) roving vehicle
In lunar orbit, Mattingly will operate experiments in the scientific instrument module (SIM) bay for measuring such things as the lunar surface chemical composition, and the composition of the lunar atmosphere.
A high resolutio ncamera and a mapping camera in the SIM bay will add to the imagery and photogrammetry gathered by similar cameras flown on Apollo 15.
Mattingly will perform an inflight EVA during transearth coast to retrieve film cassettes from these cameras.
Using hand-held cameras, Mattingly will photograph such phenomena in deep space as the Gegenschein and, looking Earthward, the ultraviolet spectra around Earth.
A second substarllite, similar to the one flown on Apollo 15. will be ejected into lunar orbit to measure he effect of the Earth's magnetosphere upon the Moon and to investigate the solar wind and the lunar gravity field.
The landing crew will remain at Descartes for 73 hours before returning to the orbiting command module on April 23.
Earth splashdown will be April 28 at $2: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. CST. in the central Pacific just north of Christmas Island.

## Airplane Sought To Match Shuttle Subsonic Flight

NASA has asked the aerospace industry to bid on proposals for a study of an airplane capable of simulating the subsonic flight characteristics of the Space Shuttle orbiter.
In this connection, the contractor will study aircraft handling qualities and flight control procedures with and without jet engines during flights from 35,000 feet altitude to landing.
The study is to "provide suf ficient data to assure NASA that the proposed Shuttle Training Aircraft (STA) configuration is technically feasible and acceptable," and "that the recommended design can meet specified requirements.


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