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Conceptual art

The latest artist's concepts of life aboard Space Station Freedom show a busy, productive orbital laboratory. Story on Page 3.



Quality counts

NASA Administrator Richard Truly will kick off Quality Month with a televised speech Monday. Story on Page 4.

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Truly: 'You are doing the right things'

By Kari Fluegel

Challenges facing NASA now are nothing new to the space agency and will evolve into the successes of tomorrow, Administrator Richard Truly told employees last week.

In a message broadcast from his office Sept. 21, Truly discussed the numerous problems that plagued the agency throughout the summer, but expressed confidence that they would be fixed.

'There has been a lot going on," Truly said. "Budget fights, successes, some setbacks and some failures.... Let me just say that I believe that we are continuing to do business in a measured and professional manner. That some things haven't gone right this summer, but

you are doing the right things." Truly said NASA has had and continues to have the support of President George Bush, Vice President Dan Quayle and, "despite what you read in the newspaper," the agency's friends in Congress.

"They know we are on a cuttingedge business every day," he said.

Truly discussed the Space Shuttle Columbia's hydrogen leak problems, the Ulysses mission, the Hubble Space Telescope anomaly and the beginning of the Magellan mission at Venus.

'Believe you me, the only words that I can describe for the science that is coming, and (Magellan's) radar images is, it is absolutely superlative," Truly said. "You have seen a couple of those pictures, and you will see a lot more."

Truly said the Space Station Freedom program has made dramatic progress over that last year despite some controversy.

We have a lot of challenges, and we have been in the newspaper, but frankly don't forget, every one of the problems we are working-power, weight, EVA time-are problems that NASA and you found, and each of those are well in hand along to a solution," he said.

'So I think Space Station Freedom is strong, and I believe when this budget process is complete, you will find that we have gotten good support."

Truly said the future is the bottom line. "I can tell you what I have been reading in the paper, and what you have been sensing, and that is that the space world of tomorrow is going to be different than the space world vesterdav



PLASTIC PLANET—Scientists at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory continue to be amazed by the highly active surface of Venus as revealed by the Magellan probe's synthetic aperture radar. The surface appears more "plastic" than Earth's, which allows for a different kind of tectonic activity. Images already have revealed impact craters as large as Los Angeles and several miles deep. The image of this 17-mile-wide, 46-mile-long portion of the Lavinia Region shows fault-bounded troughs that resemble the animated character Gumby.

Shuttle managers approve Oct. 6 Discovery launch

By James Hartsfield

Work readying Discovery at Launch Pad 39B for STS-41 has gone smoothly, and shuttle managers Tuesday set an Oct. 6 launch date for the flight.

The date was set after managers met at Kennedy Space Center for the flight readiness review Monday and Tuesday. 'This date is a little success oriented

and is dependent on not encountering any unusual problems," said Space Shuttle Director Bob Crippen. "But I

think the shuttle team has a good chance of making the 6th.

At the pad this week, two spacesuits were install-

ed in Discovery's airlock to be used if the need for an emergency spacewalk should arise during the mission. Wednesday, technicians tested the Inertial Upper Stage that will boost the Ulysses spacecraft on its way to explore the Sun's polar areas.

Thursday, Discovery's Freon cooling system was topped off. A leak was found in the spacecraft's No. 2 freon cooling loop following roll out to the pad. However, after overpressurizing the loop and examining the results, engineers determined the slow leak was unlikely to grow during flight.

Calculations using the highest leak rate recorded so far show that the size of the leak still would have to almost triple to pose any problems during STS-41. In addition, during the time Discovery has been on the pad, the leak rate has decreased slightly.

The orbiter's aft compartment will be closed out for flight on Sunday, and the STS-41 launch countdown is scheduled to begin at 2:30 a.m. CDT Wednesday. Launch will be at 6:35 a.m. CDT Saturday.

Commanding *Discovery* will be Dick

Richards. Pilot will be Bob Cabana, and mission specialists will be Bruce Melnick, Bill Shepherd and Thomas Akers.

Meanwhile, at Pad 39A, KSC technicians are working with the special investigation team appointed last week to isolate the source of Columbia's aft fuselage hydrogen leak. Leak tests at room temperature have been conducted using helium and mass spectroscopy, but no leaks have been found.

The engine 2 prevalve was to be tested today using helium along with dry ice to cool the mechanism.

Out of more than 200 joints in

the orbiter's main propulsion system, the panel has narrowed the possible leak areas to 83.

Ulysses

A tanking test will not be performed on Columbia until after Discovery's launch, when Columbia is transferred to Pad 39B to make room for Atlantis on Pad 39A. The schedule for such a test is still in work by the investigation team, Director of Space Flight Bill Lenoir said Wednesday.

"I'm hopeful that we'll have Columbia... back in the flying sequence in the December time frame and pull the ASTRO mission off then," Lenoir said. "We're keeping our eyes on what it may take to pull that off. But we have specifically not laid that on our engineering team; they're to go out and find the leak, find all of the leaks, and then we can get on with it.'

Atlantis, now in Bay 2 of the Orbiter Processing Facility, is currently being prepared for a target launch date of Nov. 7 on STS-38, a Department of Defense-dedicated flight. The orbiter is scheduled to leave the OPF and be rolled over to the Vehicle Assembly Building on Tuesday.

Furloughs start Monday if agreement not reached

furlough are going out to civil service employees today, and a two-week sequestration period will begin Monday morning unless Congress and the President reach a last-minute with the furloughs. budget agreement. JSC Human Resources Director of the letter by close of business Jack Lister said his office will notify Friday, Lister said. Employees will be the furlough situation will be reported under Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law all JSC directors late Friday that their required to acknowledge its receipt on the recorded JSC Employee sequestration. The sequestration plans for a one-day furlough will take in writing and indicate what day they Information Service, x36765, goes into effect automatically effect Monday unless Congress plan to take the unpaid time off. A throughout the weekend. Employees

Final notices of an impending passes a deficit reduction program handful of employees who are not over the weekend. Employees Thursday began

> receiving individual letters notifying them of NASA's decision to proceed Each employee will receive a copy

at the center will be contacted by telephone and will then receive their letters by fax or mail. The "decision letter" is required under government personnel regulations, as was an earlier 30-day notice of intent.

who are subject to furlough on Monday should call the service to find out whether they should come to work Monday morning.

The furlough period is the first level of NASA's responses to the 31.9 percent reduction from fiscal 1990

"It is not just going to be America and the Soviet Union. It already is, and more importantly in the future it is going to be an international endeavor, and we are in the middle of it."

Any significant developments in spending levels that will be required Please see FURLOUGH, Page 4

JSC smokers coming to grips with new policy 'I think most of us would rather have been getting a root canal'

[Editor's note: With 17 years of cigarette smoking behind him and a Jan. 1, 1990, deadline for a smoke-free work environment ahead of him, Public Affairs Specialist Brian Welch is trying to quit. Welch will share firsthand his experiences and feelings, and what he learns that allows him to come to terms with the overriding reasons behind JSC's new anti-smoking policy. This is the first of eight installments.]

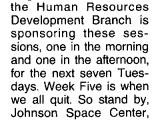
By Brian Welch

Larry Laufman watched with a smile as 28 of us filed grim-faced into Bldg. 45, Rm. 304 Tuesday afternoon for the first of eight weekly classes designed to help us quit smoking. All things considered, I think most of us would rather have been getting a root canal. Well, probably not. But whatever our druthers, it did seem clear that most of the people in my class were not overwhelmed by the prospect of what lies

ahead. Laufman, a former smoker who works for Methodist Hospital and has lectured on smoking cessation to a variety of groups all over the city, has clearly seen this

before. He was calm and reassuring, positive and supportive, and told us stories about how other people in other places have dealt with the tedious task of giving up this addiction. He stressed that it could be done, and that we could do it.

The program at Methodist has a pretty good track record, by and large, which is one reason



this could get interesting.

The big reason for these classes, of course, is the recent announcement that JSC will become a smoke-free environment on New

Year's Day, 1991. With Smokers' Armageddon looming, the demand for some sort of help in quitting is high, according to training coordinator Beth Hall. "The phones haven't stopped ringing in three weeks," she said.

Small wonder. For those of us who smoke, the last decade has been unnerving as, one by one, the elevators, dining rooms, bars and Astrodomes of our world have been shut off to us and our 20 little friends in the pack of cigarettes we always have somewhere on our persons. The tide of revulsion against smoking has been inexorable, until finally it has come to this, and Tuesday afternoon we knew what "this" was. It's time to quit.

Laufman said all the right things. He told Please see DIARY, Page 4



Ticket Window

The following discount tickets are available for purchase in the Bldg. 11 Exchange Today Gift Store from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays.

General Cinema (valid for one year): \$3.75 each.

AMC Theater (valid until May 1991): \$3.50 each.

Sea World (San Antonio, year long): adults, \$17.25, (two-day \$21.95); children (age 3-11) \$14.75, (two-day \$18.95).

Lovin' Feeling Concert (7:30 p.m. Sept. 29, Summit): \$16.

Texas Renaissance Festival Bus Trips (Oct. 13 or Nov. 10): child, \$6(under 5), \$9;

adult, \$12.

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Texas Renaissance Festival (Saturdays and Sundays Oct. 6-Nov. 18): adults, \$8.95; children, \$4.95.

JSC-EAA Travel Fair (4:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 4, Gilruth Center): must pick up free tickets from Bldg. 11 store; major airlines, tour companies and cruise lines will be present and drawings will be held).

JSC Gilruth Center News

EAA badges-Dependents and spouses may apply for a photo I.D. 6:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday

Defensive driving-Course is offered from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 13 and Nov. 17. Cost is \$15.

Weight safety-Required for use of the Gilruth Center weight room. The next classes will be from 8-9:30 p.m. Oct. 10 and 25. Cost is \$4.

Aerobics and exercise-Both classes are ongoing.

Ballroom dance-Professional instruction in beginning, intermediate, and advanced ballroom dancing. Classes begin Oct. 4 and meet every Thursday for eight weeks. Beginning and advanced classes meet 7-8:15 p.m. Intermediate class meets 8:15-9:30 p.m. Cost is \$60/couple.

Flag football-Registration will be done by a lottery system the week of Oct. 1. Come by the Gilruth Center, Rm. 146, for more information.

Technical Library N News

The following selections are now available in JSC's Technical Library, Bldg. 45, Rm. 100.

High Resolution Air-and Spaceborne Radar: Papers Presented at the Avionics Panel symposium held in the Hague, Netherlands 8-12 May 1989, AGARD, 1989. TL 500.N63 A24 No. 459.

Orbital Mechanics and Mission Design, AAS/NASA, 1989. TL 790 .Ad9 v.69.

Geoscience and a Lunar Base: A Comprehensive Plan for Lunar Exploration, NASA, 1990. TL 799.M6 G46.

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Cafeteria menu-Special: tuna and salmon croquette. Entrees: pork chop with yam rosette, Creole baked cod. Soup: seafood gumbo. Vegetables: Brussels sprouts, green beans, buttered corn, whipped potatoes.

Monday

BS&S course--- The Seabrook Flotilla of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering an educational course, Boating Skills and Seamanship. The course is from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Oct. 1. Cost is \$15. For more information call Don Brago at 335-8544 or 480-1742.

Cafeteria menu-Special: Italian cutlet. Entrees: braised beef ribs, chicken a la king, enchiladas with chili, Soup: cream of broccoli. Vegetables: navy beans, Brussels sprouts, whipped potatoes.

Tuesday

Cafeteria menu-Special: stuffed cabbage. Entrees: turkey and dressing, round steak with hash browns. Soup: beef and barley. Vegetables: corn cobbette, okra and tomatoes, French beans.

Wednesday

IEEE video conference-IEEE Galveston Bay Section Video Conference will be from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 3, in the Gilruth Center. Registration deadline is Sept. 28. For more information, call Andy Lindberg, x31474.

Cafeteria menu-Special: pepper steak. Entrees: catfish with hush puppies, roast pork with dressing. Soup: seafood gumbo. Vegetables: broccoli, macaroni and cheese,

stewed tomatoes.

Thursday

Space flight banquet—The North Galveston County Chamber of Commerce will host its Annual Space Flight Banquet beginning at 7:15 p.m., Oct. 4, at the South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center in League City. For more information call 337-

Dates & Data

3434 or 534-3231. Cafeteria menu-Special: chicken fried steak. Entrees: beef tacos, barbecue ham steak, Hungarian goulash. Soup: turkey and vegetable. Vegetables: spinach, pinto beans, beets.

Oct. 5

Cafeteria menu-Special: tuna and noodle casserole. Entrees: liver and onions, deviled crabs, roast beef with dressing. Soup: seafood gumbo. Vegetables: whipped potatoes, peas, cauliflower.

Oct. 9

Technology van—The NASA Fechnology Transfer van will be at JSC from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 9 in the parking lot south of Bldg. 25. The van's displays highlight the importance of transferring technology to the private sector.

Oct. 11

NPMA dinner meeting-The National Property Management Association will hold its monthly dinner meeting at 5 p.m., Oct. 11 in the Gilruth Center. For more information contact Sandra Pierce at 282-4151.

Oct. 20

or 482-0702.

283-5618

Wings Over Houston-The 1990 more information.

Wings Over Houston Airshow will be Oct. 20-21 at Ellington Field. The U.S. Marine Corps' vertical take off and landing jet, the Harrier, will participate and the Confederate Air Force will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain with its WWII airpower demonstration. Contact Col. Ray Jones, 850-7545, or Lu Lewis, 784-5200, for more information.

Oct. 23

BAPCO meeting- Bay Area PC Organization (BAPCO) will meet at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 23, at the League City Bank and Trust. For more information contact Earl Rubenstein, x34807, or Tom Kelly, 996-5019.

Oct. 28

Bicycle ride-The Texas Coastal Century bicycle ride, a comprehensive tour of the greater Bay Area, will start from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Oct. 28 at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Proceeds will benefit the Houston Food Bank and University of Houston-Clear Lake recreation and sports. Early registration by Oct. 1 is \$10; registration after Oct. 1 is \$15. For applications and more information, visit the Gilruth Center. Call Mike Prendergast at 335-2505 for details.

Oct. 30

8086.

2190.

Carol, 474-5106.

Miscellaneous

or 335-1591.

x38889 or 480-1340.

538-6337 or 409-848-1282.

Space conference—Space Exploration '90, a conference and aerospace industry exposition sponsored by the NASA Alumni League, will be held Oct. 30-Nov. 1 at the South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center. Contact Carol Ramey, exposition manager, 800-765-7615, for

Want roommate to share Ig new house, 10 min. to JSC, \$325/mo + 1/3 util., no smokers, no pets.

Want Blue Cornflower Corning-Ware pieces. 326-

Want multi-input audio/video remote switching unit

w/P-I-P color capability, Multivision or Recoton brands considered, x30003 or 644-3137.

Four video camcorder batteries for Canon 8mm

CM1060 NiCd 6V 1000 mAh, new, were \$75, now \$50 ea.; two fluorescent, 2-bulb shop lights, \$25. Patrick, x32635 or 488-1079.

Ping pong table, good cond., \$40. Bob, x30825 or 998-7372. Emerald cut diamond, 1/2 karat, 56 points, clear,

\$1,500. Mary, x31120 or 996-0199. Two rattan chairs w/cushions, \$45 both; 4 used

Bridgestone steel radial tires, P205/70R15, \$40.

Jobst extremity pump w/gauntlet, ex. cond., \$100. Earl Rubenstein, x34807 or 532-2242.

Golf clubs, Jr. set, rt. handed, irons 6, 7, 8, PW, utter and 3-wood w/bag, \$50, 332-1725 or 283-5465.

Bow and arrow set, 15 lb pull w/5 Bear arrows,

\$20. Aaron Brown, 944-0493.
Lawnmower, 22 in., 3.5 HP B&S engine, \$35; 1HP elec. edger, \$15. 532-1673.

Bandeau belts, \$7-\$15.x31653 or 326-4030. Man's 14k gold nugget ring w/7 diamonds, 1/2 ct. total wt. sz. 9, was \$1200, now \$500. Bryan, x38204.

Light blue polyester sport coal, 40-42 long, good cond., \$25 OBO. Greg, 488-2082 or 797-7348.

Two tickets to Oilers/49'ers game, 15-yard line.

Short-bed fiberglass camper, \$300. x36514. WWII vintage model airplanes, more than 200 planes, 1/72 and 1/48 scales, list avail. A.J., x35541

Self-contained, 21.5 ft travel trlr, \$2,800. Sharon

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Swap Shop ads are accepted from current and retired NASA civil service employees and on-site contractor employees. Each ad must be submitted on a separate full-sized, revised JSC Form 1452. Deadline is 5 p.m. every Friday, two weeks before the desired date of Publication. Send ads to Roundup Swap Shop, Code AP3, or deliver them to the deposit box outside Rm. 147 in Bldg. 2. No phone or fax ads accepted.

Property

Lease: LC & I-45, 3-1, cyclone fence, \$395/mo. 332-0365

Sale: 60 acres on Hwy 80, 3 mi from Karnes City,

Sale: 60 acres on Hwy 80, 3 mi from Karnes City, TX (50 mi from San Antonio), 783-9164. Sale: Nice two-story house in El Campo, TX on 1.5 lots w/fruit trees, 783-9164. Sale: Meadowbend, 3-2-2, on cul-de-sac, storm windows, miniblinds, FPL, garage door opener, 2811 Woodhall Ct 480-7100. Ront Lake Livingston waterfront house 3-2 CA&H Rent: Lake Livingston, waterfront house, 3-2, CA&H,

furn, wknd/wk rates, 482-1582. Sale: Dickinson, 2 acres, Humble Camp Rd., improved property, all util. avail., nice trees, \$12K/acre.

Shelly, 333-7153

Sale: Texas City, 2-1-1, den, dining & living rms, enclosed back porch, curbs, \$32,500 OBO. Shelly, 333-7153.

Sale: El Dorado Trace condo, 1-1.5, townhouse plan, 825 sq ft, immac. cond. appliances, assum. loan. Gladys 326-2725

Sale: Big Bend area, getaway/hunting, 160 acres, \$110/acre, CFD 10% dn, 10% for 10 yrs, 337-4051. Sale: Pebblebrook condo, 1BR, 700 sq ft, W/D, new

A/C, vaulted ceiling, no closing cost, assum., \$341/ mo. (409) 925-8593.

Sale: Limestone Co., 40-acre pasture land on paved road, fenced, ponds, barn, corrali and catch pen, 2-2 mobile home, \$68K. 479-3965.

Sale/Lease: Wedgewood Village Friendswood, 3-2-2, 1650 sq ft, new carpet and paint, cul-de-sac. 482-

Sale: Foreclosure, Shoreacres, 4,000 sq. ft., 5-4-study plus mother-in-law suite and workshop on wooded 1-1/3 acre, \$114,900. x38039 or 333-1751.

Sale: Two wate view lots near NASA, \$38,500

'84 Toyota truck, SR5 5-spd, matching cap, AC, PS, cass, sport seats, ex. cond. 482-8224. '79 Triumph Spitfire parts car (rolled over), \$900/

offers. Andy, x38277. '79 International Scout 4WD, factory rally pkg, V8-345 4 bbl, soft and hard tops, roll bar, Warn hubs, Rancho susp., 3" body lift, fresh transmission and transfer case, \$3,500 OBO. Wayne, 283-6514 or 337-5990

'89 Nissan Sentra, 2dr, AC/ AM/FM/cass., new tires, low mi., blk, ex. cond., \$6,300 OBO, 929-7334 or 578 7118

80 Trans Am, for parts, 400/400 4:11 rearend, T-top, A/C, PW, etc., needs 1 piston ring to run, whole carfor \$300.480-4839. 88 Mustang LX conv., loaded, navy blue w/white leather int., ex. cond., \$10.2K.x35786 or 334-1852.

82 Chevrolet Caprice Classic, auto, PS, PB, AC, AM/ FM stereo, VB, cruise, tilt, power doors/locks/seats, 4dr, \$3,000.326-7393.

'81 Chevy Citation, 4dr htchbk, 4-cyl, 4-spd, AC, AM/ FM, very good cond., \$1,350 OBO, Jim, x36926 or 480-2052.

'77 Ford Pinto, runs, needs some work, faded rec trim pkg incl., good tires, \$2,000 OBO. Mark x30160 or 326-3004.

'86 34' Gulf Stream Classic motor home, 6.5 kW, queen sz. bed, dinette, couch, 2 side chairs, microwave, awning, TV antenna, sleeps 6, \$29.5K. Rich, 488-7082 or 457-4605.

80 GMC Raily STX 8-pass. van, rebuilt 6-cyl; '84 Dodge Customized Prospector 7-pass. van. x33656 or 486-8276.

73 Karmann Ghia convert., runs well, \$2,700. Debbie, x35154 or 488-7267.

Cvcles

Woman's 10-spd, 486-1603. '81 Honda CB 900 F motorcycle, sport model, well aintained, fresh Avon tires, helmet incl., 13K mi., 1,000 OBO. Wavne, 283-6514 or 337-5990.

Boy's 24" racing bike, \$35; boy's 20" bike, \$18. Dave,

'81 Suzuki 400EN, 9.2K mi., new rear tire, tags,

Pioneer CT-F750 stereo cass. tape deck, Fisher XP-Kenwood KR-4400 AAM/FM recvr, \$75 ea. x39588 or 487-1883.

Apple Macintosh Plus, \$750, Steve, 283-5632. Scuba dive computer, U.S. Divers J.M. Cousteau Data Scann III electronic dive computer, built-in electronic dive tables, replaces pressure and depth guages, 1 mo. old, was \$648, now \$550 OBO. Patrick, x32635 or 488-1079.

Apple IIe, 2 floppy drives, green monitor, grappler printer interface, 80 col. card, \$300; Apple II internal modem, SW, \$65; memory expansion card, 256K exp. to 1 meg, \$95; Applied Engineering 280 card and CPM SW, \$65; everything for \$450. x35786 or 334-1852. Technics component stereo system, rcvr/tuner, cass.

deck, belt drive turntable, two 26"x13" speakers, \$250.

Scott, 334614 or 334-2278. IBM XT computer, 640K mem., 20 MB hard disk, 2 floppies, AST 6-pak loaded mem., clock, ports, Taxan color hi-res monitor, looks new, little use, \$1,275 or trade for car or MAC SE and above. x30092 or 481-

Musical Instruments

WERSI DX100 digital electronic MIDI synth/organ. road ready w/shoe, pedalboard, pwr amps, 4 speakers, mixer, stand, etc., \$2,800; WERSI SW for above (Commadore compat.), \$125; Commadore SX-64 portable computer as peripheral to above synth/SW, \$300. Samouce, x35053 or 482-0702. Conn Coronet, good cond., suitable for intermediate

school band, \$275. Kathy, x39140 or 332-6305. Antique Emerson upright piano, ca. 1890-95, dark mahogany, good cond., needs tuning, \$300. x34169 or 479-3652.

Fender Mustang 6-string elec. guitar w/hard wood

case, new strings, and tremelo bar, \$175 OBO; Ventura 12-string acoustic guitar w/case and new strings, \$150 OBO, Rafe, 996-9701 or 283-5638. Magnatone 6-string elec. guitar w/strap and case, hardly used, \$90, 532-2215.

ect./acoustic guitar w/hard shell case, \$250. 335-2463.

Queen sofa/sleeper, matching loveseat, beige, ex cond., x39190 or 332-6305. Comfy sofa, off-white upholstery zips/snaps off for

washing, ex. cond., \$200 OBO; large oriental rug, high quality. Chinese design, cran-gray-dark navy-rust, \$450 OBO. Anne, x34493 or 286-2932. Teak trundle bed, \$40; microwave, \$20; girl's desk, \$20. Bill, x34062 or 333-4418.

Home entertainment center cabinet, 7 ft., make into

bar or side board, \$80. Samouce, x35053 or 482-0702. Chest deep freezer, 17 cu ft, \$200. Samouce, x35053

\$20. bill, X340b2 of 333-4418. Sofa/loveseat, beige, good cond., \$100; JVC stereo rack, \$30; TV stand, \$25. Ted, x36894 or 280-9595. Cast iron Franklin style fireplace, good cond., approx. 36 in. wide and 20 in. deep, \$175 OBO. 339-4007

1337 Sofa/loveseat, ottomans, swivel chairs, ex. cond., make offer. L. Das, x33235 or 488-5532.

Full sz. box spring, matt., \$125. x38896 or 482-9447. Sofa/loveseat, off-white, beige, some peach w/oak trim, good cond, \$150. x38896 or 482-9447. RCA Whirlpool builtins, gas stove and cooktop,

dishwasher and range vent, used but functional. Make an offer. Dean Thompson, 332-2229.

Big-Sur king sz. waterbed, 2-vrs old, good cond.,

RCA pecan finish stereo console TV \$400: Sears

exerciser/rower, \$125; steel storage cabinet, \$75; end and cocktail tables, \$50; glass front stereo cabinet,

\$45; sofa sz. picture, Red Poppies, \$65; Seal-A-Meal, \$10; Sanders men's western boots, sz. 10, \$65; old cast iron grill w/stand, \$75; Com-A-Long, \$25. Diane,

Spanish style dinette set, 42" x 60" table w/leaf, heavy steel base, padded vinyl swivel chairs, ex. cond., \$125. Bill, x39020 or 991-0361.

Penny's deluxe microwave, \$125; Kenmore washer and dryer, \$200 OBO; bentwood rocker, \$15; exercise

bike, \$15. Mike, x31239 or 992-3522.

all accessories incl., \$150 OBO. Greg, 797-7348 or

Don, x38039 or 333-1751

Sale: Surfside, 2-1-1, 2 blks from beach, corner lot, needs work, \$20K. 480-5141.

Sale: Meadowbend, 3-2-2, gas/elec, blinds, fans microwave, garage door opener, under 10 yr warr., 8.5% assum, \$82K, x32607 or 538-1071.

Rent: Galveston condo, Seawall & 61st St. furn sleeps six, dly/wkend/wk rates, cable TV, pool. x33479 or 486-0788. Lease: CLC area condo, 2-1, FPL, all appli.

miniblinds, W/D con., storage, swimming pool, \$450/ mo. 486-0315.

Lease: Heritage Park, lo 3 BR, eat-in kitchen, FPL dining rm, newly painted, no pets, \$725/mo. 282-2787 or 532-1240.

Sale/Lease: Almeda Mall area, 3-1,5-2, CA/H, fenced back yard, disp, dw, built-ins, PISD, x33656 or 486-8276

Sale: 35 ft Mallard motor home, loaded to mi \$29K 337-4051.

Lease: Restored 2-story Victorian, 3-1.5-2d, all appli. A/H, fans, patio deck/fenced yard, alarm system, 1621 Ball, Galveston, TX, \$770/mo. Carolyne Realtor, 763-8030 or 744-1703.

Cars & Trucks

'83 Ford Van, v-8, auto, many extras, clean, \$4K. Samouce, x35053 or 482-0702.

'89 Hvundal Excel, loaded, 22K mi., dk red w/sur ex. cond., \$1,500 plus assume note \$269/ mo. x32161 or x35294.

'69 TR6 overdrive, AC, rebuilt eng., low mi., ex. cond., \$4,500. x34818 or 480-8335.

'68 Plymouth Fury II, 318 eng., new oil pump, starter coil, distributor, battery, re-built carb., very good cond. 946-4867

86 Jeep Cherokee Pioneer & towing pkg, AC, PB, PS, luggage rack, \$4,500 OBO, 409-935-4400

'89 Honda Accord LX-I coupe, ex. cond., 17 5-spd, warr.,\$13.5K OBO.486-6859 or 333-6818. 17K mi.

'83 Mazda RX-7 GSL, ex. cond., 75K mi., suproof. 60 series tires, new brakes, 5-spd, \$3,500. 478-1596 486-4508.

26" mountain bike, good cond., \$60. 409-297-7038. 82 Harley Davidson Sportster XLH motorcycle, elec start, ex. cond., low mi., new batt., \$2,875 or trade for car or Mac II PC. x30092 or 481-3637.

Boats & Planes

67" Ebonite Shuttle slalom ski, Ultra Pro ski rope, anchor line, oar, and other boat accy. \$75 OBO; Draw-Tite camper/boat hitch, 3,500 lb capacity w/removable receptacle and 2° chrome ball, fits most mid- full-size cars and trucks, \$100 OBO. 486-4963.

10 aluminum Jon boat, \$100 x36514. Aircraft propeller, Sensenich 74DM6-0-58, overhauted and yellow taged, fits some Beech, Piper PA- 18, PA-22, PA-28 series aircraft, \$900.538-2299.
Project boat, motor, and tilt trlr., all suffering from lack ofuse, \$350, 474-2905.

Lido-14 sailboat, sails, trlr., cntrbd. sloop, loaded, ex. nd., sailing lessons incl. if needed, \$2,100. R. Hoover, x31360 or 996-7716.

83 27' Chaparral Cabin Cruiser, new electronics, swim platform, full galley/head, AC and more, sleeps 6.x31833 or 534-6073.

16' Renegade ski boat, 140HP Evinrude, SST prop. new paint, carpet, IGN system, runs like new, \$2,750 OBO. 333-6868 or 486-7846.

10' Jon boat and 4HP Evinrude motor, \$300, 480-9698

Audiovisual & Computers

Phase linear amplifier, 200+ watts/channel into 8 ohms, 400+ watts/channel into 4 ohms, ex. cond., \$400. rank, x39924/x33573 or 480-9376.

Tandy 1000 SX 384 exp. TD 640, 360K floppy, DOS 3.2, RGB color monitor, Deskmate, IBM Writ POB color monitor, beskmate, IBM write, games, mplete documentation, \$400 OBO. Rob, 485-7627.
MHz 286, coproc., 4 meg RAM, 2400 baud internal modem w/BITCOM, EGA monitor, 101 keyboard, 2 20 meg HD w/1:1 controller, 720K and 1.2M ftoppies, \$1,500 Bryan, x38204.

Apple IIe, 128 KB, 80-column card, monochrome nitor, dual disk driver, \$600 OBO. Keith, 283-5829 or 480-1179.

Personal

Engineer with moderate knowledge of German is interested in informal German conversation over lunch approx. once/week to brush up on speaking skills Chris, 333-6866 or 532-1198

Pets & Livestock

AKC Chihuahuas, shots, wormed, \$120.534-3893 Adult male umbrelia cockatoo w/6 ft. blk iron cage on wheels, together, \$500. Kathy, 283-5302 or 667-6180

Rabbits, mini-lops and New Zealands. Gailo, 554-6200.

Exotic miniature Vietnamese pot bellied pigs w registration papers, white markings, \$500-\$2,000 ea. 713-482-6744 or 409-778-6976.

Exotic Austrailan Shepherd (Aussie) dogs, \$250 ea.; exotic finches, ring neck doves, and guinea pigs, \$5 ea. 482-6744.

Ball python snake, 4' long, good pet, w/carry case, 75, 480-4839.

West Highland white terrier puppies, AKC regis., 8 wks old, \$325 ea. 409-722-8099.

Siberian Husky, AKC regis., female, blk/white w/blue eyes, 2 yr old.. 554-6223.

Dachshund pups, AKC, standard, smooth, blk/tan, shots and wormed, CH. bloodlines, born 7-6-90, \$200-\$250. Emelie, x37234 or 489-1390.

Dobbie pups, 1 male and 1 female (litter mate is a Blue), born 8-13-90, \$75; cockatiels and love birds, \$20-up. 409-925-6405.

Photographic

Hanimax Motor Marine Lunderwater 35mm camera 35mm lens, close-up lens, motorwind, flash, \$315. Kevin, 283-1989 or 532-2181.

Household

Miniblinds, 1 set for patio, 3 sets for standard single windows. Sienna Brown, x35505 or 480-6797. Sears 19" portable cotor TV, built-in antenna, \$65. Irv.x36461.

Queen sz. motionless waterbed, \$300 OBO. David, 280-5326.

Danish walnut dinette set, ex. cond., \$65; Lazy Boy ccliner, beige, like new, \$200 OBO. 488-3965. Twin sz. waterbed w/mattress, \$75. x34126 or 421-

Two door legal sz, file cabinet, ex, cond, \$100 x30874 or 333-1316.

White French Provincial desk w/3 side dwrs., 1 center dwr.; 3-shelf bookcase; lady's 3-piece Samsonite luggage set; 1 ea. men's Hartmann & American Tourister 2-suiter luggage; 30" barstool; 2 dwr. end table w/glass top; hexagonal end table w/ 2 door accessible interior; coffee table w/dwr; 2 table lamps w/shades. 532-1994.

Console TV, ex. cond., \$100; misc. baby furn.; kitchen table, ex. cond., \$25. Tammy, x32718. Blue-grey-cream couch w/nubby type fabric, 3 yrs. old, good cond., \$65, 554-2787.

Computer table w/monitor shelf, work area, dwr, and book/CPU shelf, walnut finish, ex. cond., \$35; sewing table, fits all standard models, \$25, 480-6797.

Litton microwave oven, Ig. sz., \$60. Don, 280-2450 486-1830

New sunlamp on 5' stand, \$50. 486-0174.

Wanted

Want seamstress for female career professional prefer work in classic design clothing w/flare and knits, ability to custom fit patterns required, long term arrangement desired, x35505 or 480-6797.

Want support hardware for a boat backup motor (sidekick). 332-0365.

Want to buy or borrow sturdy backpack carrier for hiking w/baby, reasonably clean in good cond. Mary, x36621 or 488-5533.

Want running stroller, good cond. x39589 or 486-4508.

Want used ping pong table. 554-6200 Want one set of right-handed junior size golf clubs

and bag. R. A. Wright, 333-6350. Want female roommate to share Dickinson house, quiet, non-smoker, \$200/mo. 534-3485.

Want musical instruments for beginner school band classes, need trumpet, coronet, trombone, flute, saxaphone, and clarinet. Steve, x36725.

Want roommate to share 3 BR house in LC. 332-

Mike, x38918 or 482-9447.

Lady's 14k yellow gold wedding set, marquise cut solitaire diamond, was \$1,200, now \$750 OBO, 484-0959

Utility trir, 6' x 12', sturdy, ex. cond., good tires, \$625.

10" table saw w/carbide blade and metal stand, \$80. Howard, x37346 or 488-2649.

86 pt. diamond solitaire engagement ring, color H, clarity I1, \$950. 282-1719 or 335-1468.

18HP Roper garden tractor w/44 in. cutting deck and rear lift, used 107 hrs, \$1,950. Grader blade and dump wagon avail, x39940 or 334-1893.

Beautiful porcelain Franklin Mint dolls, Cinderella Gibson Girl, Colby collection Modern Bride, new cond Barbara, 488-6521.

105 25¢ postage stamps, \$25. Jeff, 333-7010 or 482-5393

18 karat yellow gold engagement ring, round diamond solitaire, .68 carats, w/6 round diamonds, 18 carats, was \$1,500, now \$1,200. x30874 or 333-

3000 Btu window AC, used 1 yr, \$200; Kenmore dryer, \$50 neg. 335-2463. Hospital bed, electrical head and knee positioning,

removable side rails, like new. Diane, 471-5291

Lawn tractor, 3-spd., elec. start, 8HP, used 6 times. Diane, 471-5291

Sears gym set, includes 2 swings, tire swing, trageze bar, climbing rope, gym rings, and slide, very good cond, partially assembled, \$75.326-1775.

Fiberglass camper shell for shortbed PU w/

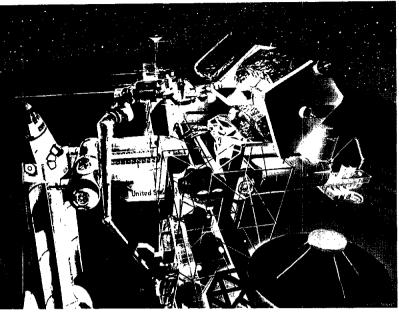
carpeted interior, \$175. Dave, 480-1225 or 538-1626. O'Brien water ski, \$70; Daisy's Chef Pot Plus, 4 qt., combination fryer, steamer, crock pot, never used, \$35. Tim. 996-9191.

Sears Lifestyler Cross Country skier/rower, ex. cond.,\$175. Brent, x36456 or 486-0389.

Bench press w/leg lift attachment, 4 sets of weights & bar bell, \$65 OBO; apartment sz. washer, 1 yr old, ex. cond., \$165 OBO; x38385.

Atari 800 computer and glass top, leather sided coffee tables, \$100 ea. 482-6744. Lawn mower, 5hp 26" cut, \$400 new, asking \$200,

OBO; edger, \$50, OBO. G.R. Osborn, x38673 or 480-2900.





Life Aboard Space Station

Artist's 'snapshots' show wide variety of tasks, equipment that will be used on orbiting laboratory Space Station *Freedom* will provide a permanently inhabited international research complex in orbit where human beings can apply their unique capabilities—creativity, dexterity, perception, reason and judgment— to making new discoveries that will enhance future space activities and improve the quality of life on Earth.

These new artist's concepts depict what life may be like in and around *Freedom* when it is erected in orbit later in this decade. Clockwise from above:

 Demonstrating how humans and machines will work together, an astronaut working at controls inside the cupola directs the meticulous work of the Flight Telerobotic Servicer to inspect the Astromag facility in the foreground. Astromag is a large superconducting magnet, one of several attached payloads to be mounted on Freedom's expansive truss. It will allow particle physicists to study the origin and evolution of matter in the galaxy. The FTS is a smart space robot being developed by Goddard Space Flight Center which can be operated independently or, as shown here, attached to the Mobile Servicing Center being provided by Canada.

✓ An astronaut performing extravehicular activity makes his way toward *Freedom*'s starboard alpha joint, one of two that will allow the power-producing photovoltaic solar arrays to rotate while passing electricity back to the modules. Another astronaut is making her way down the truss with the help of a Crew Equipment Transfer Aid.

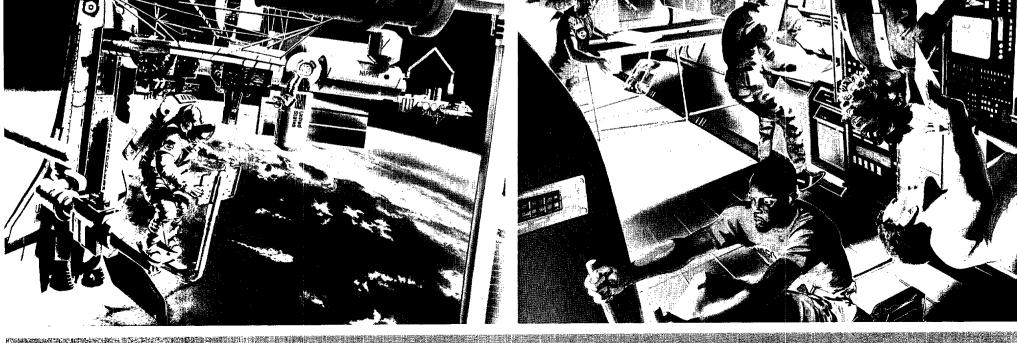
➤ A typical work day aboard *Freedom* sees five of eight crew members at work in the U.S. laboratory module. Japan and the European Space Agency also are contributing laboratories, which will be

fully outfitted for operating interior and attached payloads. An astronaut in the foreground is examining the results of a fluids experiment. The astronaut behind her, using foot restraints, works at the life-sciences workstation. Near the ceiling, another astronaut pulls down a utility box to retrieve equipment. In the background, one astronaut is shown at the laboratory workbench, while another has pulled down an experiment rack for servicing. A typical crew will work six 9hour days a week and will remain in orbit for 90 to 180 days.

Another snapshot, this time in the U.S. habitation module, shows activities in Freedom's living quarters. At bottom left, an astronaut exercises on a rowing machine while watching a video of his favorite Earth scenery. Above him, another jogs on a treadmill. Observing their workouts is a German astronaut who, in this mission, is in charge of the exercise regimens. At a computer workstation in the center of the picture, another crew member monitors the health of the space station. In the background, an astronaut grabs his freefloating dinner. Freedom's kitchen will be equipped with a microwave oven for heating, a table for eating and a video monitor for entertainment. The biggest difference is the view from the kitchen windows.

✓ Outside again, an astronaut is moved into position on the end of the MSC arm to inspect one of *Freedom*'s large radiator panels. In the background, another astronaut has just left the airlock. Also shown are the U.S. logistics module, a pressurized container used to transport and store equipment and supplies and the Japanese Experiment Module, including its robot arm, exposed facility and experiment logistics module.







Board announces dual career ladder promotions

JSC's Senior Promotion Board Plan in an effort to ensure that Bromley, Robert S. Davis, William K. Denais, Robert L. Giescke and approved 30 nominees for promotions in September based primarily on expanding job responsibilities and scientific and engineering impact.

The dual career ladder promotions to the GS-14 and -15 levels were made separate from those selected through the Competitive Placement

Kraft earns **Gilruth Award**

Former JSC Director Christopher C. Kraft has been selected as the 1990 recipient of the Robert R. Gilruth Award presented by the North Galveston County Chamber of Commerce.

The award, named after JSC's first director, will be presented at the third annual Space Flight Banquet on Thursday at the South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center.

Kraft served at JSC's director from January 1972 to August 1982, when he retired from federal service. Since that time he has served as a consultant to Rockwell International, IBM and several other companies.

Kraft was selected as one of the original members of the Space Task Group, the organization formed to manage Project Mercury. He served as flight director for all of the Mercury missions and many of the Gemini missions

Last year's recipient, Richard H. Kohrs, director of NASA's Space Station Freedom Program in Washington D.C., will present the award.

Keynote speaker for the event will be Robert F. Thompson, vice president and general manager of McDonnell Douglas Space Systems Co.-Space Station Division. Master of ceremonies is Channel 13 reporter Stephen Gauvain.

Ticket prices are \$350 for a corporate table of eight persons and \$35 for individuals. Reservations can be made through the chamber at 337-3434 or 534-3231

Gun sounds for Intercenter Run

NASA civil servants and contractors from throughout the agency will be running for their home team in the biannual Intercenter Run next month.

All 11 NASA centers and headquarters will be competing against each other in 10K and two-mile runs. Scoring is calculated using the order in which a runner finishes and the percentage of participation at each center.

At JSC, runners times themselves for a two-mile run, 10,000 meter run or both. Each individual then reports to the Gilruth Center, Rm. 146, to enter his or her times. As times improve, the scoring sheet is updated for each runner

Participants will receive a free Intercenter Run T-shirt. Only badged employees are allowed to participate.

The competition begins Monday and extends through Oct. 31. At the end of the month, the scoring sheets will be submitted. Results will be available nominees in both paths receive consideration.

Those receiving promotions, which became effective Sunday, are: Mission Operations Directorate: Frank Janes, Brian D. Perry and Ronald J. Zaguli.

Engineering Directorate: Linda K.

Dwyer, Robert M. Egusquiza, Jane T. Malin, Joe D. Gamble, Winston D. Goodrich, Michael B. Lawson, Chin

H. Lin and Joseph R. Thibodeau III. Space Shuttle Program Office: Craig M. Carothers and Tri X. Nguyen.

New Initiatives Office: J. Dale

Michael L. Richardson. Center Operations Directorate:

Garland B. Moreland. Space Station Projects Office:

Thomas W. Anderson and Paul L. Boldon.

Information Systems Directorate: Peter Gillette and Robert N. Lea.

Space and Life Sciences Directorate: Suzanne M. Fortney, Marilyn M. Lindstrom, Dane M. Russo and John F. Stanley.

Orbiter and GFE Projects Office: Benjamin F. McGhee II.

Lunar and Mars Exploration Program Office: Jerome A. Bell and Alex S. Dula.

Truly to launch Quality Month with TV speech NASA Administrator Richard H. Truly man of Federal Express and this year's

will kick off Quality Month activities Monday with a televised speech to the agency's employees.

Tuesday, Tom Brokaw of "NBC Nightly News" will join corporate leaders for a live NASA Select television program discussing "The Human Side of Quality" as part of National Quality Forum VI.

Quality Month will culminate Oct. 24-25 with the presentation of the 1989-90 NASA Excellence Award for Quality and Productivity at the seventh annual NASA/Contractors Conference on Quality and Productivity at Grenelefe, Fla.

Truly's speech will be broadcast at noon Monday on NASA Select, and can be viewed in the Bldg. 30 auditorium and on Channel 4 of the closedcircuit JSC Television Distribution Network.

Following Truly's remarks, Robert B. Young Jr., president of Lockheed Engineering and Sciences Co., Houston, will discuss his company's Total Quality Management programs, LESC is the 1989 recipient of the NASA Excellence Award for Quality and Productivity and the first service organization to win. Truly has set NASA on a course toward adopting TQM principles and JSC is working on a TQM implementation plan.

"The Human Side of Quality" program will feature a 9:05 a.m. keynote address by Frederick W. Smith, chair- Distribution Network.

National Quality Month. Also included will be case studies by Roger Milliken,

by Brian Dumaine, associate editor of Fortune magazine.

Ray Groves, co-chief executive of Ernst & Young, and Lloyd Reuss, president of General Motors Corp., will talk about "New Resources" at 11:30 a.m.

A salute to recipients of the Malcolm Baldridge and NASA Excellence Awards will close the program at 10:50 a.m.

The Forum IV program can be viewed in Gilruth Center Rm. 216, Bldg. 1 Rm. 818, or Bldg. 13 Rm. 156, and on Channel 4 of the JSC Television

3-year-old daughter, Ashleigh, in front of the Space Station Freedom mock-up in Bldg. 9B. Davidson and most of the cast of the musical "Oklahoma," which recently played at the Music Hall in Houston, spent last Wednesday touring JSC and picnicking at the Gilruth Center.

Telerobotic Servicer looms over actor John Davidson and his

Health Related Fitness classes start soon

JSC employees receive Silver Snoopy Awards

Fourteen JSC civil service ision; Ed Schlei, Safety Division; Office; Dick Walter, Space Shuttle Program, and is the astronauts'

employees recently received Silver Linda McCoy, Engineering Business and Space Station Freedom Pay-Snoopy Awards for their outstanding Management Office; Greg Lange, loads Project Office; Greg Smith, have made outstanding con-

Health Related Fitness Program (HRFP) should sign up soon to reserve a space in the program's 1990-1991 classes.

Participants in the first session of the initial 12-week course (HRFP I) will meet Oct. 1 at the Gilruth Center. Participants in the first session of the 10-week refresher course (HRFP II) will meet Oct. 2. Four additional sessions of HRFP I and two addi-

Employees interested in JSC's tional sessions of HRFP II will be offered in 1991.

> Applicants must be declared healthy after undergoing a medical examination and a maximal treadmill test if deemed necessary. The JSC Clinic furnishes the examination for civil servants. Contractors, dependents or retirees must obtain an examination at their own expense. Enrollment in each course is limited to 40 students.

NASA/JSC program studies show that over the long term, participants' health risks lessened while nonparticipants' health risks increased.

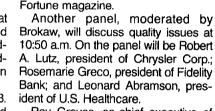
The program is designed to develop skills needed to exercise safely and effectively, promote an understanding of exercise's impact on health, and improve cardiorespiratory endurance, relative body fatness, muscular strength and flexibility.

To apply, complete JSC Form 1285 and mail it to Code AW or deliver it to the HRFP staff at the Gilruth between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. After being medically cleared, applicants will be scheduled for a onehour consultation during which they will receive a scientifically designed exercise prescription and assigned to one of the education classes. For more information call x30301 or 30302.

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HIGH AS AN ELEPHANT'S EYE-A mock-up of the Flight

chairman of Milliken & Co., one of the 1989 recipients of the Malcolm Baldridge National Quality Award, and Randall Tobias, vice president of AT&T, at 9:35 and 9:50 a.m. Jean C. Monty, president of Bell Canada and chairman of Canadian Quality Month, will speak at 10:10 a.m. A panel discussion featuring representative workers from Cigna, Marriott and International Paper is scheduled for 10:20 a.m., and will be moderated



a few months after that.

For more information, contact the Gilruth Center at x35789.

Challenger Center seeks volunteers

Houston's Challenger Center, a privately funded, non-profit living memorial to the Challenger crew, needs volunteers to help run mission simulations for young astronauts on Saturdays and occasional Sundays.

Volunteers choose their own days and times to help out; a technical background can be helpful but isn't necessary. An orientation and mission are planned at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. Anvone interested should call Dennis Dillman at x31733.

Correction

A story in the Aug. 21 Roundup about winners of the Patent and Tech Brief Awards omitted the name of one winner. Karen S. Edelstein received a Tech Brief Award for her contribution to an ICOSA Cupola for Space Station Freedom.

contributions to NASA's flight safety and mission success.

Recipients were Nancy Tengler, Structures and Mechanics Division: Steve Poulos and James O'Kane, Crew and Thermal Systems Div-

Cargo Engineering Office; Art Hiemer, Flight Data Systems Division; Office, and Mark Schmalz and John Tri Nguyen, Systems Engineering Office; Thomas Jeffcoat, Propulsion and Power Division; Chris Mortel-Jaro, Space Shuttle Program Control

Orbiter and GFE Projects Control tributions.

Griffin, Tracking and Communications Division.

The Silver Snoopy Award is a part of the Manned Flight Awareness building.

Several more awards are forthcoming. Each presentation is foreshadowed by the appearance of a Snoopy poster in the recipient's



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Furlough for civil servants could extend to 22 days

(Continued from Page 1) reached. Further delays in a deficit reduction program could mean as many as 22 furlough days.

JSC Director Aaron Cohen has Monday if a budget agreement is not received plans from each directorate take any furlough in one-day increspecifying how and when, within the 15-day period, they plan to implement any furlough.

All employees will be required to ments. Employees are prohibited from coming to work on the furlough day.

Diary of a smoker to chronicle ordeal of quitting

(Continued from Page 1) hatched under rocks. He was honest. He said he couldn't guarantee that we would never want a cigarette again. But he did offer to teach us how to deal with it, and he offered hope. "Seventy five percent of the people who smoke had at least one parent who smoked," he said. "Smoking is a learned behavior. You were not born craving nicotine. That's good news, because it means you can unlearn it." He was patient, as well, even willing to ask really loaded quetions. "How

many of you have mixed feelings about being here?" he asked. There were many hands, punctuated by one person who said she was still getting past hatred, and hadn't yet begun to cope with merely mixed feelings. Cold, but accurate. And honest.

Our homework assignment was twofold: first, we are to calculate how much we will save each month by not smoking. For me, it will amount to a raise of \$120 a month, roughly speaking, or more than \$1,400 over the coming year. That should help a lot

in about four weeks, when I'll be willing to pay someone \$500 for a cigarette. The other assignment was to guit smoking for 24 hours sometime this week. The idea, presumably, is to get accustomed to nicotine withdrawal.

By the time these words are in print, will already have done my 24 hours in the smoker's salt mine. Gee, I can't wait to find out what our assignment is next week. I sure hope the folks at Methodist haven't discovered a connection between smoking cessation and tap dancing in a mine field.