## Model to Aid Orbiter Test Pilots

Before NASA Space Shuttle pilots make their first flight in the Orbiter. they will make their first landing attempts on a 17.07 by 7.32 meter ( 56 by 24 ft ) visual model of the Edwards Air Force Base runways and surrounding ter rain.

The Orbiter is NASA's new low cost transportation system designed to carry into earth orbit a crew including scientific and technical personnel and payloads, then return to earth and land much like a conventional jet airliner on an airport runway.

The visual model which will be used for these practice landings was constructed in a model-maker's shop in Kinston/Surrey, England. The model arrived recently at the Johnson Spale Center in 42 sections.

Assembly of the model is schedled for next month in the JSC


ARTIST'S CONCEPT of Space Shuttle Orbiter shortly after separating from the Boeing 747 carrier aircraft at the beginning of an approach and landing test (ALT). On the right the Orbiter, escorted by an F-104 chase aircraft, makes its final

Building 5 Mission Training and Simulation simulator facility. The sections will be assembled vertically on a structure near a wall and become an integral part of the Orbiter Aeroflight Simulator being constructed for NASA by the Singer Company, Simulator Products Divi sion.

Opposite the model will be a battery of 2641000 -watt metalhalide arc lamps to light the Edwards AFB model, simulating daylight conditions.

The model sections are constructed of reinforced fiberglass and aluminum. Each section is 1.2 by 2.4 meters ( $4 \times 8 \mathrm{ft}$ ) and weighs bout 67.5 kg ( 150 pounds)
John Piper Ltd., a specialized model making firm located southwest of London, constructed the model based upon aerial and ground photographs, contour maps and first-hand impressions of the area by Piper while on a tour of Edwards AFB last year.

To transmit a pilot's eye-view of the landing site to the windows of

approach to the runway following release from the 747. English model will depict the entire Edwards Air Force Base area for use in the Shuttle training simulator in Building 5.
the Space Shuttle Orbiter simula- pilot with a true representation of tor, a special 126 degree optical the colors and the terrain around probe built by Farrand Optical will Edwards AFB. To the eye, the be utilized. The optical system con- model colors may seem slightly exsists of the optical probe, mirrors, aggerated, but when the image beam splitters and three color tele- passes through the TV optical sysvision cameras especially designed tem, the colors match what a pilot by Singer. The optical system is will see from the Orbiter cockpit mounted on a twin tower gantry when making a landing approach permitting the unit to move in all over the actual site. The horizon directions. The movements of the and sky viewed by the pilot in the optical probe are correlated to the Orbiter simulator is provided by a pilot's hand controller in the Orbit- visual effects generator. The horizon movement accurately tracks the terrain movements.

## JSC Builds Water

## Quality Monitor System

Techicgues developed by NASA o detect micro-organisms in water systems on manned spacecraft are now prepared to spot harmful bacteria in the treated water of Ameri can cities

The new processes are to be incorporated in a system NASA is developing to electronically monifor water quality. It is one of several space-related technological advances that will help maintain a constant watch on water pollutants.
JSC. with its contractor, the Bocing Company, is building a trailer-mounted Automated Water Monitoring System to be evaluated beginning in June. The year long experiment will be conducted initially in cooperation with the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority, which is responsible for sewage treatment in three Southeast Texas counties - Harris. Galveston and Chambers.

During its first application, the electronic system will be used to monitor the quality of treated water for such ingredients as dissolved oxygen, total oxygen demand, total organic carbon, bacteria, chlorides. residual chlorine. ammonia. nitrate, total nitrogen, sodium, water temperature, turbidity, conductivity, hardness and acidity or alkalinity. The Automated Monitoring System can be adopted to process data from as many as 40 individual water sensors. In the initial evaluation, 20 commercially available sensors and four NASA developed sensors will be used.

At present. cities monitor a small number of elements representing water quality by taking samples at regular intervals and sending them to a laboratory for
analysis. In some cases, such as the measurement of biological activity, results are not obtained until days ater.
Biological sensing now is considered to be the weakest element in water quality monitoring. NASA field centers also are developing sensors designed to rapidly detect and identify living organisms in water.

By adding chemicals which cause bacteria to radiate light, researchers at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md., and JSC have developed a sensor to give total bacteria count directly. The purpose of this bio-sensor is to detect and quantify bacteria cells, both living and dead, in a continuous flow water sample streams.

Total automated water monitoring also includes a method to detect fecal coliform bacteria. currently the accepted indicator of bacterial contamination in water. Scientists at NASA's Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va., developed a device able to detect human and non-human fecal coliform bacteria in a few hours rather than days. The electronic sensor, developed as a byproduct of early Skylab environmental control systems technology, when operated as part of the computerized monitoring system would permit health authorities to act promptly in the event large quantities of diseaseproducing bacteria are introduced into the water supply.

The new water monitoring system eventually will include an instrument designed to rapidly and automatically detect organic chemicals known to produce cancer in

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NURSE RAMONA WHITE checks Charles P. Bergtholdt's blood pressure How is your

## Blood Pressure?

Everyone has blood pressure. In some people, however, the blood pressure is higher than it should be. This condition is called hypertension. An estimated 21 million Americans have hypertension, approximately half of whom are aware the condition exists. Hypertension can be serious, but, so much has been learned about the disease that those patients who need treatment and get it, can look forward to many years of comfortable and productive living.

Hypertension puts an additional workload on the heart and arteries. If this condition continues for a long period of time, these overworked parts may cease to function properly. There is increased risk of stroke, heart failure, kidney failure, and heart attack.

Most people have no symptoms at all, but persistent headaches, dizziness, fatigue, tension, shortness

## MSFC Tests Second Shuttle Main Engine

The first test of the second Space Shuttle Main Engine (SSME) was conducted March 31 at the National Space Technology Laboratories (NSTL) in Hancock County, Miss.

The test was the first firing on Stand A-2 since it was modified and reactivated for the Space Shuttle program. The stand was used in testing second (S-II) stages of the Saturn V during the 1960's.

The SSME is being developed by the Rocketdyne Division of Rock well International Corp. under contract with the NASA-Marshall Space Flight Center.

Engine 0002, the first SSME with a flight-type engine-mounted controller, reached the programmed 1.5 seconds in the ignition test. It fired through a facility installed diffuser into the flame bucket.

The diffuser is used for altitude simulation when production engines are tested and throttled. The diffuser permits the engine with a flight-type nozzle to be throttled down to the minimum power level.

The current NASA plan is to fire each engine on the A-2 stand before it is used on a Shuttle flight. The A- 2 stand is known as the Throt tling Test Position.
Stand A-1, the Sea-Level Test Position, has been used for about a year in tests of the first SSME, a test version known as the Integrated Subsystem Test Bed (ISTB). Stand A-1, also used in the Saturn program, was modified for the Shuttle program.

Engine 0002 is of a flight configuration, essentially, but will not be flown. It is a developmental engine with additional instrumentation for test purposes. Also, it has a nozzle shorter than flight-type.

Clear Lake Area
Town Meeting
Held Tomorrow
Remember the accounts of communities governing themselves? Everyone had a chance to participate in the decisions to be made, to air complaints, and to propose solutions. As time passed, we moved away from direct citizen participa tion.
Many people today feel that they essentially have no role in de ciding the destiny of their community. People have lost the realization that often they can take (Continued on page 4)



## Pioneer Again in Jupiter's Influence

Pioneer 10 has discovered that Jupiter has an enormous magnetic tail, almost half a billion miles long, completely spanning the distance between the orbits of Jupiter and Saturn.

Pioneer 10 is on its way out of the solar system and crossed the orbit of Saturn early in February Spacecraft sampling data shows that Pioneer was solidly in Jupiter's tail for at least 24 hours at the weekend, with five-hour time periods of no tracking before and after when it may have been in the tail, and periods of being partially in the tail before and after this. says Dr. John Wolfe of NASA's Ames Research Center, Mountain View, California. Ames manages the Pioneers. Dr. Wolfe is Pioneer project scientist.

During the 24 hours in the tail the spacecraft solar wind instrument registered zero because the tail's magnetic envelope structure shut out the solar wind completely. Calculations show that Pioneer was in the proper position to intercept the tail, about one degree to the right of the Sun-Jupiter line. This bias is due to Jupiter's orbital velocity.
"It is just barely conceivable that the solar wind could have died completely for a whole day without our being in the tail, and we'll know more when we have complete tracking data," said Dr. Wolfe, "but we believe we've found that Jupiter has a very stretched out magnetic envelope or tail".

Scientists had speculated that Pi oneer might be in a "magnetic bubble" broken off from the tail but Wolfe now believes that be cause of the long time of zero solar wind. Jupiter has an intact tail stretching all the way from Jupite to Saturn.
"The cylindrical tail may expand as it goes out," Wolfe says. "It may be even larger than the nine million-mile diameter of Jupiter's magnetic envelope at the planet because the solar wind density is down four times by the time you're out to Saturn's orbit," he says.
The discovery means that Saturn itself should enter Jupiter's tail once every 20 years, next in April 1981.

This should produce some inter esting magnetic phenomena, Wulfe comments.

The discovery means that almost two and a half years after its swing around Jupiter, Pioneer 10 is again within the influence of the giant planet. The find also means Jupiter's tail stretches out 690 million km ( 430 million miles) from the planet.

The finding of a second magnetic tail created by a planet's mag. netic field is another similarity between Jupiter and the Earth and dds to man's knowledge of planets. It also helps with understanding of basic plasma physics, the interaction between magnetic fields and ionized gasses, which has various applications including energy production.

## Waste Water Monitor Built

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laboratory animals. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) found one such chemical, chloroform, in the drinking water of all 80 cities included in a recent survey. Ten of the cities atso had carbon tetrachloride, a strong solvent used in cleaning, in their drinking water

Chloroform and a number of other potential cancer producers found in water supplies are believed to be byproducts of chlorine, which is added to city water to prevent typhoid, cholera, dysentery and other water-borne diseases. EPA now is seeking to determine the health risk produced by these small quantities of chemicals in city water.

Meanwhile, NASA's Ames Research Center, Mountain View, Calif., is assembling a new gas chromatograph technique - originally
developed to extract minute quantities of organic materials from the atmospheres of other planets to concentrate these chemicals for analysis. Although this can be done by the other means in a laboratory. the NASA technique will permit rapid on-the-spot chemical analysis as part of the automated water monitoring system.

Ames Center also is conducting research on another technique, designed as a method of detecting life in space, which might be applied to the detection of viruses in water. In this process, fluorescent dyes are attached to bacteria so that electronic sensors can automatically detect and record their presence. Work is now underway to determine whether dyes may also be attached to the much smaller viruses so they may be rapidly and inexpensively detected in water.

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## EAA ATTRACTIONS

## HEAR YE, HEAR YE

We the people of the pienic committee, in order to form a more per fect pienic have gotten on the move carly this year in the hopes that the ISC Bicentennial Picnic will be a

## reat success.

The EAA survey has been evaluted concerning the picnic and will provide guidelines for this year's pienic.
After consulting schools, universities, religious organizations, etc. it was decided the pienic should be either next Tuesday or Oct. 16. We cannot meet the next Tuesday deadline, so the date for the JSC picnic will be Oct. 16.

This is really the only definite information for right now, but we have promised that in order to form a more perfect picnic we will expose all activities of the committee as soon as possible. So keep a watch in the tower for each issue of the ROUNDUP

## TICKETS

On sale in Bldg 11 Exchange Store 10 am to 2 pm . no refunds: Windmill Dinner Theater - more tickets will be available April 19. Dean Goss Dinner Theater tickets. S16/couple. ABC Interstate Theaters. \$1.50. Cabaret Theater at Shamrock Hilton. six tickets only for each performance April 28, 29: $\$ 4$ EAA price. regularly $\$ 6.50$. Unsold tickets will be returned three days prior to each performance.

Tickets are on sale now for SeaArama $\$ 3.25$ adults and $\$ 2.25$ chil dren. Free Disney Magic Kingdom cards. Houston Astros gift coupons, $\$ 4$ boxseats and $\$ 3.15$ reserve seats.

Six Flags Fun Seekers Club cards. good for $\$ 1$ off each Astroworld and Six Flags Over Texas ticket, are now available. The FSC cards are also good for a 10 -percent discount at hotels listed in the club guide and for family vacation packages. Sec your EAA rep for free Fun Seckers cards.

Lion Country Safari in Grand Prairie is closed but will soon reopen under new management. The hitch is that the new management will not recognize the Free EAA Safari discount cards. so give them the deep six.

## MORE TICKETS

Tickets for Houston Aeros playoffs will be sold by EAA provided at least 20 are ordered. The $\$ 5.35$ tickets will be $\$ 4$, and the $\$ 7.35$ tickets $\$ 6$. Leave name and extension with recorder at 4592 if you want to be counted.

The Carriage Trade Diners’ Club applications for the period May 1 thru October 31. 1976 are now available from the Bldg 11 Exchange Store or from EAA reps at $\$ 10$ each regularly $\$ 15$.

Las Vegas Night May 8, 1976 at the REC CENTER $\$ 10.00$ per person covers 10,000 dollars in play money -- cold buffet and beverages. Only 700 tickets available Tickets will go OFF sale April 30.

## CHEAP PLANT SALE

April 30, 1976 4:30-6:00
Plant sale in parking lot behind rec center. There will be hanging
baskets and starter plants. Very large full hanging baskets will be on display for you to order. Ones ordered will be delivered on Friday May 7 in time for Mothers' Day.

## LEAGUE SPORTS

Basketball - Klate Holt, coach Morris Williams, has again finished in 1st place in the "A" League They clinched the title with a come from behind victory over the Lakers, coach, L. J. Corcoran, on Wednesday night, April 7th.
The "B" League championship was clinched by the Blues on Thursday, April 8th. With one game left on the season, the Blues are undefeated and two games ahead of the second place teams, F-Troop \& Marx Brothers.

Volleyball - The Harvey Ballbangers finished one game ahead of Lockheed to become the Mixed Competitive League Champions of 1976.

## EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

Room No. 122 is now fully equipped and ready for use. Please bring membership cards and present them at Room 123 before using the equipment. The room schedule is as follows:

Monday \& Wednesday - 9:00 am - 4:45 pm \& 5:45-9:45 pm Tuesday \& Thursday - 9:00 am - 9:45 pm
Friday - 9:00 am - 5:45 pm
Saturday - 8:00 am - 12:30 pm

## JSC DANCE CLUB

New beginners' classes in ballroom dancing will start May 5 , 1976, 7:00 p.m., at the Gilruth Recreation Center, room 204. The cost is $\$ 37$ per couple for 10 lessons. Advanced and intermediate classes will continue each Wednes day. For additional information (or matching partners), contact Edi Quinn at 3431

## JSC Team Places

 Second In TourneyPlaying steady defense in the the Tournament's top-seeded team, early going while waiting for the hitting to catch up, the METS battled their way to the runner-up spot in their first tournament out ing of the 1976 season, the Alvin Softball Association Invitational. After close wins over the South Coast Stars (10-8) and Alvin's Baroids (7-6), the METS dropped a 16-5 game to the hometown favorites, the Alvin Stars. Forced to climb back through the loser's bracket, the METS were almost eliminated in their next game by the highly ranked Houston Wheels. Trailing 8-5 in the bottom of the last inning, the MET offense came to life and the winning run was knocked in by Richard Kruse before the Wheels could record an out. The MET bats stayed hot in the next two games as they crushed the Alvin Streakers $16-5$ and then used aggressive base-running to rout
the Brazos Sports. This put the Miracle METS in the championship game, again facing the Alvin Stars. The dutch hitting of all-tournament selections Al Morrey, Rich Kruse and John Kaderka set up the dramatic ending to the METS comeback in the bottom of the last inning when the hometown advantages and some good defense by the Stars stranded the tying run on third base as the Alvin team took the championship 10-9.

The METS are a Johnson Space Center employees team, sponsored by Clear Lake City's MillerFreeman Ford. In 1975 the METS finished with a $64-14$ record, including JSC league and tournament championships. 1st Place finishes in the Moonwalk, the Bay Area Trophy and the Alvin Optimist Club tournaments. Team members

## Roundup Swap-Shop

Swap ShOp advertising is open to JSC federal and on-site contractor employees. Goods or services must be offered as advertised, without regard to race, religion, sex or national origin. Non-commercial personal ads should be 20 words or less, and inclut prior to publication

BOATS
1972 Venture 22, working sails, head, dinette, sleeps 5 , anchor, 6 hp SeaGull,
trailer, many extras, $\$ 3500$. Bullock, trailer, many extras, $\$ 3500$. Bullock,
$488-6095$. 16 ft . Thunderbird Tri-hull Ski rig. 85 hp Evinrude eng, new upholstery, top
and trim. Trailer included. Make an and trim. Trailer included. Make an VEHICLES
 new. Luggage rack and backrest $\$ 625$. 474-4353.
76 Chevette, with air, radio, full wheel covers and ww tires, low mllage, plenty warranty left, no equity, take up
CU notes. $734-2565$ after 5 p.m. 74 VW Sedan, alr and AM/FM radio. Better than xint cond. $\$ 2700$. Rubenstein, 334-2354. 73 Honda SL350K2,
$\$ 550$. Bullock, $488-6095$.
74 Honda Trall 90 and 74 Yamana Enduro 125, both less than 800 miles, like new. $\$ 450$ each. Lindsey, 488-0512. too. 73 Austin Marina $4-\mathrm{dr}$ sedan, $\mathrm{a} / \mathrm{c}$, auto trans, FM-AM radio, reclining front bucket sea
$474-3127$.
73 Yamana $T \times 500$. Super clean, low milage. Extras. $\$ 900.479-1465$ after 5. 72 VW Superbug,
$\$ 1200.938 .7019$ after 5.
74 Roadrunner, like new, 14,000 miles, 318 V8 gas saver. Power stearing and brakes, $a / c$, wide oval tires, AM/FM radio, auto trans. Small equity wanted. 734-2565 or 659-5397 after 5 .

70 Dodge Challenger Conv, red/white top, $\times$ int cond, new paint, 71 K , power stering, a/c, auto, am \& tape deck. Snirley Cor
$333-4591$.
71 Fiat 124, 4 -dr, 4 -spd, a/c, heater, new paint, xint cond, $25-33 \mathrm{~m}$
Bill Mas $\times 5026$ or $488-2965$.
65 VW , milage in 50 's, fair cond.
Blood
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of breath may be present. The only way to find out if you have high blood pressure is to have your blood pressure checked periodically

The JSC Clinic will provide blood pressure screening clinics at various locations on-site during the month of May. The date, time, and location will be published by JSC Announcement (pink sheet). These clinics will be available to both Civil Service and Contractor personnel

13 ft . Shasta Travel Trailer, ice box, range, oven, toilet, air, sleeps 4,2 on
King slzed bed, $\$ 900.481-2535$. King slzed bed, $\$ 900.481-2535$. RENT-New Coleman campers,
Valley Forge Model, hard top, slps 6 ,
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Reserve for summer vacations Reserve
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RENT - Motornome $\$ 125 /$ wk plus 6 cents /mile (ins. incld). Daily rate avall. cents /mile (ins. incld). Daily rate avall.
471.5161 after 6 p.m. Schwinn "Cottonpicker"
bicycle, xint cond, $\$ 50.333-3665$. $20^{\prime \prime}$ girls bike - green with light and speedometer, $\times$ Int cond. 333 -2964.
One new J78-15 Goodyear ww polyglas belted, $\$ 25$; one new Shell 5.60
4 -ply nylon $\$ 12.50$. Payne 485,3821 .

## WANTED

Cessna 150 or 172. Mid-time engine, $360-$ channel NAVCOMM. Under $\$ 5000$. Schmidt, 472-8908 after 5:30

Lab Circuit breadboard from Belf \& $483-3791$.

## PROPERTY \& RENTALS

For sale: $1 / 4$ acre, wooded, on Lake Houston. Golf, clubhouse, launch ramp. Indian Shores. $\$ 2100$ equity
$\$ 50 / \mathrm{mo}$. Graham $944-9030$.
Beach house, Jamaica Beach, on canal, modern, well furn. Central air, paddle boat ets., 1 mmaculate, $\$ 225 / \mathrm{wk}$. summer. Harvy 621-5311.
4 bdr brick home on
t. Dickinson $534-6365$.
Choice wooded lot at Waterwood on Lake Livingston. Access to marina, golf, tennis, stables, etc. Must sell!! Boone 488-6380.

4-2-2 exec home in Middlebrook, contemporary, atriums, skylites, fenced, less than 6 mos old, $\$ 485 / \mathrm{mo}$. 474-2081
Liveable -2 bar cedar cabin on 2 acres, deep well, 15 mi . Liberty. Godeke

## UH/CLC Petroleum Seminar

Administrative officials from three major petroleum industries will discuss "The Petrochemical Industry and the Opportunities It May Offer to Graduates of the University of Houston at Clear Lake City." The discussion will take place in room 2-532 of the Bayou Building at 8 p.m., April 21.
Guest speakers will be John Hartman, Marketing Manager of Exxon, in the Chemical Raw Mate-

House for rent-EI Lago. 4 bdr,
2-1/2 baths, living, dining, den, fireplace,
trees, large fenced yard, trees, large fenced yard, patio. Approx
2400 sq ft. $\$ 500 / \mathrm{mo}$. Alford $334-1417$ 2400 sq $\mathrm{ft} . \$ 500 / \mathrm{mo}$. Alford $334-1417$.
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new flyback transformer. Bunny new flyb
$488-6094$.
Guilbransen Organ, Spinet model, two keyboards. Kitchen table,

## MISCELLANEOUS

 4 unfired Colt 45 ACP's - Govt markIV blue $\$ 195$, nickle $\$ 215$, Gold cup
$\$ 250$, WWI engraved commemorative $\$ 250$, WWI engraved commemorative Medium size dog carrier - new cond 5. 946-5849 after 5 adizs after 5.

## 488-1446.

Sears $3 / 4 \mathrm{hp}$ air compressor, paint gun, regu

Clothestine poles (galvanized pipe) 10. 482-0855 after 5.

## Instrument fly 595 or $482-1635$.

595 or 482-1635.
scope Kit, Brand-new, still in carton $\$ 100$. Will assemble for additional $\$ 15$ Speier 333-2263.

## LATE ADS

 For sale: Mower-self propelled. Air-cap $22-\mathrm{-in}$ Model 7122 Briggs-Stratton ngine $\$ 20.488-6828$ atter 6 p.m.
For sale: 72 impala custom HT Coupe. 61,000 miles, good tires, nearly new battery, 76 license and inspection
sticker. Clean. $\$ 1850.488-6828$ after 6 sticker. Clean. \$1850. 488-6828 after 6
ials Division; Edward Bradley General Manager of Oxirane and Damel L. Engle, Plant Manager of Union Carbide.

The men will discuss: The Economic Outlook for 1976-1980 Project or Development Plans of In terest to UH/CLC Grads; and Changing Manpower Needs at the Management Level.

Anyone interested in the discussion is invited to attend. are Rich Holtje, John Kaderka, Al Morrey, Jack Boykin, Mickey Brunjes, Nat Hardee, Keith Hopkins, Tom Gardner, John Morriss Jr., Jim Smith. Skip Robbins, Rich Kruse, Dick Peterson and Phil Shannahan.


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## New Deputy

## New Look for Tech Briefs

NASA's well known, one-page Utilization Office. Their purpose is

Tech Briefs took on a new look this month with the publication of the first issue of the NASA Tech Briefs, a journal format, two-color publication designed for non-aerospace users of NASA technology

Tech Briefs were first published in 1963 by the NASA Technology
to bring to the attention of the nation's non-aerospace industry information on new innovations and techniques stemming from the advanced research and technology programs conducted by NASA. To date, more than 6,000 one-page Tech Briefs have been issued.

## Landsat Data Aids in Claims Settlement

Pictures from a NASA spacecraft caribou and moose pasture, potenhave been used to help Alaskan In- tial agricultural land and potentially dians select thousands of acres of marketable softwood and hard potential commercial timber land and promising areas for mineral exploration from vast tracts of wilderness offered by the federal government to settle native claims going back to the U.S. purchase of Alaska from Russia in 1867.
Under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, 99 million acres were set aside from the federal public domain for selections of 40 million acres of surface title and mineral rights by more than 200 native village corporations and 12 native regional corporations representing some 100,000 Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts.

One of Alaska's native regional corporations, Doyon, Ltd., in the central part of the state, asked the University of Alaska, at Fairbanks, to recommend the best land from relatively inaccessible, irregularly shaped blocks scattered over more than a third of the huge state.
Much of the region had few settlements, roads or airfields. Though it was known to be rich in minerals and forested with stands of birch, aspen and white pine of commercial quality, there were no detailed land-use maps.

Scientists at the university's Geophysical Institute used images from NASA's Landsat-1 Earth resources survey satellite, combined with the limited ground and aeria data available, to make maps of seven million acres showing areas of
wood forests and areas where geological features indicated possible deposits of hard-rock minerals.

The work was supported finan cially by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs and NASA's Office of University Affairs.

According to a University of Alaska report: "Some two million acres have been selected at part of the land entitlement of Doyon, Ltd., and these selections were based heavily upon the thematic maps produced from analysis and interpretation of Landsat data. A conservative assumption is that the application of Landsat data at least doubled the value of the land selected in comparison with the land not selected.'

In addition, a report by Doyon, Ltd., the native corporation, notes that the mineralization analysis has been used to interest the mining industry in further exploration that can assist in additional land selec tions with the information devel oped by the mineral companies.

Landsat, circling the globe 14 times a day 912 kilometers ( 560 miles) overhead, surveys Earth nat ural resources with an electronic multispectral scanner that returns data for visual images and computer tapes from which experts can distinguish different types of terrain vegetation, soils, rock outcrops, and other surface features

The new NASA Tech Briefs journal will be published quarterly. It will contain information previously published as one-page Tech Briefs, as well as information concerning new innovations that appeared periodically in the form of Technology Compilation booklets. Project officials expect the new journal will contain information on more than 600 innovations, concepts, publications and computer programs annually. Subscription to the journal will be free to U.S. citizens.

Each issue of the new journal will also have a separate section entitled "New Product Ideas," which will focus attention on innovations believed to have potential for commercialization. Other sections will list books, reports and computer programs available to domestic users. Finally, each issue of NASA Tech Briefs will contain a comprehensive subject index. A cumulative index will be published once a year.
In announcing this major change in the Technology Utilization Program's publications effort, Louis Mogavero, Director of the Office of Technology Utilization, said, "Our purpose is to make NASA technol ogy more readily accessible and useful to non-aerospace commercial users. In the new format, we will organize the material into nine major technical categories to make it more useful as a current awareness medium.
"Also, the subject index in each issue will enhance the journal as a potential problem solving tool.
"We are convinced that these changes will go a long way in fulfilling our goal of assuring the American taxpayer the maximum return on his investment in space research in the form of new, better and more economical products and processes."

Persons wishing to receive the NASA Tech Briefs on a regular basis should contact the JSC Tech nology Utilization Office, Code a AT3, Extension 3809


SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS - JSC Exchange Scholarships went to Dickinson high school senior Karen Marie McCullough, left, and Hitchcock high senior Kimberly Ann Dotson. Shown with JSC Director Christopher C. Kraft, Jr., the two seniors were winners of the 1976 competition. Karen is the daughter of Rose McCullough of the Systems Analysis and Integration Office and plans to follow a medical career. She is a member of the band, Paramedical Club, Junior Engineering and Technological Society, Honorary Band Club and was senior Student Council Representative. Kim is the daughter of Marilyn Dotson of the Personnel Office and plans to major in elementary education. She is a cheerleader, class officer, annual editor and member of the Student Council, Biology Club, Future Teachers of America and National Honor Society. Kim is listed in "Who's Who in American High Schools" and received the World History Award and the Elks Club Award.


A FULL-SCALE ENGINEERING mockup of NASA's Space Telescope, a multi-purpose optical telescope planned for launch into Earth orbit in the early 1980s, undergoes finishing touches at the Boeing Aerospace Company's Space Center near Seattie. Presently in the definition study phase, the Space Telescope project is managed by the NASA-Marshall Space Flight Center Boeing is one of three firms conducting preliminary design and program definition of the telescope's Support Systems Module under contract to Marshall. The curved plate in foreground of photo is a simulation of a portion of the bay of the Space Shuttle, which would be used to carry the telescope into orbit

## Town Meeting Tomorrow <br> (Continued from page 1)

action on their own to change their community
In this Bicentennial year, several Clear Lake area organizations and individuals are promoting a return to the community-wide meeting a Town Meeting. The CLA Town Meeting '76 captures the spirit of the Bicentennial program Horizons '76, which is a nation-wide challenge to each american to undertake at least one project to improve the quality of life for the next 100 years.

The CLA Town Meeting ' 76 to morrow will be held at the UofH Clear Lake campus from 9:30 am to 5 pm , with registration at 8:30 am.
After an opening meeting of all participants, the meeting will break into smaller working groups to identify challenges currently before the Clear Lake area community. The lunch break will be combined with entertainment by the Clear Creek Country Theater and the Bay Area Chorus.

Working groups will meet again in the afternoon to plan steps to meet the challenges spelled out in the morning session and in such projects and documenting local his ory, designing a community symbol and writing a song.

Workshop results will be re ported in a plenary session at the end of the day, and each participant will receive a booklet describ ing the Town Meeting's achieve ments.

UofH Chancellor Dr. Alfred Neumann will make the Town Meeting welcoming address, and ISC Space Shuttle Program Man ager Robert F. Thompson will keynote with a speech, "The Space Program Outlook at the Bicen tennial." Recently-selected ALT crewman Richard Truly will emcee the meeting

A Children's Town Meeting for grades 1 through 6 will be held con
currently in a different location, except for the lunch break and plenary session, at which the youngsters will also present their day's results.

Local groups organizing CLA Town Meeting '76 include the Clear Lake Area Jaycees and JayceeEttes, Timber Cove Civic Club, Webster Chapter of AARP, CLC Community Association, CLC Civic League, Clear Creek Country Theater, Webster Bicentennial Committee, Bay Area Committee on Drug Abuse, Taylor Lake Village Bicentennial Committee, Bay Area Y, CLHS Future Teachers of America, and the JSC Employee Activities Association.

CLA Town Meeting ' 76 cannot succeed without participation, and all people who live or work in the Clear Lake Area are urged to spend Saturday at the Town Meeting helping to plan the community's future.

Adult registration fee is $\$ 2$ and $\$ 1$ for children 12 and under. The fee covers lunch, materials and the meeting achievements document.

## Lamar Exes <br> Plan Fete

The Lamar Cardinal Association has planned a Monte Carlo party at the University Club of Houston, 455 Post Oak Towers (4th floor the galleria). The date is May 22. Hors d'oeuvers will be served from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. Donation is $\$ 6.00$ per person.

A raffle will be held for a vacation trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and a play money auction will be held for approx. 40 gifts which include season tickets to 1976 Houston Astro's 1976-77 Houston Rockets.
Ex students of Lamar Univ should contact Jo Bruce 488-2442 for more information.


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