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Women astronaut hopefuls to begin preliminary tests

ergo preliminary evaluation as later candidates.
onaut candidates began the e-day series of physical checks, ychological probes and interviews ohnson Space Center Monday. The 8 women ranged from Navy this surgeon who always wanted to a space woman, to a civilian chemist with no flight training o first thought of the program six

United Press International nounced by the space agency last week. More women could be among dergo preliminary evaluation as later candidates.

candidates every other week, for an eventual total of 200. In December, 15 or 20 will be chosen in each of the pilot and mission specialist categories for final training and of the astronaut corps.

The Navy flight surgeon, Lt. Cmdr. Victoria Voge, 34, and the civilian biochemist, Dr. Nitza Cin-

Meanwhile, although the B1 may

be destined to join its B70 predeces-

sor in Air Force museums as a sleek

project that was never completed, the general outlook for the aero-

space business remains strong.

Aerospace stocks recovered quickly

following the B1's grounding and most analysts are generally optimistic about the industry.

Commercial plane orders continue holding firm as airlines seek to

increase capacity and replace aging

aircraft while meeting tougher noise

and fuel consumption require-

Auto registration

increases in Texas

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AUSTIN — Texas has 10 motor

vehicles for every 12 people, according to statistics released yesterday

by the Texas Highway Department.

Highway officials said motor vehicle registrations increased more than

half a million during the 12-month

registration period ending April 1,

10,220,919 is expected to increase

when the final results are tabulated.

The U.S. Census Bureau's latest

figures estimate Texas' population at 12.2 million.

preliminary total of

11 bomber buried but idea not dead

0\$ ANGELES, Ca. — Is the B1 ber really dead and buried? es — and no.

While production of the B1 itself canceled by President Carter, y of the technologies developed the proposed advanced bomber have application in other forms ir transport, including commer-air travel.

e spent by prime contractor kwell International Corp. and dreds of subcontractors developour B1 prototypes, aerospace eers say the money wasn't

rely wasted.
echnology breakthroughs in the
myears since Rockwell won the
met to build the B1 will mean more economical and more rtable civilian and military aft for the next several decades. aerial shock-absorber system ed for the B1, for example d take the bounce out of inflight

e B1 — intended to fly towards my targets at tree-top level to dradar detection — contained a rol system designed to automatly smooth out turbulence at er levels where air is usually er. Experts say this system, eliminates reading instrunts and eases pilot fatigue, can be

her innovations may begin ping up in the next generation of

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NASA is naming and examining 20 evaluation. They then become part

barnstormer and a race car driver," she said, and she also was influenced by "watching Captain Video on television and then the space program came along and, my gosh, that just said things better." made things better. commercial jetliners now on the drawing boards.

Miss Cintron, a native of San Juan, Puerto Rico, who works as a PhD in research at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, said she had the

'about six months old.'

he Shuttle has brought to the na-

Voge, who was born in Minneapolis,

Minn., and is now stationed in Pen-

i'dea very recently.

"Half a year," she said. "It wasn't structured in such a way that I had thought of it before. I have no flying experience. I'm not trained in any medical aspect of aerospace

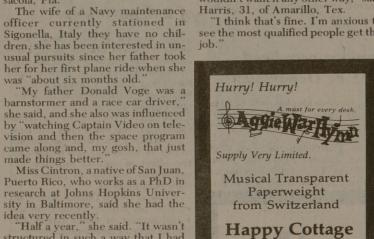
about the Space Shuttle and the fact that scientists would be able to participate. It was very exciting. It's re-

ally exciting."
How do the men feel?

tion's space program.

"I've been thinking about it since I was a little girl," said Lt. Cmdr. Candidate Dale Harris seemed to represent the majority. "They obviously are added competition, but I wouldn't want it any other way," said

Harris, 31, of Amarillo, Tex.
"I think that's fine. I'm anxious to see the most qualified people get the



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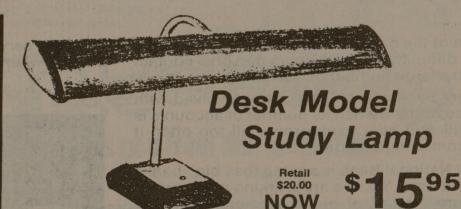
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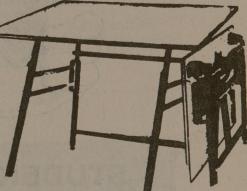


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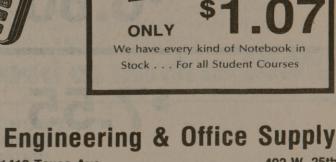
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