

Aggie Trivia

"The question of women attending A&M was already brewing in the minds of early radicals." Ethel Hutson, daughter of professor Charles

Hutson, attended the 1893-1894 session. Her twin sisters completed engineering studies between 1889 and 1903. They received no grades or degrees,

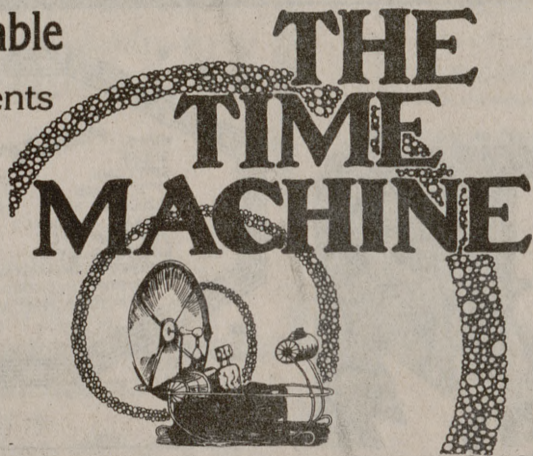
however, but were considered 'courtesy students' as a favor to their father." — A Pictorial History of Texas A&M University by Henry C. Dethloff

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Two viewing sites to close

Space shuttle 'rains' acid

United Press International
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The Kennedy Space Center will close two public viewing sites for next month's space shuttle launching because exhaust from the Columbia's twin booster rockets might rain drops of hydrochloric acid on spectators.

Dr. Albert Koller, chief of the space center's environmental management, said Monday he had studied the maiden launch of the

shuttle April 12 and was somewhat surprised by the extent of "exhaust product" deposited in the launch area.

The exhaust cloud from the climbing space craft drifted to the north and rained droplets of hydrochloric acid 3 to 4 miles away from the firing pad, causing localized spotting of vegetation but apparently no lasting harm to plants, Koller said.

Because of the extent of the

exhaust fallout, however, officials have decided to close two public viewing areas 3 1/2 miles southwest of the launch pad.

Koller said winds around the Oct. 9 launch date often blow from the northeast, which would push the shuttle's exhaust cloud toward the two viewing areas, near the Vehicle Assembly Building and the news media observation area.

Although the press site will remain open, the closing of the two

public viewing sites will mean 10,000 to 15,000 people will not be able to watch the blastoff from within the spaceport, Koller said.

Koller said unprotected people might suffer some skin redness and a burning sensation if acid droplets from the exhaust fell on them, but the problem would go away without lasting effects as soon as the acid was washed off.

Chrysler to raise '82 prices

United Press International
DETROIT — Sticker prices of 1982 Chrysler Corp. cars are going up an average of \$622, but the increased value of the dollar is allowing price reductions of up to \$705 on imported Renault Le Car models.

Chrysler confirmed Monday it has notified dealers of tentative price increases on 1982 models averaging 7.7 percent, slightly higher than the \$617 or 6 percent increase General Motors Corp. applied to its 1982 cars.

Harold K. Sperlich, president of Chrysler's North American Automotive Operations, said those prices could change when next year's models go on sale this fall.

If there is a change, he said, it will be a reduction on some models.

American Motors Corp., which imports the subcompact Le Car from its French partner Renault, said recent increases in the value of the dollar against the French franc allowed the unusual price reduction.

AMC hasn't yet announced prices of its 1982 domestic cars and Jeep trucks nor on the 1982 version of the 181 passenger car, another Renault import.

The action reduces the bottom-line sticker price of the 1982 Le Car basic hatchback to \$4,795, down \$505 from 1981 prices. The Le Car deluxe hatchback will go down \$705 to \$4,995, while the

four-door hatchback model will be priced at \$5,295, down \$632.

To encourage sales of leftover 1981 Le Car models, AMC said it is providing cash sales incentives to dealers equal to the amount of the 1982 sticker price reduction.

Sperlich said at a news conference the Chrysler price hike was necessary to meet inflationary cost increases and "keep a healthy company."

"If you're looking for price re-

ductions, the place where the country could get price reductions quickly would be in interest costs," he said.

Ford Motor Co. has notified dealers of tentative 1982 prices only four car lines: the Escort, Lynx subcompacts and the luxury Lincoln Town Car and Mark VI. The Escort tentatively increases 4.7 percent to a bottom-line \$6,046.

Wealthy Texan to wed member of Manson clan

United Press International
FRONTERA, Calif. — Convicted Manson family member Susan Atkins will marry Donald Lee Laisure, a flamboyant Texan, in a private prison ceremony, officials said Tuesday.

Atkins is serving a life sentence in the California Institute for Women for her role in the 1969 Tate-La Bianca murders.

A spokesman for the institute said the wedding will take place today at 2:30 p.m.

Prison officials would not discuss details of the wedding.

Laisure, a millionaire who is known as "Flash" in his hometown of Greenville, said he has corres-

ponded with his fiancée since 1969. "I knew her way back before the Manson thing. Laisure and I dated heavily. I'm not trying to sound like a VIP or anything. This is just a simple love story."

Atkins, 33, was convicted for her role in the Aug. 9, 1969, murders of actress Sharon Tate and four other people as well as the killings the following night of Leno and Rosemary La Bianca.

Charles Manson, leader of the "family" of runaways and drop outs, is also serving a life term for masterminding the gruesome slayings.

Today's Almanac

United Press International
Today is Wednesday, Sept. 2, the 245th day of 1981 with 120 to follow.

The moon is moving toward its first quarter.

The morning star is Mars. The evening stars are Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Virgo.

American poet Eugene Field was born Sept. 2, 1850.

On this date in history:

In 1935, one of the worst hurricanes to hit the U.S. mainland ripped through the Florida Keys, killing more than 365 people.

In 1945, Japan signed an unconditional surrender aboard the U.S. battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay, ending World War II.

In 1964, World War I hero Sergeant Alvin York died at the age of 76.

In 1968, the death toll of earthquakes rolling across Iran was fixed at 12,000.

A thought for the day: American Gen. Douglas MacArthur, World War II commander of Allied forces, which defeated Japan in the Pacific, said, "It is fatal to enter any war without the will to win it."

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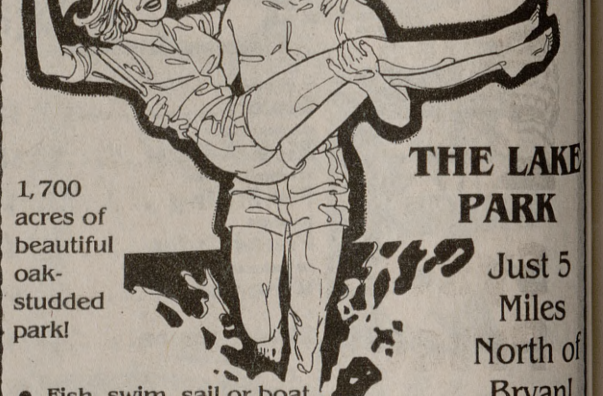


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