

Today's Almanac

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Today is Wednesday, Sept. 16, the 259th day of 1981 with 106 to follow.
The moon is moving toward its last 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 historian Francis Parkman was born on Sept. 16, 1823.
On this date in history:
In 1630, the Massachusetts village of Shawmut changed its name to Boston.
In 1893, more than 100,000 people rushed to the Cherokee

Strip in Oklahoma as the area was opened to homesteading.
In 1963, the Asian nation of Malaysia was created, occupying the southern portion of the Malay Peninsula and the northern part of Borneo. The country is the world's largest producer of rubber.
In 1974, President Ford offered conditional amnesty to Vietnam draft dodgers and evaders. They could come home if they performed up to two years of public service.
A thought for the day: American author and humorist Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) said, "There are several good protections against temptation but the surest is cowardice."

Local / State

Sundial enhances floral test garden

By MARTY BLAISE
Battalion Reporter

A visit to the Texas A&M University floral test gardens will reveal more than rows of flowers. A huge sundial has been donated to the University and placed in the garden area.
The 60-inch armillary sphere, or sundial, is located across from the Joe Hiram Moore Communications Building on Houston Street.

The sundial was donated as a gift to Texas A&M by Searcy Bracewell, Class '38, an attorney in the Houston firm of Bracewell and Patterson. Dedication of the sundial will take place September 26 before the first home football game.
Grounds maintenance workers installed the main sculpture and the concrete base in early September. Sidewalks surrounding the sundial are under construction

and should be finished before the dedication ceremony.
A plaque describing the donation as a gift has been ordered and should be installed on the sundial before the dedication. J. Wayne Stark said. Stark is a special assistant to the President for Development of Cultural Programs.
Besides being an attractive piece of art, the sundial provides useful information about the earth's rotation. Observers can even determine the time of day by watching the shadow of the center rod.

One large vertical ring on the sundial represents a meridian — an imaginary circle around the earth — passing through College Station. On the inside of this ring is a band decorated with the signs of the zodiac, which represents the celestial equator.
Slanting up through the middle is a rod representing the earth's rotational axis. The sundial is designed so that the center of this rod points toward Polaris, the North Star.
During the daily rotation of the earth, the shadow of the central rod moves across the inside of the equatorial band, passing from one hour to another and showing the apparent sun time in College Station.
Stark said although other sites were considered, the present site of the sundial was chosen because it is in an area of direct sunlight.
The longitude at College Station is 96 degrees, 21 minutes west, but because the clocks are set for Central Standard Time, the longitude is actually 90 degrees west. College Station clocks show the standard mean time of the sun in New Orleans, 380 miles to the east, so that when the sun is on College Station's meridian at noon, it is 26 minutes after noon in New Orleans. Since the sundial shows the apparent time of the sun, it will average about 26 mi-

minutes slower in comparison to the time on a clock.
Because the earth moves around the sun more quickly during the winter and more slowly during the summer, the apparent time on the sundial will vary by a few minutes during these times.
On September 23, the date of the Autumnal Equinox (one of the two times of the year when the sun crosses the celestial equator and day and night are equal in length), the shadow of the equator on the sundial will be cast on the center of the axial rod. In December, this shadow will have moved 13 inches up the rod. By observing the shadow's movements of more than two feet and two feet down the rod, one can graphically watch seasonal variations in the position of the sun on the sundial.



This sundial, located in the floral test garden, was donated to the University by Searcy Bracewell, Class '38.



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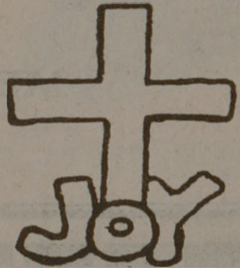
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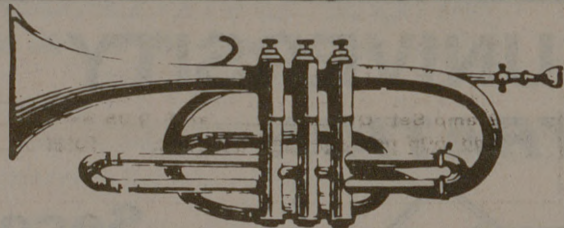
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Arabian geologist charged with taking kids from wife

United Press International
LITTLETON, Colo. — A Saudi Arabian geologist was charged in Arapahoe County District Court

Monday with illegally removing his two children from the Aurora home of his estranged wife.
Mustafa Ukyli, 39, was charged

with two counts of violating a court order that prohibited him from taking his children from his wife's home. Ukyli was charged with taking the children to his home in Littleton, Colo., on Friday.

Uhlman told authorities she dragged the screaming children from the home of her husband, Hani, 2, and daughter, Maissoun, 4 — into a vehicle and sped away.
It was unclear if the filing of charges against Ukyli resulted in the FBI entering a case, but a State Department spokesman said Ukyli could be prevented from leaving the country if he tried to flee.
Uhlman, a professional geologist, said she left her home early this year with help from the State Department in keeping her two children in the United States. She said her son, Hani, 2, and daughter, Maissoun, 4, were born in Arizona, but moved to Colorado when her husband had traced her in 1975. She said she moved to Aurora in late 1975 to establish legal residence there so she could file for divorce. She said a divorce in Arizona would have permitted her to retain custody of the children. She said wives of Saudi men have no rights and cannot file for divorce.

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