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Ripped straight from the pages of old Space News Roundups, here's what happened at JSC this week in:

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Neil Armstrong, America's first man to walk on the Moon, announced his resignation earlier this week. He has accepted an engineering professorship at the University of Cincinnati in Ohio and will leave NASA in October.

- Green cheese, no. Green rocks, yes! Among the samples returned by the Apollo 15 crew are seven or eight rocks that are pale green in color and which, in some cases, contain large green particles. The rocks are being analyzed in MSC's Lunar Receiving Laboratory.

Scientists and principal investigators have been busy here and at research centers studying lunar samples and films brought back by Dave Scott, Al Worden and Jim Irwin and analyzing returns from the experiments left on the moon's surface.

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Viking 2's Sept. 3 landing site on the Utopia Plains of Mars is five times more moist than elsewhere on the planet and therefore more likely to support life, scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory report. The site was chosen last Saturday following a five-hour meeting between engineers and scientists working on the project.

- Television Office Chief James C. Stamps has received a \$1,500 cash award for his part in developing a television noise-reduction device used during Skylab and ASTP missions. Stamps, or COD's Photographic Technology Division, and Bernard L. Gordon, formerly a Taft Broadcasting contract employee, split a \$3,000 award given by NASA Headquarters in recognition of their joint work on the noise-filtering unit.

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Dress rehearsals complete, *Atlantis* is in the spotlight's glare as preparations escalate toward a possible Sept. 12 launch of STS-48, a mission to put the Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite aloft. The STS-48 crew traveled to Kennedy Space Center on Sunday to participate in the terminal count-down demonstration test. The mock countdown, a warmup for all involved in the launch, came to a smooth conclusion Tuesday.



American Heritage Week



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Multicultural fun was in the air the week of Aug. 6 as JSC celebrated American Heritage Week. Sponsored by the Equal Opportunity Programs Office, American Heritage Week celebrates the uniqueness of all cultures at the same time. Pictured here are just some of the people who celebrated their heritage at the grand finale on Aug. 10 at the Gilruth Center.

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