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Man's Quest For Knowledge Led To Moon And Ocean Depths

Two epic missions to the mood crowned man's 1971 achievements in exploration

"As tough as trying to find your way around the Sahara Desert," recalls Alan B. Shepard, Jr., fo the Desert, recails Alan Shepard, Jr., fo the unprecedented journey that took him and fellow astronaut Edgar D. Mitchell of Apollo 14 almost to the lip of Cone Crater - the longest lunar walk to that time.

The two astronauts touched down in the lunar module Antares on February 5 at 4:18 a.m., EST. Stuart A. Roosa orbited overhead in the command module Kitty Hawk.

While earlier missions had emphasized the technology of moon landings, Apollo 14's the new realm. After 33% hours on the moon, they lifted off to rejoin Roosa for the three - day 246,200 - mile trip

The most ambitious effort explore the moon was Apollo 15, the 25th United

States manned space flight.
"The Falcon is on the plain at Hadley," reported astronauts David R. Scott and astronauts David R. Scott and James B. Irwin after they successfully landed the instrument laden LM between the moon's lofty Apennine Mountains and the deep Hadley Rille on July 30.

Alfred M. Worden busily performed experiments above in the command module Endeavour, while his two companions spent more than 18 hours outside their spacecraft and explored 17 miles of the rocky, crater -packed lunar surface in a packed lunar surface in a battery - powered dune buggy called Rover.

The mission rewarded scientists with rare treasures: more than 10,000 photographs, about 100 documented samples of rock and soil weighing 170 pounds, and an eight - foot core tube, which when X-rayed showed 58 separate layers of lunar soil, representing perhaps a billion

years of moon history.
Inspired in part by a 1927 article in National Geographic the astronauts had named their command module Endeavour in honor of the vessel Captain James Cook commanded on his voyage two centuries ago.

spacecraft will determine Martian surface elevations, atmospheric pressures, and other measurements. When all pictures and data are received on Earth, they want to assemble a topographic map for 50 million square miles of the planet's surface - the equivalent of mapping all the dry land areas of Earth.

Unmanned space vehicles gathered a wide variety of information during the year.

Mariner 9, launched on May

30, streaked 248 million miles

167 days later. A severe dust storm on the red planet

obscured the spacecraft's first

instruments and a radio signal experiment on the orbiting

Scientists hope that

keep a rendezvous with Mars

Previous United States spacecraft obtained only brief views of Mars on fly - by

missions.
While some men reached for the stars in 1971, others plumbed the oceans.

Divers working from mini-subs explored the continental shelf off New Jersey, examined marine life in the Gulf of Mexico, investigated a half -mile - wide hole in the ocean floor 20 miles south of Key West, and studied the sea bottom in the Straits of Florida

Scientists working out of mini - subs and an underwater habitat began an ambitious research project off the Bahamas on November 29. They will study fish behavior and the distribution of plankton and gauge the fluctuations of the sea level during the last Ice Age.

These projects were sponsored by the Manned Undersea Science and Technology program, begun in August as part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's effort to increase knowledge of ocean

resources and processes.

A rare view of the Artic was afforded by a new National Geographic map that rolled back a canopy of ice and water to bare a panaroma still unknown to human eyes -- the floor of the Arctic Ocean.

The Arctic map reveals the same sweeping panorama of a waterless ocean that was so spectacular in similar Geographic maps of the Indian, Atlantic, and Pacific Oceans.

The reverse side shows the more familiar view of the Arctic Ocean, but among the updated details of ice pack and surrounding bleak land masses are footnotes outlining man's dramatic attempts to explore the Arctic by snowshoe, ski, sled. ship, submarine, and aircraft.

Far from the frigid Arctic.

Far from the Irigid Arctic, Qatar, a sweltering shelkdom of 100,000 people on the Persian Gulf, became the world's 146th independent state on September 3. Little more than 20 eyars

ago, Qatar (pronounced "Kuttar") was one of the world's poorest nations. In a - and - sand wasteland about the size of Connecticut, fewer than 20,000 people earned bare subsistence as fishermen or pearl divers.

Then came the oil bonanza that revolutionized life. New housing, office buildings, and shops now line brightly lighted paved streets in Doha, the capital. Fresh water is piped to houses from suburban and a sea - water distillation

Another country created since World War II switched names in 1971. The Democratic Republic of the Congo announced that would be known as as the Republic of Zaire and its major waterway - formerly the Congo River - would become the Zaire River. Officials at the capital, Kinshasa, pointed out that this was the river's previous name.

In nearby Kenya, Richard E Leakey, son of the famed anthropologist Louis S.B. Leakey, continued to come up with remarkable discoveries the shores of Lake Rudolf. His work is supported by the National Geographic

Society Bones found by Mr. Leakey suggest that two types of early man - Australopithecus and Homo -- concurrently roamed the East African plain early in the Pleistocene Epoch som million years ago. A skillfully made stone tool found by his expedition was fashioned 2.6 million years ago.

Although bone studies are incomplete, Mr. Leakey speculates that Australo-pithecus probably did not walk erect but instead was a "knuckle - walker" much like present - day chimpanzees and was eventually superseded by the more advanced known as Homo, predecessor

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Early Birders Set The Record In Annual Christmas Count

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of a pine grosbeak -- and wet

below - zero weather and saw

just two species - the willow

the first day of Christmas, dedicated bird watchers rise at dawn to seek not a partridge in a pear tree but perhaps a red · eyed vireo.

On the first day of New Year, red - eyed watchers rouse themselves from dreams to see, perchance, the blue - faced booby.

The birders, 15,000 strong, get up with the lark and 700 other species to take part in the National Audubon the National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count throughout the United States and Canada

Conducted from December 25 to January 2, the census indicates bird population trends and migration patterns. But the counters enjoy it primarily as sport – a sp mammoth tournament of bird spotting.

The volunteers are divided into teams; each takes a circular area 15 miles across and records all the birds that can be seen in it between dawn and dusk, the Na Geographic Society says. National

One year Washington, D.C. counters reported 200,000 starlings in a noisy, messy

This is The Law

Davis agrees on May 10 to sell a table to Ellis on June 1 for \$60. On May 15 Ellis assigns or transfers his rights under the contract to Fox. Fox subsequently refuses to pay Davis \$60 for the table. Davis still has the table in his possession. The reasonable market value of the table is \$40. May Davis sue Ellis for breach of contract?

Yes. Davis may recover from Ellis a judgment for \$20, the difference between the agreed contract price and the market price of the table.

Ellis has entered into a contractual duty which he cannot escape by assignment. A person cannot be compelled to accept responsibility for the performance of a contract from one who was not a party to the original contract. A person can transfer his rights under a contract, but not his duties.

Are there certain contracts which cannot be assigned?

Yes. A contract may by its terms expressly forbid an assignment. Thus, in an agreement to convey real estate is not unusual to provide that the vendee shall not assign his right to a conveyance. Such a restriction is valid. Tickets, which otherwise would be assignable, sometimes stipulate they are "nontransferable.

Assignments of certain contracts are sometimes forbidden by statute or by the public policy of the common law. Workmen's compensation, unemployment compensation. government pensions, and the like are, for example, not

Contractual duties which involve personal performance cannot be delegated. A doctor. a teacher, a secretary, a cook, an artist, or anybody else who is employed by reason of peculiar personal qualities cannot turn over to a substitute the performance of the work he has agreed to do without the consent of his employer.

This is the last of a fall series of articles which have appeared weekly for the past three months. They have been written for the non - lawyer as public service of the North Association Carolina Bar Another series will be started in the spring.

ptarmigan and the common raven. Nevermore, they said. In the National Geographic Society's book, "Song and Garden Birds of North America," the noted omithologist Roger Tory Peterson describes the many

species of bird watchers: "Birding can be a placid occupation for maiden aunts, a rought - and - tumble sport, or

a hair - raising adventure. One

of my more sedentary friends

congregation downtown and a describes himself as the 'white lone common loon over the breasted nuthatch type of a bird watcher. On the other hand, consider the late Robert Counters endure all manner hardships. Members of the Porter Allen. Tough as nails, birding team at Cape Kennedy, Bob pursued whooping cranes Florida, strap aluminum snake through almost muskeg to their Alberta nesting guards on their legs and wade through mosquito infested swamps to break their record grounds. When he returned to civilization, he had the look of for the most species -- 200 -a man who had visited hell."

Ornithologists have fallen from cliffs and trees. They have broken arms, legs, and ribs. They have been chased by tribesmen, robbed by bandits, charged by bulls. A leading British bird photographer lost an eye to a tawny owl he was documenting.

In Aklavik, deep in the Canadian north, two bird watchers spent five hours in 10 Mr. Peterson himself and four colleagues once were sitting in a car parked on a roadside at 3 a.m. A flashlight suddenly blazed upon the five, and a state trooper growled, "What do you guys think you're doing?"

Silence. Then Mr. Peterson explained, "We're listening for whip - poor - wills." The men were promptly hustled off and held for several hours until they could tell it to a justice of

the peace.

He laughed and let them go.



The new Game Lands program initiated by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission this year has passed its first test with flying colors.

The program - which went into effect with the current hunting season -- brings the amount of land being managed and protected for wildlife in the state to some two million acres, an increase of over a million acres. When it was initiated prior to this hunting season, cooperative agreements were worked out to bring all four of the state's National Forests plus some large private tracts of land into the

Also, the Wildlife Commission abandoned its previous long lists of special hunts, check stations and replaced a tangle of permits with a single \$6 season Game Lands Use Permit which allows sportsmen to hunt any legal game or fish for mountain trout on the Game Lands throughout the legal season as long as they have the required

Many hunters were afraid that the expansion of the Game Lands would lead to inferior protection of game laws. Some said that Wildlife Protectors would be spread too thinly over such a large area. Others were apprehensive that doing away with the check stations might lead to increased game violations.

With part of a hunting season behind, none of these

things have caused problems.
"The Game Lands program is working fine, better even than we expected," says Don Curtis, Chief of the Division of Protection. "If anything, it has eased our problems in game and fish law enforcement.

problem to be an unsatisfactory distribution of hunters," says Curtis. "We were afraid that hunters might tend to concentrate in certain

areas, but this hasn't happened. Hunters have spread themselves.

"We also have learned that by doing away with the fixed check stations, we've been able to increase our efficiency as protectors. Our new system of transient check points manned by mobile crews of Wildlife Protectors has worked extremely well. We've picked up many unlawful kills that we would have missed with fixed stations because now, those who are violating game laws know where to expect us. One day, we might set up a check point on a road and another hour or on another day, we could have our

check point somewhere else. Curtis is very enthusiastic about the way hunters have cooperated with the new

program. "We've had the best cooperation from hunters that we've ever had," says Curtis. "These hunters like the system and they can see that it will work. The result is that lawful hunters have turned in many violations --- far more than in the past. We appreciate it. It makes our job easier, and it provides better protection for our natural resources of game and fish.

The new program means that the average hunter or fisherman now has a better chance of being checked by a Wildlife Protector than ever

before.
"We've always had random reports from people who say that they've been hunting for years and have never been years and have never been checked," says Curtis. "That's just the law of averages. Some hunters and fishermen get checked many times.

"I recently received a letter from a man who said that he had been fishing four times this year and had been checked six by eight different Wildlife Protectors.

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