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SCIENCE NOTES

Observatory News

Through a monthly newsletter, *McDonald Observatory News*, the McDonald Observatory of the University of Texas at Austin tries to keep those interested in astronomy abreast of the latest scientific developments, as well as providing helpful skywatching information for the amateur astronomer.

Each month, the *News* offers a sky chart, a sky calendar, a feature article, and a regular column on either amateur astronomy or the exploration of our solar system. Early next year the *News* will begin a new feature: Halley Watch. Through this regular column, readers will be able to follow Halley's Comet as it swings around the sun and heads back into deep space. The column will offer tips on how to look for the comet, as well as information on amateur "Comet Watch" groups and international spacecraft targeted for a rendezvous with this famous wanderer.

The *News* is written by professional astronomers and science writers. It is available at a yearly cost of \$5.50, with bulk subscriptions available to teachers at reduced rates.

A sample copy will be sent to any teacher who is interested. The Zip Code for the University is 78712.

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Order Space Seeds Now

The March issue of "*Science and Children*" has an article explaining NASA's Tomatoes in Space program. In summary, tomato seeds are being left in orbit for the next 10 months at which time classroom kits containing 50 exposed seeds and 50 control seeds will be mailed to participating classrooms across the country.

You can obtain a kit for each of your classes by filling out the following card and mailing it to: NASA, Educational Service Branch, LRC, Washington, DC 20546. Mass distribution of applications will occur in early fall. Beat the rush and send in the form now.

SEEDS PROJECT

I want to participate in the NASA/Park Seed Company national life science experiment.

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