

## Contra Costa Papers

### FILE DESCRIPTION

The **Contra Costa Papers** file includes four daily papers from June 1995 forward: *Contra Costa Times*, *West County Times*, *Valley Times*, and the *San Ramon Valley Times*. In addition, the following weekly papers are also included: *Contra Costa Sun*, *Solano Times*, *Concord Transcript*, *Pleasant Hill Record*, *Martinez Record*, and *Walnut Creek Journal*. (Antioch) *Ledger-Dispatch*, another daily paper covering Northern Contra Costa, will be added to the file later this year. These newspapers report on Contra Costa, a burgeoning suburban region of the San Francisco Bay Area. Coverage focuses on Southern Contra Costa areas, such as San Ramon, which are growing by up to 17% per year and are attracting new corporations as well as housing Silicon Valley employees; North Contra Costa, the home of several oil refineries and related industries; and Central Contra Costa, a residential area near San Francisco.

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S AU=(JOAN(1N)JACKSON)

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S TERMS/TI,LP,DE

### DIALOG FILE DATA

Inclusive Dates: (CT) 1/96-present  
(CCS) 1/96-present  
(CCT) 6/95-present  
(MR) 1/96-present  
(PHR) 1/96-present  
(SRVT) 6/95-present  
(ST) 1/96-present  
(VT) 6/95-present  
(WCJ) 1/96-present  
(WCT) 1/90-present

Update Frequency: Daily

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SAMPLE RECORD

08813090 (THIS IS THE FULLTEXT)  
 CRAFT IS OFF TO MARS TO SCOUT FOR ANY LIFE  
 Robert S. Boyd  
 CONTRA COSTA TIMES, Final ED, P B01  
 Friday, November 8, 1996  
 JOURNAL CODE: CCT LANGUAGE: ENGLISH RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT  
 SECTION HEADING: news  
 Word Count: 845

DL=, /LP, /TX TEXT:  
 WASHINGTON - WASHINGTON NASA kicked off an intensive search for evidence of life on other worlds Thursday by launching the first of 13 Earth-to-Mars spaceships scheduled over the next 10 years.

After a one-day delay because of high winds, the Mars Global Surveyor blasted off from Florida's Kennedy Space Center at 50 seconds after noon, lugging six scientific instruments to explore the Martian environment.

/TX "It's the beginning of a long sequence of missions ultimately whose goal must be to determine whether or not life was ever on Mars or even perhaps exists now," said Wesley Huntress Jr., chief of space science for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The unmanned missions 10 American, two Russian and one Japanese were planned long before the tantalizing discovery that at least two Martian meteorites contain what may be relics of once-living organisms.

A team of American scientists announced in August that they had found what looked like fossilized bacteria in a 4.5 billion-year-old Martian rock picked up in Antarctica.

Just last week, British scientists who had examined a second meteor from Mars said they had found similar signs that life may have existed 600,000 years ago.

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Scientists say all the ingredients for life, including water and oxygen, exist on Mars, even though the planet's surface is barren.

They are eager to find out if water is hidden in thick layers of icy rock, as it is in similar formations in the polar regions on Earth.

"We should not foreclose the idea that life still might exist in sheltered places on Mars," said Huntress.

Second, to learn why the Martian climate, once warm and wet, is now dry and cold. Understanding what sent Mars into a deep freeze could help explain the risks facing Earth's climate.

Third, to study whether the geology and resources of Mars could support future human exploration. Space enthusiasts hope a manned expedition could be undertaken by 2020, but the Clinton administration has not committed itself to such a costly venture.

"The first step is to first understand what it is that Mars has," Huntress said. "Where is the water, and what are other resources that might exist on this planet?"

/CP CAPTIONS: Knight-Ridder Newspapers; Photo, The Mars Global Surveyor, riding atop a Delta rocket, blasts off from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida on Thursday on the first of 13 missions over the next decade to survey Mars for signs of life (AP); Graphic, Swarm of spacecraft going to Mars (KRT; AP)  
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SF= SPECIAL FEATURES: GRAPHIC; PHOTO  
 /CO, CO= COMPANY NAMES (Dialog Generated): Kennedy Space Center ; National Aeronautics and Space Administration ; NASA ; Pathfinder

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/DE	DE	Descriptor <sup>1</sup>	Word & Phrase	S MICROSOFT(1N)CORP?/DE S MICROSOFT CORP?/DE
/LP	LP	Lead Paragraph <sup>3</sup>	Word	S SCIENTIFIC(W)INSTRUMENT?/LP
/ME	ME	Memo <sup>3</sup>	Word	S WIRETAP/ ME
/SH	SH	Section Heading <sup>2</sup>	Word	S NEWS/SH
/TI	TI	Headline	Word	S LIFE(S)MARS/TI
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CO=	CO	Company Name (Dialog Generated) <sup>1,2</sup>	Phrase	S CO=NASA?
DL=	DL	Dateline	Phrase	S DL=WASHINGTON
DY=	DY	Publication Day <sup>1</sup>	Phrase	S DY=FRIDAY
ED=	ED	Edition	Phrase	S ED=FINAL?
JC=	JC	Newspaper Code <sup>4</sup>	Phrase	S JC=CCT
JN=	JN	Newspaper Name	Phrase	S JN=CONTRA COSTA TIMES
MO=	MO	Publication Month <sup>1</sup>	Phrase	S MO=NOVEMBER
PD=	PD	Publication Date	Phrase	S PD=19961108
PG=	PG	Page Number	Phrase	S PG=B01
PY=	PY	Publication Year	Phrase	S PY=1996
RG=	RG	U.S. Region <sup>5</sup>	Phrase	S RG=WEST
SF=	SF	Special Feature <sup>1,6</sup>	Phrase	S SF=PHOTO
SH=	SH	Section Heading <sup>2</sup>	Phrase	S SH=NEWS
—	SO	Source Information <sup>7</sup>		
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