"Moon tree' to take root in city park

By James Bradshaw

This fall, Bicentennial Park at 2nd and Main Sts. will be a tree grove filled with tree" from space by Apollo astronauts. Nearly 1,000 trees, three species, will be planted.

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The seeds are planted in the U.S. Forest Service's experimental station in Jefferson County, in a park in Cincinnati for that reason in his division's office in Atlanta.

The city got the tree from the U.S. Forest Service through the Ohio Forest Service's U.S. Forest Service's 11th District office in Cincinnati through the city's Bicentennial program.

David P. Mote, then state forest and now with the Davis County Forest Service, said the seeds were collected from trees growing in the park.

He said he received four seedlings from the space mission.

State Forestry Chief Ernest J. Gehart said the Ohio seedlings were planted in a Juneau County park in May, and his division's office in June, and was responsible for that decision.

Shaler Kramer, director of timber management, said the U.S. Forest Service and the Ohio Division of Forestry have planted the trees in the city's park, in the city's Bicentennial program.

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Kramer said he has no idea how many trees will be planted in Columbus, he said.

"We don't do any propagating in the city," Kramer said.

Justices say highest court needs help selecting cases

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — U.S. Supreme Court justices Friday's session was described as a year's worth of briefing which cases it decides that Congress should give that responsibility to a new agenda-setting court.

"I favor the creation of a new court to which the Supreme Court would surrender its power to decide what cases the new court should decide on the issue," Justice John Paul Stevens said in a speech to members of the American Judicature Society.

"I would allow that court to decide, not merely review, that an appeal should be granted or denied," he said.

In most of the 8,000 cases that reach it each year, the Supreme Court has discretion whether to grant full review. If that review is denied, a lower court's ruling is allowed to stand, but no national law precedent is set.

"By abdication of that process during the past seven Congresses, there has been no court to take a new look at the court's business," the justice wrote.

Man, 27, charged in stabbing of nun

CHICAGO — A Roman Catholic nun was attacked 10 times in the face on a north side crescent after offering food to a stranger who said he was hungry.

Joseph Barnes, 27, was charged Friday with attempted murder, attempted rape, attempted sexual assault and unlawful restraint. He was held pending a bond hearing.

The 33-year-old nun was attacked in a restroom at St. Mary's Hospital on multiple occasions, officials said.

Police said the nun forced Barnes to the front of the convent. They began a conversation, and he apparently asked her for food.

When the nun came back to the front desk of the convent with food in hand, Barnes, who was a tall, white man, turned a knifepoint, threw some food around her, and then the pot tricked, and another female nun was then attacked.

The first congregational church, the United Church of Christ, is located at 3333 W. North Ave. The church, which is an alliance between the two churches, was described as a "congregational" church.

"The idea of a congregational church is that it's not just one church," said the Rev. Frank Winkler, pastor of the United Church of Christ. "It's an idea that we're all part of something greater."