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Astronaut is teased about hair

United Press International

Houston — The crew of the space shuttle Discovery was awakened Monday with a recording of "Hair" radioed up from mission control as a joke aimed at astronaut Judy Resnik. Resnik's shoulder-length, layered black hair spreads out wildly in the weightlessness of space, making her look like she has a huge Afro hairdo. After "Hair" finished playing in a wakeup call to the crew, mission controller John Blaha gave the crew a cheery "Good morning, Discovery." "Good morning, John," Resnik replied. "And I can't help it."

Astronaut Sally Ride, first American woman in space, said she had not decided if the attention to Resnik's hair is warranted, but it is understandable. "I think it's natural to react to personal quirks or things that are different," Ride said in an interview. Ride disliked much of the media attention focused on her during her flight last year. But Ride good naturedly pointed out it is not the first time that an astronaut has been teased about hair. "When Gordon Fullerton went up (on the second shuttle flight), he did his bald routine. He's really bald and he went through his personal hygiene kit and pulled out his hair brush, looked at it and tossed it over his shoulder. "In this case, I think that's perfectly natural (to joke about Resnik's hair). I suspect that Judy was surprised by it and didn't notice it herself because it looks like it's staying out of her face and probably not getting in her way at all," Ride said. Ride and another female astronaut, Kathryn Sullivan, are scheduled for the next shuttle flight in October. Ride said she planned to keep her hair short and curled for that flight.

Texas cities compete for naval base

United Press International

NEW ORLEANS — Seven Texas cities and a trio of Louisiana cities are among 20 municipalities competing for a Navy base that would boost the economy by as much as \$300 million a year. Capt. James J. Ridge last month invited the 20 cities along the Gulf of Mexico to submit proposals with information about each city to help military officials select a base site by April 1985. New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lake Charles and the South Louisiana Port Commission in St. Bernard are among those considered for the home port of four ships and some 9,000 people. "They want to know about land prices and the local cost of constructing the facility they have in mind," said Jimmy Lyles, executive vice president of the chamber of commerce in Corpus Christi, another city considered. Other Texas cities under consideration are Houston, Brazosport, Galveston, Port Arthur, Orange and Brownsville. "They want information on channel depths and whether a Navy facility already is located in town. They want us to prove we have sufficient city services, spare room in our school system and adequate housing to handle additional families in our community," Lyles said.

Resurgence of small farms as medium ones disappear

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The nation's medium-sized farms keep disappearing, but the smallest ones are showing skyrocketing growth, the Census Bureau reported Monday. Every state except South Carolina showed increases in small farms. Texas showed the most growth in number, adding about 14,000 new farms of 50 acres or less, an increase of 46.3 percent from 1978 through 1982. Vermont's 59 percent growth in the smallest farms amounted to only 1,026 new farms. Farms of 50 acres or less grew 17 percent over four years through 1982, the bureau said. It was enough to shrink the national average size of a farm, a reversal from the pattern early in the 1970s. But medium-sized farms, the heart of American agriculture, are declining in number. The big operations, which often absorb the medium-sized farms, stayed steady. The strong growth of small farms kept the overall decline in the number of farms down to less than 1 percent in the four-year period, one of

the smallest declines in recent decades. By 1982, there were 2.241 million farms compared to 2.257 in 1978. The average size of an American farm, 449 acres in 1978, dropped to 439 acres in 1984. "That's very unusual, because for years the farms have been getting larger in size," said bureau analyst Mary Burch. But the census of agriculture showed the number of medium-sized farms, those from 50 to 999 acres, declined by 209,000 between 1974 and 1982, to 1,442,203. That's a decline of about 1.6 percent a year. Small farms have multiplied on the fringes of cities, suggesting that the farms are part-time pursuits of people working full time elsewhere. "It's some sort of sociological phenomenon," Burch said. "We aren't exactly sure who's got those smaller farms." The popularity of "pick-your-own" do-it-yourself plots is also credited with the resurgence of small farms.

Burch speculated that apparent big farms, pressed for cash, had sold off small plots. The latest census study showed change among the biggest farms made up of what used to be medium-sized family run operations. The number of farms with 2,000 acres or more rose by 1,224 in 10 years to 64,525. The comparatively few large farming operations had a huge, ten dominant share of production and sales, as indicated by these census numbers:

- Only 1 percent of the farms sold 43 percent of the cattle.
- Only 2 percent of the farms operations raised 79 percent of the poultry.
- 16 percent of the farms sold 10 percent of all hogs.

What's up

- Tuesday
- LEGISLATIVE STUDY GROUP:** applications for membership are available in the Student Government Office, 213 Pavilion, through Sept. 10.
- STUDENT GOV'T. FRESHMAN AIDE:** applications are available in 213 Pavilion. Deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Wednesday.
- UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES:** students appointed to committees last spring must report their current addresses to Debbie Fleming in the Student Government Office.
- MSC VARIETY SHOW:** applications for committee membership are available in the Student Programs Office.
- CENTURY SINGERS:** are holding auditions for the fall semester. Call 845-5974 for an appointment.
- TRADITIONS COUNCIL:** applications are available in the Student Government Office, 213 Pavilion. Deadline to apply is Friday at 5 p.m.
- PLANO HOMETOWN CLUB:** is having an organizational meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 501 Rudder.
- WILDLIFE BIOLOGY SOCIETY:** Henry Welge will speak at the meeting at 7 p.m. in 137 MSC.
- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL:** the varsity team will play the Bryan-College Station media at 7:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White.
- MSC GREAT ISSUES:** will have a meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.
- TAMU SAILING CLUB:** is offering free sailing lessons at 6:30 in 308 Rudder.
- TSEA:** is having an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder.
- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 342 Zachary.
- STUDENT AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF FLORAL DESIGNERS:** will meet in room 105 of the new horticulture building on the west side of campus at 6 p.m.
- AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AERONAUTICS AND ASTRONAUTICS:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 103 Zachry.
- CO-OP STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will hold officer elections at 7 p.m. in 510 Rudder.
- ON-CAMPUS CATHOLICS:** will meet at 9:30 p.m. in the All Faith's Chapel.
- SADDLE AND SIRLOIN CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 115 Kleberg Center. New members are invited to attend.
- WELLNESS NETWORK:** will have a general meeting at 5 p.m. in 164 E. Kyle. All students are welcome.
- ASSOCIATION OF BIOENGINEERS:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 200 Heldenfels. Dr. Miller will be discussing "red tape."
- SCAVMA:** Baxter Black, D.V.M., a cowboy poet, songwriter, and philosopher will speak at 7 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. Admission is free.
- JUDICIAL BOARD:** applications for the Student Body Judicial Board will be available to in the Student Government Office, 213 Pavilion, through Friday. Positions are open to sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students.
- TAMU VARSITY WOMEN'S SOCCER:** will practice Monday through Friday at 6 p.m. on the Polo Field, behind Zachary. Any experienced players interested in playing should contact Dr. Sue Beall at 845-4502.
- DANCE ARTS SOCIETY:** auditions for tap, ballet, modern, jazz, and point teachers at 7 p.m. in 268 E. Kyle.
- FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES:** will meet at 8 p.m. in 137 & 137A MSC.
- TAMU MENS LACROSSE CLUB:** is practicing at 4 p.m. every day on the Main Drill Field. Everyone is welcome.
- TAMU SAILING CLUB:** will have a team meeting to discuss new boats and upcoming regattas at 7 p.m. in 109 Military Sciences.
- Wednesday
- WOMEN IN COMMUNICATION, INC.:** is having a membership reception at 7:30 in 145 MSC. New members are welcome.
- MESQUITE HOMETOWN CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 407 Rudder.
- SWAMP:** is meeting at 8 p.m. at Sully to elect officers and discuss projects.
- OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES:** will meet at 6:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder to discuss open positions, Off-Campus Nite and bonfire.
- MSC BLACK AWARENESS COMMITTEE:** is meeting at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder.
- AGGIE GOP:** is meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder. State Senator "Buster" Brown will speak.
- GERMAN CLUB:** is meeting at 5:30 at Mr. Gatti's in the Skaggs Center. Everyone is welcome.
- POLITICAL FORUM:** is meeting at 8 p.m. in 301 Rudder.
- TEXAS A&M POLO CLUB:** is meeting at 7:30 in the Animal Industries lecture room. All new member are welcome.
- AGGIE BOWLING CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder to discuss tryouts for the traveling team and league organization.
- CLASS OF '85:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder to discuss the class gift.
- MARKETING SOCIETY:** is having an Aloha Party at Bee Creek Park at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.