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Two more announce intent for Leland's seat in Congress

HOUSTON (AP) — The race for the late Mickey Leland's congressio-Spates, a Houston Ind nal seat expanded over Labor Day weekend with the addition of a state representative and a Houston school board member.

State Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Hous-ton, said Monday morning he was a candidate in a Nov. 7 special election for the 18th congressional district, while Elizabeth Spates said Sunday night she also will run for the post.

Their announcements increased the number of candidates for Leland's seat to five. The other announced candidates are state Sen. Craig Washington, state Rep. Al Ed-wards and Houston City Coun-cilman Anthony Hall. Leland and 15 others were killed

in an Aug. 7 plane crash in Ethiopia while en route to a refugee camp near the Sudan border.

The fall election will mark the first change in leadership in the dis-trict since 1978, when Barbara Jor-dan did not seek re-election and Leland won. Jordan was the first to represent the district, which was cre-

Spates, a Houston Independent School District board member for the past eight years, ran unsuccess-fully against Leland in 1988. I was out there when the chair

was occupied. I'll be out there when the chair becomes vacant," Spates said Sunday. "Things have not changed there for me."

But Spates said she will not run as a Democrat, as she did previously. She has not yet decided whether she will run as a Republican or with some other affiliation.

Wilson, elected to the Texas Leg-islature in 1976, said he talked to many people in the district and thought a lot about the matter be-fore deciding to run. He said he was not deterred by the number of peo-ple running for the next. ple running for the post.

"I'm not concerned about anyone else's candidacy but my own," he said

Wilson also predicted there would be a runoff election for the congressional seat.

Poll shows Houstonians favor right to abortion

HOUSTON (AP) — A solid ma- cided jority of Houstonians believe the Th

Texas Legislature should do little or nothing to restrict a woman's ability to legal abortion, according to a poll published Monday.

Fifty-six percent said lawmakers should not alter the Texas law that generally permits abortions before the final three months of pregnancy, and 16 percent said the Legislature should enact further restrictions but still allow most women the option of abortion, a copyright story in the Houston Chronicle said.

Only 12 percent of those polled favored a ban except when abortion would be necessary to save the mother's life. Thirteen percent said it should be outlawed except in cases of rape, incest or to save the moth-er's life. Three percent were unde-choice to abort a pregnancy.

four percentage points. It was con-ducted through the University of Houston's Center for Public Policy. The U.S. Supreme Court recently issued a decision that paves the way for states to place some new restrict tions on abortions. Texas Gov. Bill Clements has said he may ask the Legislature to consider new restrictions in a special session. The *Chronicle* poll shows that pro-choice sentiment in Houston

cuts across party lines, as a majority of Republicans, Democrats and independents want Texas law left as it. is or favor new restrictions that would leave most women with the

The poll of 649 registered voters was conducted from Aug. 22-28 and has an error margin of plus or minus

Milk substitute found for baby sperm whale

GALVESTON (AP) - Marine

found beached Saturday west of Sabine Pass and transported the next they had" for the whale, Benson day to Sea Arama Marine World in Galveston on a flatbed truck.

Sea Arama officials had trouble GALVESTON (AP) — Marine workers searched for hours Monday before locating a milk substitute needed to feed a 900-pound baby sperm whale found floundering in shallow waters this weekend. The whale, nicknamed Odie, was

Zoo officials "brought us what



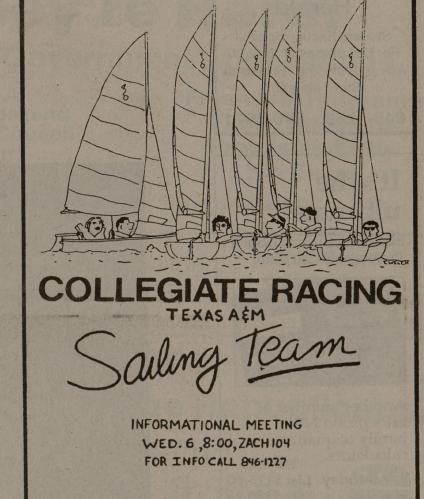
The MSC Jordan Institute for International Awareness will have an

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

for prospective new members on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 pm in Room 404 of Rudder Tower.

The MSC Jordan Institute for International Awareness is an organization whose purpose is to increase international awareness in all students and members of the Texas A&M University community by promoting participation in internationally related programs.

Applications for membership are available at the informational meeting. The application deadline is Friday, September 8 at 5:00 pm. If you have any questions, please call the Jordan Institute office at 845-8770.



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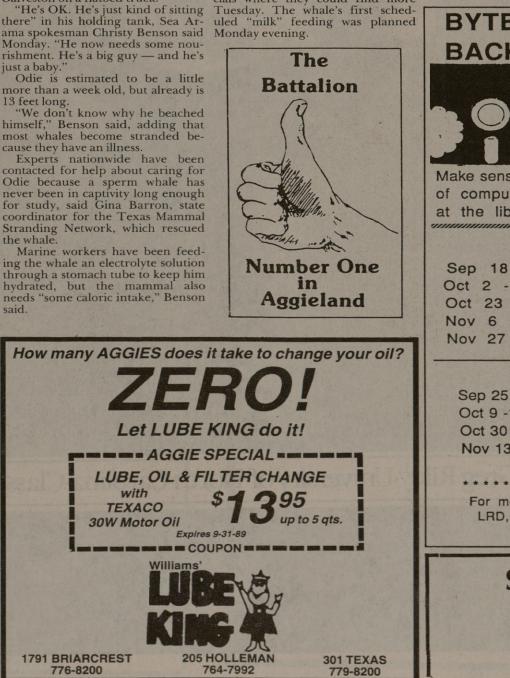
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13 feet long. "We don't know why he beached himself," Benson said, adding that most whales become stranded because they have an illness.

just a baby.

Experts nationwide have been contacted for help about caring for Odie because a sperm whale has never been in captivity long enough for study, said Gina Barron, state coordinator for the Texas Mammal Stranding Network, which rescued

Marine workers have been feeding the whale an electrolyte solution through a stomach tube to keep him hydrated, but the mammal also needs "some caloric intake," Benson



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