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The second session of the Texas A&M Soccer Camp is underway.



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Opinion

Columnist Frank Stanford says, "The sea is a beautiful place... especially when you're not drowning."

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Weather

Thursday will be fair to partly cloudy, highs in the middle to upper 90s.

National Weather Service

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STATE BRIEFS

Foul up allows abuse of psychiatric code

AUSTIN (AP) — A legislative foul-up means new state laws providing criminal penalties for mental health care providers who abuse patients or file fraudulent insurance claims will go off the books Sept. 1, a newspaper reports.

"This is a tragedy," Jerry Goswell, Texas director for the Citizens Commission on Human Rights, told the Amarillo Daily News. "It takes all the teeth out of the psychiatric abuse laws."

State Sens. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, and Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, said corrective legislation is being drafted so lawmakers can act on it early in their 1995 session.

"It's unfortunate, and it is a problem, but it's a temporary problem," Mrs. Zaffirini said.

Senate panel looks into prison delay

AUSTIN (AP) — A state Senate committee on Tuesday looked into delays in a new system of state jails, while prison officials canceled a party they had planned to celebrate completion of some new prison facilities.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock convened an emergency meeting of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee to look into reports that the first state jail, a 2,000-bed facility in Beaumont, won't be ready by a Sept. 1 deadline.

Bullock also was concerned that in 14 months since the state jail system was approved, no director for the program had been hired by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

State leaders say the launch of the state jail system is critical because it is a first-time approach to housing and rehabilitating nonviolent offenders through intensive educational and behavioral programs.

Texas sets tougher foster care laws

DALLAS (AP) — The alleged beating of a child by his foster parents has prompted the state's child protection agency to toughen policies regarding foster care.

The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services announced the changes Monday, following a six-month internal review.

Under the new rules, no more than two children can be placed in a home licensed as a "therapeutic foster home."

In addition, when foster families move to a new region, social workers in that region will assume responsibility for the case.

Dallas houses new 'Cowtown' plaza

DALLAS (AP) — Cattle rarely held much appeal for Dallas before appearing on a sizzling platter.

The city has always been more interested in oil, money, cotton and fashion. To Dallastites, stock was something bought on paper, not on the hoof.

So imagine the surprise of some when a new downtown park featured a bronze cattle drive to celebrate Dallas' pioneer heritage.

Twenty bronze steers, herded by a bronze cowpoke on a bronze cow pony, fill the expanses of Pioneer Plaza, across from Dallas City Hall. There will be 70 steers in the park when it is completed next year.

JUPITER Update

WASHINGTON (AP) — Explosive jolts from comet fragments have left Jupiter pocked with black scars, one of which is now the most prominent visual feature on the planet. An even bigger trauma is coming: three punches near the same location within a 20-hour period.

Astronomers said Tuesday that a dark black patch, resembling a black eye, left by the impact of comet fragment G has become the most easily seen mark on Jupiter in the nearly 400-year history of observing the planet.

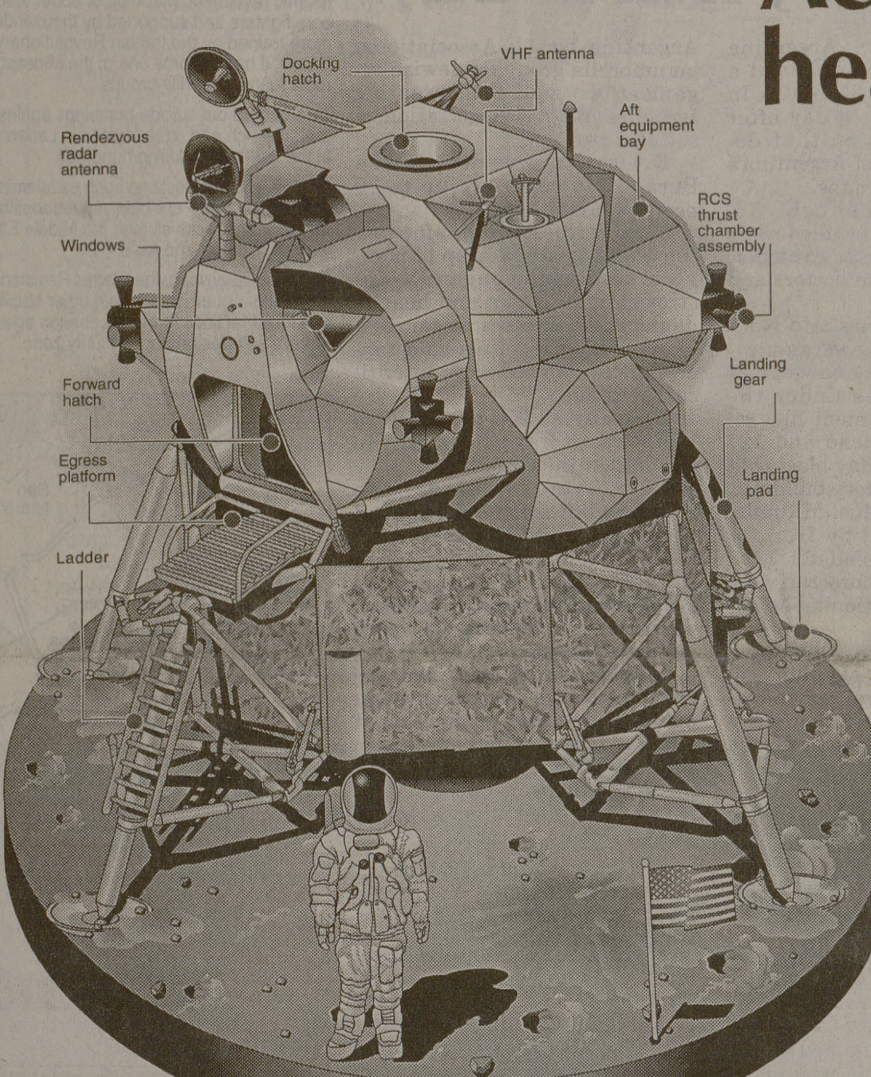
Jupiter is in the southwest sky just after sunset.

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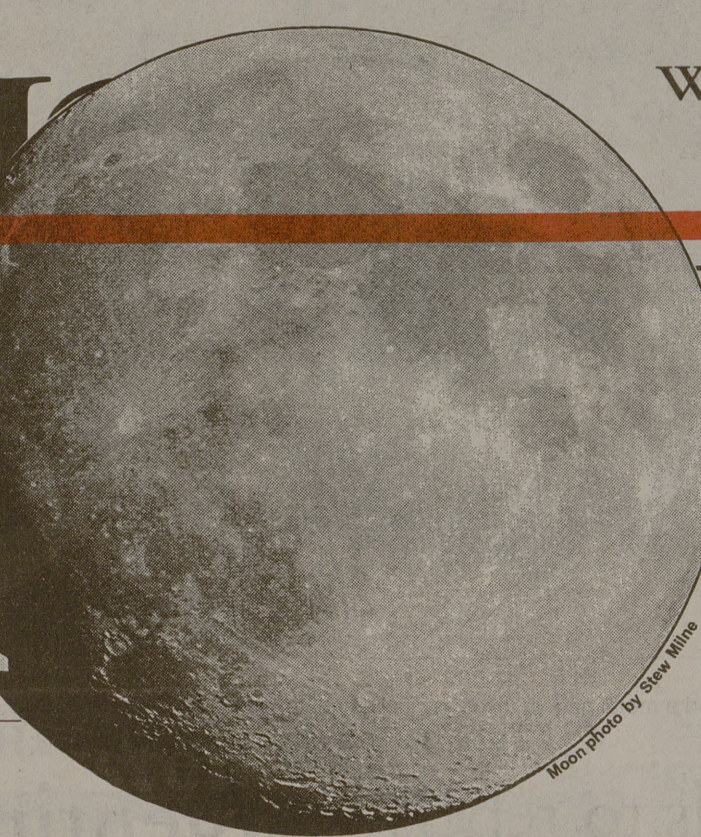
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Flight to the Moon

On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon—the first time any human had walked on the surface of another celestial body. The journey took 420,000 technicians eight years and \$25 billion to achieve. More than 500 million people worldwide watched Armstrong on television.



AP graphics Source: NASA



Moon photo by Steve Mills

A&M faculty recall heavenly journey

By Tracy Smith THE BATTALION

As Americans celebrate the 25th anniversary of the moon landing today, some are reminiscing about the past and looking to the future.

On July 20, 1969, two American astronauts took the first walk on the moon, thrilling millions worldwide who watched on television.

Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. left the first footprints on the moon's surface and erased limitations society had placed on space travel and exploration with their more than two-hour walk.

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Aaron Cohen, a Texas A&M engineering professor and former director of NASA's Johnson Space Center, said the landing became a reality because the nation came together.

"This was the time of the Cold War, when Americans were trying to get ahead of the Soviet Union," he said. "But this only played a part in the decision."

"Americans, as a whole, were ready to take a chance on scientific improvement," Oran Nicks, research engineer and former director of space research at A&M, said for centuries men have looked to the sky and wondered what exists in space.

"I am extremely privileged to have lived when these exciting breakthroughs in space technology occurred," he said. "I feel gratitude to have been even a small part of the accomplishments made in space over the past quarter of a century."

Cohen, the space center's director in

1969, said the landing on the moon brought Americans together during a difficult time.

The landing also helped to stimulate technological advantages.

"We were working on using our science and technology to make the landing happen," he said. "We didn't think much about the aspect of bringing the country together."

"But in retrospect, it is easy to recognize that the country was brought together by the accomplishments of NASA and the astronauts involved. The space program achieved something that made America proud."

While most Americans celebrate the past on this anniversary, some are looking to the future and predicting what role space technology will play.

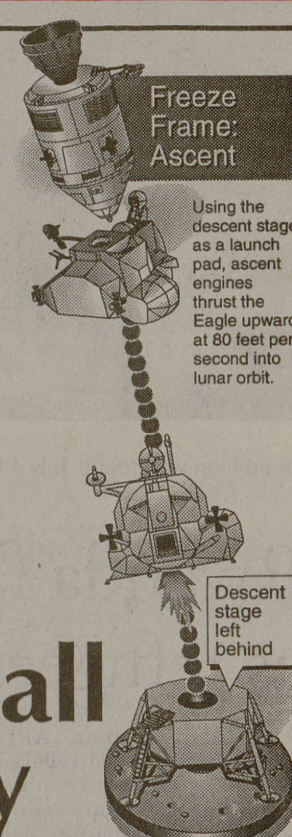
Cohen said he thinks the country will eventually build a space station where Americans can learn to live and work in space and return to the moon.

"Americans should take advantage of attributes on the moon," he said. "The main benefits are low gravity and low vacuum."

"Space innovations can be parallel to the idea of a ship in a harbor," Cohen said. "A ship in the harbor is safe, but that's not what ships are built for."

Nicks said even if people never live on the moon, it could be used for many things, including medical recovery.

"People who can't get around on earth may be able to get around on the moon because of the decreased amount of gravity," he said. "The moon has one-sixth the gravity level of the earth, allowing people with disabilities to move around easier."



Freeze Frame: Ascent

Using the descent stage as a launch pad, ascent engines thrust the Eagle upward at 80 feet per second into lunar orbit.

Descent stage left behind

Aggie Access Card System to start in Fall '94

By Amanda Fowle THE BATTALION

Most students living on campus will no longer have to carry keys to gain access to their residence halls beginning this fall.

Instead, they may run their A&M identification card through a scanner located at the outside doors of residence halls.

Tom Murray, associate director of student affairs, said the Aggie Access Card

System will be used in all residence halls except Law Hall and Puryear Hall beginning Aug. 21.

"Law and Puryear will not use the system because we are still not certain about the future of these two halls," he said.

Plans for demolition of the two halls have been put on hold indefinitely.

The ID card system was tested on Neeley Hall and Spence Hall last year, as

part of an effort to increase security in residence halls.

The doors are equipped with magnetic locks that disengage when residents scan their ID cards. Residents then have 15 seconds to enter the door before it locks.

If the door is held or propped open longer than 45 seconds, an alarm will sound to alert residents that the door is open, and an alarm will sound at Univer-

sity Police Department. The alarm stops ringing when the door is shut.

The doors are also equipped with motion detectors that unlock the magnetic door when someone is exiting, Murray said.

"Students should not stand too close to the door if they are waiting on guests or a delivery," he said, "because this disen-

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A&M students serve as literacy volunteers

By Stacey Fehlis THE BATTALION

Texas A&M students are volunteering their time to teach adults how to read through a program called Literacy Volunteers of America (LVA).

The program started in 1985 as a one-person staff operation called the Brazos Valley Adult Literacy Council, and then expanded in 1991, to become affiliated with Literacy Volunteers of America.

Chris Cramer, corrections literacy coordinator for LVA, said volunteers are trained as tutors and then work with people to teach them how to read or to help them improve their reading skills.

He said volunteers must complete a three session, nine-hour training program before they can begin teaching.

"The volunteers then commit to 50 hours of tutoring," he said. "Most tutor for two hours a week."

Jen Wonn, support services and family literacy coordinator for LVA, said A&M students volun-

Illiteracy Problem in Brazos Valley

One out of every four people in Brazos County are illiterate, between 20,000 and 30,000 people in our community.

teer their time for the program.

"We need volunteers from a cross section of the community," she said. "Therefore, it is important to have college students as volunteers."

Cramer said students have characteristics that make them assets to the program.

"Most college kids are creative and energetic," he said. "This program gives them a way to use their talents toward a worthy cause."

Wonn said there are many reasons why people volunteer their time to the program. "The most common one," she said, "is a genuine desire to help people less fortunate than themselves."

Shelley Claussen, a junior agricultural economics major, said reading and writing is a part of life that many take for granted.

"To give such a small amount of my time and be able to help someone change the quality of their life is quite a reward," she said. "To think that I could change someone's life is a wonderful feeling."

Claussen said her work helps those who have fallen through the cracks of society.

"It's not our fault, but those who can't read have, in some way, been neglected from society," she said. "Someone needs to go in and help those who have been pushed aside."

Brandy Pace, a senior zoology major and LVA volunteer, said she volunteers as an LVA tutor for two reasons.

"I would like to be a teacher, and this is giving me an opportunity to work with people and develop my teaching skills," she said. "Also, if someone else can benefit from my education, then I would like to help them learn."



Bart Mitchell/The Battalion

Whoa! Little horsey

Chris Boutros, a graduate veterinary major, holds a miniature foal as Dr. Bob Mealey examines the animal. The foal is recovering from surgery at the TAMU Large Animal Clinic.