

Committee presents Nubian awards

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The Battalion

The Black Awareness Committee recognized two Texas A&M staff members, seven students and three state business leaders yesterday at the group's annual Celebration of Achievement ceremony.

Tammy Henry, BAC chair and a senior political science major, said each year, BAC presents the Nubian award to recognize recipients for exceptional leadership qualities, community service, academic effort and developing a holistic approach to their lives.

Student winners were Preston Jenkins, a junior business management major, for leadership in the Corps of Cadets; LaSondra Carroll, a senior journalism major, for outstanding community influence; Maco Faniel, a freshmen speech communication major, for effective leadership; Stephanie Erwin, an accounting graduate student, for ef-

fective leadership; Adrian Leday, a senior biology major, for student involvement; Steffanie Pinchback, a sophomore business administration major, for original broadness; Temeka Jones, a senior biochemistry major, for excellence in academics; and Michael Jennings for excellence in athletics.

LaSondra Carroll said she was recognized as an outstanding student in community service because of her efforts at the Yahooz Teen Center, Girls Club of Brazos County, her church and other events on campus.

Faculty and staff members presented with Nubian awards were Monique Snowden, a senior systems analyst for the Student Aid Program, and Levon Thomas, who works for the Texas Transportation Institute.

Henry said the Texas Business Leaders award recognizes outstanding minorities in the state who play a significant role in the upgrade of the economy. The three Texas business leaders recognized were Pluria



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Maco Faniel, a freshman speech communications major, rejoices after winning a Nubian award.

Marshall Jr., of the Marshall Media Group of Texas, Indiana and Illinois; Ted T. Ellis, a professional artist from Friendswood, Texas; and Lawrence Pope Jr., of Pope Automotive in Houston, Texas.

Search for spacecraft to be documented

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — An underwater salvage expert who has spent 14 years trying to find Gus Grissom's sunken Mercury capsule heads out to sea this weekend in his most extensive search for the spacecraft yet.

Curt Newport is teaming up with the Discovery Channel for the two-week hunt in 3-mile-deep water about 300 miles offshore.

The crew plans to set sail Sunday with the latest in side-scan sonar in hopes of finding Liberty Bell 7, lost at sea 38 years ago.

"We have a pretty good idea where to look for it," Newport said Wednesday. "To say I'm cautiously optimistic is probably the right term."

Liberty Bell 7 sank to the bottom of the Atlantic after splashing down with the Mercury astronaut on July 21, 1961. The explosive bolts that blow open the hatch detonated prematurely. To this day, there is debate over whether the hatch malfunctioned or Grissom panicked and blew

it open.

The capsule is the only U.S. manned spacecraft lost after a successful mission.

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— Karen Baratz
Discovery Channel spokesperson

Discovery Channel is paying for the expedition as well as filming it for a documentary to be broadcast this fall.

"The story of the Liberty Bell 7 is a fascinating one that, to my knowledge, really hasn't been told except for a segment in *The Right Stuff*," said Karen Baratz, a Discovery Chan-

nel spokesperson. Grissom, who nearly drowned, insisted until his death in a 1967 Apollo launch pad fire that he did nothing to cause the hatch to blow. NASA exonerated Grissom after the Mercury accident and he went on to fly on Gemini 3, although some accounts, including Tom Wolfe's 1979 book *The Right Stuff*, suggested Grissom panicked.

"One of the greatest mysteries in the history of American spaceflight is locked onto that hatch door and that is, 'Did Gus blow the hatch or was it a mechanical malfunction?'" said Max Ary, president of the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center, which will restore the capsule if it's found. "It could be answered if we're able to recover the hatch."

Newport, 47, a former space station worker who left Oceanengineering International in January to found his own company, Liberty Bell 7 Inc., said: "Outside of Challenger, this is the only one we haven't gotten back. It's the right thing to do. It's patriotic. It was one of ours."

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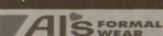
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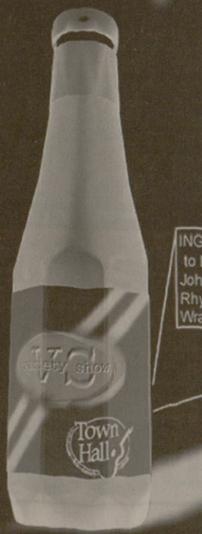
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