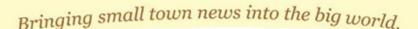


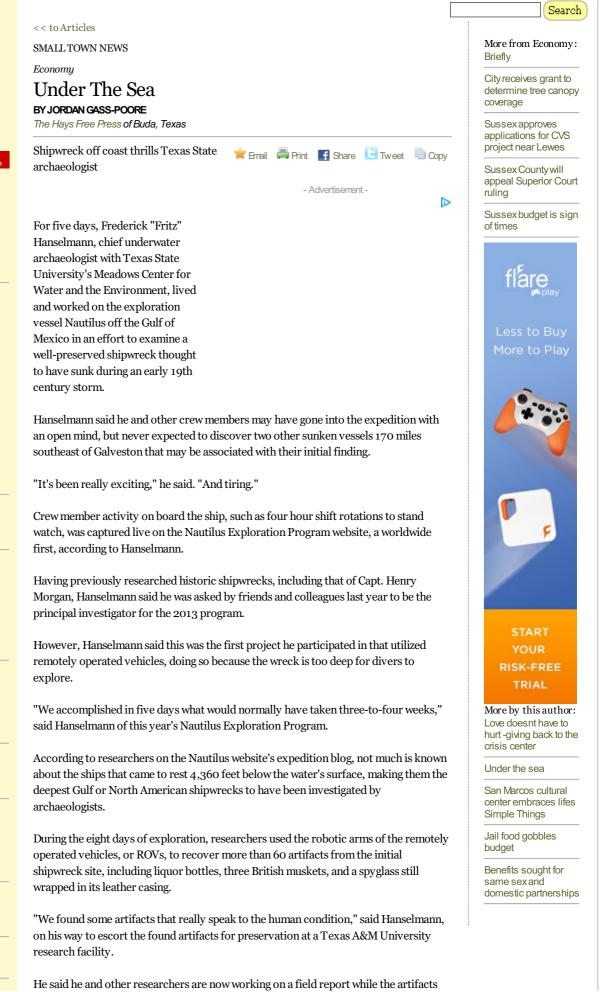
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» Education Labor Health undergo a one-to-three year conservation process. Findings will eventually be curated at Texas State.

"Hopefully, the findings will be unveiled so that the general public can walk in our shoes as archaeologists," he said, adding that because of the expedition's live feed his nineyear-old son wants to be an ROV pilot.

Researchers were not allowed to retrieve artifacts from the two new sites, but took photos of all three ships, whose country of origin has yet to be identified, that came to rest within five miles of one another. The "international flavor" of the ships is what most intrigues Hanselmann, along with the possibility that, based on the found cargo, the ships may have been privateers, or armed ships hired by a government. According to Hanselmann's reports on the National Geographic website, the Nautilus Exploration Program's initial cause for the expedition was discovered by a Shell Oil Co. survey crew, who notified U.S. Interior Department officials in 2011 that its sonar detected what appeared to be wreckage.

A year later, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration vessel determined the ship's dimensions using an ROV during an examination of seafloor habitat and naturally occurring gas seepage.

Called the "Monterrey Shipwreck" after the name Shell had proposed for its development site, the copper-clad sailing vessel sits 84-feet-long with a 26-foot-wide wooden hull.

The excavation and recovery of this ship is a collaboration between the Meadows Center, NOAA offices, the federal bureaus of ocean energy management and safety and environmental reinforcement, the Texas Historical Commission, the University of Rhode Island and the Ocean Exploration Trust.

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