Albatross Airport May Turn to Gold

Fort Worth's first attempt at building a regional airport to serve both Dallas and Fort Worth ended in failure -- or so they thought. However, it turned out to be quite valuable to the city.

Fort Worth's first airport was located on the outskirts of the city, about 10 miles from downtown Dallas. The airport was known as the 'Ridley Field' and it was used for general aviation and small aircraft until it was closed in 1970.

On June 24, 1973, the Star-Telegram reported that Fort Worth had bought the old airport site from the city of Dallas for $1 million. The city planned to use the site for a new regional airport that would serve both Dallas and Fort Worth.

The new airport, named 'Albatross Airport,' was expected to be completed by 1974. It was designed to handle large commercial aircraft and would be located about 15 miles west of downtown Dallas.

The airport was expected to be a major economic booster for both cities, providing jobs and attracting businesses. However, the airport never took off and was eventually closed in 1977.

What's Going On Here

8 a.m. -- Fort Worth Nature Center at Lake Worth open until 5 p.m., free.
9 a.m. -- Fort Worth Museum of Science and History open until 5 p.m., free; Fort Worth Zoological Park grounds, aquarium, and herpetarium open until 6 p.m., free; U.S. 377 at Cresson free;
10 a.m. -- Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce open.

'Wet' Votes Seen For Haltom, Hurst

County Clerk Ed Loftin predicted Tuesday that election results will give Haltom and Hurst a split vote. The two cities are in close competition in the 5th Congressional District.

Loftin said that he expects to have the results of the election today. He said that the election is too close to call and that he expects a split vote.

What was the outcome of the election for Haltom and Hurst? Unfortunately, the information provided does not specify the exact outcome or results of the election.