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The Board of Regents has an obligation to establish a student regent position

Weather

Tuesday will have isolated thundershowers, low of 75, high of 95

National Weather Service

New marshal in town

Roger Caddell was sworn in June 1 as Bryan's first city marshal.



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NEWS BRIEFS

North Korea warns against intervention

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Accelerating the drive toward sanctions against North Korea, the three principal backers agreed Saturday to seek a series of punitive steps that would gradually increase in severity.

The talks between U.S., South Korean and Japanese officials came amid increasing optimism that China would abstain in any U.N. vote on sanctions, rather than vetoing the measure.

The United States and others intend to seek U.N. sanctions this week.

North Korea made new threats to retaliate for any punitive steps over its nuclear program. A government newspaper's commentary said support of sanctions was "an act of self-destruction" for South Korea.

Car bomb kills five near Mexican hotel

GUADALAJARA, Mexico (AP) — A car packed with powerful explosives blew up outside a luxury hotel Saturday, killing at least five people and wounding 15. Police sources said the bombing may be linked to Guadalajara's drug gangs.

The Camino Real Hotel was evacuated after the early morning explosion, which occurred as 300 guests were winding up a debutante ball for a 15-year-old girl. Investigators at the scene, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the girl's family is known to have ties to drug traffickers.

Body parts were found up to 300 yards away. Emergency workers picked severed limbs and pieces of skin from tree branches. A spokeswoman for an emergency medical service in Guadalajara said two severed heads were found.

Norma Leticia Gutierrez, deputy director of the state forensic service, said Saturday afternoon that pieces of the bodies were so scattered that her team had been able to piece together only two bodies, neither of which was identified.

Rwanda militiaman holds 170 hostage

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP) — A Hutu militiaman who boasted he was without pity rounded up 170 people hiding in a Roman Catholic church and took them off to slaughter, two priests who escaped said Saturday.

The priests spoke to reporters moments after reaching the rebel-held section of Rwanda's divided capital. They said they saw the dead bodies of only 10 of the people who had been taken Friday from the church, but presumed the others met the same fate.

"They told us many times: 'We will kill your people,'" the Rev. Otto Mayer said of the government-trained militiaman.

An estimated 200,000 people have died since the civil war erupted anew in April, most of them minority Tutsis murdered by militiamen from the majority Hutu ethnic group.

Transplant patient allowed to die

FORT LAUDERDALE (AP) — Over the state's objections, a teenage transplant patient won a judge's permission Saturday to return home and stop taking the medicine that could prolong his life.

Benito Agrelo, 15, who has undergone two liver transplants, said the anti-rejection drugs gave him headaches and made him irritable.

His mother said Benito might live only a month more without the drugs. But she said it would be a more comfortable life.

"Benny was granted exactly what he deserves," said his mother, Armanda Agrelo. "He will get to live his life the way he wants. There will be no forcing of drugs for him."

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Getting drunk way too often...

Study shows college students indulge in binge drinking

By Tracy Smith THE BATTALION

A national study which discovered an increase in alcohol consumption among college women has put Texas A&M and local officials on the lookout for any signs of trouble.

A federal report, "Rethinking Rites of Passage: Alcohol Abuse on America's Campuses," indicated that 51 percent of college men and 37 percent of college women reported going on drinking binges of five or more drinks at a time, with 35 percent of men and 21 percent of women binge drinking at least once a week.

The national statistics show a sharp

rise in the percentage of college women who drink to get drunk, from 10 percent in 1977 to 35 percent in 1994.

Rev. Edward A. Malloy, president of Notre Dame University and chairman of the private Commission on Substance Abuse at Colleges and Universities, said binge drinking has devastating consequences, from rape and violence to academic woes.

"Alcohol abuse must not be accepted as simply a part of the 'rites of passage' of college students," Malloy said. "It is unhealthy and contra-educational."

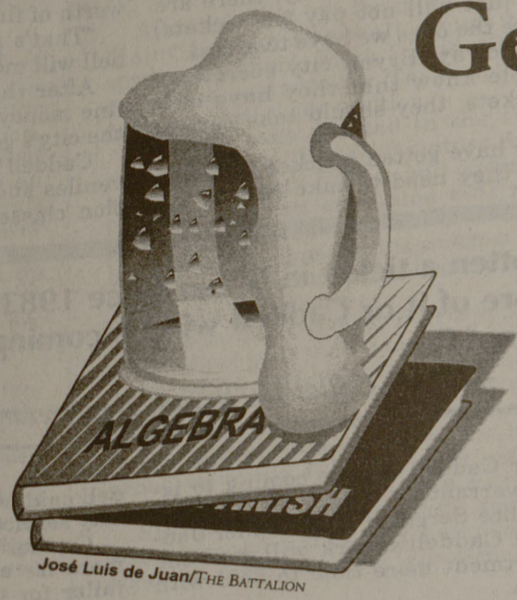
Dennis Reardon, program coordinator of Student Affairs, said the Bryan-College

Station area is moving toward the same national trend concerning abusive drinking in women, but he can't say for sure until a Texas A&M survey about alcohol is completed and the results tabulated.

"Studies are finding alcohol has become more accessible to women in recent years," he said. "And as women are given more opportunities in society and the stress associated with these pressures rise, sometimes binge drinking is the result."

"In the 1990s, women are coming to college and facing the same difficult

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Rockets take two

Houston's big lead evaporates, but Cassell holds court to win with clutch three-pointer, 93-89

NEW YORK (AP) — Houston's lead had disappeared. The pressure was heavy. So spindly rookie Sam Cassell calmly stepped up in front of a hostile crowd in the NBA's biggest showcase and won the game for the Rockets.

In the last 32 seconds, the backup point guard who flopped down the stretch in Game 2, scored Houston's last seven points as the Rockets rallied for a 93-89 victory over New York on Sunday night and a 2-1 lead in the NBA Finals.

"I know it's the finals and there is a lot riding on it," Cassell said. "I'm having fun out there."

Coach Rudy Tomjanovich's faith in the frenetic rookie stood firm despite Cassell's mistakes directing the team in the fourth quarter of Game 2, won by New York 91-83.

"I think he's courageous. I think he's fearless and sometimes that gets him in trouble," Tomjanovich said. "The bigger the challenge the more he steps up. He hates to lose."

The challenge couldn't have been more immense Sunday, as Houston blew a 77-71 lead. In the second game, the Rockets went without a field goal over the last 6 1/2 minutes. They nearly lost the opener when they let a 12-point lead drop to three with 2:13 left.

New York had taken the lead with 1:28 left in the game on a jumper by Patrick Ewing that made it 86-84. It was 88-86 after Derek Harper's basket with 52 seconds to go.

Then Cassell took over.

He passed the ball into center Hakeem Olajuwon, who had complained that his teammates didn't get it to him enough in the second-game loss. But Olajuwon was surrounded by three Knicks, so he threw it back out to Cassell.

The brash rookie never hesitated. He wished a straightaway jumper that put the Rockets ahead to stay, 89-88, with 32 seconds remaining. It was only Houston's second 3-pointer in its last 10 attempts.

"Dream (Olajuwon) created it all," Cassell said. "I was wide open. He made the pass, and I made the shot."

And then he made some more.

After Ewing was called for an offensive foul, Derek Harper fouled Cassell. He made both shots with 22 seconds to play. Then he finished the scor-

ing by making two more free throws with 2.4 seconds left.

His performance guaranteed that if the Knicks come back to win the championship they'll have to do it away from the raucous New York crowd.

Houston, a loser in its only two finals appearances in 1981 and 1986, can win the best-of-7 series with victories Wednesday and Friday in New York.

Olajuwon had 21 points, 11 rebounds, seven assists and seven blocked shots for the Rockets, while Robert Horry had 16 points and Cassell 15, nine in the fourth quarter.

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Table titled 'The 1994 NBA Finals' showing game results between Rockets and Knicks. Game 1: Rockets win, 85-78. Game 2: Knicks win, 91-83. Game 3: Yesterday at NY. Game 4: At NY, 8 p.m. June 15. Game 5: At NY, 8 p.m. June 17. Game 6: At Hou., 6 p.m. June 19. Game 7: At Hou., 8 p.m. June 22. Note: *Game 6 & 7 will be played only if necessary.



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A banner day

Fish Camp counselors work on the banner for the "Camp Richards Rowdy Wrangler Redfish" in the Zachry building on Saturday.

Support increases for establishment of student regent

By Shellie D. Jenkins THE BATTALION

The possibility of having a student on the Board of Regents is gaining more support in the Texas A&M community than ever.

Dr. Ray Bowen, A&M president, said he would be comfortable with a student regent because he has worked in a similar situation before at the University of Kentucky.

"The University of Kentucky has been doing it for years," he said. "I don't see anything

wrong with it.

"I would be very comfortable working in that environment," he said.

Student Body President Brooke Leslie plans to discuss the idea with the Board because she thinks it will help communication between students and regents.

"I think that gap is getting smaller and smaller, but student input is important," she said. "It's been a long time since the regents have been in school."

"I would like to establish the kind of relationship with students where we can sit down and talk about issues."

— Michael O'Connor, A&M Regent

Mary Nan West, Board of Regent chair, said she has no problem with a student regent and thinks it will bridge the gap she believes exists between students and regents.

"I know there is a big gap be-

tween students and regents and I intend to narrow that gap," she said. "I intend to sit in on student government meetings to find out what is going on."

She said the Board is there for students and she wants to

know what is going on with them.

"I want to know what they think," she said. "I want to know what they want and

I want to hear if they have any complaints.

"Frankly, that's what we're here for," she said. "We're here for the students."

Rep. Jim Turner (D-Crockett), sponsored a Student Regent Bill last summer that called for the creation of a non-

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Haiti's military-backed president declares state of emergency, invokes voodoo god

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The army-backed president declared a state of emergency Sunday, invoking voodoo deities and Haiti's long battle for independence in hopes of uniting the country to withstand tougher economic sanctions and a possible invasion.

The videotaped message, broadcast before dawn on national television, brought denunciations from the United States

and other backers of Haiti's exiled president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, ousted in a 1991 coup.

It was unclear what measures would accompany the state of emergency. There was no sign of increased military patrols in the capital Sunday and streets were calm.

Emile Jonassaint, installed as provisional president by the military May 11 in a move internationally condemned as illegal, or-

dered the military to "prepare for every eventuality."

The 81-year-old former judge said Haiti "is faced by extreme danger — denigrated, ridiculed, humiliated, strangled. Haiti now risks invasion and occupation. It will be defended. ... Haiti must not die."

He said the United Nations was persecuting Haiti because it did not have the atomic bomb, an allusion to North Korea. But,

he added, "Haiti has protectors they don't know about," ending the speech by invoking the voodoo god Agawou.

The declaration is seen here as the latest low-level irritant since the United States and Canada intensified an economic embargo on Haiti's military coup leaders Friday, banning bank transactions and commercial flights.

The military-backed govern-

ment has been careful not to blatantly provoke an invasion of the poor Caribbean nation.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Stanley Schragar called Jonassaint's declaration illegal under Haitian and international law.

"We regret that the illegal regime seems determined to inflict yet further suffering on the valiant Haitian people who voted

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