

A&M needs new special events center

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In July the State Coordinating Board for Higher Education is going to approve Texas A&M University's request to build a special events center. After years of being teased, it is going to happen. It is finally A&M's year. All the pieces of the puzzle are in place. It is a no-lose situation.

They are going to approve it because there are many politicians who are running for re-election this year. There are many Aggies in Texas. There are many Aggies who vote in Texas.

If the Board does not approve the center, there will be many irritated Aggies who vote in Texas. If the irritated Aggies who vote in Texas do not get their center, some of those elected officials who did not support the center may not be elected officials after November.

The last time the center came up for a vote, it was not an election year. This time it is.

They are going to approve it because the center they are voting on is not the same one they voted on in 1990. The main difference is the cost. The first center, the one voted down, was going to cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$50 million. The new one is going to cost \$35 million.

In 1990, the A&M Board of Regents sent a 16,000-seat stadium to the board, much like the Frank Erwin Center in Austin. Last spring, the regents approved a scaled-down, modified center. The new center will have about 12,500 seats. Head basketball coach Tony Barone thought

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1994 Stanley Cup Playoffs - Game 7

Rangers break curse, take Stanley Cup

18,200 on hand to see New York win, 3-2

NEW YORK (AP) — Fifty-four years of waiting, 54 years of wanting, are over. The New York Rangers are Stanley Cup champions at last.

The Rangers capped an extraordinary championship series by beating the Vancouver Canucks 3-2 Tuesday night in Game 7.

As the tense final seconds ticked off the clock at Madison Square Garden, where the home team had never before hoisted the most famous trophy in team sports, 18,200 raucous fans released more than five decades of pent-up passion.

Fireworks exploded, smoke filled the arena, everyone wearing white jerseys hugged, and fans exchanged high-fives and screamed as rock music blared from the Garden audio system.

The announcement that Rangers defenseman Brian Leetch won the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP



New York Rangers Alex Kovalev (27) scores on one foot against Vancouver Canucks goaltender Kirk McLean during game 3 of the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

was barely audible over the triple-digit-decibel celebration of the end of hockey's cruelest curse.

Finally, 4,232 games after last winning Lord Stanley's cup in 1940, the Rangers tasted sweet success again.

Gooaal!



A&M sophomore goalie Sunny McConnell (left) fires a shot to one of the campers of the first session of Texas A&M Soccer Camp.

Wichita Falls CBA hoops sold to Chicago investors

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — The board of directors of the Continental Basketball Association have approved the sale of the Wichita Falls Texans to a group of investors from Chicago club officials say.

"On the recommendation of the commissioner (Mark Lamping), the board approved the sale for \$800,000 to a group ... named Major Broadcasting," Texans owner Lanham Lyne said Monday.

Lyne said he has heard that the new owners will move the team to the Rosemont Horizon, "although that's not a definite. If not, I think they're looking at an arena near Oakbrook, Ill., on the west side of Chicago."

"Their main deal is syndicated radio programming," Lyne said of the new ownership.

Astros top Giants 7-4, Rangers fall to Mariners 7-5

Astros 7, Giants 4

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — It's practically been a formula this season: Bryan Hickerson is on the mound, Jeff Bagwell hits a homer.

Bagwell hit his third homer of the season off the San Francisco Giants pitcher Tuesday, capping a day on which the Houston first baseman drove in three runs to increase his league-leading total to 62.

He had four hits and three runs led the Astros to a 7-4 victory over San Francisco on Tuesday.

"Bagwell sure has my number this year," said Hickerson, who gave up a solo shot to Bagwell in the seventh. "You don't need to ask me anymore about him, because I don't want to hear about it."

This season, Bagwell is being tough on the Giants in general, hitting .647 in four games, but he's always been particularly hard on Hickerson.

Bagwell is 9-for-12 lifetime with four homers off the left-hander.

Rangers 5, Mariners 7

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. hit two home runs, increasing his major league-leading total to 28 and lifting the Seattle Mariners over the Texas Rangers 7-6 in 13 innings Tuesday night.

Griffey hit a 429-foot drive into the upper deck in right field with two outs in the 13th off Dan Smith (1-2). He led off the seventh inning with a 404-foot homer to right.

Griffey, who hit a grand slam and drove in a career-high six runs Monday night, went 4-for-7.

He also made an excellent play in center field, throwing out Ivan Rodriguez from his knees as Rodriguez tried to stretch a single into a double.

Goose Gossage (2-0) pitched two innings. He ended the game by getting Junior Ortiz on a grounder with the bases loaded.

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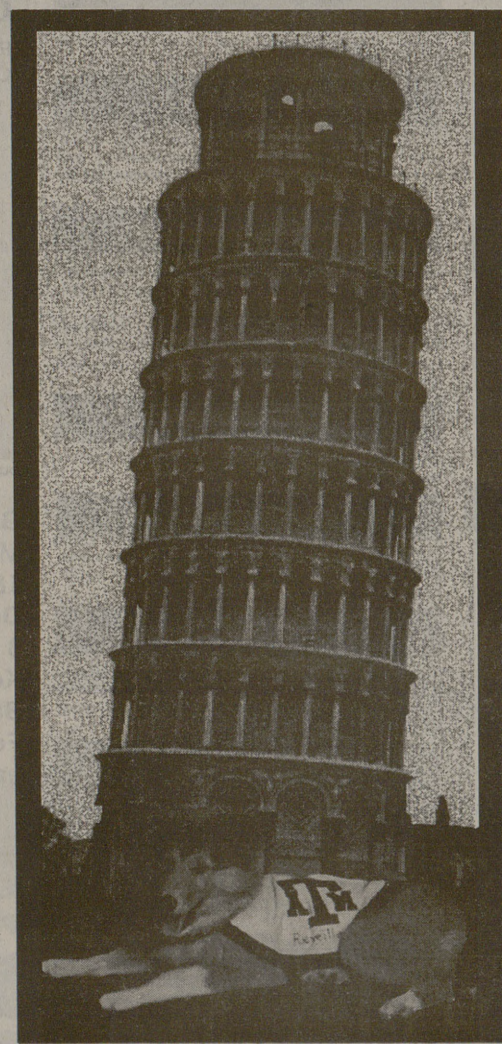
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