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A&M is the epicenter of 'Forty Two,' the most popular game played in Texas

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### Weather

Friday, partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the 90s, lows near 70.

National Weather Service

# THE BATTALION

## THURSDAY

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# FINALLY!

## Rockets take NBA title, 90-84

**The 1994 NBA Finals**

Rockets win! 90-84

Game 1: Rockets won, 85-78
Game 2: Knicks won, 91-83
Game 3: Rockets won, 93-89
Game 4: Knicks won, 91-82
Game 5: Knicks won, 91-84
Game 6: Rockets won, 86-84
Game 7: Rockets won, 90-84

HOUSTON (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon lived up to his MVP billing and the Houston Rockets won their first championship and gave the city its first major-league title, beating New York 90-84 Wednesday night in Game 7 of the NBA Finals.

Olajuwon was brilliant — 25 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists — and capped his own triple crown with his first NBA championship and the series most valuable player award to add to his regular-season MVP trophy.

As he had all series, Olajuwon won the battle of centers

with Patrick Ewing 10 years after Ewing's Georgetown team beat Olajuwon's Houston squad for the NCAA crown. Ewing finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

And with the title still up for grabs down the stretch, the Rockets stopped a Knicks team that had the league's best defense, holding them to three field goals over the final 6:48.

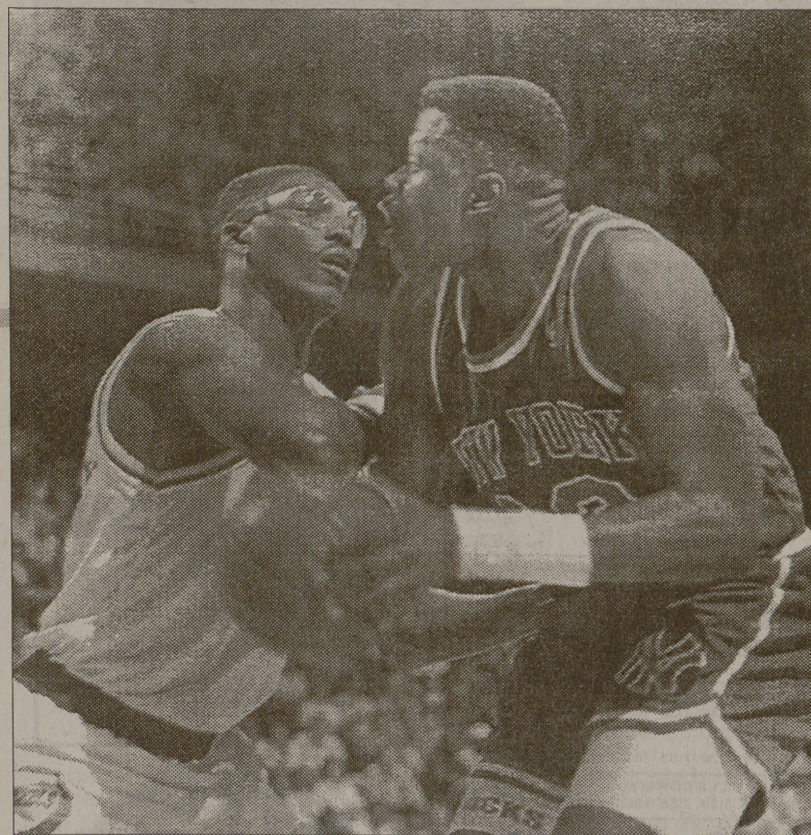
They also ended the Knicks' quest to make their city the only one to win NBA and NHL titles in the same year. The Rangers ended their 54-year Stanley Cup drought eight days earlier in an-

other seven-game series.

The Knicks were within 78-75 when Olajuwon hit a short jumper. Ewing missed a baseline jumper and Vernon Maxwell, part of the much-maligned Houston backcourt, nailed a 3-pointer with 1:48 left for an eight-point lead.

When the ball went through, Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich stood with his arms raised in front of the bench and Maxwell fell to the floor near midcourt and was mobbed by his teammates as the Knicks called

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Rockets Hakeem Olajuwon, 1993-94 MVP and 1994 NBA Finals MVP, stops Knicks Patrick Ewing from scoring during a 1991 match.

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### DA invites A&M employees to testify

Brazos County District Attorney Bill Turner has sent out invitations to a number of Texas A&M employees to appear before a grand jury next week, Turner's office confirmed Wednesday.

The invitations give the employees an optional opportunity to give testimony at the hearings as Turner will be wrapping up an investigation into alleged misconduct within the A&M System.

### Head of Chemistry dept. steps down

Texas A&M's chemistry department head will step down from his position Aug. 31, when his term expires.

Dr. Michael Hall said he wants to return to teaching and to research after two four-year terms as department head.

Mary Jo Powell, associate director of university relations, said an interim will be chosen by the Dean of Science before Hall leaves the position.

### Knox honors Aggie Band anniversary

Artist Benjamin Knox will help the Aggie Band celebrate its 100-year anniversary Friday, when he unveils a painting commemorating the centennial.

Knox's painting will be unveiled at the Sam Houston Corps of Cadets Center tomorrow at 3 p.m.

Reproductions of the painting will be offered in conjunction with the band's year-long celebration.

The unveiling is part of a meeting of the Corps of Cadets Development Council.

### Baku String Quartet performs today

The Baku String Quartet will perform a free concert in the MSC Flagroom today at noon.

The quartet, consisting of two violinists, a viola player and a cellist, is from Azerbaijan, part of the old Soviet Union.

The quartet has performed together since 1992.

The concert is sponsored by the MSC Summer Programs Committee.

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## Balloons & More

### Charity festival lifts off today

By William Harrison

THE BATTALION

If you come for hot air balloons at this year's Brazos Valley Balloon Classic, you'll get more than you bargained for.

For starters, the seven-year-old festival, starting Thursday and running through Sunday at Lake Bryan, features the main event, balloon racing, as well as power boat racing. And helicopter rides. And arts and crafts exhibitions. And carnival rides. And a petting zoo...

But only if you can afford the \$3 admission fee (parking's free). A three-day pass costs \$6, but kids under 12 get in free.

Terry Boike, chairman of the non-profit, charity festival, said there's no price — and no event — that can beat it in the area.

"This is the biggest event in the Brazos Valley — bar none," Boike said. "The average event of this size would charge \$5-6, plus parking. Not for us."

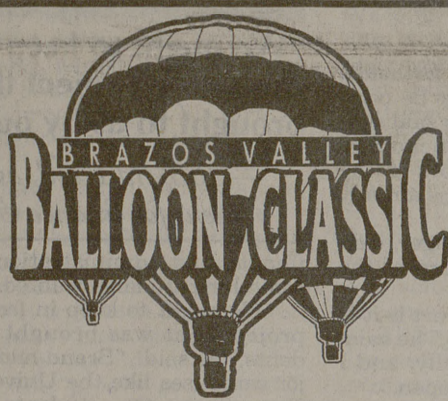
Around 180 workers prepared for the event, which Boike expects to draw more than 30,000, better than the 18,000 that attended last year's Balloon Classic.

"This will be twice as big as last year," Boike said.

The event began seven years ago with 16 balloons and 600 people.

Now, with 50 balloons and added attractions including three live bands a night, Boike says he wants the festival to drive for loftier, but attainable goals amid the national balloon racing circuit.

"Our future goal is to shoot for the U.S. National Tournament, a five-day festival that av-



Located at Lake Bryan — take 2818 north, left on Sandy Creek Road for three miles.

### Gate Admission

\* Thursday — 4-10 p.m.  
Friday — noon till midnight  
Saturday — 6 a.m. till midnight  
Sunday — 6 a.m. till 8 p.m.

\* Admission is free,  
\$5 for all-night carnival rides

### Watch for a picture page Monday

balloon racing out there and asked, 'How can I get you tied into it?'" Robert Schantz said.

He said that the event offered him an opportunity to travel further west and create a larger base for his national tournament to be held later this year in Anniston, Alabama.

Jetta Schantz broke nine women's national and world records for distance with a 292-mile flight this January. She said she never tires of balloon racing and the events across the nation.

"People sometimes forget that the first means that took man airborne was the hot air balloon, followed by gas balloons, blimps and planes," she said. "It was lighter than air craft

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## Majority of rape victims underage

### Girls under 18 account for more than half of rapes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Girls under 18 are victims of more than half the rapes reported to police, and the younger the victim the more likely that the attacker is a relative or acquaintance, the Justice Department reported Wednesday.

Girls under 12 are the victims in 16 percent of rapes reported to police, according to the grim estimates from the department's Bureau of Justice Statistics. One in five rape victims under 12 is

raped by her father.

Both the statistics bureau and private experts said the actual percentages of underage girls raped are undoubtedly higher than these numbers gathered from police reports because the younger the rape victim the less likely the crime is to be reported to police.

In separate data from 1991, the statistics bureau said family members or acquaintances accounted for 96 percent of rapes of girls under age 12 in a three-state survey and for 94 percent in a survey of state inmates convicted of rape. The percentage of rapes by strangers increases as the age of the victims increases, which experts said reflects the

more sheltered lives of younger females.

"People tend to think rape happens to adults," said Professor Dean Kirkpatrick, director of the Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center at the Medical University of South Carolina. "A good thing about this study is that it will help educate people that rape happens to children and probably more often than to adults."

Young people are so frequently rape victims because "the youngest are the least likely to fight back and often don't realize they are victimized," said Karen Hanna of the National Victims

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## Prisons packed

### Fifty new prisons will be built to deal with inmate overcrowding

By Amanda Fowle

THE BATTALION

State and Brazos County officials are taking new measures to eliminate prison overcrowding.

Dick Lewis, spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said the department is waiting to move more than 30,000 inmates, currently in county jails, to state prisons. At the time, there is no space in state prisons.

State officials consider the number of inmates an emergency, so the Department of Criminal Justice has been asked to build additional space as quickly and as economically as possible, Lewis said.

It was authorized to spend \$168 million on the construction of 50 prisons that would house 74,432 prisoners.

"This demonstrates a commitment on the part of the leadership of our state to deal with the overcrowded prison situation," Lewis said.

He said the construction of the new prisons is ahead of schedule. The cost of the facilities is 15 percent less than previous facilities because pre-engineered metal buildings are being used instead of buildings made of brick and mortar.

"We are fortunate that a number of contractors are working hard to accommodate our schedule," he said.

A state prison that will house 334 prisoners in Navasota is scheduled to begin accepting inmates June 23.

The Texas Legislative Budget Board has also authorized construction of 6,300 temporary county jail spaces across the state.

The Brazos County Jail has added a temporary facility to house 96 additional inmates. The jail currently has 290 beds,

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but has more than 500 inmates.

Sergeant David Bishop, from the Brazos County Jail, said the new beds will not be able to accommodate all of the inmates, who are now sleeping on the floors.

"It will help some," he said, "but it will not alleviate the problem."

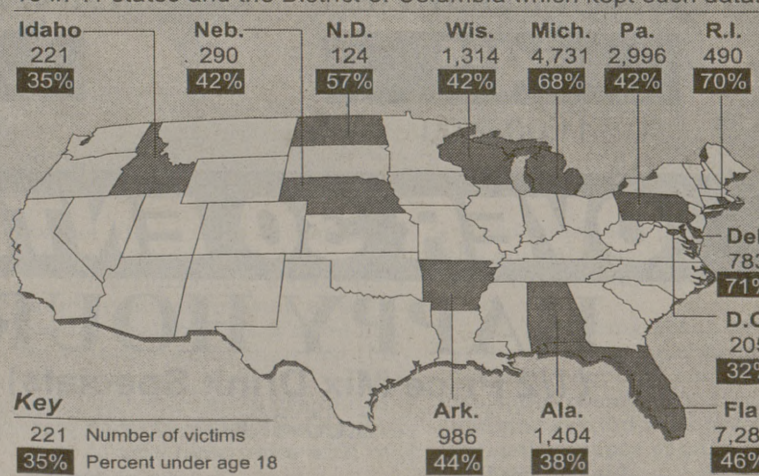
An architect is currently drawing up plans for a facility that will house another 144 inmates.

R. J. Holmgren, a Brazos County judge, said the problem of prison overcrowding cannot be remedied by building more jails; rather, the solution must begin earlier.

"People are coming in faster than we can build new places for them," he said. "We can't just keep building more jails; we have to intervene early. We have to keep juvenile offenders from moving on to the detention centers."

### Child rapes in the U.S.

Reported rapes during 1992 and percentage of victims under age 18 in 11 states and the District of Columbia which kept such data.



Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics

AP/Wm Schroeder