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## Catholic police official heads papal security effort for Mass

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Deputy Police Chief Robert Heuck has protected hundreds of dignitaries during his career, but the Catholic policeman says his latest assignment to protect Pope John Paul II will be professionally challenging and spiritually uplifting.

Heuck is a 27-year veteran who has been coordinating the police's papal security effort.

Heuck will be in the lead patrol car in the pope's motorcade on Sept. 8.

"I consider it an honor to have been chosen to participate in this and have looked forward to putting the thing together," Heuck, a former police chief said.

"I've done other things like this before, but in magnitude it's different," he said.

Hundreds of Vatican and U.S. Secret Service agents will protect the pope during his nine-city tour of the United States.

And the agents are keeping mum about their security plans.

In San Antonio, federal agents must contend with more than 100,000 people at a 144-acre Mass had grown to with hundreds of thousands more worshippers along several parade routes.

Agents have been visiting the sites for months.

Some businessmen along the parade routes are seeking the agents' permission to be in their stores when the pope passes in his bullet-proof popemobile.

Secret Service agents did not return repeated telephone calls from the Associated Press.

The Rev. Thomas Murphy, chairman of the papal visit security com-

Four hundred sheriff's deputies and 800 National Guard troops will also be there.

Fifteen sheriff's deputies on horseback will also patrol the Mass site.

Also, 150 Texas Department of Public Safety troops will be stationed at the Mass site and at major roads leading to San Antonio.

side the district probably will be needed.

All troopers working the Mass will receive compensatory time off instead of overtime.

"I have never seen anything this big before," Armstrong said. "This is one of the largest things of this type that has happened in Texas. I really don't know how much it's going to cost us."

Heuck, however, said the various agencies are accustomed to working together for previous dignitary visits.

"This is nothing relatively new," Heuck said. "It's just huge, plus you've got the pope visiting six totally different sites and you can equivocate that with the president of the United States coming here six times."

"You have to have total security wherever the pope goes, but it creates a logistics problem. You have to move people from one area to another."

FBI spokesman Pat Cowley said agents will be on alert for the visit, but are not involved in security efforts.

"I'm sure we'll have some sort of presence in the Secret Service command post, to be there in case something happens, but it's their ballgame," Cowley said.

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mittee, said "I think you can appreciate the importance of security and that it really is an important factor in the whole visit."

He declined to say how much security is costing the Catholic Church.

Meanwhile, thousands of city, county and state law enforcement officials and National Guard troops are preparing for crowd control and traffic coordination.

Heuck said 800 policemen, including 500 within the Mass site, will be on duty.

More than 125 deputy constables will work in the downtown area.

Heuck said the police department will spend about \$362,000 for papal security and crowd control.

Gov. Bill Clements, who will greet the pope upon his arrival, has said the cost for the National Guard will be about \$180,000.

Spokesmen for the other agencies say they don't know how much they will spend.

DPS Capt. Oscar Armstrong of San Antonio said troopers from out-

## Flying club members make flight at dawn, honor space shuttle

By Missy Sims  
Reporter

At 6:37 a.m. Saturday, a small passenger plane made its way through the murky darkness of the early morning and landed at Easterwood Airport.

The pilots, Buddy Walker and Tony Cariker of the Texas A&M Flying Club, landed the airplane to commemorate the first documented pre-dawn landing of a space shuttle.

The space shuttle Discovery, NASA's first spacecraft to land in the dark, returned from its successful maiden voyage at the same early-morning time Sept. 5, 1984.

Walker, who graduated from A&M in May, said flying conditions Saturday morning basically were the same conditions the Discovery crew experienced three years ago.

"It was hazy, but it was a beautiful flight," Walker said.

Walker and Cariker made a quick flight over the Bryan-College Station area before requesting permission to land from the control tower.

Despite the tower operator's warning of the danger of landing in the dark, the aviation history buffs landed the flying club's Cessna 172 on Easterwood's Runway 22, adding extra significance to the flight because Discovery landed on Runway 22 at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

The twilight flight was more than just an adventure for the young men, who say they feel linked to the Discovery crew because they, too, find joy in flight. For Walker and Cariker the Cessna's flight was an expression of faith in the country's space program.

"The general public sees only the tragedies in the space program," Walker said. "In reality, the space program makes many vital achievements. Symbolically we're saying that we believe in the space program."

Walker said the National Aeronautics and Space Administration will mail the club a certificate to recognize the flying club's efforts to promote America's space program.

## Holiday deaths total 24; CS woman included in fatalities

(AP) — Although 42 traffic deaths were predicted during the Labor Day weekend in Texas, the total stood at 24 Monday, including one from College Station, and Department of Public Safety officials said there was a chance the toll would not be as high as predicted.

However, DPS spokesman David Wells cautioned the numbers could rise before the official counting period ended at midnight.

"We're still hopeful that we're going to be able to end this count after the period is over and still be well below the estimate," Wells said.

Ten fatalities were reported on Texas roads on Monday.

Mary Ferrell Rice, 55, of College Station, was killed as a passenger of an auto that collided with a tractor-trailer at the entrance of a service station on U.S. Highway 70 near Buffalo at about noon Monday.

Maxine Dawson Woodward, 51, of Alvin was killed about 12:50 p.m. Monday when the vehicle in which she was riding went out of control near the intersection of Texas highways 35 and 172 about six miles east of Port Comfort in Jackson County.

An unidentified man, believed to be Hispanic and in his late 50s, was struck and killed in a hit-and-run accident about 1

p.m. Monday as he tried to cross Farm Road 149, northwest of Houston.

Debra Sue Reynolds, 33, of League City was killed in McKinney about 1:45 p.m. when her vehicle went out of control on the northbound U.S. 75 and veered into the southbound lanes, where it collided with two other vehicles.

William K. O'Brien, 37, died Monday morning when the motorcycle he was riding struck a concrete wall in the median of a Fort Worth street. O'Brien was thrown from the motorcycle onto a freeway and was struck by three vehicles, Wells said.

Stanley Erickson, 26, of Austin, died of

injuries suffered in a five-car collision at about noon Monday on an Austin street. Erickson was driving one of the vehicles.

Herman A. Neeley, 58, of Houston, a pedestrian, died Monday morning of injuries he suffered Sunday evening when he was struck by a vehicle on Interstate 35 West about 4 miles north of Alvarado, Wells said.

Other accidents include Douglas Arnold Anderson, 36, of Boerne, who died early Monday after he was thrown from his vehicle on Texas Highway 46, four miles east of Boerne, DPS spokesman Mike Cox said.

A 22-year-old man also died early Monday in a one-vehicle accident on a Corpus

Christi street.

Kathryn Leslie Sullivan, 20, of Del Rio, died at about 2:30 a.m. Monday when the vehicle she was riding in overturned several times and burst into flames on Spur 239 in Val Verde County. Two others were injured in the wreck.

The toll predicted this year is slightly lower than the 48 deaths predicted for the 78-hour holiday period in 1986.

Last year, 38 of the 51 Labor Day traffic deaths were the result of accidents in which drunken driving was a factor, officials said.

Fourteen people died in accidents earlier during the holiday weekend.

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