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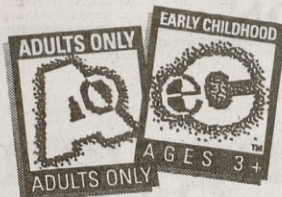
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NEWS BRIEFS

Haitian officials say they will fight back

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Supporters of Haiti's military rulers declared their intention Monday to fight back — even if it means death — in the face of a U.N. resolution that paves the way for a U.S.-led invasion.

"To those who are preparing to invade, the Haitian people declare that they will fight them in the cities and in the countryside, they will fight them in the shacks and in the palaces, they will fight them day and night," said presidential aide Carl Denis.

"The blood will flow," said Frantz Robert Monde, president of the lower house of Parliament. "I know I am going to die."

A resolution approved Sunday by the U.N. Security Council lays the legal groundwork for a U.S.-led invasion to oust the military and restore deposed President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Marshals begin to guard abortion clinics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal marshals were stationed Monday outside dozens of abortion clinics around the nation and guarded some abortion doctors in an effort to head off further violence by anti-abortion protesters.

"We're trying to take all prudent steps, using all the federal tools, including the clinic access legislation, to appropriately address an issue of deep concern to this nation," Attorney General Janet Reno said.

Violence at clinics "has now occurred twice in one city," Reno told reporters before meeting law enforcement executives. "It is a problem throughout the nation."

King of Pop did wed Rock 'n' Roll princess

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley confirmed Monday that they were married 11 weeks ago, ending months of rumors about a romance between the reclusive pair.

The union of Jackson, 35, and the 26-year-old daughter of Elvis Presley was announced in a statement issued by Jackson's MJJ Productions.

The statement from Miss Presley read, "I am very much in love with Michael. I dedicate my life to being his wife. I understand and support him, we both look forward to raising a family and living happy, health life together. We hope friends and fans will understand and respect our privacy."

Texas OKs settlement with Energy Dept.

DALLAS (AP) — Faced with the alternative of expensive, protracted litigation, members of a commission that oversees Texas' investment in the super collider approved on Monday a settlement with the Department of Energy.

Shelton Smith, chairman of the Texas Natural Research Laboratory Commission, called the settlement a "good deal" for the state of Texas and the federal government.

"As a result of Congress' decision to terminate the collider, it appeared almost inevitable that the state of Texas and the United States Department of Energy were about to get into a legal war of massive proportions. As this commission ... knows, that would have been a war with no winners, only survivors," Smith said.

Man put to death for killing teenager

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A man whose death warrant was signed with a "happy face" was executed early today, 11 years after killing a teen-ager who gave him a ride.

Robert Drew coughed and gasped, and tears streamed down his face as a needle carrying lethal chemicals was inserted in his left arm, just where a tattoo of a green cobra was inscribed with the name "Big Bad Bob."

Eight minutes later, at 12:22 a.m. CDT, Drew was pronounced dead.

Drew, 35, insisted to the end that he did not stab and beat.

Crime bill showdown looms

By Amanda Fowle THE BATTALION

The U.S. House and Senate will vote this week on an anti-crime bill that was agreed on by a House-Senate conference committee Thursday.

The anti-crime bill bans 19 types of semi-automatic assault weapons and limits the size of ammunition magazines.

Jay Merkley, a firearms instructor with Texas A&M's Department of Kinesiology, said the ban on semi-automatic assault weapons is a bad idea.

"My basic objection with it is that it is an infringement on the Second Amendment of the Constitution," he said. "The framers of the Constitution put that there so people could protect themselves."

"Crime is the major reason the Clinton administra-

tion is giving for wanting to ban these weapons, but the weapons they are trying to ban are used in less than one percent of crimes."

If passed, the crime bill would authorize \$11.1 billion for state and local law enforcement, \$2.8 billion for federal law enforcement and courts, \$10.5 billion for crime prevention and \$1.8 billion for drug courts.

The bill proposes \$8.8 billion to hire 100,000 more police officers in local communities.

Bryan Police Chief Lee Freeman said the Bryan Police Department applied in November for new officers under this bill, but did not get any.

He said the department had to submit 30 to 40 pages of paperwork outlining why it needed more officers and what it would

use them for.

Various crime prevention programs would receive \$7.4 billion in funding from the bill, while \$10.5 billion would be used to build more prisons and boot camps.

"I would have liked to have seen more money put into prevention, instead of new prisons," Freeman said. "We can keep building prisons, but if something isn't done to prevent crimes, we won't get much done."

He said Bryan will apply for the funding of prevention programs when the application time comes.

Charles Schumer, chair of the House Judiciary Committee's crime panel, supports the anti-crime bill.

"It combines tough punishment with smart prevention and a gun bill that will get deadly assault weapons off our streets," he told the Associated Press.

Clinton urges Congress to pass \$33.2 billion bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton urged Congress Monday to pass the \$33.2 billion crime bill for the sake of law enforcement, and police and prosecutors were eager to urge lawmakers along.

"Every major law enforcement organization in America supports this crime bill," Clinton said in a statement. "It's time for the lawmakers to do what the law enforcers have asked — pass the crime bill now."

The House is expected to vote on final passage Wednesday. The Senate is to vote after that.

The chief obstacle, Deschamps said, is a ban on assault-style firearms supported by almost all major law enforcement groups. The National Rifle Association has lobbied heavily against that provision, and it barely passed the House in May on a 216-214 vote.

Unlike most authorization bills, this one addresses how to pay for most of it: A trust fund created with money saved from cuts in the federal bureaucracy would cover \$30.2 billion.

Crime bill

The proposal: A \$33.2 billion compromise bill drafted by House and Senate negotiators.

- New funds**
- \$11.1 billion for state and local law enforcement
 - \$10.5 billion for state and local prison construction
 - \$7.6 billion for crime-prevention programs for youth
 - \$2.8 billion for federal law enforcement and courts
 - \$1.3 billion for drug courts

- New policies**
- A ban on assault-style firearms. The House and Senate passed similar measures earlier this year, 19 basic models and many similar weapons are affected.
 - Life sentences for third-time felons
 - Broader application of the death penalty

What's next

The bill will go before the full House and Senate for a final vote. President Clinton is virtually certain to approve the bill.

Totals rounded

AP/Eileen Glanton, Wm. J. Castello

National Night Out kicks off



Sarah and Shahbaz Khan checkout McGruff the Crime Dog during the kick-off of National Night Out at Central Park Monday. National Night Out will occur tonight.

Residents turn on lights to fight crime

By Angela St. John Parker THE BATTALION

Bryan-College Station residents are encouraged to meet their neighbors tonight as part of the 11th annual National Night Out.

Local police departments are urging residents to turn on their porch lights, walk outside and meet their neighbors in efforts to deter crime.

Joe Bostick, a Bryan crime prevention officer, said National Night Out was designed to get the community involved and to make residents aware of their immediate surroundings in case of any suspicious activities.

"Solidarity prevents criminal activity," he said. "When criminals or burglars see houses with lights on and neighbors outside socializing, it chases them off. They stand out like a sore thumb."

The slogan for tonight's event is "Lights on means lights out for crime."

Lt. Bert Kretzschmar, supervisor of UPD's crime prevention unit, said the only way people can get to know who belongs in their neighborhoods is to frequently talk to people who live around them.

"The local law enforcement agencies want to encourage

the practice of National Night Out on a daily basis, not just for one night," he said. "We want people to continue meeting with their neighbors to prevent crime."

Kretzschmar said students living on campus should meet their neighbors in the dorms.

"Some crimes that have occurred on campus could have been avoided if dorm residents had known their neighbors," he said. "The more residents get to know their neighbors, the more likely that neighbor will notice when someone suspicious is around their dorm area."

The police departments hosted a Kick-Off Party in Central Park last night to get the entire community involved and make it aware of National Night Out.

"Even though the police departments planned the party, it's really the people in the community that makes National Night Out work," Bostick said. "They call us whenever they see anything or anyone that doesn't belong."

The National Association for Town Watch organizes National Night Out on the first Tuesday in August each year.



Deeann Mason, age 4, looks on as her friend, Danielle Cooks, age 6, tries to win a prize by making three shots in a row.

Baseball players, owners stall in strike negotiations

By James Bernsen THE BATTALION

Major League Baseball faces strike eight — with the players acting as umpire — but the season probably won't be called out, a researcher at Texas A&M says.

As players and owners remain far from solving their disputes, the Players Association has set an Aug. 12 deadline for successful negotiations before a strike would begin.

Dr. Morgan Reynolds, who works for the Private Enterprise Research Center at A&M and is the co-author of a recent study on the economics of baseball, said a strike will happen and will be similar to the seven previous strikes the sport

Major issues facing Major League Baseball

- Arbitration**
Players want rights to arbitrate extended to players with less than three years' experience. Owners want arbitration eliminated.
- Revenue Sharing**
With revenue sharing, all teams would share a percentage of the profits for the season. Players have opposed it in the past, but are willing to discuss it now. Owners have already approved a plan to increase revenue sharing.
- Free Agency**
Players want some restrictions on free agency removed. Owners want to lower number of years before players can become free agents from six to four.

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"There will be a short strike, and the players' union will be declared a winner for the eighth time," he said. "But it will only look like the players won."

Reynolds said the key issue for the owners is salary arbitration, which they are against.

"If the owners don't get salary arbitration, then I'll say they won it," he said.

Reynolds said the strike will have a negligible impact on the season.

"That's if the strike is short," he said. "What's a less likely outcome is if the season is ended Aug. 12. But there is not much chance of something in between."

Mark Johnson, A&M head baseball coach, said the biggest stumbling block in negotiations is the salary cap, because both sides have strong stances.

The players are against a cap, but the owners see it as a way to control their budgets, he said.

John Blake, vice president of public relations for the Texas Rangers, said team owners see the issue as one of survival.

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