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NEWS BRIEFS

Violence continues in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (AP) — Two Arabs, at least one armed with a Soviet-made rifle, shot and wounded several Israelis in downtown Jerusalem today, Israeli radio said.

The assailants ran down a cafe-lined sidewalk shooting and throwing grenades, Army radio said. It said one of the Arabs was killed and a second fled.

A police announcement said that grenades or explosives had been planted around the area, which is crowded with cafes and pubs. Police officers were sent downtown and people were urged not to enter the area.

It wasn't immediately known how many people were wounded.

Clinton takes part in 30th class reunion

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton put Haiti and Iraq on hold for a few hours Sunday to welcome his high school classmates to the White House for a 30th reunion — Part II.

Clinton, a member of the Hot Springs, Ark., High School Class of 1964, attended the formal July reunion in Arkansas, and invited the class back to Washington for a fall reunion.

Marty Walker, who helped organize the trip, said Clinton previously invited his class to the Kansas governor's mansion after reunions for punch and cookies. Today's reception was an extension of that tradition.

"This year, it just happens to be in the White House," she said.

The gathering actually started Saturday, when the classmates played pickup football on the South lawn of the White House. The ever-competitive Clinton played quarterback against the former quarterback of their high school team.

Insurance group to ask for restrictions for teens

LUBBOCK (AP) — A national insurance group plans to push the Texas Legislature for restrictions on teenage drivers, including a curfew and a zero-tolerance policy for underage drinking.

Last year, 436 Texas teen-agers died in car crashes, second only to California, and a disproportionate number of them died at night in alcohol-related wrecks.

Last week in Lubbock, Tisha Gonzalez, a 17-year-old Coronado High School student, and Chad Whitard, a Freshman High School student, died from injuries suffered in automobile accidents.

This weekend, a popular suburban Texas drill team captain, 17-year-old Sara Welborne, died in an accident which police say her 18-year-old boyfriend, Wade McFarland, had been drinking before he lost control of the car and hit a tree.

Concert celebrates memory of Elvis

MEMPHIS (AP) — Some sported cowboy hats. Others wore spiked hair and unnatural colors. But no matter what was on their heads, their hearts were all for Elvis, as Melissa Etheridge put it.

"I don't know of any rock musician who wasn't influenced by Elvis, or influenced by someone who was influenced by Elvis," said Etheridge, one of dozens of singers at a concert Saturday devoted to the King's music.

Presley's daughter, Lisa Marie, was there with new husband, Michael Jackson, as were 18,000 other people, as well as performers as different as Tony Bennett, Dwight Yoakam and Anton Neville.

"He opened the door for all of us," said Carl Perkins, who wrote the Presley hit "Blue Suede Shoes."

"Elvis' appeal just blew the doors down and a bunch of us walked through," he said. "The hotter he got, the more it spread."

Also among the 33 singers and groups on the concert bill were: Jerry Lee Lewis, Bryan Adams, Chet Atkins, Michael Bolton, Cheap Trick, Ray Cyrus and Iggy Pop.

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Recent murders spark safety concerns

By Michele Brinkmann
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The recent murder of Lori Ann Baker has left Texas A&M reeling in the aftermath of a senseless tragedy that left one student dead and hundreds other asking "Why?"

Baker's death is one of five murders that has occurred in the past 11 weeks that has caused concern among students about their safety while at Texas A&M.

The University Police Department (UPD) has had an increase in telephone calls from students and parents concerned about safety.

Sgt. Betty LeMay, of UPD's crime prevention unit, said that in 10 years of working at A&M she has seen a more violent society develop.

"People have become immune to violence in the media," LeMay said. "People are fighting more today."

She said UPD frequently receives requests for restraining orders, more than in the past.

"We are living in a more violent society,

Students increase awareness after rise in area violent crime

but we don't have to accept that," LeMay said. "We need to stop the violence."

"I hate to say it, but it will probably get worse before it gets better," she said.

LeMay said that every night for the past three weeks UPD has presented safety and self-defense programs to different groups.

"UPD and the University are doing all they possibly can to help," she said. "Crime can happen anywhere, to anybody, at any time. We tell people to try not to be made a victim."

"Sometimes you can do everything right and still be a victim," she said. "I imagine that is what happened in Baker's case."

LeMay said the police department has been "a zoo" for the last week.

"Many women have walked into the department lately and simply said 'Help,'" she said.

She said people have also come to see what they could do to help or to find out how to confront problems they are dealing with.

LeMay said UPD can usually help people who visit the department or can at least refer them to someone who can help.

Although some parents have called concerned about their children's safety, LeMay said she is surprised more parents have not called.

Ann Goodman, director of the Office of Student Life programs, said next month Off Campus Aggies will have police officers at its meeting to present a safety program.

Goodman's office is sending memos to apartment managers asking them to make sure their properties are safe and to let them know that students are con-

cerned about safety. Toby Boenig, speaker of the Student Senate, said although the Senate has not made any legislation concerning safety this semester, safety is something the group will be talking about soon.

"All of us have discussed this (Baker's murder) personally," Boenig said.

Ron Shamburger, a senior from Longview, Texas, confessed to Baker's murder. Shamburger told police he broke into Baker's home to steal money and credit cards. Shamburger then kidnapped Baker's roommate and locked her in the trunk of her car. He then set the house on fire to apparently cover his tracks. Two hours later, Shamburger confessed the murder to College Station police.

Shamburger, charged with capital murder and kidnapping, is being held in Brazos County Jail on \$250,000 bond. Prosecutors filed a motion Wednesday asking that bond be denied.

College Station Police Chief Ed Feld-

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The most well-known face around campus Reveille VI gradually matures, but can't shake her puppy ways

By Lisa Messer
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Reveille rests, head on paws and eyes closed, at the feet of her handler, Mark Boynton, who sits at a table on the far side of Hullabaloo.

In no time at all, interested Aggies begin peeking around the corner, trying to see the famous Collie.

A few brave students walk close to the sleeping dog. Reveille jumps to her feet, and in the same instant, Boynton grabs her leash and turns to see her distraction.

The students pass. Reveille returns to napping, and Boynton turns back to finish his sentence.

Boynton, 1994-95 mascot corporal, replays this scene with Reveille three more times during the twenty minutes they sit in Hullabaloo.

"I knew being Rev's handler was going to be a big responsibility," Boynton said. "It's amazing. There's such a high demand for her, but I knew that was all going to be part of the job."

Boynton, who has been Reveille's handler since April, said he tries to limit their appearances away from College Station, now that the fall semester is under way.

"We traveled all over Texas during the summer," Boynton said. "We went to Aggie Mom

Clubs and alumni clubs and all kinds of parties. I try not to travel like that now because it really wears me out, and I'm a full-time student. Besides, there's still so much she does here on campus."

Boynton said Reveille spends every day with him, running with his outfit, attending formations, eating in Duncan Dining Center and attending his classes.

"She sleeps in class most of the time," Boynton said, "but she's gotten me out twice now."

The unwritten law in Aggie land states that if Reveille barks during a class she is attending, the professor must dismiss the class.

Smiling down at Reveille, Boynton said she was responsible for one of his classes being dismissed Friday.

"The instructor came up to me and said 'I really don't feel like teaching today, so if Reveille barks I won't mind,'" Boynton said. "I got her to bark, and we got out of class."

Boynton said Reveille, who is barely one year old, is learning to behave as A&M mascots are expected to.

"She's been through some training," Boynton said. "She needed to learn basic commands and how to listen and obey. People want to know why she's not trained as well as Reveille V was, but she's still just a puppy."

Sometimes she just can't help being crazy and hyper."

The mascot corporal is a sophomore position in Company E-2. Each year, freshmen cadets compete for the job, starting in January. The cadets are required to learn the history of A&M's mascot by studying information in University Archives.

Jeff Heath, the former mascot corporal who headed the search for a new mascot when Reveille V retired last November, said Reveille has matured a lot since her debut last year as A&M's mascot.

"She's calmed down a lot," Heath said. "She's got an idea of what she's going to be doing and what kind of lifestyle she'll have. Rev V was just extra good. She knew she was a lady and a public figure. Rev VI is starting to pick up on that."

"Rev's worked really well with Mark, and he's worked really well with her."

Grant Smith, commanding officer for Company E-2, the company that is responsible for Reveille, said Boynton is a good representative of both Company E-2 and the University.

"He is many people's only impression of what an Aggie is," Smith said. "The mascot corporal has got to be the type of person we want to put up in the limelight, and Mark is an outstanding corporal."



Carrie Thompson/The Battalion

Mascot Corporal Mark Boynton walks Reveille VI past Heldenfels on the way to class.

Troops ready for return to Persian Gulf

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States began massing "a formidable military force" of warplanes, high-tech missiles and ground troops in the Persian Gulf on Sunday as administration officials warned Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein any attack against Kuwait would be soundly defeated.

President Clinton interrupted a Columbus Day holiday weekend at Camp David to meet at the White House with his national security team.

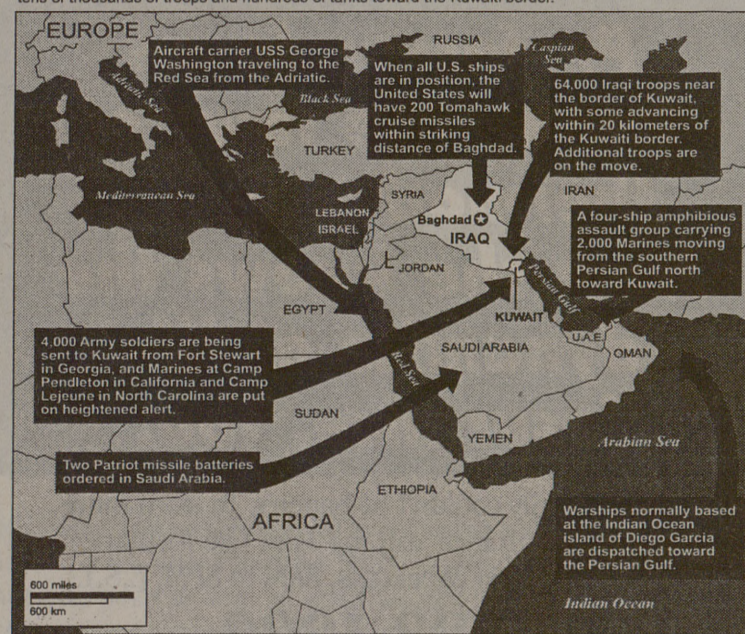
Meanwhile, 18,000 Marines from Camp Pendleton, Calif., were put on alert for possible deployment to the gulf and the first of some 4,000 Army soldiers from Fort Stewart, Ga., began boarding planes for the region.

Late Sunday, the aircraft carrier USS George Washington was slated to pass through the Suez Canal and enter the Red Sea, a position from which its combat aircraft could strike Iraq. And two amphibious assault ships with 2,000 Marines on board were already in the northern Persian Gulf.

Over the next several days, administration officials said, about 180 U.S. warplanes and support aircraft will be in position around Kuwait, ready to unleash an airborne attack against

U.S. in the Persian Gulf

The United States sent troops and warships to the Persian Gulf on Saturday after Saddam Hussein sent tens of thousands of troops and hundreds of tanks toward the Kuwaiti border.



any Iraqi armored units that might cross the border.

"We have Marines on alert to go at an appropriate time. We have deployed many squadrons of tactical air — F-15s, F-16s, A-10s, AWACS," Defense Secretary William Perry told reporters.

"All in all, this is a formidable military force," he said.

Pentagon officials said Perry was referring to the nine F-15 fighter jets, 24 A-10 tank-killers,

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Local apartment falls prey to severe Saturday storm

By Rob Clark
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A severe storm ripped through Parkway Apartments early Saturday, damaging several apartments in the complex and leaving 16 residents homeless for a night.

Most of the residents whose apartments were damaged by the storm stayed with friends. The College Station Conference Center offered beds to those who were left stranded by the weather, according to a College Station Police Department report.

But residents of four apartments have to find a new place to live.

There was speculation that a tornado had touched down in the area, but police said no tornadoes were spotted in College Station on Saturday.

"All of a sudden, we heard the window from my room blow out into the middle of the hallway," said Hunter Cunningham, a Parkway resident whose apartment had extensive damage.

Several large portions of the roof in Cunningham's apartment were blown off, leaving huge craters in parts of the ceiling.

"My whole ceiling is falling down," Cunningham, a junior business major said. "A big chunk fell on my bed."

Cunningham was in his living room when the storm hit and said that was the safest place in the house.

"If somebody had been in my room, they would've gotten cut up bad," he said. Even Cunningham's car window was smashed by the powerful winds.

Cunningham's roommate, Rusty Stanley, a 21-year-old electrical engineering major, actually slept through most of the violent events and woke up to a destroyed apartment.

"I thought lightning hit," he said. "So I said, 'We need to get out of here.' I didn't know we were running out into a tornado."

Most of the residents said the cause of the disaster was, in fact, a tornado.

"I'm sure it was," Cunningham said. "I don't know of anything else that could've done that kind of damage."

Cunningham and Stanley said Parkway apartments refunded their deposit and gave back the prorated amount of October's rent.