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Bryan police look for accident witnesses

Bryan police are looking for witnesses to the Sept. 15 accident on Highway 6 that killed one Texas A&M student and injured nine.

Witnesses who saw the vehicle roll over and the events leading up to the vehicle leaving the roadway, or those who remember being passed by the vehicle on the highway, are encouraged to contact the Bryan Police Department at 822-0066.

Sgt. Choya Walling of the Bryan Police Department said the request does not include those who drove up on the accident scene shortly after it happened.

Walling said he is requesting additional witnesses only and not those who have already given statements to the police department in reference to the accident.

Correction:

In a front page article in Friday's paper, an editing mistake was made. The article should have said that the Sept. 15 accident on Highway 6 killed one Texas A&M student and injured the remaining nine.

► State

Gay activist parade causes Waco protest

WACO, Texas (AP) — After three years of peaceful rallies, gay rights activists in Waco decided the time was right for a full-fledged parade.

Some 100 marchers, including men in evening dresses and suits, parents supporting their homosexual sons and daughters and a few Confederate flag-waving protesters, hit downtown Waco streets Saturday.

All along the route, crowds clustered on street corners shouting words of encouragement — and protest.

Organizers said they were impressed with the participation they estimated at about 150 by the parade's end.

Organizers with the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Central Texas, Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and other groups had talked about having a march four years ago when the first Central Texas Pride events were organized in Waco. But they scrapped the idea for fear of community reaction.

Indeed, some residents of the central Texas town were not happy to see the marchers.

"Waco is not ready for this," said Marsha Whitney, who was holding a sign that read "God loves you, but hates your sin."

Four young men waving a large Confederate flag trailed the parade in a white truck but insisted they were there as peaceful protesters.

"I was just raised different than that," said Mark White, gesturing toward the parade.

Murder count in San Antonio drops

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — After peaking in 1993, the murder count in San Antonio this year might end up as the lowest since the city began counting 21 years ago.

Through Sept. 25, 84 murders were reported for 1996, down from 101 murders through the same date in 1995, police records show.

The drop mirrors a national trend. Among Texas' 10 biggest cities by population, homicides in the first six months of 1996 declined in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, El Paso, Austin and Fort Worth.

Officials expect this year's slower pace to continue.

"I'm not just being optimistic," said Sgt. Joery Smittick, a department spokesman. "Realistically, we could be under a hundred murders this year."

That kind of improvement was almost inconceivable in the early 1990s, when the count regularly exceeded 200. There were 229 killings in 1993.

Since then, homicides have fallen off dramatically — from 194 in 1994 to 140 last year, the lowest figure since 1978, when 136 killings were reported.

D-FW airport to open new runway

IRVING, Texas (AP) — After eight years of planning and fighting with its neighbors, Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport will open a new $300 million runway expected to help ease the nation's congested airspace on Tuesday .

The 8,500-foot runway, dubbed 17 Left/34 Right, was constructed over the past three years with enough concrete to build a 2,200-mile sidewalk from the airport to British Columbia.

Federal transportation officials say the strip, which gives DFW seven runways in all, will make the airport the nation's busiest — busier even than Chicago's O'Hare — by the year 2000.

It will also add 18 percent to the nation's airspace capacity, relieving airborne traffic jams that now stretch up to 600 miles, officials say.

"The new runway will be a wonderful development in transportation," said Federal Aviation Administration chief David Hinson.

Ryan Rogers, THE BATTALION

Rocky Road | Cory McKee, a senior petroleum engineering major, finishes his third lap at a bike race in San Antonio Sunday.

► This day in history

(AP) — Today is Monday, Sept. 30, the 274th day of 1996. There are 92 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1777, the Congress of the United States — forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces — moved to York, Pa.

In 1791, the opera *The Magic Flute* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart premiered in Vienna, Austria.

In 1846, 150 years ago, Dr. William Morton, a dentist, used an experimental anesthetic — ether — for the first time on a patient in his Boston office.

In 1927, Babe Ruth hit his 60th homer of the season to break his own major-league record.

In 1938, British, French, German and Italian leaders ended the Munich Conference with a decision to appease Adolf Hitler by allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

In 1946, an international military tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany, found 22 top Nazi leaders guilty of war crimes.

In 1955, actor James Dean was killed in the collision of his sports car with another automobile near Cholame, Calif.

Ten years ago: The United States and the Soviet Union announced that President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev would meet the following week in Reykjavik, Iceland.

► Today's birthdays

Singer Johnny Mathis is 61. Former White House press secretary Jody Powell is 53. Actress Rula Lenska is 49. Singer Deborah Allen is 43. Actor Barry Williams is 42. Actress Fran Drescher is 39. Actor Eric Stoltz is 35. Actress Crystal Bernard is 33. Actress Lacey Chabert (*Party of Five*) is 14.

► Weather

Today	Tonight	Tomorrow
Sunny with easterly winds 5 to 10 mph.	Clear and cool with light easterly winds.	Mostly sunny with light southeast winds.

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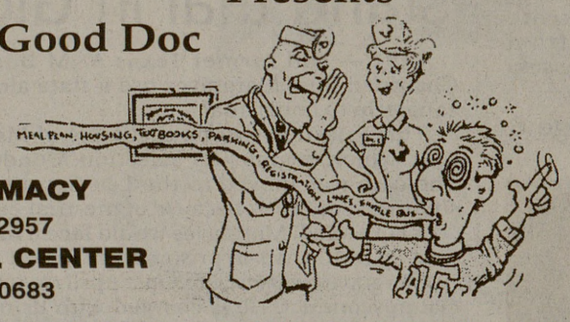

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