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Bloodiest July 4th holiday recorded

Carelessness, not alcohol, was the cause of 31 of the 44 deaths on Texas roads Sunday, July 3, the bloodiest traffic day on record.

An accident near Snyder claimed 11 lives, some of children piled into the back of a pickup truck. Fourteen people died in a collision between a tractor-trailer and a family van near Weatherford. And six more were killed in an accident near Ballinger.

"...It looks like a matter of driver alertness more than anything else," said Department of Public Safety spokesman Mike Cox.

In all 65 people died on Texas roads over the 78-hour holiday for July Fourth, breaking the previous high of 64 deaths recorded in 1971, 1982 and

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

1983, according to DPS reports.

Of the 65 deaths, 51 were vehicle occupants, nine were riding in the rear of a pickup truck and five were pedestrians. And the count could rise if others die of traffic-related injuries.

The death toll was more than double the number the DPS predicted for the holiday break.

Cox said many who died were not wearing seatbelts although statistics indicate more Texans are buckling up. DPS issued 91,898 citations for seatbelt violations in 1992; 77,028 in 1993; and 27,309 through May this year, Cox said.

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Let's Look Back... 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

November 6, 1969

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Since it was formed two years ago a trained hotline staff has fielded 209,000 calls. The staff surveys candidates and officeholders. Elm said she expects 80% of more than 2,000 state and federal candidates to respond, although in previous years two-thirds of the 1,500 House and Senate candidates did not reply.

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of their daughter, Julia Fair, to James Scott Blair III, son of Mr. & Mrs. James Blair III, of Houston. Brenda Kay Willett, daughter of Garwood was crowned WCJC Homecoming queen last week.

Pros and cons of the new Food Stamp Program for Colorado County are being debated. The County Farm Bureau is opposed to it and the Ministerial Alliance statement was "what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God have become confused." Supporters were unnamed.

March 8, 1946

Mrs. Loretta Maude Chappel passed away at Nightingale Hospital in El Campo on Wednesday, Feb. 27 after a brief illness. Miss Betty Jo Stewart, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Hope of Glidden, arrived in Eagle Lake this week as history teacher at Eagle Lake High School.

According to an announcement last week, construction of a \$150,000 modern school building was approved by Sheridan voters Saturday, Feb. 23, by a vote of 71 to 3. Renovation work on the former home of Mrs. Belle Nall is now completed and the large house converted to four apartments.

W.H. Miekow, former vice president of Columbus State Bank, was selected to be president, succeeding the late Herman Braden. G. McMillan announced last week he has disposed of his interest in the Schulenburg Sticker to his partner C.F. Bost.

Miss Dorothy Reuther of Galveston spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Reuther. Mrs. Griff Thomas Jr. and Mrs. R.P. Wilcox entertained Saturday in the Methodist Church parlor with a shower honoring Mrs. Victor Witte Jr., recent bride and formerly Miss Doris Jean Barnett.

A pretty wedding was solemnized (See 24 & 48, Page 4)

ABOUT TOWN...

Betty Swanner, great aunt of new Denver Broncos Allen Aldridge Jr., shared an article from The Houston Post printed earlier this spring that added some interesting background on the football player and his family.

Mrs. Clotha Aldridge, his mother and wife of Allen Aldridge Sr., remarked in the story that she was a cheerleader at Prairie View A&M at the same time her husband played football for the college in the late '60s. Aldridge Sr. went on to play pro football for a Canadian team, the Cleveland Browns and Houston before ending his sports career. Allen Jr. comes from a strong tradition.

Jason Earl Jones, the son of Earl and Martha Jones in Eagle Lake began his 12 weeks of basic training last Tuesday in San Diego, Calif., with the U.S. Marine Corps. He joined the Marines in Jan. this year with deferment until he graduated from Rice High School in May 1994. He is a former member of the Texas Dance Band and Colorado.

Our Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce float has been traveling this month. The float and its riders were in the McDade Watermelon Festival parade. Miss Eagle Lake Sunny Gerson and Little Mr. Eagle Lake Trent Kuchera rode the float. They had to use umbrellas due to an untimely rain precisely at the parade time. They got a plaque for traveling the greatest distance to participate.

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COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS

Deed: Delbert Brune, et al to Fred C. Cliney, et al, 9.873 acres of the James Cummins Survey No. 14; filed 4-29-94.

Deed: Elsie Scogin to Bradley M. Bryson, Lots No. 6, 7, 8, and 10, Block No. 32, Town of Allegheny; 4-29-94.

Deed: Elsie Scogin Millie to Elsie Scogin, all of lot in Block No. 18, 20, 21 and 32, Town of Allegheny; 4-29-94.

Deed: Lillie Bell Knight, et al, individually and heir of Joe Knight, deceased, to Jamie E. Russell and Joy Koepke, Tract No. 35, I.A.G.N.R.R. Co. Survey No. 66, Abstract No. 633; 5-2-94.

Deed: Kervy Kahlden to Leslie K. Kahlden, et al, in 67.901 acres of the F. Pettus Survey, Abstract No. 37; 5-2-94.

Deed: Leslie K. Kahlden to Kervy Kahlden, et al, in 58.34 acres of the F. Pettus Survey, Abstract No. 37; 5-2-94.

Deed: Leslie K. Kahlden to Kervy Kahlden, et al, in 13.26 acres of the F. Pettus Survey, Abstract No. 37; 5-2-94.

Deed: Otto E. Kahlden Jr. and Leslie K. Kahlden to Leonard J. Wick, et al, 135,212 acres of the F. Pettus Survey, Abstract No. 37 and H. Austin Survey, Abstract No. 4; 5-2-94.

Deed: Anne S. Witter estate to Albert Scott Witter, et al, in 644 acres of the G.H. & H.R.R. Co. Survey No. 26; 5-2-94.

Deed: Estate of Anne S. Witter to June W. Gillman, et al, in 315.5 acres of the Columbus Tract R.R. Co. Survey No. 4; 5-2-94.

Deed: June W. Gillman to Albert Scott Witter, et al, in 644 acres, all of the G.H. & H.R.R. Co. Survey No. 26; 5-2-94.

Deed: James M. Gay to John Barineau III, et al, 20.00 acres of the James Tyler League, Abstract No. 550; 5-3-94.

Deed: Michael W. Cherry, et al to Gary Chandler, et al, 0.465 acre, part of Lot No. 16, Krupka Subdivision, W.B.

Deed: Elsie Jordan, et al to Charles Williams, et al, 1933 acres of the D. Gilliland League, Abstract No. 26; 5-6-94.

OIL, GAS & MINERAL LEASES

E.E. Wier to Enron Oil & Gas Co., 63.07 acres, part of the Samuel Kennedy League, Abstract No. 30; 5-5-94.

The General board of the Church of the Nazarene to Enron Oil & Gas Co., 200 acres, part of the S.A. & M.G.R.R. Survey No. 7, Abstract No. 529; 5-5-94.

Rebecca Ann Zoellner to Enron Oil & Gas Co., 219.62 acres, part of the Johnson & Stafford Survey Section 5, Abstract No. 719; 5-5-94.

Charles Kaechele Partnership, et al to

Crow Land Research, 160 acres in the G.H. & H.R.R. Survey Section 24, Abstract No. 698; 5-5-94.

George Allen Miller, et al to Auburn Enterprises Inc., 159 acres of H.T. & B.R.R. Co. Survey No. 9, Abstract No. 344; 5-5-94.

Triangle Development Company to Magnum Producing & Operating Co., 40 acres of the J.B. Fenn Survey, Abstract No. 215; 5-6-94.

Mary Sue Ruetter to Magnum Producing & Operating Co., all of the C.T. R.R. Survey Section No. 663, Abstract No. 152; 5-6-94.

Pamela Gould to Magnum Producing & Operating Co., all of the C.T. R.R. Survey Section No. 663, Abstract No. 152; 5-6-94.

Kenneth Draft to Magnum Producing & Operating Co., all of the C.T. R.R. Survey Section No. 663, Abstract No. 152; 5-6-94.

Mary Elizabeth Mecon Irrevocable Trust No. II and IV to Acom-Texas Properties Inc., 160 acres of the S.A. & M.G.R.R. Survey No. 11, Abstract No. 527; 5-6-94.

Joseph R. Johnston, et al to Bridge Oil Company, L.P., 667.70 acres, all of the I. & G.N.R.R. Survey No. 37, Abstract No. 312; 5-9-94.

COUNTY COURT CASES FILED

Wayne Lee Lacquement, Columbus, criminal trespass; 6-24-94.

Patricio Otero Otero, Houston, failure to stop and render aid; 6-24-94.

Vickie Graves, New Ulm, theft by check; 6-24-94.

Daniel Garcia Espitia, Alton, driving while intoxicated (DWI); 6-24-94.

Salah Alden Irtiche, Houston, indecent exposure; 6-24-94.

Narciso Rios Jr., New Braunfels, DWI; 6-24-94.

Domingo Ramirez, Columbus, criminal trespass; 6-24-94.

Hector Espitia, Alton, reckless conduct, evading arrest; 6-28-94.

Byrdson, Shorter united in June ceremony

Regina Gabrielle Byrdson and Edward James Shorter both of Shreveport, La., were united in marriage June 11 in a double ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Benni Byrdson of Shreveport. The groom is the son of Dan Shorter Sr. of Bonus and the late Dolly M. Shorter.

The wedding was held at Greenwood Acres Full Gospel Baptist Church in Shreveport with Rev. Fred Caldwell Sr. officiating.

Coby Shorter III performed "Flesh of My Flesh" on the organ; Howard Hollins, saxophonist, played "Ribbon in the Sky" and "You And I". Soloist Myria Byrdson sang "The Lord's Prayer".

The bride was escorted by her uncle, William C. Thompson. She wore a white gown with beaded bodice and lace ornamented train. A pearl tiara held her satin veil decorated with pearls. The bridal bouquet was fashioned with flowers of white, fuchsia and purple with ribbons and pearls.

Matron of honor was Wanda Silas of Shreveport. Maid of honor was Pamela Byrdson, sister of the bride. They wore fuchsia suits with long skirts and carried bouquets of fuchsia and purple flowers with ribbons.

Her bridesmaids were her cousin Loretta Carroll, Ida Hall, Mia Hamilton and Tina Stevens all of Shreveport; sister of the groom Savannah Gardner, niece of the groom Natolyn Shorter, sisters in law of the groom Patricia Shorter and Debbie Shorter, all of Bonus; Shirley Dennis of Arlington; cousins of the groom Carolyn James of Houston and Yvonne McClintock of Egypt; and Leola Watson of Needville, aunt of the groom.

The bride attendants wore purple suits with long skirts and carried matching bouquets.

Flower girl was Sheronycka Lawson, cousin of the bride, from Shreveport. Parker Rossom of Shreveport was ring bearer. The bell ringers were cousins of the groom, Alexis Gardner and Jonesolyn Shorter of Bonus.

Attending the groom as best men were his brothers Johnny and Johnathon Shorter of Bonus. Groomsman were his brothers Lee Edwards of Egypt and Dan Shorter Jr. of Bonus; his cousins Marvin Anderson, Harry Davis and Karl Shorter of Houston. John Wayne Smith of Egypt, Kevin Shorter of Missouri City and Alfred LaDon Green of La Porte; Willie Green of Egypt; nephews Mark Shorter of Arlington and Nathan Shorter of Missouri City; and uncle Leroy Shorter of Eagle Lake.

Kenneth and Kirk Shorter of Houston were candle lighters. Witnesses were Myria Byrdson, Benni Byrdson and William Thompson.

A reception followed at the ceremony at the VAW Hall in Shreveport. The bride couple were driven the four miles from the church in a horse drawn carriage with two escort vehicles and two limousines carrying the wedding party leading the procession.

Serving in the houseparty for the reception were hosts Vernon Knight, Victor Cook, Mike Brightman, Mike Edwards, Gary Hamilton and Sharon Hamilton. Hostesses were Karen Sparks, Becky Walker, Marcella Hill,

Cecil Herrera Yzarras, Columbus, DWI; 6-28-94.

ARRAIGNMENTS

48 cases were reset for July 13, 1994, at 9 a.m.

DISPOSITIONS

Earlie Jones, Columbus, theft. Defendant failed to appear. Court ordered capias for arrest.

Raul Sanchez Reyna, Columbus, DWI. Defendant failed to appear. Court ordered capias for arrest.

Wayne Daurer, El Campo, theft by check. Defendant failed to appear. Court ordered capias for arrest.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Dale Francis Kremling, 26, and Latoria Deann Taylor, 23, Weimar.

Joey Dean Krause, 22, and Christi Lynn Guenther, 18, Weimar.

Joseph Real Herbert Sr., 47, and Jean Payne.

DIVORCES FILED

Audrey Lynn McGrew and Vernon Louis McGrew; 6-29-94.

Chana K. Edgar and Richard Lloyd Edgar Jr.; 6-29-94.

Lois Spates and Eddie Spates.

Frank Tait Craneck and Leslie Ann Winfree Craneck.

Louis Botard Jr. and Sarah A. Gaddy Botard.

DIVORCES GRANTED

Darryl Layne Hince and Sherla Kay Hince.

Richard W. Payne and La Donna Lee Payne.

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