Pope John Paul II arrives for a seven-day tour of Colombia, which is plagued by guerrilla violence and poverty.

METROPOLITAN

- Bishop College President Wright Lassiter Jr. is appointed president of El Centro Community College in Dallas.
- A Fort Worth jury sentences Juan Soria to death for killing lifeguard Allen Bolden a year ago.
- Two men stop to help an accident victim they thought was a police officer and are ordered to drive around for two hours.
- Barbecues, pool parties and catching a tan during the July 4 holiday weekend all get the go-ahead from weather forecasters.
- The DART director suggests a $1.9 billion rail plan that keeps most of the recommended starter line and proposes other lines that could be built by 2005.

TEXAS & SOUTHWEST

- Legislators favor a special session to deal with financial difficulties, but they are sharply divided over the solutions, according to a survey by The Dallas Morning News.
- A federal court hearing into Texas prisons ends with warnings that money for reforms may have to be sought from the Legislature this summer.

EDITORIALS

- It is proper that the Supreme Court has left to the states the right to set and maintain community standards.

VIEWPOINTS

- It has become fashionable once again to love America, says columnist William Murchison.

BUSINESS

- At least 10 real estate concerns file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, many rushing to stop foreclosures on their property.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

- Four young stars sparkle in About Last Night, which lost none of its impact in going from a play to a movie, says critic Philip Wuntch.

PEOPLE

From Wire Reports:

EVEL DOINGS: Police revealed Tuesday that stunt man Evel Knievel was arrested last week in Kansas City, Mo., on charges of soliciting an undercover officer posing as a prostitute. A Sept. 10 court date was set for Knievel, 47, who was charged with soliciting for immoral purposes and released after posting $500 bond. Police said Knievel, who gave his name as Robert C. Knievel of North Royalton, Ohio, approached the undercover officer about 4 p.m. Thursday near an area often frequented by prostitutes. Knievel was in Kansas City to attend the wedding of a friend.

HE'S MY BOY: President Reagan says he is not embarrassed that his son — who, decked out in stars and stripes, adorns the cover of this month's Vanity Fair — is a contributing editor for Playboy, but he does wish that Ron Jr. would find "something more dignified" to do. In this week's People magazine, Reagan was asked if he had any qualms about his 28-year-old son's name appearing on the Playboy masthead at the same time that the magazine was being removed from 7-Elevens nationwide. "I read the first article that he did for that magazine, and I was gratified to find that he has his own writing style and does very well," the president said. "I don't think he'll be indulging in pornographic material." But the first dad added, "I could perhaps wish that he would find something more dignified."

COMING OF AGE: Oh, Princess Diana, what a trooper you've become in just six short years. You turned 25 Tuesday and spent the day attending a host of official functions in honor of someone else — West German impressed by the ideas, his gift would be a secret for now.

EASTWOOD ON DEFENSIVE: Korean War veterans are fighting mad about Clint Eastwood's upcoming film Heartbreak Ridge, claiming it inaccurately gives the Marines credit for winning one of the Army's bloodiest battles. The Army's 23rd Infantry Regiment "fought very valiantly for that ridge and lost a lot of men," while only a few Marines were involved indirectly during the battle that raged from Sept. 13 to Oct. 13, 1951, said one of the Marines, Edward Barker of Crockett, Texas. "The film is strictly fraud for portraying a Marine for getting a medal." Because of the controversy, the Pentagon plans to ask Eastwood's film company to consider changing the movie's title. Barker's son, Hal, of Dallas, is writing a book about the battle and said he has received several calls from veterans who "don't appreciate the fact that history is being rewritten. If you saw 800 of your friends die on a ridge line, you wouldn't want somebody to rewrite that story."

SAME PROTEST, DIFFERENT WAR: Peter, Paul and Mary, the American folk trio that nearly 20 years ago protested the Vietnam War, played to sellout crowds in Managua, Nicaragua, over the weekend and at an emotional news conference Tuesday condemned the Reagan administration's support for the rebels fighting the Marxist Sandinista government. Paul Stookey recounted an encounter with a Nicaraguan priest. "(He) took a white flower from a vase. He said, 'We give you to Paul, this white flower. It is a sign of peace. We ask you to take it to the American people and please ask them not to pour our blood on it.'"