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# Hurricane Emily veers from East Coast

The Associated Press

Hurricane Emily peeled away from the Atlantic Coast Wednesday after swamping roads, tearing off roofs and uprooting trees on North Carolina's Outer Banks.

The storm, packing 115 mph winds and churning up 15-foot waves, spared the island chain its full fury. Its eye came no closer to land than 20 miles east of Cape Hatteras before a bank of cold air pushed the hurricane out to sea on a north-northeastly path.

"Dear Emily, Sorry We Missed You. Thank for the Waves. Sincerely, Your Locals," read a sign spray-painted on a sheet of plywood nailed to a window on North Carolina's

Bogues Banks, south of Cape Hatteras on the Outer Banks.

A 15-year-old swimmer was missing in heavy surf in Virginia.

The only injury reported in North Carolina was a woman who broke her hip.

At 2 a.m., Emily was centered about 100 miles east of Virginia Beach, Va. It was moving north-northeast near 13 mph.

Hurricane warnings remained in effect as far north as Cape Henlopen, Del., but forecasters said Emily was expected to stay so far offshore that hurricane-force winds — 74 mph or more — wouldn't reach land.

"It will probably weaken gradually as it moves over cooler water," said Lixion Avila of the National Hurricane Center

in Coral Gables, Fla.

As it swirled northward, Emily lashed Virginia with driving rain, caused minor flooding as far north as New York's Long Island and prompted tens of thousands of people to evacuate vulnerable coastal areas.

The storm had strengthened during the day Tuesday, gathering energy from the warm Gulf Stream.

It reached Category 3 on the 1-to-5 Saffir-Simpson scale of hurricane intensity. About 180,000 people were ordered evacuated along the North Carolina coast as the storm closed in.

The hurricane dumped more than 6 inches of rain on Cape Hatteras and tore roofs off buildings along Ocracoke and

Hatteras islands with gusts topping 90 mph. Dare County emergency management officials were forced to abandon their operations center on Cape Hatteras because of flooding.

Cars were left floating in a bank parking lot in Buxton, and fallen trees blocked roads.

Three houses at Kitty Hawk that had been damaged by previous storms fell into the Atlantic.

"The house is shaking terribly from the wind and waves. Water is pouring in everywhere, from cracks in the doors and windows and from the roof," Irene Nolan said from her home in the seaside village of Frisco. "Everything under the house ... is floating down the street with the current."

## Colleges

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non-Western views of the world.

Texas A&M's interim dean for the liberal arts college, Woodrow Jones Jr., said feedback on his school's action has been divided, but he believes the school did the right thing.

"We implemented this in hopes that students would get something that would help them be better prepared for the global market place," he said.

Opponents say the programs are attempts at "political correctness" that infringe on educational freedom.

But Jones said with projections that the state will be "majority minority" by the year 2003, institutions won't be able to ignore the

need for breaking down racial and ethnic barriers.

"The whole state of Texas is changing rapidly so it's kind of hard to avoid it," Jones said. "How could anyone expect to appropriately deal with the diversity that's out there?"

State Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, tried to pass a law this year requiring all state college students to take a multi-cultural class.

That was prompted by parties at Texas Tech and Texas A&M with themes and costumes derogatory to blacks. One had a "party in the projects." Another had a jungle theme.

"People have dismissed the incidents ... as kids will be kids. But we think it speaks to a deeper-rooted type of problem. I don't know if I want to say racism or total insensitivity toward people," said Wilson's administrative as-

stant, Eric Glenn.

According to a report from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, total enrollments at colleges, universities and technical schools around the state surpassed 900,000 last year. They should top 943,000 by 1995 and break 1 million by 2000.

Of those enrollment increases, the officials expect the biggest jumps to continue to be in the enrollment of Hispanics and blacks.

In addition to looking at multi-cultural classes, universities are adopting programs to lure minorities into fields such as engineering, which have traditionally been dominated by white males.

A UT program that includes peer-tutoring, workshops and special summer programs has brought minority enrollment to 19 percent and put its minority graduation rate at an all-time high.

## Iowa flood relief hurt by more storms

The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Hundreds of homeowners — many of them miles from swollen rivers — fought a sticky, smelly backup from overloaded sewers Monday as flooding misery revisited Iowa's capital.

Several streets in the city remained closed and commuters found a traffic snarl complicated by the return of school buses to the streets, while officials again had to use boats to get to a water treatment plant ringed by floodwaters.

Strong thunderstorms that developed Sunday from the remnants of Pacific Tropical Storm Hilary dumped 3 to 5 inches of rain on the Des Moines area, with the National Weather Service reporting up to 10 inches in spots. Heavy weekend rains also pounded eight other states in the Midwest, which has endured a summer of flooding.

Central Iowa was spared another round of similarly heavy rain early Monday, however, as the most severe storms moved to the northwest. As much as 7 inches of rain fell in northeastern Nebraska and northwestern Iowa. More torrential rains were falling Monday evening in southeastern Iowa.

In Des Moines, ground that has been saturated with rain was unable to absorb any more water, and the moisture was making its way into the city's overloaded sewer system. Pressure on that system, in turn, was forcing its way into homes.

The result was a smelly mess in an estimated 1,000 homes across the city.

## Israel, Palestine may see peace within days

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Emotion-charged Mideast peace talks reopened Tuesday with confident Palestinian and Israeli predictions that a historic agreement to establish Palestinian self-rule would be concluded within days.

"That's a done deal," said a senior Israeli official. He told reporters the only remaining question was whether the accord would be signed by the heads of the Israeli and Palestinian delegations that opened an 11th round of talks here or other Israeli and PLO officials.

"It's an agreement that stands on its own two feet," the official said.

Moreover, Nabil Shaath, chief political adviser to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, said "we hope to hear very soon — tomorrow or the day after" statements of "full mutual recognition" by Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Israeli sources confirmed Arafat and Rabin would move toward an accommodation but said the announcement may be several days off.

But the official said Israel "will not settle for anything that is less than 110 percent explicit" recognition of its nationhood and renunciation of terrorism

by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The PLO has agreed, meanwhile, that 3,300 Jewish settlers would remain in Gaza with Israel responsible for their security.

The timetable for mutual recognition was one of the subjects under discussion in Europe, where Israeli and PLO negotiators on Tuesday continued the talks they had begun secretly earlier this year in Oslo. Negotiators here awaited the results.

Norwegian officials, who have played a key role in forging the accord, said the new location was a secret and three other meetings had been held in three in another European country, which they would not name.

A senior Israeli negotiator said after a 90-minute meeting with the Palestinians that Israel, whose government had already approved the agreement Monday, was now awaiting approval of the pact by the central committee of the PLO.

"Now it's up to the PLO to respond in kind and to approve the agreement so that we may soon formalize it and sign it here in Washington," said Eytan Ben-Tsur.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher, praised the accord as "a conceptual breakthrough," said the United States was prepared to provide financial assistance.

## Muslims and Serbs reach cease-fire in Bosnia

The Associated Press

GENEVA — Bosnia's Muslim-led government and rebel Serbs agreed Tuesday on a new cease-fire hailed as a breakthrough in the latest push to negotiate an end to the ethnic war.

Nikola Koljevic, an aide to Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, said an overall peace package to divide Bosnia into three ethnic republics could be signed as early as Wednesday.

But the warring factions in Bosnia-Herzegovina — Serbs, Muslims and Croats — have violated all previous cease-fire agreements since fighting broke out nearly 17 months ago.

Koljevic said Karadzic and Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic had agreed to a cessation of hostilities as part of a five-point plan that also included prisoner exchanges and a telephone hot line between Serb and government military headquarters.

Mirza Hajric, spokesman for the government, confirmed the latest agreement but played down its importance. He said he was unaware of progress on the borders of the ethnic republics.

The two leaders also agreed to set up a joint

commission to regulate electricity and water supplies in all cities and pledged to calm the media, which has been used to incite hatred between the three ethnic groups.

Koljevic said Izetbegovic had made only minimal demands for changes in a map proposed by international mediators despite his earlier statements that the proposals were unacceptable.

Izetbegovic has slammed the peace plan as rewarding Serb and Croat aggression. But he fears that the outgunned government forces and suffering Muslim civilians may not survive another winter.

Croatian President Franjo Tudjman said the Bosnian Croats had dropped their demands for changes in the borders on the proposed maps and were ready to sign the peace package.

The Serbs have already said they will sign the deal proposed by mediators Lord Owen of the European Community and Thorvald Stoltenberg of the United Nations.

It would divide Bosnia-Herzegovina into three ethnic republics with only a weak central government. Muslims would have 31 percent of territory, the Serbs 52 percent and Croats 17 percent.

Before the war Muslims comprised 43 percent of the population, the Serbs 31 percent and Croats 17 percent.

Karadzic earlier warned that if the Muslims refused to sign the deal, Serbs and Croats would "divide Bosnia in two." Mediator Owen said he feared this was a real possibility.

Izetbegovic previously said Muslims should be given about 40 percent of Bosnian territory under the deal. His government also demanded U.S. and NATO participation to enforce any peace settlement.

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros-Boutros Ghali is scheduled to meet NATO head Manfred Woerner on Wednesday to discuss how to implement the peace deal, including the number of troops needed.

President Clinton said Monday he would make American troops available for peacekeeping in Bosnia if a settlement was fair and enforceable.

Implementation of a peace plan will be difficult. The Serbs in particular will have to roll back from land they have seized.

In the 17 months of fighting up to 200,000 people have been killed and more than 2 million displaced.

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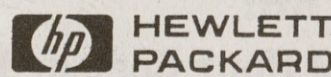
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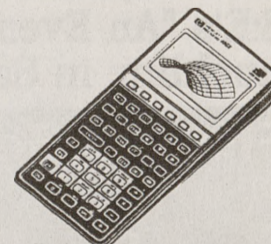
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