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## Winds cause injury

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Reporter

Winds of up to 52 mph swept through Bryan and College Station Monday resulting in power outages and the injury of a student on campus.

Roger R. Gekiere, a freshman general studies major, was struck on the head by a piece of sheet metal that blew off the roof of the Blocker Building, said Wanda Cook, the campus police officer investigating the incident.



Photo by Gordon Carruth

Roger R. Gekiere, a freshman general studies major, is attended to by the Texas A&M Emergency Care Team after he was hit on the head by a piece of sheet metal blown off the Blocker building by Monday's strong winds. He was taken to St. Joseph Hospital and is in stable condition.

Gekiere was hit by a 15 pound, 3 feet by 3/2 feet galvanized metal sheet that was being used to cover the top of an exhaust fan on the north-east corner of the Blocker Building.

Gekiere was admitted to St. Joseph Hospital for observation with a closed head injury. He is in stable condition and is expected to be released later today.

The wind, which averaged between 30 mph and 40 mph, caused several power outages throughout Bryan. Floyd Weisse, senior engineer with the Bryan utilities company, said that 80 workers worked to repair the damage. About 3,500 customers were out of service for various lengths of time between 7:15 a.m. and noon, Weisse said.

areas along College Avenue.

A telephone line which was blown into a conductor downed the electricity on Highway 158-East along to the East Bypass, and when a conductor blew loose on Highway 158 it put out all of Highway 30 including the Harvey Road area.

The Sleepy Hollow area was out due to a malfunction in a 69 KV oil circuit breaker in the east substation on Highway 158.

On Highway 21-West, a conductor went out and turned off the electricity in the area from FM 2818 along Highway 21-East to Sandy Point Road; from Highway 21 along Sandy Point Road to Old Spanish Road and from Sandy Point Road east along Old Spanish Road to Highway 6.

Tree limbs were blown into power lines on 31st Street and caused an outage from 29th Street to Coulter along Texas Avenue and in some

Weisse estimated that the cost to repair the damage would total approximately \$22,000.

In College Station, the wind caused minor power outages throughout the city. Joe Guidry, electrical superintendent for the Public Utilities Department, said fuses were blown on several transformers, including one main line fuse, but the cost of the damage was very minimal.

The Oak Forest Mobile Home Park, the Windwood subdivision and a few residences on the south side of College Station had temporary outages.

## U.S. warship fires shots at Iranian patrol plane

United Press International

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Iraq said its warplanes attacked tankers at a key Iranian oil terminal Monday and American officials revealed a U.S. vessel fired warning shots at an Iranian patrol plane during the weekend.

Iraq claimed its warplanes attacked tankers at the key Iranian Kharg Island oil terminal and that the planes also were enforcing a blockade that the Islamic regime in Tehran has warned would force it to close the Strait of Hormuz.

President Reagan has repeatedly vowed the United States would use warships stationed in the Arabian Sea to keep open the vital strait, through which 20 percent of the West's oil flows. Britain has said it could join in such an action.

In Washington, administration officials who requested anonymity said the U.S. guided missile destroyer Lawrence fired warning shots with machine guns and flares at a U.S.-made Iranian P-3C propeller-driven patrol plane and warned off an Iranian frigate by radio Sunday.

It marked the first shooting incident involving American warships in the Persian Gulf since a small Middle East force of destroyers and frigates took up station in the area after the 1979 seizure of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

The officials said the patrol plane and the Iranian frigate came within 5 nautical miles of the warship in violation of a U.S. warning notice issued

Jan. 20. Both turned away from the U.S. destroyer without further incident, the officials said.

In other developments, the United States said reports of Iraqi aircraft attacking oil tankers at Kharg Island were a "matter of serious concern."

"This is a matter of serious concern, and we are following events closely," a State Department spokesman said. "If the reports are true, such an attack would represent an unfortunate new level of escalation in the war."

Iran did not immediately comment on the Iraqi claim that Kharg Island was attacked. There also was no word on casualties or damage in the latest attack of the 42-month-old Persian Gulf War.

"Iraqi warplanes Monday mounted destructive attacks on a number of oil tankers berthed at Kharg Island," said the Iraqi news agency INA, monitored in Abu Dhabi. "With this strike, the first day of the blockade has started."

Iranian Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, in a radio and television interview, said Iran's naval forces would be used to disrupt the security of the Persian Gulf "if necessary."

Iran said last week it would block the Strait of Hormuz if Iranian oil shipments were hampered by Iraq. Most of Iran's oil shipments pass through jetties at Kharg Island.

Iraq's communique warned ships to stay away from Iranian oil. "We hope the concerned parties

will take this warning into consideration when sending their vessels to the area," it said. "Iraq will not take any responsibility for any losses that may be incurred by the parties that ignore these warnings."

London shipping sources could not immediately confirm Iraq's attack, citing poor communications. U.S. oil company officials also said Monday they could not confirm the attack on Kharg Island.

Iraq announced the attack without explaining how it was carried out. Last year, Iraq acquired French Super Etendard jets that launch Exocet missiles.

More than 8.8 million barrels of crude oil a day — about 20 percent of the West's oil — passes through the 30-mile-wide Strait of Hormuz, situated south of Iran and north of Oman and Abu Dhabi. That includes about 2 million barrels exported by Iran.

Kharg Island was declared a war zone by Iraq after naval fighting erupted alongside ground battles in September 1980.

But Iran paid high insurance fees and discounted its oil price to attract buyers of crude, boosting its earnings to \$2 billion a month recently.

Iraq's exports, however, ground to a halt and Iraq had to depend on a pipeline through Turkey for only 650,000 barrels a day of exports.

The sudden flareup in the 42-month Persian Gulf war came amid international anxiety about Iran's threat to close the strategic strait

## Fighting continues in Beirut; Marines watch from offshore

United Press International

BEIRUT — Fighting between Moslem rebels and the Lebanese army shook Beirut and the overlooking mountains Monday, and for the first time in 17 months, U.S. Marines watched the clashes from the safety of ships offshore.

The new battles, which intensified in the mountains as evening approached, came on the day President Amin Gemayel originally had hoped to reconvene peace talks among the warring factions begun last October in Geneva.

Druze Moslem rebels traded intense artillery fire with Lebanese army troops in the mountains, with Christian Phalange radio saying shells crashed near the presidential palace and the residence of U.S. ambassador Reginald Bartholomew.

Clashes also occurred along the "green line" separating Moslem west Beirut from the Christian east of the city. Phalange radio reported a 10-year-old boy had died, and 15 people were wounded in fighting in the city.

Offshore, the U.S. Marines watched from the safety of 6th Fleet

ships, a day after the completion of the withdrawal of the U.S. contingent to Lebanon's multinational peace-keeping force from the Lebanese capital.

Units of the Lebanese army, who refused to fight the rebel takeover of west Beirut, settled into the Beirut airport compound which the Marines had occupied since September 1982.

Three weeks ago, even as the streets of the capital erupted in fighting with the Moslem victory, government officials had spoken of resuming the national reconciliation talks.

But Moslem leaders have demanded government concessions before returning to Switzerland to continue the discussions, and fellow Christians are warning Gemayel against giving away too much.

Instead of more talks, which had been scheduled by the government in the Swiss resort of Montreaux, peace efforts of any sort appeared to be stalled awaiting the return of Saudi mediator Rafik Hariri.

Hariri, who had been expected back in Beirut, decided to stay in the

Saudi capital to meet with King Fahd and Prince Bandar Bin Sultan, the Saudi ambassador to Washington who has been involved in Lebanese peace talks.

The official Lebanese news agency, reporting the delay, said it was not known when Hariri would return.

The radio stations of both sides in the mountain war reported heavy exchanges of artillery above the capital, with Druze radio saying several villages came under "intensive bombardment ... from positions of the ruling family's army."

The Christian Phalange radio and the pro-government television station countered that the Druze shelling was hitting the Christian suburb of Baabda, site of the palace and various ambassadors' residences, including Bartholomew's.

The fighting inside the city was sporadic, but radio stations warned residents on both sides of the green line to "be careful and take all necessary precautions."

## Jones' venue questioned

United Press International

SAN ANTONIO — A state judge Monday postponed ruling on a change of venue motion for vocational nurse Genevieve Jones, who is charged with injuring a child, but granted a prosecution request for a sample of the nurse's handwriting.

Jones, 33, who was convicted and sentenced to 99 years in prison for the drug injection murder of a 15-month-old Kerrville girl, is charged with injuring a child.

An indictment charged Jones with blood-thinning drug heparin at Medical Center Hospital's pediatric intensi-

sive care unit in 1982. The child survived.

In a pretrial hearing, State District Judge Pat Priest postponed ruling on a change of venue filed by defense attorneys Royal Griffin and David Weiner, who said they did not specify a location for the trial.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Nick Rothe, who helped prosecute Jones in her Georgetown murder trial, said he had not decided if he would oppose a change of venue.

But Rothe said a segment of the ABC television program "20-20," in which Jones was interviewed, would have an effect on the choice of a site to hear the trial.

"We need to talk about (whether)

she can get a fair trial here (in San Antonio)," Rothe said. "What I'm concerned about is Bexar County. It (case) is more emphatic here."

Griffin said the trial should be moved from San Antonio because "the same people who hear the testimony have to go back and live in the community."

Priest granted Rothe's motion to obtain a sample of Jones' handwriting for comparative purposes, but Rothe declined to elaborate on the request following the hearing.

Priest also granted a defense request for prosecutors to turn over a hand-written letter Jones allegedly wrote to a Texas Ranger.

## Governors meet with president

## President advised on federal deficit

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The nation's governors warned President Reagan Monday that his proposed \$100 billion "down payment" on the federal deficit is not enough protection for America's debt-strained economy.

Governors, in town for the winter meeting of the National Governor's Association, pressured Reagan during a White House meeting to ignore election-year politics and attack the deficit with greater fervor.

"We want to do more this year," Kansas Gov. John Carlin said after the meeting. "And we're not satisfied with what we heard in the sense that the so-called down payment would be enough. I think we're going to need much more."

Carlin, a Democrat and vice chairman of the governors' association, said "one of the strongest points made" during the meeting was that Reagan's plan for \$100 billion in deficit reductions over three years "is not enough."

"We've got to go further to get more done this year to avoid what many predict will be a very significant downturn in the economy next year, with the deficits raising interest rates and making the recovery come to a quick end," he said.

Despite the pressure from the governors and from Congress, Reagan deviated little from his view of how and when deficit reductions can and should be achieved.

He left open the possibility of tax

increases next year — but only after other steps are taken to curtail the deficit. And he held fast to his view that the down payment is the most that can be accomplished this year, aides said.

"It would be very difficult to attack the major reforms that would be needed" to bring the deficit under control, presidential spokesman Larry Speakes said.

Michigan Gov. Jim Blanchard said Reagan expressed "a fear of incurring the wrath of the voters" with controversial budget-cutting proposals such as tax hikes or reductions in entitlement programs. Speakes, however, denied Reagan made such a comment.

The session with the governors,

described by the White House as "a frank exchange," was closed to reporters and came on the eve of a fourth meeting on the deficit between administration and congressional negotiators.

Despite Reagan's pledge that "everything is on the table," the White House rejected a proposal by Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., to trim \$80 billion from projected defense spending over the next three years.

"We do not believe you can design a program that would serve our national objectives at that level" of funding, Speakes said.

"We ought to get down business and put a package together," Domenici replied.

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