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Rains deal havoc to Texas, U.S.

Texas stormwaters that claimed at least one life triggered a train derailment Tuesday, and thunderstorms deluged Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma while record chilly weather in the Northeast came on the heels of a weekend heat wave.

A flash flood watch was in effect Tuesday for most of the lower Rio Grande Valley to northeast Texas, where 3 inches of rain fell over the Concho Valley.

In San Antonio, a man was killed Monday when his nearly submerged car overturned and crushed him, and searchers in suburban Dallas found clothing from a 13-year-old boy missing in a drainage canal since Sunday.

Rain washed out railroad tracks to trigger the derailment near the central Texas town of Lometa, the Department of Public Safety said. No one was injured in the 3 a.m. accident.

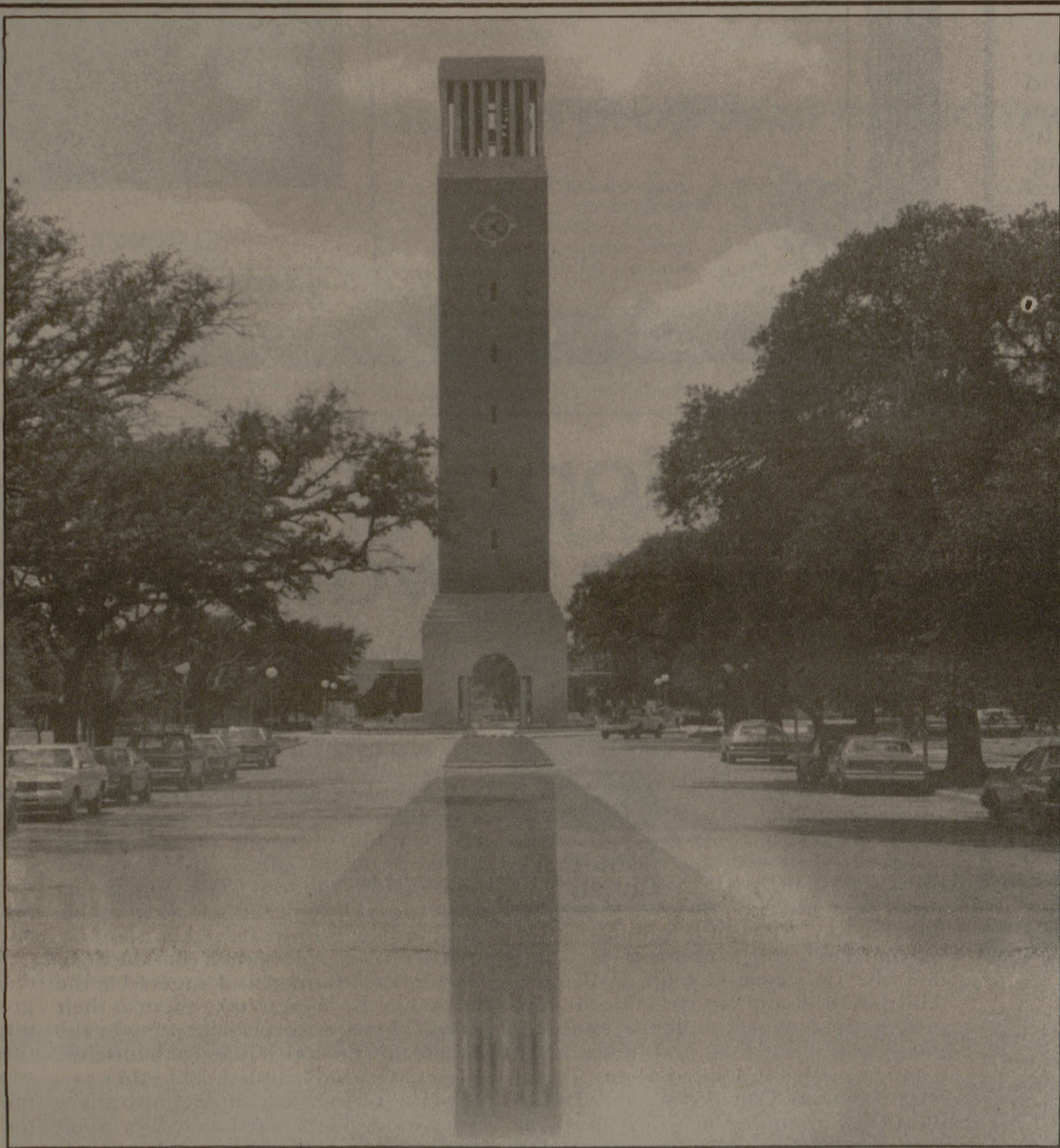
A cold front extended across northern Minnesota, North Dakota, northern Wyoming and southern Montana.

Brisk southerly winds buffeted the Central Plains, and gusty south winds warmed the Great Lakes region.

In the East, sunny skies and cold temperatures prevailed.

Eighteen cities broke or tied low temperature records for the date, including Baltimore, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, N.J., Buffalo, N.Y., Lansing, Mich., Burlington, Vt., and Akron, Ohio.

Today's forecast called for scattered showers and thunderstorms from the Great Plains to the Southern and Middle Atlantic Coast, heaviest over West Virginia, Florida and southern Georgia, and from south-central Texas to southern Missouri.



Double Take

It's been rainy in College Station, but not that rainy. The Albritton Tower appears to be re-

flected in a pool of water but the effect is due to a special filter used on the camera lens.

Photo by ANTHONY S. CASPER

A&M to close its night, weekend health services

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Due to a combination of factors, Texas A&M's A.P. Beutel Health Center will not provide night and weekend outpatient services to University students during the summer semesters.

The health center will continue to offer enrolled students its weekday outpatient clinic, inpatient care and ambulance service, says Dr. Claude Goswick, health center director.

"The decision to suspend night and weekend outpatient services is one we had hoped we wouldn't have to make," Goswick says. "But the cost of providing such care and the unavailability of physicians left us with no other choice."

Goswick noted that the health center sees the bulk of its patients — a daily average of 400 students — during its regular clinic hours of 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

"The number of students seeking care nights and weekends is rela-

tively small, while the cost and problems of staffing the health center during these non-peak periods is quite large," Goswick says.

The health center will now be open 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday, treating a broad spectrum of student ailments ranging from colds and ingrown toenails to injuries and infectious illnesses.

Students with conditions requiring medical supervision or confinement can still be treated as inpatients in the health center's 42-bed infirmary. Conditions requiring major surgery or special care will continue to be referred to local doctors or hospitals.

Goswick says that students needing emergency medical attention nights or weekends will now need to utilize local emergency rooms or other health care providers at their own expense. Should these students require inpatient treatment, they can be transferred to the health center hospital during its normal hours.

Chernobyl disaster claims two more lives

MOSCOW (AP) — The Chernobyl nuclear disaster has claimed two more lives, bringing the death toll to 25, a Soviet doctor said Tuesday. He also disclosed that 18,000 people initially were hospitalized after the accident.

Dr. Leonid Ilyin, director of Moscow's Hospital No. 6 where the most seriously ill patients were taken, said about 30 of them remain in critical condition.

He said 18,000 people were hospitalized for up to three days in Kiev and other Ukrainian cities after the April 26 disaster. But he said doctors found they were only suffering from anxiety.

"None of the 18,000 had problems," Ilyin said. "In any evacuation, there is psychological stress and different people react differently, so we wanted . . . wanted to check everyone who was complaining." He said doctors concluded all 18,000 were in "perfect health."

Ilyin spoke at a news conference called by International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, which won the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize. However, he did not go into much detail because the group's American co-chairman, Dr. Bernard Lown, complained that the news conference was to discuss disarmament, not Chernobyl.

The group's Soviet co-chairman, Dr. Yevgeny Chazov, said last week

in Cologne, West Germany, that 21 people had died, including two workers killed outright in the explosion and fire.

Dr. Robert P. Gale, an American bone marrow transplant specialist treating Chernobyl patients, said last Thursday the death toll was 23, including the two killed instantly.

Ilyin said a chief concern for those still hospitalized was a drop in their natural immunity. "I should say that quite a few patients are with second- and third-degree acute radiation sickness," he said. He was not given an opportunity to elaborate.

Bone marrow transplants have been performed on the most critically ill patients in an effort to prevent them from incurring grave infections as the radiation in their bodies destroys blood cells. Doctors have said that patients who recover still may face higher risks of cancer and other diseases later in life.

Chazov said last week that 11 of those who died had undergone bone marrow transplants.

Ilyin said a total of about 100,000 people — the number ordered evacuated from the "danger zone" — were checked by medics and doctors. He said cases of radiation exposure were limited to the several hundred plant workers.

Lincecum sentenced to death

ANGLETON (AP) — A jury Tuesday ordered the death penalty for a 22-year-old parolee convicted of killing a Brenham schoolteacher during an attack that also claimed the life of her 11-year-old son.

Kavin Wayne Lincecum was convicted Monday of strangling Kathy Coppedge, 35, a Brenham schoolteacher. Her son, Casey, also was killed.

The two were found in the trunk of their car, where the boy suffocated, authorities said. They had been abducted from a church parking lot.

Lincecum showed no reaction when the jury returned its punishment verdict after 48 minutes of deliberation. The panel took only 30 minutes Monday to convict him of capital murder.

"Justice was done," Joyce Davis, Mrs. Coppedge's mother, said

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Texas areas lack sewers, roads

White, Hobby visit Valley's poor

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Gov. Mark White and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby on Tuesday toured colonias — unincorporated areas lacking running water and paved roads — and were told by residents they are tired of the substandard living conditions.

White, Hobby and members of the Texas Water Development Board walked through two colonias in the Brownsville area.

Residents joined them and described how streets get flooded and children have to walk in the mud to get to a school bus.

The Water Development Board has funded a \$215,000 study, which

is the first step in making the Texas Water Plan's long-term, low-interest loans available to bring water and sewers to the areas.

The study, which is expected to be completed by November, will identify which entities can provide the water and sewer service because the unincorporated colonias are not eligible for direct loans.

"We have a responsibility to get the sewage out of the streets and get the water into your homes," Hobby told a crowd of about 150 that had gathered outside a home in the Cameron Park colonia outside of Brownsville.

White said, "We're going to con-

tinue to see that people are going to be given humane living conditions."

In the Rio Grande Valley, an estimated 135 colonias are home to about 100,000 people. Many homes in the colonias also lack electricity and sewer facilities.

The cost to improve about 29 of the colonias is estimated at \$40 to \$45 million, according to Valley Interfaith, a coalition of Valley churches working to improve living conditions for the poor.

White and Hobby have pledged to the coalition to work for \$100 million in state monies to help improve the colonias.

"We're talking millions and millions of dollars if we don't (improve colonias) when you look at the wasted opportunities in the lives of these young children," White told reporters.

White, who is seeking re-election, talked to numerous children during the tour. He and Alex Flores wrote their names in fresh cement that was being molded into a curb in the Portway Acres colonia.

White also talked about the state's education reform package and said it was helping many of the children he had met on Tuesday.

Pelton 'not recruited' as double agent

BALTIMORE (AP) — Ronald W. Pelton, testifying for the second day at his espionage trial, acknowledged Tuesday that FBI agents never told him they wanted him to work as a double agent against the Soviet KGB.

Pelton contended, however, that during an interrogation before his arrest last November, he believed the FBI was trying to cut a deal with him in return for details he allegedly gave the Russians about National Security Agency interception of Soviet communications.

The defendant, who worked as an NSA technician for 14 years before he resigned in 1979, faces life imprisonment if convicted of charges that he sold secrets to the KGB intelligence service from 1980 to 1985.

Pelton was the only witness for the defense, which rested its case after he stepped down. Both sides are scheduled to present closing arguments on Wednesday morning with the case to go to the jury later in the day.

On the stand, Pelton acknowledged that he told FBI agents he had entered the Soviet embassy on Jan. 15, 1980, that he had undergone extensive debriefings by Russian agents in Vienna, Austria, in 1980 and 1983, and that he collected \$35,000 from the Soviets for the information.

Defense attorney Fred Warren Bennett is trying to convince the jury that the FBI tricked Pelton into the confession by interrogating him for more than five hours before advising him of his rights and arresting him, and also that the suspect was under the influence of alcohol and drugs for some of the questioning.

Pelton testified Tuesday he was so convinced that federal agents wanted to recruit him for counterintelligence work that during

transcript of the conversation, rendered it as: "(unintelligible) . . . You're only involved (unintelligible)." The parentheses were in the transcript.

But on the tape, replayed in open court, Pelton seems to say, "You're only involved with the FBI," and the woman makes a response which is unintelligible, except for the initials, "F-B-I."

Pelton said the only time he had heard the tape before Tuesday was when it was played

"And that on the trips, you spent three to four days, eight hours a day, writing out answers to written questions . . . and that for your efforts you received \$35,000?"

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Douglass, questioning Ronald W. Pelton, accused of selling classified information to the Soviet Union.

a nine-hour break in the questioning he told his girlfriend he was "involved with the FBI."

In a daring courtroom gamble, Pelton claimed that his remark about the FBI was recorded by a clandestine bug placed in the girlfriend's apartment by federal agents.

Government prosecutors, in preparing a

in court by prosecutors last week, but that, "I definitely told her."

The small victory for the defense appeared to be overwhelmed by the damaging admissions that Pelton made under withering cross-examination by Assistant U.S. Attorney John Douglass.