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## Bonnie hits Port Arthur at 85 mph, kills two

PORT ARTHUR (AP) — Hurricane Bonnie struck the Gulf Coast here Thursday, killing two people with its 85 mph winds and heavy rain that spun off tornadoes, destroyed homes and knocked out power to thousands.

Thousands of beachfront residents had boarded up their homes and fled inland to escape the storm, the season's first hurricane, which formed in the Gulf on Monday.

Bonnie was not a major hurricane when it hit land at 4:45 a.m. south of Port Arthur.

One man was killed when his pickup truck was caught in a squall and went out of control on a road in Vidor, northwest of Port Arthur, and a partially paralyzed man died after being trapped inside her burning Port Arthur home as flames fueled by gusts from the hurricane, officials said.

At least a dozen people were injured.

"This wasn't a severe hurricane, it wasn't a major hurricane, but it was a blown hurricane when it moved across the coastline this morning," said Neil Frank, director of the National Hurricane Center in Coral Gables, Fla.

The entire city of Port Arthur was without power until about noon

Thursday, said Police Sgt. Robert Williamson.

Downgraded to a tropical storm, Bonnie lumbered north Thursday night, spreading rain and thunderstorms across most of East Texas.

In nearby Beaumont, trees were toppled and six small passenger planes were toppled at the airport but no major damage was reported, said police Capt. Joe Crutchfield. City officials asked the state for emergency assistance.

Gov. Mark White said he had not had a report of specific dollar amounts of damages. "Until I do, I won't be able to make a determination. Certainly, in the past, when we've met the criteria we always seek that assistance."

U.S. 59 between Livingston and Shepherd near Lake Livingston, was covered with water and closed about 8:30 p.m. because of floodwaters from Big Creek, said Don Clark, a spokesman for the State Highway Department.

About 20 miles to the southeast of the closed highway, a dam at Big Thicket Lake broke just above the Menard Creek Acres subdivision after 13 inches of rain, but the area had been evacuated of its small number of residents, said Mike Cox, a spokesman for the Department of Public Safety.

## Raids net 85 illegal aliens

### 4 arrested on A&M campus

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Staff Writer

U.S. Border Patrol agents netted about 85 illegal aliens Thursday in raids on Bryan-College Station businesses and construction sites, including a raid on a Texas A&M construction site.

Bob Wiatt, director of University Police, said four illegals were apprehended at the site of the Clayton Williams Jr. Center, the new alumni center that is being constructed at the corner of Jersey Street and Houston Street.

No other campus construction sites were raided, but Wiatt said he expected the Border Patrol to return today.

Many of the raids were conducted in random hits on new home and office construction sites and on the industrial park area in Bryan.

H.M. Slocumb, border patrol supervisor, said most of the illegals were adult males between the ages of 19 and 35, with only three females apprehended.

Assistant Chief Patrol Agent H. G. Pool said Thursday's raids only made a small dent in the number of illegal aliens here.

"There are a lot of illegals in this area," Pool said. "We're not going to create much of an impact but we will create at least 100 jobs for somebody." After being

taken into custody, the illegal aliens were taken to buses parked near Highway 21. They were then taken to the U.S. Army Moore Memorial Reserve in Bryan for processing.

Pool said, "We get them paid, get their checks cashed, get their personal belongings and get them on a bus to Mexico."

He said he expected the two busloads of aliens picked up Thursday to be in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico by early this morning.

Pool said the Border Patrol follows the same arrest procedure for illegals that they do for U.S. citizens. The illegal aliens are read their rights and given the option of a deportation hearing or voluntary departure to Mexico. Pool said most of the illegals had chosen voluntary departure.

"About six or seven we didn't send back to Mexico due to personal problems," he said. "We'll give them time to wrap up their family business before the voluntary departure."

The Border Patrol has no trouble distinguishing Mexican-Americans from illegal aliens, Pool said.

"Our guys are trained," he said. "They can tell by the mode of dress, the way they conduct themselves and a lot of the time



Photo by ANTHONY S. CASPER

Above, Border Patrol agent Sal Garza arrests illegal aliens at corner of East 23rd and North Houston Streets in Bryan. Below, the aliens await their ride home to Mexico at the U.S. Army Moore Memorial Reserve Center.

by the way they run when they see a border patrol agent."

Two weeks ago the Border Patrol arrested nearly 200 illegal aliens in Austin. Some people re-

ported seeing agents removing suspects from their cars in the middle of rush hour traffic.

"We don't arrest U.S. citizens," Pool said.

## Congress agrees to tentative plan for '87 budget cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senior congressional budget writers agreed Thursday on the outlines of a fiscal 1987 spending blueprint that would sharply curtail President Reagan's military spending plans — but soften that cutback if Reagan found an acceptable way to raise more money.

Budget writers from the House and Senate struggled into the evening Thursday to iron out final details of the 1987 billion spending plan.

A House-Senate conference committee then could publicly ratify the pact and send it to the full House and Senate for final approval.

The compromise was designed to trim next year's deficit nearly \$2 billion below the \$144 billion target of the Gramm-Rudman balanced-budget law.

Military spending would be lim-

ited to \$292.15 billion next year unless the president and Congress agreed on a way to raise money for a contingency fund of "critical unmet needs." Reagan requested \$320 billion for the Pentagon, and even with that additional money the budget would cut that request to \$299 billion, lawmakers said.

The contingency fund of about \$4.8 billion was an indirect challenge to the president to soften his opposition to new taxes. The Senate had approved a \$10.7 billion tax boost, but House Democrats refused to go along, fearing the political fallout.

As a result, the compromise would allow the additional spending if Reagan proposed, and Congress approved, new taxes, sales of government assets beyond those already in the budget or some other way of raising the revenue.

## Rebels say House vote could turn political tide

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top Nicaraguan resistance leader said Thursday the expected renewal of U.S. assistance to the rebels will tilt the political balance in his homeland, leading to a popular insurrection against the Sandinistas and a massive increase in the insurgent ranks.

Flanked at a news conference by members of the political and military leadership of the resistance, Alfonso Robelo, a member of the original Sandinista junta, also predicted "massive defections" from the Sand-

nista cause and rebellions within the Nicaraguan army.

Robelo's colleague in the United Nicaraguan Opposition, Adolfo Calero, said he is placing high-priority on using the U.S. aid money to acquire shoulder-fired missiles capable of bringing down Soviet helicopter gunships that were introduced into the conflict last summer.

He said the gunships have "changed the war" in the Sandinistas' favor.

The Contras also will seek light anti-tank weapons, grenade launchers and light machine guns once, as

expected, the U.S. arms flow to the rebels resumes on Sept. 1, Calero said.

Robelo said, "The weapons will balance the present situation, where we are suffering from sophisticated weapons that the Soviets have given the Sandinistas."

The long-held view of the insurgents is that they require reliable, consistent support from the United States in order to rally public opinion in Nicaragua behind them.

Robelo suggested that Wednesday night's 221-209 House vote in support of President Reagan's \$100 mil-

lion aid proposal will enable the rebels to turn the corner in their struggle against the Sandinistas.

Until now, Robelo said, the United States had been engaging in a "yo-yo" policy, with Congress approving some of Reagan's requests and rejecting others.

The aid will involve \$70 million in military aid and \$30 million in non-lethal assistance.

The rebels have received no military aid in more than two years.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said the House reversal of its anti-Contra vote in March was a

"long time coming," but Senate Minority Leader Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said he was surprised by the vote, since public opinion polls show 2-1 opposition against the president's proposal.

House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill said he was fearful that the House vote was a prelude to the eventual introduction of American troops in Nicaragua.

Reflecting O'Neill's concern was the approval Wednesday night of an amendment that would bar any U.S. personnel — civilian or military — from providing aid or training to the

Contras in areas within 20 miles of the Nicaraguan border.

Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto said the House action will "cost many more deaths," and could prompt his government to expand its military arsenal.

Pentagon spokesman Robert Sims said Thursday that the Soviet Union has shipped Nicaragua 10 more HIP MI-8 helicopters, bringing the Sandinista fleet to about 25.

The administration says the Soviet Union has provided Nicaragua arms worth \$650 million this year.

Times-Mirror sells paper for \$110 million

## Newsman buys Dallas Times Herald

DALLAS (AP) — The Times Mirror Co. said Thursday that it has agreed to sell the Dallas Times Herald for \$110 million to a company headed by a Texas newsman, who will be stepping into one of the country's toughest newspaper competitions.

The Times Mirror Co. said it has agreed in principle to sell the city's no. 2 newspaper to Media News Group, a Woodbury, N.J., company headed by William Dean Singleton.

"This is a dream come true for me," said Singleton, 34, president and chief executive officer of two newspaper-publishing companies.

"We will work hard to expand the tradition of the Dallas Times Herald as Texas' most honored newspaper," he said.

The Dallas Morning News, with a daily circulation of 390,275 and 521,727 on Sundays, is the No. 1 paper in Dallas, according to the Audit Bureau of Circulation.

The Times Herald has a circulation of 244,629 daily and 348,084 on Sunday.

New York media analyst Jeffrey Russell said the future of the Times Herald depends on how much money Singleton is willing to spend.

"It could be he's content to be a strong number two," Russell said. "I would think it's probably positive for A.H. Belo Corp.," the owners of the Morning News.

Bruce Thorp, a Washington, D.C., media analyst, said, "There could be an opportunity for the News to strengthen its position even more, but I don't think you can really predict anything." He said that Singleton has initially cut expenses at other papers he has acquired.

Burl Osborne, president and editor of the News, said the sale would not change his newspaper's strategy. "We have set out to make the Morning News as good a newspaper

for its readers and advertisers as we can," he said. "That goal has not changed and won't change."

The Dallas acquisition, along with planned purchases of two smaller newspapers, would place Media News Group among the top 10 companies in terms of number of publications.

The purchase price, which is in cash and notes, is subject to negotiation of a definitive agreement and government approval, according to a statement released by Los Angeles-based Times Mirror Co.

Arthur E. Wible Jr., named publisher of the Times Herald in August 1985, will stay on, the newspaper announced.

Robert F. Erburu, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Times Mirror, said in a statement, "Times Mirror is very proud of the

achievement of the Dallas Times Herald, but we believe that its sale at this time is consistent with our corporate strategy and is in the best interest of the long-term future of the Times Herald."

Last month, Times Mirror said it was buying the Baltimore Sun newspapers and two television stations for \$600 million from the A.S. Abell Publishing Co.

Times Mirror owns the Hartford Courant, Connecticut's largest newspaper; the Stamford Advocate in Stamford, Conn.; the Morning Call in Allentown, Pa.; the Greenwich Time, in Greenwich, Conn.; the Denver Post in Denver and Newsday, based on New York's Long Island.

Times Mirror also has broadcast and cable television properties, and book and publishing ventures.

## Red Duke to join Willie, crew at music benefit Farm Aid II

AUSTIN (AP) — Music fans who fall victim to the heat at next week's day-long Farm Aid II concert might wake up to see a familiar face — Dr. Red Duke.

Duke, known nationally for his folksy television health reports from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, has agreed to Farm Aid organizer Willie Nelson's request to be medical director for the concert.

"Willie asked me through his daughter, Lana," said Duke, who flew to Austin this week to revise medical treatment plans designed for UT's Memorial Stadium before the concert was moved to South Park Meadows.

Organizers said Thursday that insurance problems have forced yet another site switch, this time to Manor Downs, a horse-training facility east of Austin. They said Duke plans to come along to the new site, too.

Duke, 57, a veteran of several Willie Nelson Fourth of July Picnics, will be on hand for Farm Aid II to supervise medical services and "try to be as helpful as I can."

The country-talking doctor said he and Nelson have been running into one another since they grew up together in Hill County — Nelson in Abbott and Duke in Hillsboro.

Duke said he has "blown out a lot of speakers and worn out a lot of tape decks" listening to Nelson's country music in his pickup. He even plays Willie Nelson tunes in the operating room of Houston's Hermann Hospital.

"It keeps me sane and keeps everybody relaxed," Duke said.

Duke will join about a dozen doctors, several dozen nurses, and hundreds of emergency medical technicians, paramedics and trained volunteers.