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Workers search for victims of hurricane

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) rkers searched on Sunday for the ies of up to 200 people swept y when a river poured over its ks and overturned four buses. y people were confirmed dead.

he buses were caught in the path the Santa Catarina River when a h flood spawned by Hurricane ert ripped a 40-mile-long path destruction Saturday through hern Mexico's most populated

t was the epilogue to a week of th and havoc caused by Gilbert, ich ravaged the Yucatan Peninresort areas of Cancun, Cozuand Isla Mujeres before crossing Gulf of Mexico and hitting Mexagain in the northeast near

The storm killed at least 98 people ile coursing the Caribbean, in-ding 29 in the Yucatan when it hit d last Wednesday with winds of to 200 mph, 26 in Jamaica, 30 in iti, five in the Dominican Repuband eight in Honduras. Two peowere killed Saturday in Texas by nados spawned by the storm.

But it was in this capital of the te of Nuevo Leon where Gilbert acted its highest death toll after it were located by Sunday.

weakened into a tropical storm late

Gilbert's rains created a 10-footdeep, 150-foot-wide torrent of muddy water by Saturday when the river roared through Monterrey. By Sunday, it was almost back to its normal size of 20 feet, allowing soldiers to use cranes to pull the crushed body of one intercity passenger bus

"They hope to find bodies because they don't know exactly how many people were in the bus or how many were able to save themselves," rescue coordinator Lt. Col. Vicente Gamez of the 7th Military Zone said.

The first bus yanked by its chassis from a murky grave in the Monterrey riverbed revealed only empty seats, twisted metal and piles of

shoes and clothing.
Soldiers used picks to dig through the rubble of mud, stones and tree branches inside the bus's crushed re-

Another bus, also upside down and crushed, lay in the gravel on the other side of the stream. The remains of two other buses were further downstream.

Gamez said only two survivors

Texas cities prepare for flash floods

ing to the Transportes Noreste line and another, possibly an urban bus.

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Photo by Jay Janner

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texans braced for flash flooding Sunday as rivers swelled from rains spawned by Hurricane Gilbert, while hundreds of residents continued to dig out of the rubble from more than three dozen tornadoes spun off by the storm.

Numerous tornadoes touched down in San Antonio Saturday, overturning a mobile home and killing a woman and uprooting trees and roofs at Kelly Air Force Base, homes, an apartment complex, businesses and damaging an air-conditioning system at Audie Murphy Veterans Admnistration Hospital.

Other tornadoes were reported in Del Rio, in southwest Texas on the United States-Mexico border late Saturday, but damage there was min-

bus line, said he believed about 64

imal, officials said In northeastern Mexico, U.S. Coast Guard aircraft from New Orleans were picking up people threatened by swollen rivers.

Flash flood watches were in effect Sunday over much of north, west and central Texas, the National Weather Service reported.

State officials reported that the Rio Grande in Terrell County in southwest Texas rose 30 feet overnight and was expected to rise even more.

Christine Holleyman, spokesman for the Ter-rell County Sheriff's department, said two farmto-market roads in the area were closed because of rising creeks and rock slides.

"This happens all the time when it rains," Holleyman said. "We have lots of low crossings and dry creeks, It's a very common occurrence. We haven't had any problems.'

Authorities in the Texas Hill Country were

keeping a watchful eye on the Guadalupe River, which easily overflows its banks during rain-storms. But as of late morning, no flooding had been reported.

Laureen Chernow, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety's Emergency Management Council, said, "The division of emergency management is still monitoring the situation in West Texas for possible flooding and the possibilities of tornadoes.

"At this time we have not received any reports from local jurisdictions on flooding situations, but we'll continue to monitor until the threat has

In San Antonio, residents of apartment buildings and homes continued their cleanup effort while city and telephone crews worked Sunday to restore service.

Meanwhile, in northeastern Mex-

ico, U.S. Coast Guard aircraft from

New Orleans were picking up scores of people near Vallecillo that were

threatened by swollen rivers as scat-

tered rains continued in northeast-

ern Mexico and parts of Texas. Mex-

ican state authorities requested the

Military official declares himself Haiti's president

Brig. Gen. Prosper Avril, a for-er military adviser for the Duvalier ctatorship, declared himself presint on Sunday after ousting Lt. n. Henri Namphy.

Avril, adjutant general of the my, said in an early morning adess on national television that the esidential Guard toppled Namphy Saturday because it was "sicked" by the way Namphy gov-ned. Namphy was sent to the ighboring Dominican Republic. Residents reported hearing heavy

infire Saturday night near the esidential palace in what appeared be fighting between military fac-

Frantz Lubin, Haiti's director of formation, said soldiers were lled, but Avril mentioned no cas-

Avril took over a week after about men armed with machetes, handins and steel pikes attacked a urch during a Mass being said by Rev. Jean Bertrand Aristide, a cal critic of the military governent. Thirteen people were killed ad 77 wounded. Opposition leads blamed Namphy's government or the attack and another church arning two days later.

On Sunday morning, slum dwells killed and burned the body of e man and cheered when a soldier ot and killed another man susected of participating in the mascre. By midday, the city was quiet, ut the airport was closed.

Avril, who was adviser to ousted

resident Jean-Claude Duvalier, id Haiti will respect all internaonal treaties, liberties and human ights and said that "dialogue will be onored for the sake of national rec-

Lubin said Jean-Claude Paul,

lines Barracks, was named com-mander-in-chief of the army, but Avril did not mention Paul. Dessalines is the most feared unit in the 7,000-man army.

Paul, who has been indicted on federal drug trafficking charges in Miami, had been considered the most powerful figure in Haiti after Namphy. It was not known if Paul played a role in the coup, but sources said Namphy and Paul were

In Washington, State Department spokesman Anita Stockman said noncommissioned officers of the Presidential Guard captured Nam-phy in an apparently bloodless coup and persuaded Avril to take over.

She said they were believed to be dissatisfied with recent human rights violations and the general deterioration in the security situation punc-tuated by attacks against the

churches over the past two weeks.
Stockman said Avril phoned the U.S. ambassador and said he was assuming the presidency. She said the U.S. government still wants Paul to answer the drug trafficking charges

Namphy arrived in a private plane at a private airport in Santo Domingo, the Dominican capital, early Sunday morning, said Fabio Herrera Cabral, deputy foreign minister of the Dominican Republic, which shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti.

The Dominican Republic said Namphy and Port-au-Prince Mayor Franck Romain were granted political asylum in its embassy in Port-au-Prince. Details on the departure of Romain and 12 others still were being discussed, Herrera Cabral said. Romain was a colonel in the Presidential Guard and chief of police under Duvalier.



Eduardo Pichardo, an employee two buses, one identified as belong-of the Transportes de la Frontera ing to the Transportes Noreste line

Where's Gilbert???

Blue skies mock the empty stands at Kyle Field Saturday afternoon when A&M was supposed to be playing Álabama. Alabama postponed the game because of weather conditions, Alabama officials reported Fraternity faultless

in student's death

By Fiona Soltes Reporter

when they attempted to rescue vic-

the 24-hour period before the flood,

but the destruction was caused by

runoff from the towering peaks of the Sierra Madre Oriental chain that

surrounds this semi-arid metropol-

About 12 inches of rain fell over

tims, state authorities said.

The Texas A&M chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon has been proven not responsible for the Sept. 10 drowning of an A&M student.

After a week of investigations by the University and the Somerville Police Department, Charles Goodman, interfraternity counsil advisor, told members of the IFC Sunday that the fraternity was not to blame for David Stauts death.

"I am completely and totally convinced that the drowning was accidental," Goodman said. "The chapter did nothing to cause and was not negligent in the death of David

Stauts, 19, a business major from Longview, had been swimming with members of the fraternity at Lake statement at a later date.

Somerville. He apparently was swimming to a small island just off the shore of Welch Park when he

drowned at 2:30 p.m.

Billy Towsley, Burleson County
Sheriff's deputy, said, "Members of the fraternity tried to help him but could not reach him in time.

Stauts body was found about 6:30 p.m. after an extensive search by members of the Somerville police and sheriff's deptartments, the Som-erville Rescue Unit and the Corps of Engineers, Tausley said.

He was buried at Memory Park in Longview Sept. 12. Stauts was not a member of the fraternity.

John Koldus, vice president of student services at A&M, could not be reached for comment.

The frat plans to issue a formal

Commander ousts Burma's president

RANGOON, Burma (AP) — Armed forces commander Saw Maung ousted the civilian president on Sunday, and thousands of people surged into the streets to demand democracy and protest the fourth change in the government in two Gen. Saw Maung said in a

statement broadcast by state Radio Rangoon he overthrew President Maung Maung to halt economic and social chaos and to hold democratic elections after 26 years of authorita-

The fate of Maung Maung was not known, and there were no reports of casualties or arrests.

Saw Maung, 59, immediately abo-

and slapped an 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. curfew on the capital, the country's largest city with 2.5 million residents. Public gatherings were banned, but it was not known whether the measures were only for Rangoon or for all of Burma.

Shortly after the 4 p.m. broadcast, thousands poured out of their homes, some bearing spears, knives and homemade crossbows, to protest the new regime. Protesters chopped down trees and threw them along with stones and bricks across roads to block military vehicles.

"I believe the people will rise up again and this time they are going to be angrier," Burma expert Josef Sillished key government institutions verstein of Rutgers University said.

A&M team will write new drug education curriculum

By Melinda Eddleman Reporter

The Texas Education Agency has conacted a nine-member team from Texas &M University to write a new drug educaon curriculum for Texas public schools.

Project director Dr. B.E. "Buzz" Pruitt,

ssociate professor of health and physical ducation, said the state is at a point where is willing to take a major step toward hanging drug education now taught in The six-month \$200,000 project is

inded by federal money allocated to exas by the Department of Education's orug-Free Schools program, Pruitt said. The curriculum guide, "Education for Self esponsibility II: Prevention of Drug Use," will be aimed at grades pre-kindergarten can get their hands on.

Pruitt said A&M received the contract afer submitting a curriculum proposal in reponse to a publicly advertised RFP (Rethosen over other in-state as well as out-ofstate agencies competing for the project, he

The philosophy of the new comprehenive curriculum, Pruitt said, is to change the

whole environment of Texas schools. "Our intent is to actually move toward

schools without drugs," he said. "Drug education in Texas can't be conducted by a teacher standing in front of a class saying 'Don't do drugs' with a cup of coffee in his or her hand. Kids see the contradiction, he said. What they're seeing is a teacher who can't make it through first period without

an upper — without a stimulant — caffine. Pruitt said the schools are spending tax payers' dollars on drug paraphernalia every time they buy ashtrays for the teachers' lounge. If policies aren't passed to make schools tobacco free, then there is no commitment to drug-free schools, he said.

The project consists of three phases, Pruitt said, with the research phase currently underway. He said they are trying to obtain every piece of literature on drug education and purchase any available curricula they

"From existing knowledge, literature and data we want to create the most sound curriculum that we can — given the restraints uest for Proposal) by the TEA. A&M was (time factor) we have to operate under," he

Pruitt hand picked a panel of drug education experts for consultation on the project. He said for every angle the project covers, he wants people available who know the specific areas like they know the back of

Pruitt said he hired Steven Thomas, director of a minority project at the University of Maryland and drug education spe cialist, because he is black and is able to add a true minority point of view to the project.

"We don't want this to be a product that is designed for middle class white Texans that can be modified for black Texans or brown Texans," he said. "We want it to be a curriculum for Texans - whatever their color or background.

Pruitt said he has also hired other specialists who can help determine what will and will not work within the curriculum structure. He said Barbara Carter, a drug education specialist from Mississippi, just finished a curriculum for that state and can give insight about what should and should not be included in the Texas curriculum.

Pruitt said the second phase of the project consists of writing workshops, including four that utilize 28 practice teachers from around the state.

Pruitt said they will make a few mistakes delivering this project to the public schools in such a short period of time. But, he said, the cry for help is so loud that it demands an immediate response. He said they will try to respond to teachers' needs for train-

ing with later projects.

Pruitt said the curriculum will be used as

a vehicle to involve all teachers in drug edu-

Every employee of the school needs to feel (they are) part of the solution to the drug problem and not part of the prob-lem," he said.

He wants everyone to care about the skills it takes to prevent drug abuse.

Because the curriculum extends from pre-kindergarteners to 12th graders, it will be developed mentally sensitive, he said. Certain elements will be introduced depending on the grade level.

Pruitt said the kindergarten through elementary school levels will involve curricula to build self-esteem and assertiveness. He called this "social innoculation," which is equipping the children with arguments that appear spontaneous but are, in fact, prepared arguments for certain types of situaions. He said some curricula call these refusal skills.

Also, Pruitt said, information about what a drug is will be presented. Pruitt said scare tactics will not be used in the curriculum because they have been proven ineffective. Research suggests that social innoculation has hope, he said.

A more aggressive approach will be used around the 7th grade, he said. Pruitt said the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades are a period of

grand experimentation. He said more emphasis will be placed on dealing with "gateway" drugs, which include tobacco, alcohol, and presently marijuana. Pruitt said the use of one of these drugs can open the door to use or abuse of some other illicit substance.

"People generally don't start out using heroine," he said. "They may start out on a cigarette in the 4th grade.'

Pruitt said more complex questions of the impact of drug problems on society will be addressed in the high school levels of the curriculum. He said the realization of the dollar expense of illicit drugs to the United States will also be addressed.

The new drug education curriculum package will be sent free to every school system in Texas, Pruitt said. Of the 1,100 school districts in Texas, he said, about 1000 of them could not afford any commercially packaged curricula. Pruitt said the state wants to make drug education available.

"The real important message here is that this is not the answer to the drug problems of the schools," he said. "This is a very responsible move on the part of the state of Texas to address the drug problems. I honestly believe we will make a difference in the environment of the schools. It's a major step toward drug-free schools.'