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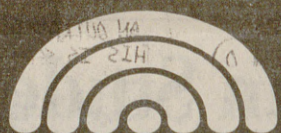
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Agricultural experts predict crop damage as cold front hits state

The Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Winter's fury made a comeback Tuesday in the wake of Easter Sunday and major league baseball's opening day.

The springtime cold snap buffeted Texans with light snow and northerly gusts that plunged wind-chill temperatures down to zero.

Agriculture experts predicted some freeze damage for Panhandle crops.

Glen Clugy awoke to the patter of sleet early Tuesday in Hartley County, south of Dalhart.

"It's been like a roller coaster ride," said Clugy, county executive director of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service. "It would get warm and then get cold."

Clugy expects that wheat in the Panhandle — already stunted by lack of rain — now will sustain some freeze damage, too.

None of the flurries were accumulating. But the arctic front postponed Tuesday's baseball game in Canyon between West Texas A&M and Wayland Baptist.

"Twenty-eight degrees — I mean, that's below anything you want to do outside, let alone try to pitch a baseball," said WT coach Mike Marshall. "It's just injurious."

Other areas of Texas weren't spared from the wacky weather.

The Permian Basin saw blowing dust. And thunderstorms brewed in North Texas and East Texas, where the National Weather Service issued a tornado watch for 24 counties and warned of large hail and damaging winds.

Meanwhile, temperatures in South Texas climbed above 80 degrees by noon.

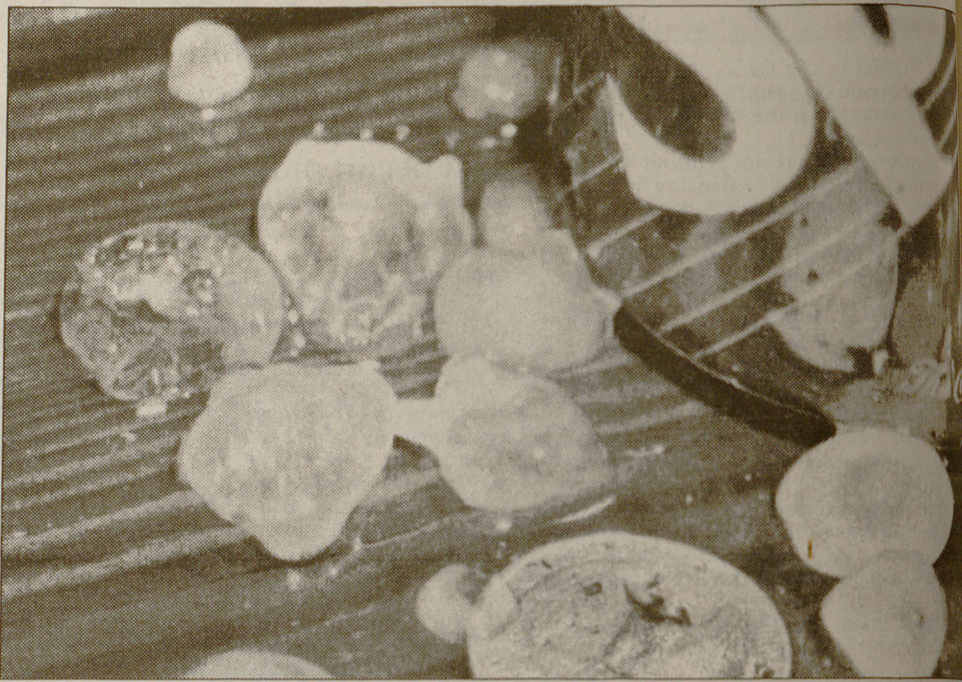
Scott Plischke, an NWS meteorologist, said the cold front first hit Dalhart late Monday and blasted to the southeast at 45 mph.

Plischke described a dramatic lamb-to-lion change: At 11:56 p.m. Monday in Amarillo, winds were blowing at 13 mph from the southwest and the temperature was 54 degrees. Seventeen minutes later, winds gusted from the north at 46 mph and the mercury had plunged 20 notches.

"It doesn't happen every year, (but) it's not rare," Plischke said.

Juli Rhoden, a communications technician for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in College Station, said the cold snap likely will kill off some pesky insects.

What the hail?



Tim Moog/The Baton

Hail hit the A&M campus Tuesday evening before a brief thunderstorm flooded the area. Wednesday's forecast called for mostly sunny, breezy and cool afternoon.

Energy department releases radiation data

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than 5,000 people are currently being exposed to low levels of radiation in government-funded medical research, the Department of Energy reported Monday.

The Department of Energy has been under pressure to release information about current radiation experiments after reports of Cold War-era testing in which people were unwittingly exposed to radiation.

The 41 research projects with 5,056 participants do not seek to study the effect of radiation on humans, but use radiation as a diagnostic tool, the report said.

All require the consent of the subjects and are approved and supervised by an independent Institutional Review Board, or IRB.

Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, said he was "sured" by the energy department report and by creation of a new database to allow easy public access to information on energy department testing. January Glenn's committee asked the energy department to report on its testing. The committee released the report and its own summary on Monday.

"I have learned from the department that all these tests, not one investigation has been conducted in the last three years to ensure compliance," Glenn said.

Clinton pitches health plan as cure for doctor shortage

The Associated Press

TROY, N.C. — Claiming fresh momentum in the health care debate, President Clinton pitched his plan Tuesday as a cure for doctor shortages in rural America and implored the public to demand congressional action this year.

Warming up for an evening town hall to be televised in North Carolina, Texas, Tennessee and Virginia, Clinton spent the day promoting his health reform ideas to doctors, administrators and patients of an understaffed and financially burdened rural hospital.

The president and first lady

Hillary Rodham Clinton are trying to generate public demand for health care change as Congress wraps up an Easter recess and prepares to resume work on the issue.

"What I'm trying to do is get out here and highlight these real world experiences of the doctors and nurses and all the health care providers here so that we can focus the attention of the American people and the Congress on solutions to the real problems," the president told reporters.

He acknowledged support for his plan has wavered in the polls,

and he blamed that on well-financed opposition from insurers and partisan attacks from Republicans.

He offered this optimistic status report: "The debate is in a funny way just beginning. ... I think we are winning it again and we are getting real movement in Congress."

Clinton said he believed the key



Clinton

to winning passage of an acceptable plan was for him to spend a good deal of his time outside Washington.

Tailoring his latest pitch to his local audience in Troy, 50 miles east of Charlotte, Clinton shook his head at local family practitioner Deborah McRoberts told him she often works more than 100 hours a week and has more than 8,000 patients.

Little noticed in the intense debate over health reform, Clinton said, are provisions in his plan to attract more doctors, nurses and other health professionals to rural areas such as Troy.

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