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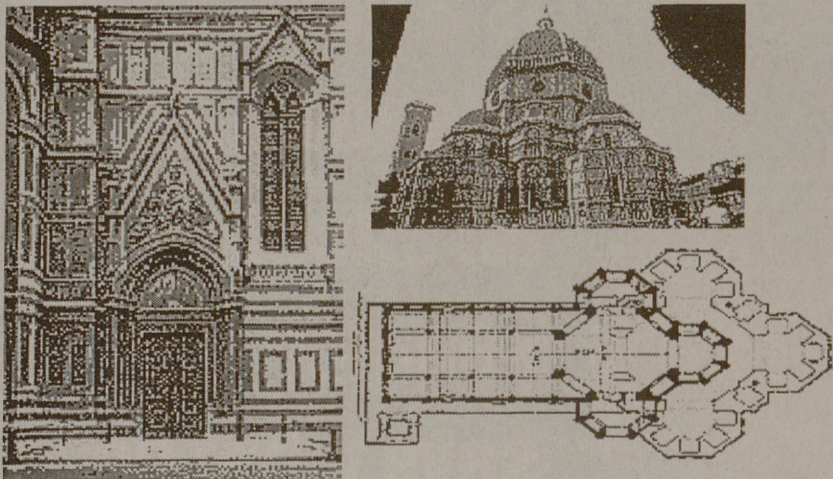
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Flooding continues in Texas Hill Country

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas (AP) — Rain deluged the Texas Hill Country again on Monday, washing away cattle fences and hampering the search for three children carried off by the floodwaters. At least 14 people have died in Texas storms since the weekend.

National Guardsmen had hoped to search by helicopter for a missing 6-year-old boy, and Gov. George W. Bush had scheduled a flight to survey damage in San Antonio. Both flights were canceled because of severe weather.

Thousands of animals were set loose by a rain-swollen San Marcos River that washed away pens, barns and hundreds of miles of fences. Caldwell County Extension Agent Lytle Arche estimated as many as 5,000 cattle could be roaming in his county. He expects at least 10,000 more to wander from their pastures in neighboring Guadalupe and Gonzales counties.

The counties lie along the Guadalupe River, just east of flood-ravaged San Antonio and New Braunfels. The river is usually about 150 feet across. On Monday, it was three miles wide in places and spreading.

Cattle had been moved to high ground, but the ground just was not high enough.

New Braunfels suffered some of the worst damage when the normally tranquil Guadalupe River rushed over its banks, flooding neighborhoods and sending 1,400 people to shelters for the night. The local newspaper, the *New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung*, put its Sunday newspaper out on Monday.

Thirty miles to the south, San Antonio got up 20 inches of rain over the weekend.

"This is unprecedented for the San Antonio area," Joe Candelario, the city's emergency management coordinator, said. "This is a first in our history, to have that much rain in a 24-hour period."

Flooding closed a four-mile section of a highway into San Antonio — two miles on either side of the Olmos Dam, which was nearing its capacity of 48 feet.

Fourteen Texans have died in the storms since Saturday — 12 in floods and two in tornadoes.

Searchers in Caldwell County searched for an 11-year-old girl and a 7-year-old boy who were in a vehicle that was washed off the road.

Beutal fair to offer area health options

BY BETH MILLER
The Battalion

"Putting the Pieces Together for a Healthy Lifestyle," a health fair sponsored by A. P. Beutel Health Center, will be held today in the MSC from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Margaret Griffith, health education coordinator at Beutel, said the fair is an annual event designed to make Texas A&M students, faculty and staff aware of the services available to them throughout the community.

Massage therapists, chiropractors and representatives from Gold's Gym, Phoebe's Home and Planned Parenthood will provide health care and recreation information. University Police Department, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the Brazos Valley Rape Crisis Center will offer safety tips at resource tables.

Griffith said that organizations at the fair will offer free HIV, blood pressure, cholesterol and weight screenings. The Aggie Wranglers, Aggie Dance Team and Aggie Jump Rope Team will provide entertainment at the fair, and door prizes

will be awarded.

Griffith said that she believes the University is a good place for the fair because new students may not be aware of the resources available in the College Station community.

"(The health fair) is a place where you can come and see people about different health services."

Lt. Bert Kretzschmar, University Police Department Crime Prevention Unit, said he will have a table set up to educate students about drug usage. He said the program will have information on what drugs look like, how street terms associated with them, and how to identify them. Kretzschmar will inform the students about rapidly gaining popularity of Rohypnol, sometimes called "date-rape drug."

Kretzschmar said he believes having a table at the fair is a good method of informing students.

"It's a way to get information out to students and to answer all the questions they're dying to ask, but they've had the chance to ask," Kretzschmar said.

New animal science research center provides expanded facilities to students

BY AMY CURTIS
The Battalion

The new Animal Science Teaching, Research and Extension Complex is a step toward the Animal Science Department's goal to reach premier status nationwide.

The new complex offers facilities and physical resources in the teaching, research and extension programs offered to students.

Dr. Bill Turner, chair professor for the Beef Center, said the new complex is comprised of five major buildings. Construction on the new complex started in 1990. The Beef Center has been in use by the department since August 1993. The four remaining buildings were completed in March 1997.

Since there is no current bus route that services the complex, located on Farm Road 60 past FM 2818, the Kleberg Animal and Food Sciences Building on campus is still used for classes.

Turner said the complex will offer the Animal Science Department extra research facilities. He said there were three main reasons for the construction of the new facilities: to provide classroom space that had been sacrificed for research projects; the need to offer students access to research animals; and the need to get hands-on teaching support in the program.



Texas A&M University's new Animal Science Teaching, Research and Extension Complex, located on Farm Road 60, will offer students expanded research and support facilities.

The Beef Center has paddocks and pastures for cattle encompassing 350 acres. It is the site for beef-improvement programs and the sale of purebred cattle.

To support the department's nutrition physiology research pro-

grams, the Nutrition and Physiology building was established. It is used in areas of reproduction, energy metabolism, nutrient use, and growth and development research.

There is a Visitor's Center that provides information about the

complex and a Sheep and Swine Center to provide hands-on experience with the raising of livestock.

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