

Full Moon

by R.DeLuna



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"Anger Management-- Come on, you all knew it was coming."

By I.FLORES



Florida evacuates hundreds as rain raises lake level

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — Emergency officials urged residents to evacuate more than 600 homes downstream from Lake Manatee on Sunday as excess water from the reservoir, swollen by days of torrential rain, gushed through a dam's flood gates.

Some homes were already flooded Sunday morning as officials released water into the Manatee River to keep the lake — which rose 5 feet higher than normal — from pouring uncontrolled over its emergency spillways.

The lake had continued rising as crews initially were able to open only two of the dam's three flood gates.

Divers and crews working with a crane and cables finally forced the third gate open, and by afternoon the lake's level was steadily going down, said Mike Stone, a spokesman for the state emergency management division.

"It's nowhere near like what it was," said Larry Leinhauser, spokesman for Manatee County pub-

lic safety emergency operations.

The dam's operations were back to normal late Sunday, said Jay Moyles, a Manatee County spokesman.

The water did not reach the emergency spillways, which have never been used, Leinhauser said. Engineers were not worried about the stability of the concrete dam itself, he said.

A total of 235 people went to two public schools in Bradenton and Palmetto that opened as shelters for residents of the area, about 40 miles southeast of Tampa, Stone said.

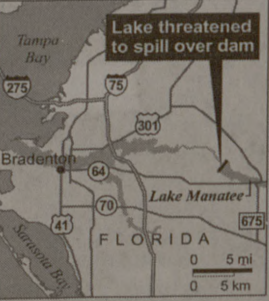
"We're a little bit concerned because we're afraid everyone is avoiding the inevitable," said Peter McMahon, a spokesman for the American Red Cross.

Older, low-lying homes along the Manatee River downstream from the dam were most vulnerable to flooding because newer homes have been built on higher pads.

Meteorologists pre-

Lake rose to dangerous levels

Residents were urged to evacuate Sunday as Lake Manatee, fed by days of rain, rose to five feet higher than normal.



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI AP

dicted little rain overnight in areas around the lake. Manatee County had 1 to 3 inches of rain on Sunday and could have that much on Monday, when there's a 50 percent chance of rain, National Weather Service meteorologist Frank Alsheimer said late Sunday.

"We've been getting hit every day for about a week now," said Eric Oglesby, a National Weather Service hydrologist in Ruskin. "We should dry out on Tuesday."

More than 10 inches already had fallen in the region since Wednesday, and scattered sections of Manatee and Citrus counties reported up to 20 inches last week. A flood watch was in effect in 18 Florida counties until Monday evening.

Democratic candidates rally

By Nedra Pickler
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Democrats running for president said Sunday if elected they would promote affirmative action even if the Supreme Court rules against policies that help minorities in college admissions.

The Supreme Court is expected to rule any day whether affirmative action programs at the University of Michigan are constitutional, and the case was a main topic of discussion at a Democratic presidential forum sponsored by Jesse Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition.

"When I'm president, we'll have executive orders to overcome any wrong thing the Supreme Court does tomorrow or any other day," said Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri.

Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich also made a pledge to put affirmative action into U.S. law.

President Bush opposes the University of Michigan's policies, and several candidates cited his position as a reason he should be voted out of office.

"We deserve a president of the United States who doesn't call fairness to minorities a special preference," said Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry.

Kerry said he was committed to have people of color in positions of power in his administration and pointed to diversity in his campaign staff.

Al Sharpton responded that Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is a black man who may vote against the university's affirmative action program. He said Democrats shouldn't be talking about getting more blacks in high places, but getting the right blacks.

"If we doubt that, just look at Clarence Thomas," he said. "Clarence

Thomas is my color, but he's not my kind."

While the forum largely focused on domestic policies, former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean faced questions about his foreign policy credentials in an appearance earlier Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

He said it is good Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is out of power, but added: "We don't know whether in the long run the Iraqi people are better off. And the most important thing is, we don't know whether we're better off."

Dean said he was worried that if the United States "can't get our act together in Iraq and if we can't build Iraq into a democracy, then the alternative is chaos or a fundamentalist regime."

He criticized what he said was Bush's quick resort to military power.

"This president has essentially pushed aside people who disagree with him, using our military might and using threats and intimidation," he said. "In the long run, that does not work."

Under sharp questioning on the TV show, Dean acknowledged that he did not know how many people are on active duty in the military, but said it was silly for him to be expected to know such a detail at this stage in the presidential race. As president, Dean said he would have advisers who would keep him informed on the exact number of troops.

Dean, whose campaign got off to a strong start by appealing to anti-war liberals, was attempting to recast his bid with a formal announcement Monday that promises to urge voters to stand up to special interests, a Republican Party dominated by money and docile Democrats.

In his appearance on NBC, Dean also talked about many domestic issues, including Social Security.

Commons

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area," she said. "The gates reminded the traffic problem, but restricting access to free handicap parking. The new gate arrangement restores access but still allows for limited vehicle movement through the heart of campus on Lamar and Lubbock streets."

Broughton said Transportation Services took all comments from customers seriously, and then came up with the plan.

"There were comments expressed to higher administration that suggested the quality of student life would be improved if short-term loading access could be restored to the Commons area. The new gate arrangement is basically a compromise that restores access without dramatically increasing vehicle traffic," she said.

Broughton said she hopes faculty staff and students will appreciate the added benefit of the easier access to the Commons.

"This is a great use of space that was going to waste," said senior food service major Whitney Brady.

Lottery

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closely and let him go home six days after he was delivered.

Medical bills piled up, and Brounoff borrowed money from his in-laws to pay the bills.

Then after two nightmarish weeks, his bad luck came to an end.

On June 6, Brounoff purchased \$20 in lottery tickets at a San Antonio convenience store.

"I thought 'No way,'" Brounoff said, when he discovered he had won. Brounoff said he didn't believe it was happening.

"The feeling was similar to a car crash," he said. "Everything was in slow motion and reality just vanished for awhile."

Stefani was the first person close to him to learn of the winning ticket, and he didn't leave his home for eight hours, Brounoff said.

"I locked all the doors, shut the blinds and called my wife," he said.

Brounoff said after awhile he left with friends to celebrate but put the lottery ticket in a safe place.

"Before I left the house, I put the ticket in the fridge in case of a fire," he said.

Brounoff said he has no intentions of letting go of his dream job as a meteorologist. Since he found an appreciation for severe weather at age 7 after a tornado tore through his Dallas neighborhood, Brounoff wanted to be a weatherman.

Before entering college at age 30, Brounoff worked in the restaurant business.

"I was making dollars," Brounoff said, "for other people but not for me." Brounoff said he came to A&M because it is the best school for meteorology in the nation.

While in college, he bartended in College Station and filled in for KWTX's weatherman on weekends in Waco.

Brounoff said his wife and new son are doing fine now, and they will join him in San Antonio on Wednesday.

The only major purchase Brounoff has made so far is a new SUV for his wife.

"I haven't bought anything for myself yet," he said. "I might buy a new set of golf clubs pretty soon."

He said he and his family will also be buying a home soon.

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Clarification
In the June 19 issue of The Battalion, Craig Carter should have been listed as a Lieutenant Colonel.

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6/19/03 8:33 a.m. Burglary of a vehicle, 1617 Leona. Nothing taken.	W/Harvey Mitchell. Complaint of pain.
6/19/03 10:28 a.m. Criminal attempt burglary of a habitation, 525 Southwest Pkwy.	6/19/03 10:42 p.m. Warrant arrest, Welsh/Dover.
6/19/03 12:55 p.m. Burglary of a building, 3007 Longmire. Taken: two saddles.	6/19/03 11:07 p.m. Criminal attempt burglary of a habitation, 1212 Milner.
6/19/03 2:59 p.m. Warrant arrest, 1700 University E. Charge: sexual assault.	6/19/03 11:09 p.m. Warrant arrest, 1045 Texas. Possession of marijuana (Comal County).
6/19/03 3:06 p.m. Burglary of a habitation, 824 Churchill. Taken: refrigerator.	6/19/03 11:23 p.m. Public intoxication, 313 S. College. One arrest.
6/19/03 3:20 p.m. Reckless driving, 203 University. One arrest.	6/20/03 5:54 a.m. Sexual assault, 2611 Texas.
6/19/03 6:56 p.m. Warrant arrest, 1909 Texas. Theft, failure to produce identification, evading arrest, possession of marijuana, aggravated assault on a public servant with a vehicle (Walker County).	6/20/03 4:56 p.m. Theft, 1500 Harvey. One arrest.
6/19/03 9:58 p.m. Major accident, George Bush	6/20/03 5:36 p.m. Theft, 1500 Harvey. One arrest.
	6/20/03 6:00 p.m. Recovered stolen vehicle, 2611 Texas. 1987 white Buick Lasabre.
	6/20/03 6:56 p.m. Driving while intoxicated, 1101 Luther W. One arrest.
	6/20/03 7:28 p.m. Warrant arrest, 2521 Waterwood.
	6/20/03 8:32 p.m. Warrant arrest, 1126 Gridiron.
	6/20/03 9:47 p.m. Burglary of a habitation, 2500 Central Park. One arrest. Also: Grimes County warrant for possession of a controlled substance.
	6/20/03 10:46 p.m. Making alcohol available, 310 Church Ave. One arrest.
	6/21/03 12:13 a.m. Assault family violence, 2501 Texas. One arrest.
	6/21/03 12:13 a.m. Making alcohol available, 217 University Dr. One arrest.
	6/21/03 12:45 a.m. Making alcohol available, 310 Church Ave. One arrest.
	6/21/03 1:16 a.m. Public intoxication, 4075 SH 6 S. One arrest.
	6/21/03 1:55 a.m. Resisting arrest, 300 University. One arrest. Also: public intoxication.
	6/21/03 2:00 a.m. Resisting arrest, 300 University. One arrest. Public intoxication, failure to produce ID.

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