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Hurricane Roxanne Hits Gulf Coast of Mexico

MEXICO CITY — Reborn Hurricane Roxanne took aim Sunday at Mexico's southern Gulf coast, bearing down with 85-mph winds on areas the storm side-swiped with heavy winds and rain days earlier.

Roxanne, which had been downgraded to a tropical storm, was a category 1 hurricane on Sunday, the weakest on a scale of 1-5. The U.S. National Hurricane Center issued a hurricane warning from Progreso to Tampico.

Richard Pasch, a forecaster at the hurricane center, said Tabasco and Campeche states on the southern Gulf rim could be inundated after having been pounded by Roxanne and by Hurricane Opal a week earlier. "The big problem is that the dams are right at the top and the grounds are saturated," Pasch said. "There is a potential for some serious flooding" in Tabasco and Campeche.

At 2 p.m. EDT Roxanne was located about 125 miles north of Ciudad del Carmen and moving southeast at about 7 mph with maximum sustained winds of 85 mph, he said. Hurricane-force winds extended 115 miles from the center.

Russian Commandos Free 5 Hostages From Tour Bus

MOSCOW — Firing into the air, Russian commandos swarmed out of the night and onto a tour bus near the Kremlin early Sunday, freeing four South Koreans and a Russian driver held hostage for 10 hours by a rifle-wielding assailant. The gunman died in the attack.

About 20 commandos attacked the bus before dawn, unleashing a barrage of gunfire and tossing stun grenades that exploded with searing flashes. Several commandos crawled aboard the bus through its windows.

The five freed men were hustled from the bus looking shaken and dazed. The gunman had released some 20 other hostages in the hours before, and the Interfax news agency reported that all were unhurt.

The dead gunman was Russian, Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov said. He gave no further details. The gunman had demanded \$10 million, then lowered his demand to \$1 million.

The commandos made their move at 2:45 a.m., just as the Kremlin chimed rang

— an apparent signal to them, since the chimes do not usually ring after midnight to avoid awakening Muscovites.

The hostages — some 25 South Korean tourists — had been visiting Red Square and the Kremlin. Armed with an AK-47 assault rifle, the gunman seized the bus with the tourists aboard Saturday evening. The gunman had released the hostages in several groups, including all the women on the bus, until just the five men were left, police said.

Hussein Runs Unopposed In Iraq's First Referendum

BAGHDAD, Iraq — From the moment they entered polling stations Sunday, Iraqi voters were swamped with pro-Saddam Hussein propaganda in an effort to guarantee the Iraqi leader a landslide victory in the nation's first presidential referendum.

The massive effort should work. Saddam was the sole candidate in Sunday's election, which Washington has dismissed as a sham.

Iraq's state-run newspapers, along with its television and radio stations, have inundated voters for weeks, urging them to vote for Saddam.

On Sunday, the campaign moved to the polling stations. Outside a school in downtown Baghdad, seven large posters told people to vote "yes" for the man who has ruled since 1979 without ever facing a general election.

Voters walking toward open ballot booths saw more large pictures of the president inside the school, some with the slogan "Long Live Saddam Hussein."

At one point, 25 women and children marched through the balloting room clapping, carrying Saddam posters and shouting: "Yes, Yes, for Saddam Hussein."

Saddam's first wife, Sajida, and his daughter, Hala, cast votes at a school in Baghdad to show their support. Hala is the only one of Saddam's three daughters by Sajida still in Baghdad. The other two, Raghda and Rana, fled to Jordan with their husbands Aug. 8, a defection that rocked the beleaguered Baghdad regime.

Saddam's supporters worked hard to make polling places even as far away as Karbala, a holy Shiite Muslim city in southern Iraq with a tradition of dissent, look like campaign rally sites.

The paper ballots said: "Do you agree that Saddam Hussein should be the president of the Republic of Iraq for another seven years?" Voters used pens to mark "yes" or "no."

Few voters bothered to fold their ballots as they carried them into another room

and placed them in a wooden box. The many ballots that were visible were all marked "yes."

The government was expected to announce the results of the referendum late Sunday or early Monday, but Saddam's victory was a foregone conclusion.

Washington has ridiculed the ballot, especially Iraq's claim it marks the beginning of a process that will bring democracy to a country ruled by Saddam alone for 16 years.

Saddam appears to be holding the vote to show the world that he remains popular, despite the massive problems that he and his government face.

U.N. trade sanctions imposed after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990 have devastated Iraq's economy, leaving many of its 20 million people beggared and hungry.

Mexican Elections Smooth Despite Threats of Violence

OCOSINGO, Mexico — Threats of violence forced the postponement of voting Sunday in some areas of Chiapas, home of an unresolved peasant rebellion, but most citizens elected local and state officials peacefully.

There was fear that violence could endanger peace talks between the government and the Zapatista National Liberation Army, the rebel group that staged the Jan. 1, 1994 uprising in the southern Mexican state.

In the municipality of Ocosingo, the scene of some of the worst violence of the rebellion, the state governor's office postponed voting until Nov. 5.

The office refused to delay voting in 11 other municipalities, however, as the center-left Democratic Revolution Party, or PRD, had also requested.

"The state is a bubbling soup of contradictions," said Amado Avendano, a pro-rebel political leader. "The elections are just throwing gasoline on the fire, because no one's going to be happy."

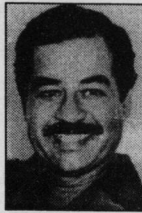
The vote was postponed after a pro-PRD peasant group had threatened to burn polling stations.

They said some peasants had to walk up to 10 hours to get to voting precincts and that precincts were located to favor the well-entrenched Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI.

In the municipality of Tila in the north, opposition party members said late on Saturday they had no confidence in the elections and were prepared to take over their local government if the PRI declares victory. There are 1.6 million registered voters in the state. Results were not expected for several days.

Violence is common in Chiapas, Mexico's poorest and southernmost state. In Tila, probably the most violent municipality, at least 20 people have been murdered this year, some hacked to death with machetes.

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BOG Names Alvin Schexnider Chancellor at Winston-Salem State

BOONE — A top administrator at Virginia Commonwealth University will be the next chancellor of Winston-Salem State University.

Alvin Schexnider, 50, was approved by the UNC-system Board of Governors Friday during a meeting on the Appalachian State University campus.

"It's been a longtime desire of mine to work at a historically black institution," said Schexnider, who earned a bachelor's degree from such a school. He attended Grambling State University in Louisiana before earning master's and doctoral degrees in political science from Northwestern University.

Schexnider will take office on Jan. 1, succeeding Gerald McCants, who has

served as interim chancellor since Cleon Thompson Jr. retired June 30 after a decade at the post.

Schexnider taught at Southern University, Syracuse University and the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Va., before going to VCU.

The native of Lake Charles, La., first joined Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond in 1979 as associate dean of the school of



UNC-system President **C.D. SPANGLER** said Schexnider is qualified to be chancellor.

community and public affairs. He left five years later to become the assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs at the UNC-Greensboro.

He returned to Virginia Commonwealth in 1987 as associate vice president for academic affairs and professor of public administration, and in 1991 he added the title of vice provost for undergraduate studies to that of vice president.

While at VCU, Schexnider has helped develop Project BEST, a partnership between the university and the Richmond public schools.

"Alvin Schexnider is a seasoned and resourceful administrator who is exceptionally well-qualified to lead Winston-Salem State University in the years ahead," said UNC-system President C.D. Spangler.

Black Men Ready for Million Man March

Participants in today's rally started gathering at the Mall site early Sunday.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Black men

converging on the nation's capital for today's Million Man March described it as a unifying, uplifting event that transcends its controversial originator, Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

"It's not about a march, a man, words. It's about a movement," the Rev. Vernon Clay said after a Sunday sermon urging the men of Lincoln Congregational Temple in Washington to attend.

The event, actually more of a rally and prayer meeting than a march, is termed "a day of atonement and reconciliation." Supporters describe it as a call for black men to take responsibility for their own lives and families and to dedicate themselves to fighting the scourges of drugs, violence and unemployment.

Organizers asked women — and men who can't come to the rally — to stay home from work or school to mark a "holy day" and to avoid spending any money as a demonstration of black economic power. No one knows how many will take part.

The idea originated with Farrakhan, and he has been its chief organizer, with the help of ousted NAACP chief Benjamin Chavis Jr. But the march has attracted a wide coalition of support, including Jesse Jackson, Rosa Parks, several black mem-

bers of Congress, mayors and ministers. Many say it's unfair now to characterize it as Farrakhan's event.

"It was his idea, he dropped the seeds," said Clarence White, a postal worker who traveled from San Antonio, Texas, for the rally. "But it's no longer his. It's ours."

Scattered early arrivals — black men of all ages as well as several women — milled about the event site on the National Mall. Several exchanged greetings of "Brother!" or "Hey, black man!"

Vendors hawked T-shirts and hats that said "One in a million," and city crews began closing some streets along the Mall.

Three members of the Coalition for Jewish Concerns appeared on the Mall with signs that said "David Duke and Louis Farrakhan — two sides of the same coin." They became involved in a brief shouting match with some black passersby.

Farrakhan's remarks have infuriated Jews, Catholics, gays, feminists and others. He has called Judaism a "gutter religion" and recently defended his use of the term "bloodsuckers" to describe Jews or others who open businesses in minority communities and take the profits elsewhere. Farrakhan canceled all his public ap-



Black leaders support the march in spite of the controversial **LOUIS FARRAKHAN**.

pearances Sunday to prepare for the rally. Huge speakers and giant video screens were being set up on the grassy Mall Sunday afternoon, and yellow tape marked the spot behind the Capitol where organizers planned to erect a stage.

Crowds were expected to begin converging on the Mall soon after midnight. Some city subway stations were opening at 12:30 a.m., five hours earlier than usual, to accommodate them.

Activities start at 5 a.m. with prayer and African drumming, followed by speeches, music and more prayer throughout the day. Weather forecasters predicted a sunny and breezy day with temperatures in the 60s.

Helenia Ramirez came to look over the site but said on Monday she and her daughter would stay home, offering support to the men. "I think it's been too long since there's been something for young black men," she said.

No one knows how many men will arrive. City officials say they are preparing for 500,000 to 1 million. Organizers predict more than 11,000 buses will bring men to the rally.

Reaching the goal of 1 million would take more than one out of every 10 of America's black adult men. The 1963 civil rights march led by Martin Luther King Jr.

President Clinton will be out of town Monday. Deputy White House Chief of Staff Harold Ickes reiterated the president's support of the march's goals and his opposition to the "bigoted, hateful, anti-Semitic, sexist comments of Louis Farrakhan."

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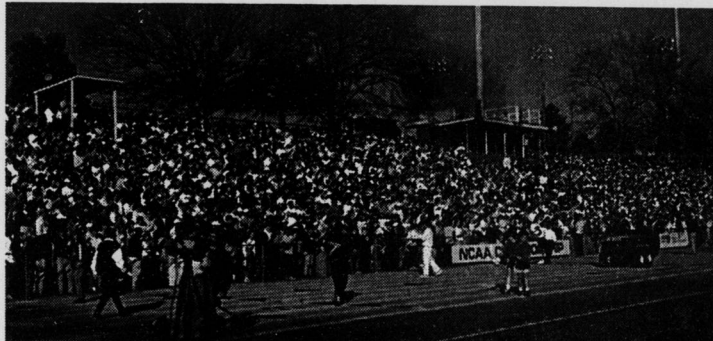


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