

# Thousands evacuated from Dresden floods

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DRESDEN, Germany — Authorities evacuated thousands of people near Dresden's historic center today as volunteers built sandbag dikes to protect the city's landmarks from the swollen Elbe River.

An evacuation of up to 30,000 Dresden residents began early today, starting in a neighborhood about two miles from the city center with its landmarks like the Church of Our Lady and the Semper Opera.

The Elbe — fed by high water that earlier devastated Prague — rose to above 29 feet early today, shattering the previous all-time high of 28 3/4 feet reached in 1845. At least 100 people have died in a week of flooding across Europe.

Despite sunny weather Thursday, which was forecast to hold for several days, German emergency officials evacuated tens of thousands of residents further north in the central eastern city of Magdeburg and in Brandenburg state, surrounding Berlin, where it was feared rain-swollen rivers and tributaries would spill over their banks this weekend.

In southeastern Europe, the rising Danube caused alarm. It was expected to peak today in Bratislava, the Slovak capital, at a 500-year high. The Hungarian capital of Budapest braced for the high water to hit on Sunday.

LAHORIGHAT, India — Monsoon rains have sent India's Brahmaputra River surging from its channel, swallowing up villages, drowning hundreds of people and leaving millions homeless.

Annual monsoon flooding has wreaked havoc across South Asia, kill-

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ing more than 900 people in India, Bangladesh and Nepal since June and displacing or trapping about 25 million more.

In Bangladesh, the Flood Forecasting and Warning Center said today that heavy rains in parts of the Himalayas could cause the third flooding in the low-lying river delta nation since the monsoons began.

In all, monsoon floods have killed at least 323 people in India, according to official estimates.

Another 157 people have died in neighboring Bangladesh.

But the highest death toll has been in the Himalayan kingdom of Nepal, where at least 424 people have either been swept away by swirling floodwaters or crushed under mudslides in remote mountain villages.

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GRANTS PASS, Ore. — Authorities evacuated about 30 homes Thursday as flames from the nation's largest wildfire along the California-Oregon line came within a mile of a neighborhood.

"The fire hasn't blown up," said fire spokesman Dick Fleishman. "But it's progressing that way, and the sheriff thought it would be safer to evacuate during the day than at night."

National Guard troops were guarding roads leading to the Oak Flats and Spud Road communities near Agness to keep residents from re-entering.

Wildfire crews specially trained to protect homes and buildings headed to the western edge of the Biscuit fire, which has burned more than 396,000 acres. Firefighters were also working

on a 50,000-acre burnout operation to keep the fire from driving into the Rogue River Canyon, east of Grants Pass.

In Colorado, a ranch, a lodge and a campground were evacuated near the ski resort of Steamboat Springs, Colo., after a 5-week-old fire flared up and threatened 50 structures. A helicopter rescued five hikers from the path of a 1,700-acre blaze.

EL CAJON, Calif. — A 16-year-old boy sentenced to at least 50 years in prison for a shooting at his high school said he still can't explain why he "spilled over" with rage, killing two students and wounding 13 other people.

In his first public statement since the March 5, 2001, shooting, Charles "Andy" Williams made a tearful apology Thursday before a courtroom packed with victims.

"For what it's worth, I want everybody to know that I'm sorry," the teenager said through sobs. "I feel horrible about what happened."

Williams was given to 50 years to life, the minimum allowable sentence. Prosecutors had asked for the maximum of 425 years.

Judge Herbert Exarhos said the youth was teased and bullied and had a difficult home life. But the judge added that those are problems faced by many young people who do not become violent.

Williams pleaded guilty in June to two counts of murder and 13 counts of attempted murder. He will be held at a youth detention center until he turns 18, at which point he will likely be sent

to a maximum security prison.

DECATUR, Ga. — Still proclaiming his innocence, the former sheriff of DeKalb County was sentenced to life in prison for murdering his successor.

Sidney Dorsey, who was convicted last month of ordering the murder of Derwin Brown, also received a 23-year prison term for corruption at Thursday's sentencing. Under state guidelines, Dorsey must serve at least 18 years before he would be eligible for parole.

DeKalb County prosecutor J. Tom Morgan said he would be shocked if Dorsey's sentence is ever shortened.

"What a life sentence means for this defendant, we hope, is that the only way he leaves prison is in a pine box," he said.

Dorsey, 63, was convicted in the death of Brown, who was shot and killed Dec. 15, 2000, three days before he was to take office after beating Dorsey in a bitter runoff election. Dorsey also was found guilty on 11 of 14 charges of corruption in the sheriff's department.

At his sentencing hearing, Dorsey maintained his innocence.

### WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — American troops will be needed in Afghanistan for many years to ensure that the war-ravaged country does not revert to a haven for terrorists, the U.S. war commander says.

Army Gen. Tommy Franks, whose Central Command troops are leading the campaign in Afghanistan, made no specific prediction about how long U.S. forces would remain in the country.

Noting that the United States has long-term military commitments in

many countries, Franks singled out Korea, where tens of thousands of American forces have been stationed for half a century.

"It does not surprise me that someone would say, 'Oh gosh, the military is going to be in Afghanistan for a long, long time.' Sure we will be," Franks said Thursday at a Pentagon news conference.

There are about 8,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan as part of an international coalition that is hunting for remnants of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist organization and leaders of the Taliban militia that harbored them. The troops also are training an Afghan national army and providing civil services.

In a similar vein, Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said during a public appearance Thursday in Savannah, Ga., that the global war on terrorism may go on for years.

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is planning to spend \$14.6 million to support political opponents of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and

to help Iraqis with humanitarian needs.

The State Department said Thursday it is close to agreement with a coalition of Iraqi opposition groups on a plan to spend \$8 million for anti-Saddam media campaigns, including a newspaper and television broadcasts beamed to viewers inside Iraq. The broadcasts have been suspended for months because of disagreements between the State Department and the London-based Iraqi National Congress.

The remaining \$6.6 million, slated for humanitarian assistance, would be earmarked for nongovernment organizations to spend on medical care, relief for displaced Iraqis, shelter, water supplies, sanitation and other services.

Administration officials said the assistance was not related to humanitarian needs that many Iraqis will face if President Bush orders military action against Iraq to unseat Saddam and his regime.

The officials, asking not to be identified, said the funds had been appropriated by Congress but not spent. They said that if arrangements had not been made to spend the money, it would not have been available after the fiscal year ends Sept. 30.

# Most citizens work with water rules

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could be a lot worse down the line."

The city has given a few tickets to people for violating the policy. Esther Studer said she got a ticket for watering her lawn at 4 a.m. Wednesday. She said she did not understand why she couldn't water early in the morning, as long as it wasn't for more than three hours.

Pickman said the city commission decided there had to be specific times when people could water, otherwise it would be hard to enforce. Police officers would not be able to tell how long people had been watering, he said, and would have to stop by a house several times. Even that wouldn't work,

Pickman said, because someone might turn off the water for 15 minutes, then start up again.

"How would we know if it had been three hours or not?" Pickman said.

Most people and groups are trying to work with the rules, the city manager said, including the school district and the Northwest Kansas District Technical College.

The district has gotten a few warnings, Pickman said, and will have to be fined if they break the rules again, but he said he doesn't think that will be an issue.

"They are trying to work within the guidelines," Pickman said.

Marvin Selby, district superintendent, told the school board Monday

that it is almost impossible to water all the grass in six hours per week, but that the district wants to conserve water. It is doing the best it can to follow the rules, he said.

The technical college came up with a plan to divide itself into even and odd plots, Pickman said, based on what side of the street the lawns are on, and is watering during the allowed hours. Ken Clouse, school president, said the college covers more than two blocks, and it would be impossible to water all of the grass in just three hours, twice a week.

"It seems to be working," Pickman said. "They came up with this plan, and it is a workable solution."

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