

A tomb for 49 persons

A Spanish school bus containing the bodies of 45 drowned children and four soults is lifted from the Orbigo River in northern Spain. The bus plunged off a bridge near the town of Santa Cristina de la Polvorosa while returning the children and escorts to their homes after a vacation trip to Madrid and other cities.

Attempted murder charged in cop's barroom gunplay

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A Detroit police homicide detective was charged Thursday with attempted murder for allegedly firing at a man after an argument in a bar last month.

Officer Karl Holliday, 36, was suspended without pay by Police Chief William L. Hart shortly after he was arraigned on the charge, which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

HOLIDAY WAS CHARGED with shooting at Wendell Cage, 29, of Belleville after Cage argued with another man who was a friend of Holliday's during a children's disco party at the Orleans Jazz Workshop, 18458 James Couzens, on March 10. Police said Cage and Holliday's friend were arguing about a

Into his pocket as if to draw a weapon. Investigators said Holliday intervened in the argument, told

woman. Holliday told investigators that he saw Cage reach

Cage he was a police officer and drew his gun. According to most of the 13 witnesses who said they saw

incident, Cage turned and ran through a crowd feet to the front door. As Cage reached the door, Holliday allegedly fired one shot.

The bullet struck the wall near Cage's chest, police said. No one was injured.

A source in the Prosecutor's Office said Holliday was charged with assault with intent to murder, a charge usually reserved for cases in which the victim is injured, rather than felonious assault, a four-year felony, because Holliday supposedly had ample time to reconsider firing his gun as the man ran away from him.

An investigation by the Police Department's internal affairs section resulted in the charges Thursday.

HOLLIDAY, who has been a homicide detective less than a year, is an eight-year police veteran, considered by his supervisor, Inspector Robert Hislop, to be a "good, reliable

While refusing to discuss the charges specifically, Holliday said, "I just can't believe it (the charges)."

Holliday has received two citations, including one in 1974 for tracking down an escaped robber, although at least one supervisor at the time thought he should be reprimanded for firing a warning shot at the handcuffed prisoner who was trying to escape a second time.

Chief Recorder's Court Judge Samuel Gardner released Holliday on a \$25,000 personal bond pending a pre-liminary examination May 10.

Fire kills girls

FAIRMONT, N.C. — (UPI) Five little girls were killed Wednesday night in a fire sparked by gasoline from a lawn mower being repaired in their living room, fire officials

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Wichita Falls to get federal disaster help

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. -President Carter declared this ravaged city a disaster area Thursday and city officials instituted a dusk-to-dawn curfew and a price-freeze in the aftermath of one of the most devastating tornadoes in the nation's history.

City and state officials also called for donations of mobile homes, campers and tents for thousands of residents left homeless by the storm that left only concrete foundations where homes once stood.

Mayor Kenneth Hill said as many as 8,000 Wichita Falls residents were displaced. The storm killed at least 58 people in Texas and Oklahoma, injured 600 more and laid waste to an estimated \$300 million worth of property.

THE PRESIDENTIAL declaration releases federal funds for the area and allows victims certain tax breaks.

Many victims spent the past two nights in city-erected shelters at Midwestern State University, churches and in private

But the mayor said many more were sleeping in cars and in makeshift lean-tos. Some were staying in the shattered rooms of their roofless homes rather than risk a chance they might be looted. "We are providing plenty

of security but you can't con-vince those people of that," he said. "They need shelter to-night. They needed it last

(THE DETROIT office of the American Red Cross said several staffers were expected to be flown to the disaster site within the next day

(While no major fund-raising campaign has yet been set up to aid the tornado victims, money donations designated for the victims can be processed through the Red Cross office at 100 Mack, Detroit 48232. The office does not handle donations of food or clothing.

(Beginning after 12 noon Friday, the Red Cross office said it would also be able to information on close relatives living in the disaster area. The information number, 833office had already received some 300 calls on information not yet obtainable because operations were still being set

IN AUSTIN, Gov. Bill Clements appealed for donations of food, kitchen utensils and other necessities to help victims of the tornado. The governor said according to his figures at least 1,000 homes were razed to their foundations and another 1,000 were heavily damaged.

"The devastation is hard to understand without seeing it," he said. "When you see a thousand homes devastated and the ground as smooth as the top of a table, I can't think of anything those people wouldn't appreciate."

Wichita Falls Mayor Hill said cleanup crews had found two more bodies in the rubble

4440, will be open 24 hours a Thursday, raising the total of day. By midday Thursday the dead in Wichita Falls to 44. Eleven persons died in nearby Vernon and Harrold, Tex., and three others were killed in Lawton, Okla., about 60 miles north of Wichita Falls.

Many Wichita Falls officlais feared more bodies could be hidden beneath the mounds of debris littering the southwest third of the city. The final death toll might not be known for days.

The mammoth storm which weather forecasters said measured a half mile at its base - probably will become the state's most severe tornado in terms of dollars.

"Clements has estimated the damage at \$200 million to \$300 million," said Jim Stewart, regional director for the Insurance Information Institute. "I can't attest to the credibility of that figure, but I'm

Mississippi River storms kill seven

A swarm of tornadoes swooped down on the nation's midsection and torrential rains sent floodwaters coursing through streets and into homes Thursday

The spring assault battered Mississippi River states from the Gulf to the Great Lakes and left at least seven people dead. Three teenage sisters drowned in floodwaters that swept through a neighborhood near the town of Louisville, Miss., one of numerous areas hard-hit by severe thunderstorms that

The girls and their mother were trying to escape their flooding home at the Center Ridge community, authorities said. The girls were following their mother and were swept

away by the floodwaters from an overflowing creek. Rescue teams worked through the morning evacuating low-lying areas around Louisville.

A TORNADO smashed through the tiny community of Steens, Miss., damaging more than 50 homes and outbuildings. No major injuries were reported.

Two persons were feared drowned in a flash flood in Little Near Prairie Grove, Ark., a tornado injured five persons,

including a two-year-old boy who was listed in serious

A broken levee on the Illinois River sent floodwaters up to the rooftons and forced evacuation of homes in the Kampsville. Ill., area. About 35 families were ordered out of their homes.

IN SOUTHERN Illinois, the rapid rise of the Mississippi River - glutted by up to 41/2 inches of rain - forced about 100 persons to flee their homes on Kaskaskia Island, the site of the state's first capital.

Standing water closed roads in parts of central and northern Illinois and played havoc with rush-hour motorists in the

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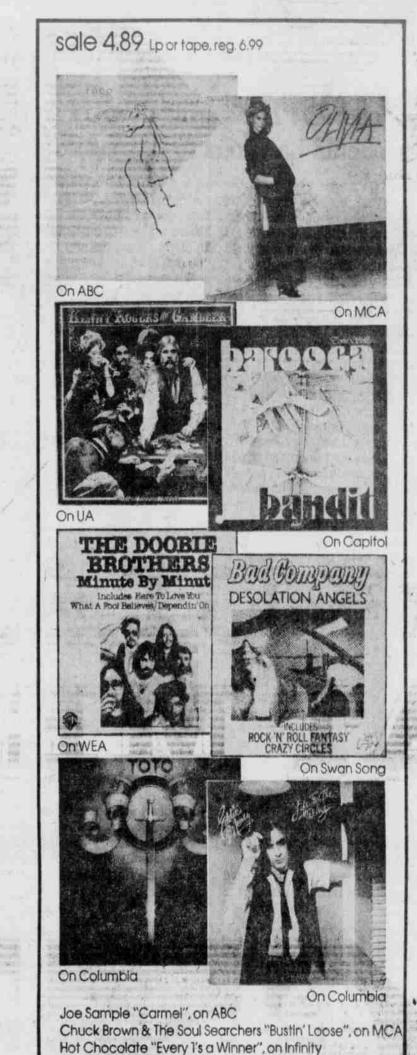
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