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MayFest to Open A workman puts the finishing touches on a carnival ride at Downtown Now's first MayFest, which opens today at 5 p.m. The

event will be held just south of the Myriad Convention Center. The five-day event also will feature live entertainment, a chili cook-off Saturday and a car show Sunday.

Severe Storm Spawns Tornado; Rainfall Heavy in Much of State

An upper-level storm triggered severe weather in many sections of Oklahoma Tuesday night, including a tornado which touched down shortly after 11 p.m. in the Panhandle.

In addition, some areas of northwest and north-central Oklahoma were receiving as much as 2 inches of rainfall per hour shortly before midnight, prompting warnings of flash flooding.

An Oklahoma Highway Patrol spokesman in Guymon said a tornado touched down about halfway between Texhoma and Goodwell on U.S. 54. He said some power lines had been knocked down but there were no other reports of damage. The storm that followed the tornado produced heavy rain and pea-sized hail, dispatcher Louis Flowers said.

Blackwell police and Kay County sheriff dispatchers said three funnel clouds were spotted southwest of Braman about 7:45 p.m.

"Nothing's on the ground. We've had a lot of rotation and a lot of funnel clouds," the Blackwell dispatcher said.

A funnel cloud whipped around the southern part of Enid about 8:30 p.m. but did not touch the ground, authorities said.

Another funnel cloud was reported near Kingfisher but apparently did not touch down.

A series of storms moved through the Enid area during the evening.

The sighting of a funnel cloud about 5 miles southwest of Enid on Vance Air Force Base radar prompted officials to sound sirens. About 10 minutes later, authorities received a visual sighting of a funnel cloud just south of Enid's municipal airport on the eastern city limits.

Heavy rains and gusting winds reduced visibility to less than 100 feet during the height of the storm in some parts of Enid and golf-ball sized hail was reported in some parts of the city.

Several trees were reported blown over by the storm's winds and many streets in Enid were flooded shortly after the storm passed through about 9 p.m.

About 10:45 p.m., a spokesman in the Caddo County sheriff's of-

fice said there were reports of large hail and high winds in the northern part of the county.

Earlier in the evening, winds estimated at 70 mph toppled a mobile home near Longdale in northwestern Blaine County. The OHP reported no injuries.

Thirty-four central and western Oklahoma counties were under a tornado watch until midnight and weather officials said the storm activity was expected to last through the night. As the tornado watch ended at midnight, a severe thunderstorm watch was issued until 4 a.m. which included 38 counties.

Heavy rains brought flash flood warnings for Alfalfa, Blaine, Custer, eastern Dewey, Garfield, Grant and eastern Major counties.

Weather officials also said some flooding could be expected along the Cimarron River.

Thunderstorms produced hail and heavy rain across the Panhandle and northwestern Oklahoma, the weather service said.

An amateur radio operator

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that people accused of crimes may be jailed without bail while awaiting trial if a judge decides they are a threat to public safety.

In a 6-3 ruling hailed as a major victory by law enforcement officials, the court said jailing someone deemed dangerous does not violate the person's rights or the presumption that all are innocent until proved guilty.

Twenty-four states, not including Oklahoma, and the District of Columbia deny bail on the basis of a defendant's dangerousness, but those laws are not as sweeping as the federal law upheld Tuesday.

The justices used the case of two reputed Mafia leaders in New York City to reinstate a 1984 federal preventive detention law backed by the Reagan administration and attacked by civil libertarians.

"We have repeatedly held that the government's regulatory interest in community safety can, in appropriate circumstances, outweigh an individual's liberty interest," Chief

13-Year- Armed Robber Suspect

By Anthony Thornton
A 13-year-old motorcycle rider, arrested after a weekend convenience store hold-up, is suspected of being the city's youngest known armed robber in recent city history, police said Tuesday.

The youth, accused of robbing a Circle K store at 6001 S Shields, was captured after a brief chase early Sunday, thanks in part to a Doberman pinscher who refused the boy entry in-

McLoud School Board Cleared

By Robby Trammell
EE — The McLoud School Board innocent Tuesday of habitual

"There were technical violations, no question," Carter said. "But, in terms of a willful or evil purpose, I could not find it

John Kessinger testified on the board's behalf, saying, "if there were any violations, it was in the administrative area."

...s, Ohio, Aug. 27, and an accident on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe which caused property damage near Portales, N.M., Nov. 20.

Lacefield, 52, faces a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison and \$30,000 in fines.

Prosecutors said that under the contract with the Federal Railroad Administration, Lacefield was to test urine from crewmen to determine if they had used drugs or alcohol and also test their blood plasma to discover how re-



Dr. Delbert J. Lacefield

cently those substances may have been consumed.

Lacefield's reports said the blood plasma tests showed no recent use by the railroad workers in question, records show. However,

...didn't have the proper equipment to do it.

They said both deficiencies were rectified later.

Despite his courtroom confessions, Lacefield remained on the FAA payroll Tuesday.

Dr. Audie W. Davis, acting director of CAMI, said no decision has been made on any punishment Lacefield may get from the FAA. Davis said he will be the official to impose punishment if the decision is made in Oklahoma City.

However, Davis said

...the FAA Mike Mounsey Aeronautical Center, CAMI is an independent agency under the Federal Air Surgeon.

It was revealed April 15 that after the toxicology contract was canceled by Dole, Lacefield was moved out of the laboratory to another office in a building apart from CAMI.

Officials said he had been assigned to do historical research on the FAA and toxicology and literary research on chemical changes to toxic substances in the body after death.

...Even though the state Highway Services Commission is a constitutionally created body, it is required to follow a new law requiring it to abolish its registration system of administration, Attorney General Robert Henry Tuesday.

The House of Representatives had asked Henry for the opinion after the law went into effect last month.

The commission voted April 15 to bow to the Legislature's directive and decided to abolish the regional concept, designating DHS director Robert Fulton.

"The commission is not testing and has already approved the abolition of the regional offices," Fulton said late Tuesday. "It is really not an issue at this time between the commission and the Legislature. The question is moot."

Henry said in his opinion the issue was whether the commission's status as a constitutionally created entity would allow it to ignore the express legislative mandate in the new law.

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to get away from the other car — a U-turn on the eight-lane highway along the Nile's east bank.

It was the first attack in memory on American officials in Egypt.

Several hours afterward, an anonymous telephone caller to a Western news agency said it was the work of Egypt's Revolution, a shadowy group which claimed responsibility for three attacks on Israeli Embassy personnel that killed two people.

tary of State George P. Shultz of Egypt's regret and assure him "that authorities are doing their utmost to apprehend the culprits."

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The embassy identified the injured men as Williams, the embassy's acting security chief, and his deputy, John Huckle. The third American was John Ford, an administrative official.

Huckle and Williams were cut on the head by flying glass, and the American official who spoke on condition of anonymity said it was possible both were creased by bullets in the shooting on the cornice that connects the upper-class Maadi suburb with Cairo.

Williams, who had small bandages on his head, told reporters at the embassy that the weapon was automatic, but he did not know the type. "We desperately need a bullet fragment," he said.

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Storms

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measured 8 inches of rain 8 miles north of Gate in Beaver County. Rainfall of 3 to 4 inches was reported by the weather service from Selling southwest to Elk City. Amounts of 2 to 4 inches were reported across portions of west-central and north-central Oklahoma.

The river is forecast to crest at 8 feet, or 3.5 feet above flood stage, this morning at Buffalo. At Waynoka, the crest is expected Thursday at 12 feet, or 4 feet above flood stage.

The river is also expected to crest Thursday at Okeene at 15 feet, or 1 foot above flood stage. At Dover, the river is forecast to crest Friday at 19 feet, or 2 feet above flood stage.

The bill includes a provision to cut in hold-harmless funding received \$5.4 million in hold-over. The bill also calls for a basis that all counties have an assessment ratio, as determined by the Tax Commission. The provision affects districts in counties below 12 percent — would lose state massive property revaluation in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma City and Tulsa, since the tax commission would set county's ratio at less than 10 percent.

The weather service reported dime-sized hail at Eagle City, 9 miles west of Thomas and 5 miles north of Fay. Nickel-sized hail was reported near Medford.

The weather service said moderate

to severe flooding along the Cimarron River could be expected from above Buffalo to midway between Waynoka and Okeene.

Bellmon and legislators have said the tax increases, agency cuts, are necessary to balance the state budget.

Bellmon said the tax package is an essential first step toward a new place for fiscal year 1988 and

Reporters Kathy Thacker, Michael McNutt and Eben Knickmeyer contributed to this report.