

Odd storms spawn more twisters; death toll at 25

Tornadoes ripped across North Carolina early Monday, smashing houses and tossing a school bus full of kids off a road before a deadly storm system headed out to sea.

Two people were killed in North Carolina, boosting the death toll to 25 from the barrage of tornadoes through 12 states.

"Several mobile homes are just frames laying in the middle of the road. . . It's pretty extensive," said rescue squad member Ray DeFries of the damage in Hillsborough, N.C., 30 miles northwest of Raleigh. He estimated 40 to 50 homes were destroyed.

A blizzard closed schools and high-

North Carolina counties ravaged by late November tornadoes

ways in Colorado and Wyoming, and avalanches closed canyon roads in Utah, where the Alta ski resort got 45 inches of snow in 24 hours.

Wind gusting to near 40 mph would lower the wind chill factor to near minus 30 degrees during the night around Colorado Springs, Colo.

Other deaths from the unusual November thunderstorm system included 15 in Mississippi; five in Georgia; and one each in Tennessee, Kentucky and South Carolina.

The first tornadoes hit Louisiana and Texas on Saturday, damaging

about 300 homes in Houston but causing only minor injuries. An extension of the storm system set off tornadoes in Indiana and Ohio. Alabama also was struck and a small tornado caused minimal damage at a Smithsonian Institution storage and restoration center at Silver Hill, Md.

The National Weather Service said at least 45 tornadoes touched down in the 24 hours up to 7 a.m. EST Monday.

Hundreds of people were injured. More than a dozen North Carolina counties reported damage or injuries

Monday. Tornadoes caused extensive power outages, snapped trees, blocked roads and delayed the start of school and work for thousands.

In Pasquotank County in the state's northeastern corner, a tornado picked up a school bus and carried it 20 to 25 feet, said Sheriff D.M. Sawyer. Twenty-seven children and the driver were treated at a hospital. All injuries treated by late morning were serious, said hospital spokeswoman Diana Gardner.

Near Wilson's Mills, about 20 miles southeast of Raleigh, Sandra

Ward saw a twister pick up a neighbor's mobile home and smash it into a field across the road, throwing a couple and their baby outside.

"It just lifted it up, rolled it in the air and slammed it down," Ms. Ward said. The baby, found in a field, and his mother were hospitalized, she said.

Federal and state damage assessment teams moved into Mississippi on Monday.

"It was absolute total devastation," Gov. Kirk Fordice said after touring hard-hit Rankin County, where 10 people died.

Georgia Gov. Zell Miller toured hard-hit areas Monday and said damage caused Sunday was very severe.

Georgia runoff draws Clinton, GOP cavalcade

MACON, Ga. — President-elect Clinton put his political capital on the line Monday against a cavalcade of Republican heavyweights in Georgia's Senate runoff, saying he needs Democrat Wyche Fowler "to break this gridlock in Washington."

"You know what they're saying about this race?" Clinton said. "If you beat Wyche Fowler it will be easier for us to block everything President-elect Clinton wants to do."

A victory by Fowler would likely give the Democrats a net gain of one seat in the next Senate, for a 58-42 advantage.

GOP challenger Paul Coverdell, a former director of the Peace Corps, brought in big-name Republicans on his side, including Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, Education Secretary Lamar Alexander, Labor Secretary Lynn Martin and others.

More than 2,000 people turned out for Fowler and Clinton at a city hall rally in Macon.

In his speech, Clinton resurrected his familiar campaign pledges for health insurance, campaign reform, and an end to "trickle-down economics."

"There are better things for him to be doing today," Fowler said.

Clinton's strategists acknowledged the risk of putting his prestige on the line for a candidate who might lose.

Clinton press secretary Dee Dee Myers said, "He risked a lot throughout the campaign and he didn't stop on Election Day. He's going to continue to take chances to promote his agenda. Change requires risk."

Arriving in Albany for a second rally, Clinton told reporters at the airport, "I think he (Fowler) is going to win but . . . I will go on regardless. But if he wins, it'll be easier and better for us to bring about the kinds of changes I was elected to make."

Asked if it wouldn't be a setback for him if Fowler lost, Clinton said, "No, and I won't deserve the credit if he wins, either. I'm just one more person trying to help bring this thing about." Clinton told the rally audience, "I know Wyche Fowler will vote to break the stranglehold of special interests."

Clinton portrayed Fowler as an essential ally in winning congressional approval of an economic-stimulus program, health insurance changes and campaign-finance reform.

U.N. to lead Bosnian food convoy



SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — U.N. officials said Monday they will send armored vehicles to escort food convoys to two of the most food-starved cities in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Fighting at Sarajevo's airport forced U.N. officials to suspend operations Monday afternoon and cancel the day's last two relief flights.

"Every week we are attacked, shelled, back, diverted," Jose Maria Mendiluce said. He is the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees' special envoy to Bosnia. "We have assumed a very important responsibility. We will do it."

Western warships enforcing a naval blockade of Serbia and Montenegro stopped and searched two ships in the Adriatic on Monday, following a U.N. Security Council vote last week to tighten the sanctions.

Both vessels — one from Ecuador, one from Syria — were allowed to continue when no contraband was found.

The Security Council imposed the embargo in May to punish Serbia for fomenting the Bosnian war.

U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said in Geneva that Yugoslav Premier Milan Panic would go to Geneva on Wednesday to meet with Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen, co-chair-

men of the peace talks sponsored jointly by the United Nations and the European Community. Eckhard said the talks were likely to be general.

U.N. officials said relief convoys would leave Wednesday for Gorazde and Srebrenica.

They said the convoys would test new commitments by commanders on all sides to let U.N. relief workers go where needed and the control the commanders exert over their forces.

Only two earlier convoys reached the 100,000 people still in Gorazde, and Srebrenica has not been reached at all. The 80,000 people in Srebrenica "are at the very limit of their survival capacity," Mendiluce told reporters. Earlier this month, a relief convoy headed for Srebrenica was turned back by Serb militia commanders.

Mendiluce said his agency was intent on getting through this time and would seek world denunciation if Serb leaders reneged on a new promise to allow access.

Ham radio operators in Croatia said Hajrudin Avdic, chief of the Srebrenica defense staff, radioed an appeal to the Bosnian government, army, the United Nations and humanitarian agencies to evacuate 17,000 civilians from the town.

Inquiry rejects claims of Reagan-Iran deal

WASHINGTON — The 1980 Reagan-Bush campaign probably did not strike a hostage deal with Iran but was on "the outer limits of propriety" in its dealings on the issue, congressional investigators concluded Monday.

The investigators said there was insufficient credible evidence to suggest that the campaign negotiated a delay in the release of 52 American hostages to ensure Ronald Reagan's election.

"The great weight of the evidence is that there was no such deal," concluded the report, issued by the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on the Near East after a seven-month investigation.

The panel also found that the Republican campaign team, headed by William Casey was intensely interested in the hostage issue and came dangerously close to improper interference in U.S. foreign policy in its monitoring of

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— Senate subcommittee report

the situation.

"In so doing, they were operating on the outer limits of propriety, considering their status as private citizens without authority to interfere in the conduct of the foreign relations of the United States," the report said.

The subcommittee said numerous questions remain unanswered, including the extent of hostage dealings by Reagan operatives between the election and his inauguration. Reagan himself still has not cooperated fully with the

investigation and key documents of Casey, who later became the director of central intelligence and died in 1987, remain unaccounted for, it said.

The Senate panel found many of the story's central witnesses "wholly unreliable," and many events and meetings they recounted either were disproved or were riddled with holes.

The 156-page document also suggests that several witnesses lied to investigators and raises the question of whether the Justice Department should pursue perjury charges against some of them.

The story, which has persisted since Jimmy Carter's 1980 loss to Reagan, contends that Reagan operatives cut a deal with Iran to retain until after the election the 52 Americans taken hostage at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, helping ensure Carter's defeat.

Hunger gnaws at Thanksgiving celebration

It's not official like a government statistic, but you don't need an economist to see that what might be called the Hunger Pain Rate is rising across America.

Food pantries and soup kitchens from Hawaii to Florida are prepared to set many more places at Thanksgiving tables for entire families.

"We are seeing an increase in the number of families coming into our dining rooms," Laura Knox said. She is the spokeswoman for St. Vincent de Paul in Phoenix, which expects more than 4,000 people Thursday.

The Census Bureau reported that poverty reached a 27-year high in 1991 while household incomes fell. Requests for emergency food aid increased 26 percent in major American cities last year, according to the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

The estimate of more than 30 million Americans going hungry came

"There are a lot of people out here with jobs who also need assistance. They're living right at the poverty line."

— Stewart Little Rock, Ark., reverend

from the Tufts University Center on Hunger, Poverty and Nutrition.

A line began forming before 6 a.m. Monday at the Northwest Harvest's food bank in downtown Seattle. By the time it opened at 9 a.m., several hundred people were waiting. Each received a turkey hindquarter and small sack of rice.

Salvation Army major Chris Buchanan in San Francisco, where three dining rooms plan to serve 5,000 people, observed with alarm "the absolute panic of people expecting to be

in serious trouble." Some people are already asking about Christmas meals.

On Hawaii's hurricane-ravaged Kauai Island, the Salvation Army, hotels and the county will be hosts of a Thanksgiving Day meal, with free toys for children.

"There's a stigma about asking for help," Bill Carey, director of the Missoula Food Bank in Montana, said. "There's a frontier spirit here. Sometimes people will come and ask for a friend or a family member, 'Can we have some food to take?' because they won't come in."

The FreeStore-FoodBank in Cincinnati estimated 3,000 families would request bags of Thanksgiving dinner fixings, a 500-family increase over a year ago.

In south Florida, people still trying to put their lives back together after Hurricane Andrew are straining the usual providence.

"The agencies are calling and wanting food, and we don't have it to give," Mary Fairbanks said. She is the coordinator of Food For Families, where contributions were down about half from last year.

In New York City, where an estimated 90,000 people have no home, a court recently ordered four top city officials to sleep in offices with the homeless until they find places for them. The families had been forced to sleep on city office floors, in chairs and on tables because there's no room at city-run shelters.

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