

Flash flooding kills four

ELVINS, Mo.—Residents moved back into their homes along normally quiet creeks and streams in southern Missouri Monday after a weekend of flash floods that left four people dead and many homes damaged.

Officials said searchers had turned up no sign Monday of a man, believed to be a stranded deer hunter, who was carried away by the surging Castor River Sunday in Madison County, about 125 miles south of St. Louis.

"We have a witness who said he saw the man swept away near the Madison County-Bollinger County line," said Bollinger County Sheriff Daniel Mesey.

"We put a boat in, but had to call it back because of the swift water and the debris washing down. We had full-sized trees coming through there. The river, which is normally a couple

of hundred feet wide, was at least a half mile out of its banks."

About 350 residents of the small town of Elvins, in St. Francois County, were allowed back into their homes Monday after being evacuated in a pouring rain on Sunday, said Flat River Police Chief Bill Holloway.

Gov. Mel Carnahan declared a state of emergency for the area Monday as the first step to getting state aid for the flood victims. He said the severity of the weekend flooding presented a threat to both life and property.

Officials said this was the worst flash flooding in memory.

"I talked to a guy 91 years old who has lived all his life and he said he's never seen anything like this," said Holloway. "It all happened in an hour's time. It actually moved some mobile homes off their bases, washed cars

away and moved railroad tracks. There was a lot of force to it.

"These people went to bed having no idea what was in store. I imagine some of them put their feet down into water when they got up."

The rain and floods contributed to four known deaths, including two southwest Missouri teen-agers who drowned about 2 a.m. Sunday when high water swept their car off a bridge about eight miles north of Sparta, in Christian County.

The accident killed Jessica Carpenter and April Warwick, both 18 and from Rogersville.

Dallas Landers, 60, of Patterson, and Gary Freeman, 32, of Bernie, were killed in accidents when their cars were swept away as they tried to cross creeks Sunday morning in southeast Missouri.

Missouri flooding

Floods swept parts of the Mississippi Valley, killing several people and forcing hundreds from their homes, after heavy rains left up to 6 feet of water standing in some areas.



Yeltsin concerned about communists

MOSCOW — Boris Yeltsin says he is worried that communists or neo-fascists might try to seize power by force, a newspaper reported Monday.

The report came a day after an opinion poll showed the Communist Party doubling its support in the past week, jumping to among the top three parties in the race for December's parliamentary elections.

The Communist Party commanded the loyalty of 7 percent of the electorate, according to the poll commissioned by the Itogi current-affairs television show.

Reform parties were leading the communists, but all three were drawing little support. The most popular party, the pro-reform Russia's Choice, got the support of 12 percent of those surveyed. Its nearest rival, the reformist Bloc of Three, was the favorite of 8 percent.

The rest of those questioned supported other parties, and about one-third were undecided, the poll indicated.

Still, Yeltsin was quoted as saying that he was concerned about a resurgence of communists or neo-fascists.

"As long as bolshevism or fascism are alive, there will be a danger of a forced seizure of power," the newspaper Izvestia quoted Yeltsin as saying.

Yeltsin banned several hard-line groups involved in last month's political turmoil in an effort to reduce opposition to his economic and political reforms.

But Yeltsin said he could not ban all pro-communist parties from taking part in elections because that could cause social tension and riots.

The communists continue to enjoy

the support of officials and others who thrived under the Soviet state. Some older people, anxious for the order and stability of the Soviet system, also back the communists.

The Communists' jump in support could reflect voters' disappointment over Yeltsin's statement last week that he did not want to hold early presidential elections in June, as he had earlier promised.

But Izvestia quoted Yeltsin as saying he has not made a final decision about the presidential elections. He indicated that a final decision would be made by the parliament to be elected in December, the newspaper reported.

Because the parliament is expected to be pro-Yeltsin, it would likely back any move to drop early presidential elections.

STATE WIRE

Stenberg says Nebraska to fight for water rights

NORTH PLATTE — Attorney General Don Stenberg said Monday that the state must defend Nebraska's water interests against outside interference.

Stenberg told a joint conference of the Water Resources Association and the state Irrigation Association in North Platte that he'll insist Nebraska retain its fair share of North Platte River flows.

He said the state will deal with challenges from the state of Wyoming and "will fight to preserve Nebraska's constitutional water priorities against challenges by environmental

extremists and federal bureaucrats."

He said the state will remain open to "reasonable negotiation and settlement, but we cannot abandon the water priorities set forth in our state Constitution, nor can we undervalue the substantial importance of irrigated agriculture and secure municipal water supplies to Nebraska's future."

Stenberg said Nebraska has been initially successful in the Nebraska v. Wyoming lawsuit over North Platte flows. "Clearly, there is still a long way to go in this litigation.

"While various legal issues remain, the principle key to success will hinge on Nebraska's ability to demonstrate that Wyoming's proposed water developments on the North Platte River will, in fact, damage Nebraska interests," he said.

He called motions filed by the Audubon Society and other environmental groups in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission relicensing of Kingsley Dam an "unprecedented assault on the property rights of Nebraska farmers and ranchers.

SPORTS WIRE

Montross heads All-America list

NEW YORK — Eric Montross was one vote shy of being a unanimous selection and Grant Hill was the lone repeater Monday on The Associated Press' preseason All-America college basketball team.

Montross, North Carolina's 7-foot center, was named on 64 of the 65 ballots from a nationwide panel, while Hill, Duke's 6-8 swingman, received 61 votes, the same as 6-8 Purdue junior forward Glenn Robinson.

Jason Kidd, California's 6-4 sophomore point guard, had 56 votes, and 6-4 shooting guard Billy McCaffrey of Vanderbilt rounded out the team with 38 votes.

Montross averaged 15.8 points and 7.6 rebounds for the Tar Heels last season as they won the national championship. He shot 62 percent from the field and was named second-team All-America last season.

Hill was named to the preseason team last year with Chris Webber of Michigan, Jamal Mashburn of Kentucky and Anfernee Hardaway of Memphis State — all underclassmen who joined the NBA — and teammate Bobby Hurley. All went on to first-

team postseason honors except Hill, who was replaced by Indiana's Calbert Cheaney, the national player of the year.

Hill averaged 18 points and 6.4 rebounds despite being bothered toward the end of the season with ankle and toe injuries and was voted third-team All-America. He had offseason surgery on his foot and is expected to play both backcourt positions for the Blue Devils this season.

Robinson had an impressive rookie year last season, averaging 24.1 points and 9.2 rebounds and was tabbed second-team All-America. He is the whole package again for the Boilermakers, both on the offensive and defensive ends.

Kidd came to the country's attention last season as a freshman when he led the Golden Bears to an 11-2 finish including a second-round victory over Duke in the NCAA tournament. His had a school-record 222 assists and an NCAA-best 110 steals, while averaging 13 points and 4.9 rebounds a game.

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