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Cattlemen hard-hit by Australian drought

By PETER O'LOUGHLIN

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Farmers and ranchers around Australia are anxiously scanning the skies for signs of rain that would break what threatens to be the continent's worst drought since the turn of the century.

"This drought has all the portents of being a widespread disaster," said Jack Hallam, Minister for Agriculture for the state of New South Wales in southeastern Australia. The state, the nation's most populous and economically important, is also the worst hit by the dry spell.

"It's different from other droughts because it covers such huge areas," Hallam said Wednesday after inspecting hard-hit areas.

"Even if rain falls soon, the situation is critical. But if we don't get rain, it will be a national disaster," he said.

Much of Australia's prime agricultural land has been without substantial rainfall for nine months. In some cases, it has been three years since enough rain fell to fill the reservoirs.

"The federal and state governments must realize that the drought conditions are creating a state of emergency in rural Australia," said Maurice Binstead, president of the Cattlemen's Union.

"National disaster relief provisions must be reassessed and the buck-passing from state and commonwealth governments must cease," said Binstead. Several state governments have declared disaster areas in their jurisdictions, although responsibility for relief efforts is disputed.

Authorities already have declared a drought over an area of 656,000 square miles, almost the size of Western Europe.

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— WORLD "POWER" ATTACK —

By JOHN PAINTER
of The Oregonian staff

Fine volcanic ash from Mount St. Helens will continue to drift down on Portland and Southwest Washington in the wake of a series of Sunday eruptions which closed roads and airports, halted long-haul bus service, caused power outages, begrimed cars and prompted a run on protective face masks.

The National Weather Service said that prevailing winds would carry ash plumes up to 16,000 feet to the south-southeast — toward Portland and Columbia Gorge communities. Above 16,000 feet, winds would blow the ash over Southwest Washington.

The renewed volcanic activity prompted Washington Gov. Dixy Lee Ray to expand the restricted "red zone" around the mountain from 5 to 20 miles, limiting access to government, police, media, scientific, certified search and rescue operations and persons with essential business, including loggers and property owners.

The ash fallout, which hit such thus-far-untouched cities as Portland, Longview, Kelso and Chehalis, began late Saturday and a large eruption at 2:39 a.m. Sunday was thought to be the second-largest since the dormant mountain became active March 27.

A second, smaller eruption occurred at 2:40 p.m., sending a plume of steam and fine ash to 14,000 feet. Overcast skies prevented direct observation of

(LINGER) some of the volcanic action, but Don Northrup, a forecaster for the National Weather Service in Portland, said plumes were spotted by radar at altitudes up to 11,000 feet until about 6 p.m. Sunday when they tapered off.

Some of the ash was so fine that it eluded radar detection. One such cloud was detected just north of Eugene by pilots who unintentionally flew into it.

The swirling ash, gritty and mildly bitter to the taste, reduced visibility to near zero in Longview, Kelso and in Chehalis, where 15 cars collided on Interstate 5 in a chain-reaction pileup caused by roiling ash churned up by

More stories and pictures on the effects of Mount St. Helens' ash fallout appear on Pages B1,2 and 8.

vehicles traveling too fast for the conditions.

It was impossible to confirm whether injuries occurred in the pileup because of heavy phone traffic into Washington and Idaho which caused telephone officials to ask that phone use be drastically restricted.

The ash also caused problems in the Columbia River Gorge. Police radio transmissions monitored along Washington 14 indicated zero visibility between Stevenson and White Salmon.

Along Interstate 84, Oregon State Police between Hood River

cause of low visibility and the slick road surfaces. Power was out in much of the county, and scattered outages were reported in Skamania, Cowlitz, Lewis, Thurston, Grays Harbor, Mason, Clark and Jefferson counties in Washington.

Farmers near Toledo, Wash., feared that continued power outages would make it impossible to milk their cows or to heat chicken coops during cold nights.

Bonneville Power Administration spokesman Gene Tollefson said the outages were caused by short circuits in transformers and other equipment that occurred when the ash mixed with a light mist that fell over the southern part of the state.

The eruption was first observed at 2:39 a.m., when a U.S. Forest Service observation plane flew over the mountain, said Jim Unterwegner, Forest Service information officer. Three minutes earlier, harmonic tremors — subtle tremors that produce smooth sine waves on seismographs — were recorded by geologists at the University of Washington in Seattle.

The ash cloud from the earlier eruption eventually was tracked to 40,000 feet above sea level and initially was 2 to 3 miles wide, Unterwegner said.

The morning eruption also caused a mud flow in the Pine Creek and Muddy River areas southeast of the mountain. Dwight R. Crandell, volcano hazards specialist with the U.S. Geological Survey

Note: Fourteen (14)
different power stations
were knocked out!!
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June 2, 1980

Dear Wish love:

I informed you and Dr. Scott Rogo
before you wrote your book... that my
UFOs (SIs) were beginning a war against the
U.S. Government (by applying psi-force to the idea
of making everything go wrong for the U.S.
that could go wrong) to force the Govt.
to supply them, and me, with the Mountain
Base. The attached xerox indicates the pattern
that has taken place since. Also, amazingly,
the writer somehow has perceived that
Carter (U.S. Govt.) "looks hexed!"

Ted Owens
(PK Map)

P.S... it is most interesting that three months ago Beau,
my son, and I made plans to go to Mt. St. Helens this
spring on camping trips. I outlined our route on a
map and circled Spirit Lake because we had beautiful
post cards of it. I wonder if Dr. Coe, The Egyptian Power, working with
me at the time, mistook it for a "PK Map." Ted

World "Power" Attack (Linger)

Midwest storms spew death and destruction

By MICHAEL HOLMES
of The Associated Press

Tornadoes and violent storms blew through the Midwest on Monday, damaging homes and businesses, ripping down power lines and killing one person and injuring at least 13.

The foul weather was mostly in a band that extended from southern Iowa through central Illinois and central Indiana into southern and central Ohio.

In western Montana, a snowstorm hit.

In Ladoga, Ind., a storm demolished a trailer, killing Twaila G. Emery, 46, authorities said. Her son was hospitalized.

In Covington, Ind., two persons were hospitalized after a tornado leveled a hardware store.

"We're calling in extra manpower," said state police spokesman Charles Lanman. "We've had reports of extensive damage to the business district in Covington."

Floodwaters filled streets in Lafayette, Muncie and Anderson.

In southern Iowa, a tornado derailed seven cars of a freight train near Allerton as the storms belted Wayne, Appanoose and Davis counties.

Jack Howard, assistant fire chief in Moulton, Iowa, said the storm downed trees and damaged several homes and businesses. Four persons were injured, including one woman who was hurt when the winds moved her mobile home several feet, officials said.

"All the windows on Main Street were taken out," Howard said. "There are a lot of trees down. It looks like it blew the whole back wall out of the

Post Office. It hit a lot of buildings around town." The Moulton-Udell School also suffered extensive damage.

Centerville Police Chief Chuck Dales said the storm hit Appanoose County about 8 a.m., with winds recorded up to 70 mph.

"We got wind damage in Centerville, but most of the damage was in Moulton and Numa," said Dales.

"In Moulton, there are some gas leaks they're trying to locate. A lot of barns are down," the police chief said.

"It turned absolutely black down there and dumped gobs of rain," said Wayne Ellingson of the National Weather Service in Des Moines.

A total of five injuries were reported in Numa, Cincinnati and rural Decatur County.

The police department also asked residents in Exline, Numa, Moulton and the Centerville area to stay indoors because of the large number of downed power lines.

In Illinois, the roof of the Pekin post office collapsed during a driving electrical storm. The National Weather Service said 4 inches of rain drenched Pekin and the Peoria area during the morning.

In Macomb, authorities said hail the size of golfballs smashed 15 car windshields. The wall of a house in Wataga collapsed during a rainstorm, forcing the family to flee.

Sheriff's deputies in Logan County said two funnel clouds were sighted over Lincoln, which suffered damage to power lines and trees.

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Dr. Jeffrey Mishlove
3101 Washington St.
San Francisco, California 94115

Dear Dr. Mishlove:

I have now finished my experiment in knocking out "power" and power sources. The tail-end of that file will reach you as soon as I can get it pasted up and xeroxed.

Now, beginning today, I will utilize my own powers...the powers of my UFOs (Control)...the powers of PyrCre...and the newly-found powers of Xtolac (Mayan Power), a living entity thousands of years old that my mind joined up with in Uxmal, Yucatan, while I was there recently...

to bring tremendous and long-lasting rains to Australia, which is stricken with a killer-drought...

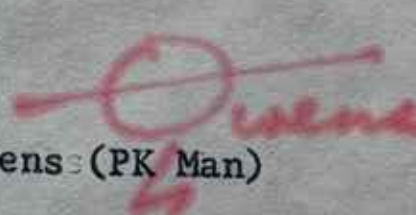
to India, in the midst of its worst drought in 70 years...

and to Africa, where millions of people are starving and dying because of drought.

In a bit will fill you in on the why of it, as soon as I get my Yucatan Report typed up.

While I am at it...I will work to bring rains all over the world. Tremendous rains everywhere on earth.

Sincerely,


Ted Owens (PK Man)

200 NE 76th St.
Vancouver, Washington 98665

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Inspector ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ John Baresi
U.S. Customs
c/o Mexicana Airlines
and Luis Valdez
Baggage Service
500 World Way, International Airport
Los Angeles, California 90045

Gentlemen:

This is the most unusual letter that you will ever receive, and perhaps the most important letter you will ever receive...although it deals with a trifling matter.

Two pocket knives, spring-blade type, were taken from me by U.S. Customs not long ago. You will recall. I had a bulletproof vest and other items in my duffle bag because I was trying to protect my 9-year old son and myself in Yucatan and I thought Guatemala.

I respectfully request...that U.S. Customs send to me the two pocketknives taken away from me. Please.

I collect pocket knives, and I had searched for this particular type for 30 years and finally found them in Mexico...only to lose them to you.

I plead my case with you now.

The knives mean nothing to you. As "contraband" they are not supposed to fall into the hands of criminals for criminal use. I am not a criminal and never have been. They were to be used for letter-openers.

It must be assumed that these knives are dangerous. That is most humorous. I, in my mind, have controlled the area of San Francisco...and you can check with a scientist on that: Mr. Jeffrey Mishlove, 3101 Washington St., San Francisco, California, 94115. To do that I had to knock out electrical power in the S.F. area, create freak storms and lightning attacks, and produce a UFO that could be photographed for scientists there. You can obtain a copy of the scientific report on that from Mr. Mishlove for \$7. Area 415, 346-7770, phone.
I controlled the State of Florida...ran hurricanes over it; changed its weather, and did other things...you can check on it with an Air Force weather expert, Mr. Wayne Cover, 3232 Parade Place, Lantana, Florida, 33462, (305) 936-9261.
Another scientific investigator has written a full book on my work in this regard: Dr. Scott Rogo, 1132 Schoenborn St., Northridge, California, 91324, Area 213, 992-1759.

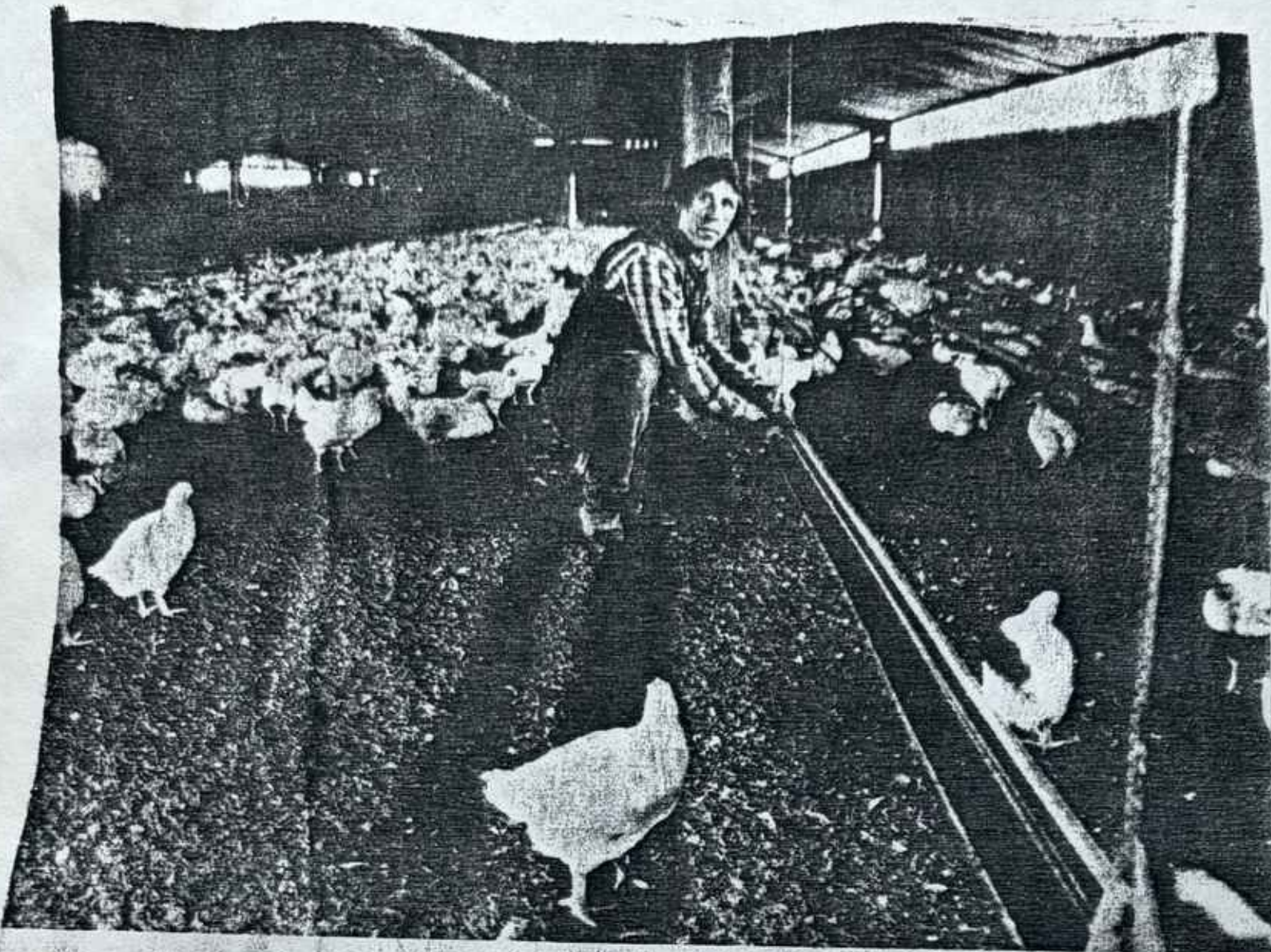
It is quite obvious that if I can control a city, a State...then that is indeed far more dangerous than having in my possession two pocket knives, is it not so?

And I repeat to you...these knives would not be used for any criminal action.

And even...the very existence of California might well depend upon your decision. Upon the pocket knives. It sounds ridiculous, but I urge you to contact the above.

There is a hard-cover book written by Colin Wilson called "Yogeries" which describes my work (Utah and Sons, MI.; also "Occult America" by John Edwin (Doubleday, I believe); and many other books have written about my miraculous work.

Please...give me back my toys. They are nothing more than that. And the U.S. Govt. holds its lap every day for someone somewhere. (over)



Staff photo by BOB ELLIS

DISASTER — Dennis Taber struggled Sunday to save 65,000 chickens left without water by ash fallout from Mount St. Helens, which knocked out power supply necessary to pump water for birds ready for market.

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— POWER ATTACK —
(LINGER)



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But no one predicted the awesome fury of Sunday's blast.

The desolation of the area is total. Photographs cannot capture the overwhelming horror of it all, and words are grossly inadequate. To say it looks like the surface of the moon is an understatement. To see it from the air in context, surrounded by the lush green valleys and peaks of the Cascade foothills, causes a lump to catch in one's throat. How truly insignificant and

powerless man is, compared with the absolute authority of nature.

"There was the possibility that they might have had some protection from the high bluff above the lakes," said Graves. "But as you can see, there wasn't any."

Over the radio, the helicopter pilot was told to leave the area. The mountain was erupting again. No one knew how severe the eruption might be, and no one takes chances anymore.

All flights from the Toledo-Winlock Airport were banned for the rest of the day Friday. The search would have to wait for tomorrow.

As the chopper turned its tail to the mountain, Graves' face set into a mask. "I think they're dead. I think they died instantly," he said. "But I'm not going to rest, my wife isn't going to rest, John's parents aren't going to rest until we know, one way or the other. And you'd be the same way, wouldn't you?"

* Mt. St. Helens was blown up by Rys Gell, The Egyptian Power. Gwene.

Note: This Mt St. Helens explosion by Rys Gell is just a mere sample of what The Egyptian Power (my close friend) is capable of!! Gwene / The Powers (Control of Sts and the

note on the U.S. Govt!

nty, tangles traffic on freeway

By STEVE ERICKSON
of The Oregonian staff

LONGVIEW, Wash. — A half-inch blanket of gray volcanic ash from erupting Mount St. Helens descended on Cowlitz County Sunday, strangling vehicles and creating treacherous mud.

In Longview, there was no view at all. Power was out in much of Kelso. At midday in Kalama, visibility was about one block.

"I'll tell you one thing," said Otis Bouchard, operator of the Shell station in Castle Rock, "I'm getting damn tired of this mountain."

Ash on Interstate 5 "caused a 15-car accident between Kelso and Chehalis" about 4 p.m., said Tad Kajiwara, communications officer in Vancouver for the Washington State Patrol.

It is dangerous driving on the ash, he said, adding that the state patrol had not banned traffic there but was "trying to discourage it. If you go at all, you go at your own risk."

Mike Riley, sheriff's deputy in Cowlitz County, said I-5 was slippery, and that "as soon as it gets dry it's going to be a real visibility problem, a big dusty highway."

Depth of ash in Cowlitz County by Sunday evening ranged from 1/2 inch to 1.5 inches, said a spokeswoman for the county Department of Emergency Services.

All along the Cowlitz County section of Interstate 5, vehicles were pulled off the roadway, motorists

scrubbing windshields or peering into opened hoods in frustration.

When the ash was dry it billowed into clouds as vehicles passed, making visibility spotty and unpredictable. Rain turned the ash almost instantly to mud, filming windshields.

At service stations from Kalama to Castle Rock, drivers stopped to hose off muddy windows and refill fast-depleted windshield washer containers.

Kevin Schulz, 20, of Vancouver, was driving to Centralia when he stopped at Kelso to wash off the mud.

"It was dry, like a dust storm, around Kalama," he said, adding that when the rain began it turned the ash into a compound "like very wet cement."

"It was comparable to driving in a bad snowstorm," Schulz said. "Danger is extreme in this area. I'm going to go back home."

By the time Emmett Brooks, of 2541 S.E. 179th Ave., Portland, reached Kelso where he had driven for a visit, he was obliged to lean out an open window to see where he was going.

He stopped at a gas station to get more windshield washer water, although, he said, "I filled it before I left Portland."

"I used it all up and couldn't see anything," Brooks said. "I think it's a mess."

Regarding the volcano, he said, "I respected it all the way. With that mountain bulging, anybody knew it

was going to blow."

When a cloud of ash passed over Castle Rock early Sunday it blotted out daylight.

"I woke up at 7 and you couldn't even see anything, it was so dark," said Susan Wilson, who held a diaper over her nose and mouth to filter out the ash.

Her sister-in-law, Sharon Wilson, who used a scarf for the same purpose, explained, "It's hard to breathe."

It was eerie and nearly deserted in Castle Rock, which was enveloped in a shroud of gray residue. Rain mixed with the ash to make traction doubtful on many roadways.

"Out by my place (two miles south of Castle Rock) a car was coming down a hill completely out of control until he hit the guard rail, it was so slick," said Bouchard.

The ash was so heavy, he added, it "pulled small trees over my driveway and I could hear branches breaking."

For the time being, Bouchard said, Castle Rock was "completely dead. Who's going to get out and move around unless we have to?"

No serious damage

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Two earthquakes rock California

(ALSO WARNING TO CALIFORNIA)

MAMMOTH LAKES, Calif. (AP) — Two strong earthquakes registering about 6.0 on the Richter scale jolted a

wide area of California on Sunday within 3½ hours of each other. But both quakes were centered in sparsely populated wilderness near the Nevada border, and no major damage or serious injuries were reported.

The California Office of Emergency Services in Sacramento said the quakes were felt from Lake Tahoe in the north to Los Angeles and San Bernardino in the south, and from the San Francisco Bay area to Reno, Carson City and Las Vegas in Nevada.

The quakes — and numerous aftershocks — brought an abrupt end to Memorial Day holiday activities for hundreds of people in the Mammoth Lakes area, a Sierra Nevada fishing, boating, spring skiing and camping resort near the quakes' epicenters.

"A lot of people are leaving town," said Shawna Horns of the Inyo County National Forest Visitor Center. "The main road is jam-packed. The gas stations have long lines. All the stores are closed. Mammoth is basically closed."

The first quake struck at 9:33 a.m. PDT and registered approximately 6.0 on the Richter scale, said Patti Murtha of the U.S. Seismographic Station at Berkeley. After a series of aftershocks, the second hit at 12:45 p.m. with about equal or possibly greater force, she said.

Waverly Person of the U.S. Geological Survey's National Earthquake Information Service in Golden, Colo., said both quakes registered 6.0 on the scale, a measure of ground motion as recorded

on seismographs.

An earthquake measuring 6.0 or greater is considered major and capable of causing severe damage.

The first quake knocked down power lines, ruptured some water mains, disrupted telephone service, and triggered rockslides throughout the Mammoth Lakes area, located some 250 miles east of San Francisco and about 30 miles from the Nevada border.

At least six persons struck by falling objects — including two hit by rocks at Convict Lake — were taken to Mammoth Lakes Hospital. They were treated and released, said hospital spokeswoman Nancy Dunbar.

There were numerous reports of broken windows, glass and china.

"It felt like the building was jumping up and down," said Dr. Paul Hildebrand at the hospital. "We have a broken steam line, but no significant structural damage."

One man was injured when he fell through a plate glass window after the second quake, said Mammoth Lakes fireman Don Hanna.

He said the road to Convict Lake was closed because of fears of more rockslides, and all 92 sites at the camp-

ground near Convict Creek were evacuated.

At the Mammoth Mountain ski area, lift chairs had to be evacuated by auxiliary power, said Tony Romo, an employee.

"It shook the building pretty well, but there were no injuries and just minor damage, just panels falling out of the ceiling," Romo said.

At Crowley Lake, about 15 miles from Mammoth, Todd Jensen said "cars were bouncing on the ground."

"Some of the people who live at the lake said their refrigerators were flipped over," said Jensen.

Betty Schad, who runs the Crowley Lake Store with her husband, said the shocks sent cans and bottles tumbling from shelves. She said dust was rising from canyons in the Sherman Creek Bowl area halfway between Crowley and Mammoth.

"And we're having another one (aftershock) even as I'm talking," she said.

"Our lights were out for about five minutes, and the phones were out for about five minutes," said Terry Bergfalk, 39, of Porterville east of San Francisco.

The Los Angeles City Fire Department called an "earthquake mode" for about 45 minutes after the second tremor. During that time, all crews and trucks were stationed at least 300 feet from their buildings and away from power lines, department spokesman Martin Garza said.

^{"tower" attack -} Floods, fire rake Montana; winds rip Florida, Rockies

By The Associated Press
Firefighters controlled an 80,000-acre prairie fire Monday in the parched eastern edge of Montana, while rain and snow runoff in the western and central parts of

the state pushed streams to flood levels.

In Florida, destructive pre-dawn winds battered mobile homes and knocked down trees in two Gulf Coast counties. Authorities reported that two persons were feared drowned and that damage could reach \$1 million.

High winds also whipped through northwestern Wyoming, prompting a travelers advisory Monday, and up to 21 feet of snow was left in the Colorado Rockies from a spring storm.

Elsewhere, heavy rains flooded homes and ripped down power lines in west Texas.

Fire coordinator Bill Harpster of Dawson County, Mont., said the grass fire, which was controlled about 2 a.m. MDT, was touched off by lightning Saturday east of Glendive.

Fanned by winds from the same storm that drenched the west with record rainfall, the flames spread rapidly northward, jumped the Yellowstone River and raced 20 miles beyond.

Early Sunday, winds and temperatures in the 80s sent the fire roaring past startled firefighters who thought they had contained it. The high winds subsided Sunday night.

No deaths or injuries were reported from the fire.

Harpster said damage estimates probably wouldn't be completed for about a week. Property damage is "minimal," Dawson County Sheriff Howard Hodous said Monday.

Cascade County civil defense director Bill Mur-

ray said Monday that at least three homes and a dozen businesses in Great Falls, Mont., reported "widespread water damage" from Sunday's record rainfall of 3.48 inches for a 24-hour period. He said city roads were "extensively damaged."

Pattee Creek above Missoula spilled over its banks Sunday afternoon, damaging roads and flooding parts of the city's southeast residential section. Steady rain and runoffs also pushed Post Creek over its banks in northwestern Montana, wiping out a fish hatchery and washing over highways.

In Florida, two or more windstorms clocked at up to 60 mph struck within minutes of each other about 5 a.m. "It just literally pulled trees out of the ground," said dispatcher Dick Highfield of the North Fort Myers Fire Department.

On the state's Gulf Coast, 10 mobile homes were destroyed and 30 damaged severely near Punta Gorda, said John Derr, Charlotte County preparedness coordinator.

He estimated damage at \$550,000 and North Fort Myers Fire Chief Don Brown in neighboring Lee County said damage there could reach \$400,000.

Florida police said two persons apparently drowned and one person was burned in incidents related to the storm.

A 41-year-old Hollywood, Fla., woman apparently drowned when a small boat her family had chartered capsized off Pine Island shortly before noon, authorities said. A 10-year-old Punta Gorda boy was missing and feared drowned.

A Cape Coral man suffered burns when gasoline ignited as he tried to start his 16-foot wooden boat. The boat had been capsized by high winds and then righted by a

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California gets the shakes Aftershocks rattle Sierra Nevada

MAMMOTH LAKES, Calif. (AP) — Dozens of aftershocks rumbled through California's midsection Monday, one day after two powerful earthquakes left a couple hospitalized with serious skull injuries. Authorities warned jittery residents that more major quakes might be on the way.

One big aftershock registering 4.7 on the Richter scale struck the Mammoth Lakes area of the Sierra Nevada, about 300 miles north of Los Angeles, at 5:25 a.m., according to the U.S. Seismographic Station at Berkeley.

Carl Johnson of the U.S. Geological Survey said the aftershocks were rolling through the region "once every two or three minutes."

He said five field teams from the survey had gone to Mammoth Lakes, a resort community of 3,000 near the Nevada state line, with instruments to gain more data on the tremors.

The area was spared major damage in Sunday's earthquakes, which were felt over most of California and as far away as Las Vegas, Nev. Numerous rockslides occurred, and some water lines were damaged but were quickly repaired, authorities said.

Mono County Sheriff's deputy Randy desBaillets said Monday that authorities were advising hikers "to stay out of the immediate areas because of the possibility of rocks coming down from further tremors."

H. William Neard, director of the U.S. Geological Survey in Washington, D.C., warned that "areas in Sierra Nevada from Bishop to Mono Lake and adjacent regions in Nevada may experience additional earthquakes and associated strong ground-shaking during the next several days."

"Thus we have initiated a hazard watch and are alerting other state and federal officials to our heightened concern," he said in a statement to California's Office of Emergency Services.

The office's director, Alex Cunningham, said he had been told by the Geological Survey that, based on past quakes, "the likelihood is that aftershock activity will continue over the next several days, and people should take precautionary measures."

"I'm not trying to alarm or panic anyone," he added. "We have had 50 to 100 aftershocks. People should take prudent action."

In "very serious condition" Monday at

Valley Medical Center in Fresno were two hikers caught in an earthquake-caused rockslide at Yosemite National Park, west of Mammoth Lakes.

The couple was tentatively identified as Larry and Belinda Samuels, said to be in their 20s and from the Los Angeles area. They had broken limbs and extensive skull injuries, a hospital spokesman said.

Six other people reportedly struck by falling objects from Sunday's quakes were treated for minor injuries and released.

Jolts from the quakes Sunday were felt from San Francisco to San Diego and in Las Vegas, Nev., to the east, authorities said.

The first quake Sunday struck at 9:33 a.m. and registered about 6.0 on the Richter scale, said Patti Murtha of the U.S. Seismographic Station at Berkeley. After a series of aftershocks, the second hit at 12:45 p.m. with about equal or possibly slightly greater force, she said.

Seismologists said further data would be needed before an exact measurement could be recorded, but they ruled out a connection with the earthquake activity at Mount St. Helens in Washington.

Peru, Chile Quake jolts

AREQUIPA, Peru (AP) — A moderate earthquake shook southern Peru and northern Chile on Monday, crumbling some old walls in this Andean city and cutting power for 25 minutes. No injuries or major damage were reported. The Geophysical Institute of the University of San Agustine said the quake occurred at 1:42 p.m. EST with an intensity of 4 on the 12-point Mercalli scale. Arequipa is about 620 miles south of Lima in the state of Arequipa, which has a population of 800,000.

The institute said the quake was felt over a wide region from the Andes Mountains to the Pacific shore. It said the epicenter was in the Chilean border about 120 miles south of Arequipa.

Another earthquake earlier in the day shook central Peru, including Lima. Although no damage was reported, the quake was measured on a seismograph at the National Geophysical Institute in Lima as 4.5 on the Richter scale. An intensity strong enough to cause moderate damage in heavily populated areas. The morning quake, recorded at 5:26 a.m., rattled windows in Lima. Its epicenter was placed in the Pacific south of the fishing village of Pucusana, about 35 miles south of Lima.

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Associated Press Laserphoto
Marvin Heinshon

CLASSROOM — District Superintendent Marvin Heinshon inspects damage at Mammoth Elementary School caused by earthquake Sunday.

Another quake rocks California

MAMMOTH LAKES, Calif. (AP) — The third and largest in a series of major earthquakes hit this High Sierra resort Tuesday, injuring at least seven persons, touching off a gas explosion, triggering landslides and causing widespread minor damage.

Aftershocks continued to rumble through the area as the state Office of Emergency Services urged residents to prepare for even more tremors.

"The quakes are all related," said Eileen Rockwell, spokeswoman for the seismology laboratory at California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. "Nobody usually expects there will be more."

The quake at 7:51 a.m. Tuesday, which measured 6.1 on the Richter scale, was centered 10 miles east of here. It was felt as far away as Los Angeles, 300 miles south; Stockton, 130 miles west; and Sacramento, 150 miles northwest of the epicenter.

There were reports of widespread rockslides, broken waterpipes and cracked chimneys and fireplaces, but there were no fires, said Mammoth Lakes Fire Department spokeswoman Bridget Williamson.

Seven people were admitted to Mammoth Hospital on Tuesday, mostly for treatment of lacerations suffered when they were hit by falling objects, said hospital spokeswoman Nancy Dunbar.

One of the injuries occurred when a gas line exploded at an aquatic research station at Crowley Creek, according to Anita Garcia of the Office of Emergency Services.

Seven people were treated at a hospital for minor injuries following the two 6.0 quakes that hit Sunday. Two hikers were listed in stable but serious condition at a Fresno hospital after they were injured in rockslides in Yosemite National Park.

One of them, who was eight months pregnant, lost her baby and suffered a broken leg and internal injuries.

Midwest tornadoes hurt 8, wreck homes

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — At least eight persons were injured, three of them seriously, when violent storms continued to sweep through the Midwest Sunday. The storms spawned more than 20 tornadoes that also knocked down power lines, uprooted trees and blew the roofs off buildings. At least five persons were injured, three seriously, and several houses were leveled when a tornado touched down west of St. Louis.

Sunday afternoon in a residential neighborhood in the central Ohio town of Croton, authorities said. A second tornado in Croton also caused widespread damage but no additional injuries.

Three persons suffered minor injuries and at least a dozen mobile homes were destroyed when a tornado touched down Sunday in a trailer park near Tuscola in east-central Illinois, state police said.

Brue Attack (Linger)