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After the fury



Nancy Roupp helps salvage food, including two cartons of eggs that rode out the Hesston, Kan., tornado intact

Tornadoes, rain and snow assault U.S.

By Roger Pettersen
The Associated Press

Tornadoes ground across Texas, Arkansas and Missouri yesterday during a renewed assault of thunderstorms, while crews were still clearing the wreckage of more than 100 homes left by twisters that ripped six states.

The thunderstorms also dumped heavy rain that created flood

threats, multiplied in Wisconsin by a dam that burst after being battered by rain.

And while unseasonably warm weather heated the Plains and the East, heavy snow made travel hazardous in parts of Wyoming, North Dakota and Montana.

A tornado touched down last night in the southern Arkansas town of Fordyce, injuring at least three peo-

ple and causing widespread damage to a residential area, said state police Capt. John Kivewit.

Two twisters in central Texas flipped mobile homes, tore off roofs and toppled utility poles yesterday. No injuries were reported.

In central Missouri, tornadoes damaged five businesses about five miles east of Columbia and hurled 18-wheel trucks on top of a building.

Fire damages suspected Libyan poison gas plant

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — A Libyan plant the United States says is used to produce poison gas was on fire yesterday, and a spokesman for the Interior Ministry in neighboring Tunisia said Libya had closed its borders.

Mahmoud Azzab, press secretary at Libya's U.N. mission in New York, confirmed reports of a blaze at the Rabta plant 60 miles southwest of Tripoli.

"There is speculation that it was possibly sabotage, somebody coming in from Tunisia," he said.

For more than 14 months, the United States has accused Libya of using the plant to make chemical weapons, including mustard and nerve gases.

Libya has denied the accusation, and Libyan leader Col. Muammar

Gadhafi has said the plant was designed to produce pharmaceuticals.

A spokesman for the Tunisian Interior Ministry, in a telephone interview from Paris, said Libya had reinforced its border forces and that it was impossible to cross the frontier from Tunisia.

The radical North African nation also shares borders with Egypt, Chad, Niger, Sudan and Algeria.

"The Libyans said it was a terrorist attack but it was impossible to say what group," the Interior Ministry spokesman said on condition of anonymity. He refused to answer other questions.

One report said Libya blamed the United States and Israel. Both nations denied involvement.

A week ago, the White House said

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Soviet presidency greatly enhanced

By Bill Keller
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MOSCOW — Mikhail S. Gorbachev virtually assured an unprecedented five-year tenure in a newly enhanced presidency yesterday after he narrowly avoided being forced to face the first general election of his life.

He was left the only candidate for the new post, which will be filled by an overnight ballot of the Congress of People's Deputies, the supreme constitutional authority.

Gorbachev bargained aggressively, circulated a threat that he would resign, and arranged a lineup

of the congress's most influential orators, all to prevent a nationwide election that his supporters warned would have divided the country and delayed needed economic changes, adding that Gorbachev might have lost in a show of popular discontent.

Dmitri S. Likhachev, an 85-year-old Russian history expert who is one of the country's most revered academics, warned in a passionate speech that nationwide elections could plunge the country into civil war.

"Our country is swept by emotion," he said.

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Major hike in funding for child care is urged

By Paul Rezer
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Saying that "the future vitality of our nation" depends on the quality of child care, a National Research Council committee yesterday called for a \$5 billion to \$10 billion boost in annual government support for America's day-care system.

A 19-member council committee also recommended in a report titled "Who Cares for America's Children?" that the government establish strict national standards for day-care centers.

And, aiming to get parent-child relationships off to a good start, the committee said the federal government should require companies to allow unpaid, job-protected leave for employed parents of infants up to 1 year old.

The report said that more than half of all American parents now entrust their young children to the

Polish borders.

When meeting under the "two plus four" formula, was to have dealt largely with procedural matters, awaiting the elections in East Germany to start substantive discussions.

But the fact that a decision was made on inviting Poland demonstrated the sensitivity and urgency the issue has attained in recent weeks, and it was a triumph for Poland's campaign to gain reassurance that a united Germany will not try to reclaim territories transferred to Poland after the war.

After the first session of senior Foreign Ministry officials from the

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WEATHER



Sunny, warmer. Today is expected to be sunny and warmer with northwest winds of 10 to 20 mph. Look for a high in the upper 80s and an overnight low in the upper 50s.

Tomorrow's high will be in the mid-70s. Yesterday's high was 58, and the low 36. Flagstaff, at 4 below, was the coldest spot in the nation. Details on Page 17A.

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Susan Butcher and her lead dogs after winning her fourth Iditarod Trail race

Butcher wins her 4th Iditarod title

By John Enders
The Associated Press

NOME, Alaska — Greeted by stress and shouts, Susan Butcher stormed into the Gold Rush town yesterday in subzero weather and record time to rack up her fourth victory in five years in the 1,150-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

Butcher, 31, of Manley became only the second four-time winner of the 18-year-old Anchorage-to-Nome marathon.

Butcher came in about 2 1/2 hours ahead of defending champion Joe Ruessan of Nesama, a reversal of positions of last year's finish.

Ruessan beat Butcher by 65 minutes in 1988.

Butcher finished with 11 dogs. During her 11 days on the trail she had to drop three veteran dogs that pulled her to her previous victories. She credited her unknown canines for the victory.

"This team has been absolutely incredible," Butcher said. "The never had a team go so strong as this."

"I don't know what's in that team that could do it, but it must be the combination working together. There's been no strong dog emerge from this group."

Her official time was 11 days, 1 hour, 53 minutes and 23 seconds. That is a record, beating by more than 11 minutes her 1987 mark of 11 days, 2 hours and 5 minutes, which was set on another route.

The previous record for the northern route — also set by Butcher in 1986 — was 11 days, 15 hours and 6 minutes.

Butcher said it was extraordinary to break the record on the slightly longer northern route.

"This team had power coming out of its ears," she said. "Not so much charging up hills, but stamina. It just had it."

She was \$50,000 in first-place money plus \$25,000 from Purina Pro Plan, one of her sponsors.

The rest of the \$100,000 purse will be split among the

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Greyhound talks moving to Tucson

By Richard Duote
The Arizona Daily Star

Talks between Greyhound Lines Inc. and the union representing its 8,000 striking drivers and other workers are scheduled to resume tomorrow in Tucson.

Leaders of the Amalgamated Council of Greyhound Local Unions and company executives agreed to meet at the urging of the director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

The talks would be the first since the bitter walkout began nearly two weeks ago.

A spokesman for the union in Washington, D.C., said, "We welcome the opportunity to return to the bargaining table for good-faith negotiations. Both sides must set aside their differences and prepare to discuss all issues. It is in everybody's best interest for these talks to succeed."

A spokesman for Greyhound in Dallas confirmed that talks were scheduled in Tucson, but last yesterday still insisted that the talks would be held Saturday, not tomorrow.

Anthony Lanning, Greyhound executive vice president, agreed to the resumed talks, the spokesman said.

Bernard E. DeLury, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, said he was assigning a special assistant to the Greyhound dispute. Paul Stuckenschneider, and Mediation Service Commissioner Ron Colletta of Phoenix to the talks.

At least seven shooting incidents have been reported since the strike began March 2, including one in Florida where eight people were injured. A picketing driver was crushed to death by a bus on the second day of the strike.