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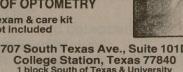
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Tornadoes rip across Arkansas gi killing 6, causing heavy damage AUST Instance of Insta

Guardsmen helped keep order Wednesday after as many as 10 tornadoes blew through Arkansas, kill-ing six people, destroying scores of homes and businesses, and tempo-rarily knocking out power to 16,000

"We saw it coming, but there was nothing we could do," said Police Chief Darnell Scott of nearby Lonoke, where two people were killed and about 30 houses were reported heavily damaged.

"I can't even tell what street I'm on because the trees are uprooted," Scott said. "I think we were very lucky it wasn't more tragic than it

Gov. Bill Clinton declared Garland, Hot Spring, Johnson, Logan, Lonoke, Pulaski and Van Buren counties disaster areas and set aside \$350,000 in relief to be administered by the state Office of Emergency

ately available, but the storms destroyed 43 homes and 42 mobile homes and damaged 128 homes, 27 mobile homes and eight businesses, said Gary Talley, the office's public information officer

About three dozen National ral hours in the morning at the request of Lt. Gov. Wintson Bryant to waited for his insurance agent to arrive. "Sure, we'll rebuild. This is Guardsmen were called out for seve- intact. idents away from the homes in Scott.

Three of the people killed, a coutheir mobile home in Scott was battered by the last of the tornadoes to bedded in the dashboard

were identified as Randall Dycus, 24, the swirling fiberglass insulation dities were the names and but Kristi Dycus, 22, and their son, Way-

Dycus' father had bought him the mobile home a year ago, said the dead man's uncle, Buryl Dycus.

"He was a fine young man," Dycus said, his voice breaking, as he sifted through objects flung from the mobile home, including a shattered frame containing a picture of his

Robert W. McCain and Juanita A. McCain of Lonoke, both 62, died when high winds overturned their van on Interstate 40 near Lonoke, and Louis Breckel, 68, was killed in Van Buren County when the storm destroyed his home, authorities said.

Breckel lived across the street from the new Southside High School gymnasium, which was destroyed, Sheriff Kenny Lee said

350,000 in relief to be administered y the state Office of Emergency ervices.

No dollar estimates were immediately and the state of those people where the homes were completely destroyed were all out at a high school basketball game" in another county, Lee said.

William Brown, a 25-year resident of Scott, a town of under 1,000, appeared resigned as he viewed the twisted remains of his home, which was lifted off its slab and redeposited at a slight angle, looking strangely

Next to the house sat his pickup ple and their infant son, died when truck, its windows blown out and a stick almost an inch in diameter im-

Officials: Deficit biggest U.S. threat

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Na- taxes and the larger Democratic opened its post-election attempt to break a seven-year deadlock on the budget deficit with repeated warnings Wednesday that the deficit represents the nation's greatest eco-

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, one of the leadoff witnesses before the bipartisan panel, said "The deficit already has begun to eat away at the foundations of our economic strength, and the need to deal with it is becoming ever more

Greenspan joined other witnesses in saying that Congress and President-elect George Bush must reach agreement quickly on ways to slash the deficit or run the risk that foreigners will stop financing America's borrowing needs.

'We must put our fiscal house in order so that we can address the other problems which are important to us as a nation," Alice Rivlin, for-mer head of the Congressional Budget Office said. "Getting the budget deficit behind us is a test of our ability to govern.

The comments offered a sharp contrast to much of the debate during the presidential campaign when both candidates sidestepped ques-tions concerning the deficit because they did not want to offer detailed solutions. However, some of the witnesses

said Bush, now that he is presidentelect, very well could be forced by events in financial markets to setriggering a free-fall in the value of side rather than by boosting taxes. the U.S. dollar. riously bargain with Congress or risk

'The rest of the world may well give up on the dollar if it foresees four more years of towering twin (budget and trade) deficits," said C. Fred Bergsten, head of the Institute for International Economics.

Investors have been unusually jittery in the past week over concerns that Bush's tough stance against new icit.

tional Economic Commission marjorities in Congress would translate into further gridlock on solving the deficit problem.

The dollar has come under heavy selling pressure and that has put

downward pressure on U.S. stocks. The Dow Jones industrial average was down almost 15 points by midafternoon Wednesday, resuming a sharp decline that began after Bush's election last week.

A fall in the dollar sends U.S. stocks tumbling because investors fear that interest rates will have to rise in this country to continue to attract the needed foreign investments. Rising U.S. interest rates reduce business prospects and raise threats of a recession

Responding to the market concerns, Bush has pledged to make the budget deficit a top priority. How-ever, he has not indicated any willingness to abandon his "flexible freeze" proposal by which overall spending increases, excluding Social Security and interest on the debt, would be held to the rise in inflation

While Bush's economic advisers have insisted that the country could grow its way out of deficit problem without sharp spending cuts or tax increases, Greenspan rejected such a notion. He indicated that tough choices would have to be made on spending cuts to get the deficit under control.

But Greenspan supported the Bush contention that the deficit should be reduced on the spending

However, if spending cuts alone are not sufficient to narrow the deficit, Greenspan said tax hikes should be considered because the need to cut the deficit was so critical.

The 12-member economic commission was created by Congress a year ago to come up with a blueprint for reducing the federal budget def-

sucked into the storm's path, looked as if they were blooming with pink cotton, and broken glass, uprooted trees and loose boards were strewn everywhere. Two boats, hoisted by high winds from a nearby bayou, sat 20 yards from the shoreline.

The roof on L.W. and Billie Weise's home in Scott was partially removed, but the couple still was able to spend the night there.

"It was real sudden," Mrs. Weise said. "By the time I hit the floor and pulled the blanket over, it was

The Weises mingled Wednesday morning with other residents of Scott at Cotham's Country Store, where the storm was the main topic of conversation and the hot commocards of people offering repair

rebuilding services. No one spent the night in the ant inc shelter hastily set up in Sout, alon pre Patti Jones, public affairs directake effe for the Red Cross in Little Rock

"Most of the people that had be represer displaced found accommodate Compension with friends or neighbors," Joe the raise said. "It appears we'll just be sent increase

meals there."

At the height of the storm, 16,00 about it customers of Arkansas Power hang of Light Co. were without power ance coperiods ranging upward from 36.7 per little as 10 minutes, AP&L spokeman Jerol Garrison said twe said Wednesday morning, only about the said Wednesday morning, only about the said Upward force so 1,000 customers, mostly in Scottae Communication of the said the said the said Upward force so in 1,000 customers, mostly in Scottae Communication of the said the

Telescope collapse deals major blow cu to science world

One of the world's biggest radio-telescopes collapsed in what an astronomer lamented as a major blow to science.

Satellite dish, was capable of little and compared to the c

The 26-year-old instrument, an antenna dish the size of a football field in diameter, gave way late Tuesday while a staffer was using it, said George Seielstad, as-sistant director for Green Bank operations at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory.

"Absolutely nobody was hurt, but the telescope itself is beyond repair and there was damage to the control room where the tele scope is operated from," Seielstad said. "It looks so much like someone lifted a big bowl into the air and let it drop.

The cause of the collapse was under investigation. "We know it was not weather-related because last night was a beautiful eve-ning," Seielstad said.

The 300-foot telescope, a metal latticework bowl resembling a TV

GREEN BANK, W.Va. (AP) - satellite dish, was capable of interthe origins of the universe.

It was a major surveyor of the universe, capable of covering the entire northern sky, and was situated in a national radio quiet zone, kept free of manmade radio interference by act of Congress, Seielstad said.

The telescope was completed in 1962 at a cost of \$850,000 and took 18 months to build, he said.

It's a major blow," Seielstad said. "We'll have to determine the exact cause and will do that as quickly as we can, and then we will formulate plans to build something even better."

Renirie said the telescope funded by the foundation and operated by a consortium of nine universities, including Harvard, Yale and Johns Hopkins, was one of the largest in the world.

Immigrant receives seventh MIT degree

BOSTON (AP) — Tue Nguyen imagine, deep down he has a lot did more than nibble from the tree willpower." of knowledge, he made a feast of it. Just nine years after arriving in this country with thousands of other

Vietnamese boat people, Nguyen, 26, has earned his seventh degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a doctorate in nuclear engineering.
The school says it thinks that is a

record for MIT

Nguyen told the MIT public relations office that he earned multiple degrees to get the most out of his time at MIT and out of my tuition.

He also said he isn't a partygoer. The super scholar was in Burlington, Vt., this week preparing to start a job at IBM designing technology for the manufacture of semiconductor devices He did not return telephone calls

from the Associated Press. But one of his fans back in Cambridge was

happy to crow about him.
"You're not likely to find another person like this very often," said nuclear engineering professor Sidney

Yip, Nguyen's doctoral adviser.
"He's a very quiet guy, very laid back," Yip said. "But, as you can

Nguyen entered MIT in 1981. taking up to 12 courses a semes instead of the normal MIT stud load of four, he earned his first dergraduate degree in three yes and finished up four more bad lor's degrees in one more year. then began his graduate work.

He was so busy attending class that he had difficulty doing homework assignments, Yip said.

He holds bachelor's degrees physics, in computer science and gineering, in electrical engineering in mathematics, and in nuclear en neering. He got his master's in clear engineering in 1986 and fi ished work on his doctorate nuclear engineering this fall.

But that was only what he learn at MIT. He also studied English Texas and Chinese at Harvard, latter being the language of his fi cee's family. Nguyen and tyounger brothers left Vietnam 1978. His father, a retired gove ment employee, and mother rem in Vietnam with two other sons a a daughter.

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