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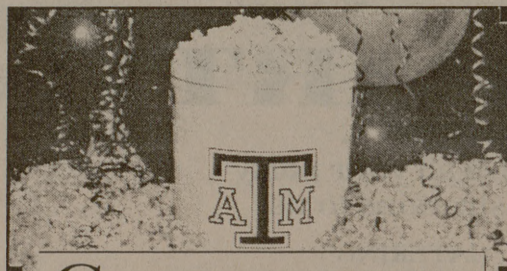
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**Tornadoes rip across Arkansas killing 6, causing heavy damage**

SCOTT, Ark. (AP) — National Guardsmen helped keep order Wednesday after as many as 10 tornadoes blew through Arkansas, killing six people, destroying scores of homes and businesses, and temporarily knocking out power to 16,000 customers.

"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 was."

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 Services.

No dollar estimates were immediately 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 Guardsmen were called out for several hours in the morning at the request of Lt. Gov. Wintson Bryant to look for survivors and keep non-residents away from the homes in Scott.

Three of the people killed, a couple and their infant son, died when their mobile home in Scott was battered by the last of the tornadoes to hit the state, authorities said. They

were identified as Randall Dycus, 24, Kristi Dycus, 22, and their son, Waylon, about 1.

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

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.

"Luckily, most 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 intact.

"We'll rebuild," Brown said, as he waited for his insurance agent to arrive. "Sure, we'll rebuild. This is home."

Next to the house sat his pickup truck, its windows blown out and a stick almost an inch in diameter imbedded in the dashboard.

The trees in the area, coated with

the swirling fiberglass insulation 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 done."

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 commo-

dities were the names and business cards of people offering repair and rebuilding services.

No one spent the night in the shelter hastily set up in Scott, said Patti Jones, public affairs director for the Red Cross in Little Rock.

"Most of the people that had been displaced found accommodations with friends or neighbors," Jones said. "It appears we'll just be serving meals there."

At the height of the storm, 16,000 customers of Arkansas Power and Light Co. were without power for periods ranging upward from little as 10 minutes, AP&L spokesman Jerol Garrison said. Wednesday morning, only about 1,000 customers, mostly in Scott and Lonoke, still had no power, he said.

**Telescope collapse deals major blow to science world**

GREEN BANK, W.Va. (AP) — One of the world's biggest radio-telescopes collapsed in what an astronomer lamented as a major blow to science.

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, assistant 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 telescope 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 evening," Seielstad said. The 300-foot telescope, a metal latticework bowl resembling a TV

satellite dish, was capable of intercepting naturally emitted radio signals from celestial bodies up to 10 billion light years away. The signals help scientists understand the 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."

Renrie 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 did more than nibble from the tree 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

imagine, deep down he has a lot of willpower."

Nguyen entered MIT in 1981, taking up to 12 courses a semester instead of the normal MIT student load of four, he earned his first undergraduate degree in three years and finished up four more bachelor's degrees in one more year. He then began his graduate work.

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

He holds bachelor's degrees in physics, in computer science and engineering, in electrical engineering, in mathematics, and in nuclear engineering. He got his master's in nuclear engineering in 1986 and finished work on his doctorate in nuclear engineering this fall.

But that was only what he learned at MIT. He also studied English, Texas and Chinese at Harvard, the latter being the language of his fiancée's family. Nguyen and his younger brothers left Vietnam in 1978. His father, a retired government employee, and mother remain in Vietnam with two other sons and a daughter.

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