

# NOW OPEN



Mon - Sat. 8 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Next to Outback on Texas Ave.

20 and up for guys 19 and up for girls

## NO COVER

### MONDAY

- \$1.50 Domestic Longnecks

### TUESDAY

- \$1.50 Well Drinks

### WEDNESDAY

- \$1.00 Shots

### THURSDAY

- \$2.00 Bud  
and Bud Light Longnecks

### FRIDAY

- \$2.00 Domestic Longnecks

### SATURDAY

- \$2.00 Coors  
and Miller Light Longnecks

## SPECIALS RUN ALL NIGHT

## Twisters tear through Midwest killing more than eight people

By Don Babwin  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UTICA, Ill. — Searchers with shovels and buckets pulled eight bodies Wednesday from the rubble of a tavern where residents had gathered to seek shelter from a twister that flattened the century-old building.

Mayor Fred Esmond said several people from a nearby trailer park had congregated in the basement of the Milestone Tap on a night when dozens of twisters tore through the Midwest. Nine people were removed alive from the ruins of the country-western-themed watering hole.

"They heard it on the radio. Some of them went to the tavern for safety, and it just so happened ...," Esmond said, his voice trailing off.

Coroner Jody Bernard said the dead, who were found in various locations of the bar, ranged in age from 18 to 81. The two-story building's crumbling sandstone foundation slowed rescuers' efforts as they gingerly dug through the sandy rubble.

The twister cut a wide swath of destruction in this small town 90 miles southwest of Chicago, turning homes and businesses into piles of brick and splintered wood. More than 10 people were taken to hospitals and at least six remained there Wednesday afternoon.

"It was like my brain wasn't comprehending what my eyes were seeing," said John Devore, who rushed his family into the basement and looked outside about 15 seconds later. "I said, 'Well, it looks like the car's OK,' and then a split-second later, 'Wait a minute. I'm not supposed to be able to see my car. Where

the hell's my garage?'"

The tornado blew roofs off many buildings in Utica, including the grade school. A nearby chain-link fence was covered in insulation blown from homes. A birthday card signed "Love, Brian" rested against the fence.

A metal silo at the grain elevator was toppled, and a chunk of it was wrapped around a stop sign. A wall of bricks from a downtown bar fell onto a car parked next to the building.

On houses that officials had checked for injuries, marks of "OK" were spray-painted in orange and pink.

Authorities said they did not believe anyone else was missing.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich visited Utica and other communities and declared four counties disaster areas. Federal Emergency Management Agency officials planned to visit Thursday to see if they qualify for disaster relief.

The tornado that devastated Utica was one of dozens that smashed through the Midwest. Indiana also was hard hit, and Iowa, Nebraska and Oklahoma reported twisters as well. A lightning storm hit Arkansas on Wednesday, striking a high school junior who died on his way to school.

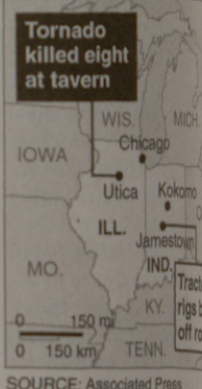
Authorities said three to six people suffered minor injuries in Jamestown, Ind., northwest of Indianapolis. Four tractor-trailers were reported blown off highways.

More than 30 teenagers were attending a party at a skating arena in Kokomo, Ind., when a tornado tore off the roof. Employees saw the twister approaching in time to give a warning, and no injuries were reported.

"You know the rides they

### Midwest storms claim eight lives

Searchers on Wednesday pulled eight bodies from a tavern flattened by a tornado in Ill. More than 10 people were taken to hospitals. The storm that swept across the Midwest Tuesday evening also left several injured in Indiana.



SOURCE: Associated Press

have at amusement parks as the roof raises and then it's like it's going to hit you! That's what it was like," said Bill Farnsworth, a sponsor of one group of victims.

A storm also collapsed a drugstore roof and destroyed at least one home in Joliet, Ill., Chicago, and damaged about 10 homes and a bank in Grand Prairie, Ill., officials said.

Sheriff's Deputy Whalen, who saw the tornado out of his kitchen window, said the twister "was about the size of four houses."

"It's one of those things you see once in a lifetime," he said.

The dead were identified as Larry Ventrice, 49; Wayne H. 63; Marian Ventrice, 50; Bev "Bev" Wood, 67; Helen Miller, 81; Carol Shultheis, 42; Miller, 18; and Jay Ventrice, 4.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Half of Iraq's new security forces quit or worked against U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — About one in every 10 members of Iraq's security forces "actually worked against" U.S. troops during the recent militia violence in Iraq, and an additional 40 percent walked off the job because of intimidation, the commander of the 1st Armored Division said Wednesday.

Maj. Gen. Martin Dempsey said the campaign in Iraq was at a critical point.

The militia violence aggravated underlying Iraq's new military and police forces — the "ultimate desire for 'some Iraqi hierarchy in which to place trust and confidence' and a reluctance by Iraqis to take up arms against their countrymen, Dempsey said.

The failure of Iraqi security forces to perform hurt the United States' overall exit strategy from Iraq.

## THE KIDS KLUB IS SEEKING STAFF FOR THE 2004 FALL SEMESTER

- Are you available Mon.-Fri., 2:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.?

Apply at the College Station Conference Center, 1300 George Bush Dr.  
Now Thru April 26<sup>th</sup>

Employment to begin August 10<sup>th</sup>

College Station ISD is an Equal Opportunity Employer

#### Word Bank

- Games
- Soccer
- Gattiland
- Flag Football
- NSYNC
- Brittany Spears
- No Weekends
- Hockey
- Talent Show
- Timeout
- The Rock
- Kickball
- Limbo
- Skating
- Gladiator
- Art Projects
- Yo-Yo
- Playing
- Headstart
- Ice Cream
- Fourth Grader
- Fun People
- Cheerleaders
- Fun
- Airball
- Dance Freeze
- Legos
- Backstreet Boys

#### Name: Kids Klub Word Search

d e k a d c s r i c e c r e a m  
t a f u n d s d w h o c k e y u  
g n i y a l p s n e t s e m a g  
c e s y l d a n c e f r e e z e  
v n l s i i f t t r k a r l e d  
s s l a t k m d n l i e e e e o  
a t a l t c c b n e d p e e l o  
a i b c a p e o o a e s t w p w  
s m t b g b m j r d h y o y o a  
o e o k t e k g o e r n h e n  
c o o y k d h c a r h a s a p a  
c u f o i t e d i s p t i i n j  
e t p t r e s g n k n t d r u o  
r s a u t t d a b e a i r b f l  
l r o t a i d a l g r o o a g w  
g f d r e o t a y e i b s l o i  
l g t g n i t a k s o g e l s a