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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

1. DATE AND TIME July 6, 1987 early evening

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) Oakbank, Man

3. PATH LENGTH ☐ NOT KNOWN ☐ <1mi; ☐ 1-4mi; ☐ 5-10mi; ☐ 11-50mi; ☐ LENGTH IF>50mi

4. PATH WIDTH ☐ 5. TORNADO PART OF SQUALL LINE? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN:

6. ANY UNUSUAL COLORATION? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN

7. ANY UNUSUAL SOUND? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN

8. IF ANSWER TO 6 OR 7 YES, ELABORATE;

9. LIST ANY ASSOCIATED PHENOMENA
(Such as hail, vivid lightning heavy rain, no rain, etc.)

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE $ 11. TOTAL DEATHS

12. TOTAL INJURED 13. TOTAL HOMELESS

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.

b) Roof blown off Junior High School

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Bauer cleans up sludge in basement, a stinking reminder of Monday night's storm.

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Rain leaves foul legacy

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Basements filled with raw sewage after stc

By Allison Bray

A thunderstorm that carved a path of destruction throughout the city Monday night has left two Transcona homeowners with basements full of raw sewage.

John Bauer, 34, said he returned home to 50 Perry Bay around 10 p.m. Monday to find his basement filled with 30 centimetres of water and stinking sludge.

Bradley Merner, Bauer's neighbor at 46 Perry, said the sewer in his basement erupted around 7 p.m. spewing about 75 centimetres of water and raw sewage on the basement floor.

City works and operations department foreman Jim Wierbicki said he sent a crew to unclog a main city sewer line near Bernie Wolfe Community School shortly after 7 p.m. The school is located one block east of Perry Bay.

But, Wierbicki said, he sent the men home when rain and lightning began soon after their arrival.

The clogged sewer was responsible for backing up residential sewers, he said, but the large amount of runoff from storm sewers made the situation much worse.

Bauer and Merner said the city's claims department told them yesterday they could collect only up to $1,500 in compensation.

Merner said the flooding caused between $15,000-$20,000 damage to his floors, walls, furniture and appliances.

Bauer said his furniture has been sitting in the sludge since Monday because it is covered in human excrement and would be difficult to move or store.

Coun. Shirley Timm-Rudolph (Springfield Heights) said if the city is found to be at fault, Bauer and Merner can take their claims to the city's law department to decide if they can get compensation above the maximum $1,500.

Tornadoes

The city's finance committee, she said, would decide on how much compensation they would receive.

Meanwhile, Environment Canada confirmed two tornadoes touched down in Fort Garry and southeastern Winnipeg during the storm, which dumped about 44 millimetres of rain in 2½ hours.

Norm Johnson, owner of a Windsor Park apartment block at 966 Winakwa Road, said work crews were repairing damage yesterday caused when a tornado peeled off a corner of the building roof.

Johnson said some of the 40-odd tenants who fled the building Monday night have returned.

He said he will not know how much damage was done to the building until it has dried out.

About $50,000 damage was done to a wall and door at Versatile Farm Equipment Co., on Clarence Avenue when a twister caused the wall to collapse as it sent bricks flying through the building.

Versatile maintenance manager Victor Littau said no equipment was damaged.

The twister caused extensive damage to the roof and electrical and office equipment at Federal Pioneer Ltd., across the street. No damage estimate was available.

Winds ranging between 116 km/h and 179 km/h caused hundreds of thousands of dollars damage to 10 empty CN Rail cars that were derailed at the Symington Yard near the Trans-Canada Highway, CN spokesman Jim Starko said.

The roof also was blown off the Springfield Junior High School in Oakbank. No damage estimate was available.

No injuries were reported as a result of the storm.

Filmon said the protections based on sexual orientation contained in Bill 47, the proposed new Human Rights Code, spell nothing but trouble.

He said the government's intent in the bill is to equate homosexual and heterosexual lifestyles.

"In fact, I think that the overall intent . . . is an unwarranted attack on the moral and religious values of the vast majority of Manitobans."

Filmon has said he doesn't support discrimination against homosexuals, but opposes the bill because it singles out gays for special status.

Yesterday, he repeated his fear Bill 47 is the first step to homosexuals pushing for their lifestyle to be taught in schools.

"It leaves open the prospect that it must be taught in schools," he said outside the legislature.

He told the house he believed the provisions would invite lawsuits.

The Tory leader said charges would be difficult to prove because, unlike racial discrimination, homosexuality cannot be determined by a person's appearance.

Wording too vague

He said people passed over for promotions could easily claim it was because they are homosexual, while employers could easily fight such an allegation by saying they had no way of knowing the worker's sexual orientation.

Filmon said he supported the bill's provisions for banning discrimination based on pregnancy, religion and political belief.

He said the wording on sexual harassment was too vague and goes so far as to outlaw a sexual advance when the person ought to know it is unwelcome.

"I don't know what an advance is intended to include or encompass in this particular legislation."

Sexual harassment, Filmon said, ought to be outlawed, but the use of the word "advance" is going to give the province a lot of trouble.

Liberal Leader Sharon Carstairs expressed whole-hearted support for Bill 47, saying homosexuals must be given protection from being denied services and accommodation due to sexual orientation.

Carstairs said homosexuals, estimated to comprise 10 per cent of the population, do not voluntarily choose to be gay and ought not be denied the rights of heterosexuals because they are different.

Jim McCrae (PC-Brandon West) quoted Scripture, pointing to the Bible's condemnation of homosexuality.

Leviticus 18:22, McCrae said, proclaims that homosexuality is an abomination.

Pastoral letter cited

He said a subsequent chapter says when a man lies with another they shall both be put to death.

Environment Minister Gerard Lecuyer, speaking in support of the bill, accused the Tories of inciting their constituents to misunderstand the code's intentions.

In response to McCrae's citations, he read a pastoral letter, endorsed by Pope John Paul II, which stated

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Cars splash through bumper-high water at Jubilee Avenue underpass as storm dropped 40 millimetres of rain.

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Storm leaves tenants homeless

Twister shears apartment roof

By Shane Minkin and Allison Bray

Buildings buckled, roofs caved in, train cars derailed and trees and power lines toppled last night as a severe thunderstorm ripped through Winnipeg and southern Manitoba.

The storm, which began shortly before 7 p.m., dumped about 40 millimetres of rain in 2½ hours and was reported to be in northwestern Ontario by late last night.

Environment Canada officials said there were three unconfirmed reports of funnel clouds touching down in the southwest corner of Winnipeg.

About 45 Windsor Park residents were left homeless after a twister ripped off a corner of the roof of their Winakwa Road apartment block.

Beverley Grant, 28, who lives across the street, said she was looking out her front window at about 7:30 p.m. when she saw a twister touch down near the block, located at 966 Winakwa.

"The sky was a pukey green color and clouds were coming in from the bottom and just dropped.

"But I couldn't see where the tail hit."

Grant's son, Bill, 14, said he saw parts of the apartment's roof flying by the house.

Building caretaker Joey Ste. Marie, 24, said he was in his basement suite when he heard a loud bang and saw debris flying outside.

Ste. Marie said when he saw water coming through the ceiling, he rushed up to the roof of the three-storey building and discovered a corner had been ripped up and folded over. There was a gaping metre-wide hole where water from the storm was streaming into the building.

Ste. Marie said all 15 units in the block had water leaking in, with suites on the southwest corner the most seriously affected.

Tenants, who spent the night with friends or family, will not be able to

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Winds blew hole in wall of Versatile Farm Equipment.

City serves suspensions for drinking

By Gerald Flood

Three more city parks workers have been suspended for drinking on the job, city officials confirmed yesterday.

The three men were caught drinking at a pub during their lunch break June 26, less than one month after nine parks workers were suspended for the same infraction, acting parks superintendent John Mirus said.

"I find it surprising this happened again after the amount of publicity last time," he said.

Mirus said the three men were caught by a foreman and a supervisor in a downtown pub not far from a park where they work.

He said the supervisors found them while searching for one of the men whom they wanted to question about another matter.

"They wanted an explanation of why he had left work early a couple of days earlier," Mirus said.

Two of the men were suspended 2½ days from their $12-an-hour jobs for having alcohol on their breath.

The third man was suspended for 5½ days for having alcohol on his breath and for leaving work early, Mirus said.

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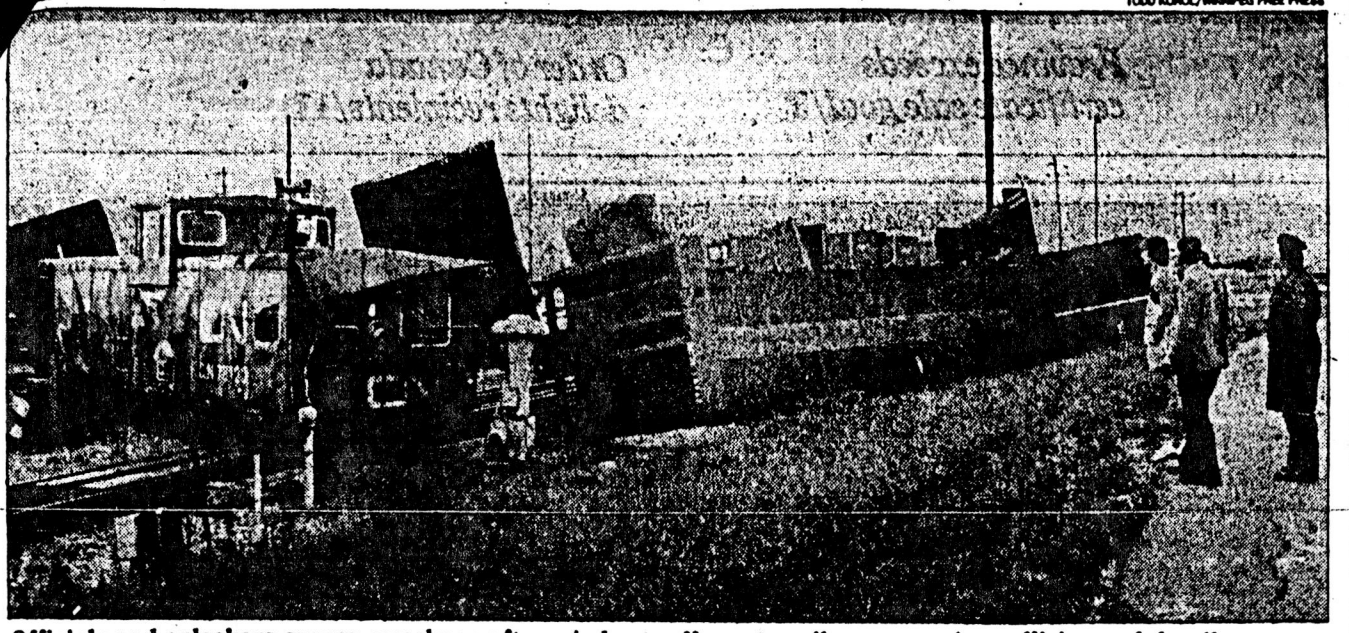

Officials and onlookers survey wreckage after wind set off empty rail cars, causing collision and derailment.

Twister damages firms' buildings

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return home for at least a week, he said.

Owner Norm Jackson said the building is insured but could not estimate damages.

Insurance adjuster Arden McMaster said tenants without personal coverage would not be covered.

Versatile Farm Equipment Co. and Federal Pioneer Ltd., both located on Clarence Avenue in Fort Garry, were hit by what witnesses described as a twister.

"We were working in the (machine) shop when all of a sudden the door and half the wall got blown off," said a Versatile employee, who refused to give his name.

"Bricks were flying everywhere; it's lucky nobody got hurt."

Versatile president Paul Soubry said it appeared the twister hit Federal Pioneer then crossed the street to the Versatile plant.

"It seemed to go through our door, which it blew off, and blew the bricks from the wall towards the outside."

He said no injuries were reported and the plant would operate as usual today.

A witness said it appeared part of the roof of the Federal Pioneer building was blown off, causing extensive damage to electrical and office equipment inside.

The winds accompanying the storm, reported at more than 50 km/h, caused 10 empty CN Rail cars to be derailed, CN spokesman Jim Starko said.

He said the cars, which were not attached to a locomotive, were parked in CN's Symington Yard near the Trans-Canada Highway when the derailment occurred.

"We don't know the exact circumstances, but it looks like the wind started the cars in motion and they may have sideswiped other cars," Starko said.

He said no injuries were reported and the accident is under investigation.

Both police and fire department spokesmen reported an increase in calls related to the storm.

"We've been getting calls for mostly burglar alarms all over the city that have kept us hopping," Insp. Dennis Toyne said.

Toyne said there were also reports of traffic and street light outages, poles and trees being knocked over and flooding in low-lying areas.

A fire department spokesman said more than 30 alarms were turned in between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m, with the most serious being a garage fire set off by lightning behind 1013 Dugas Street. No injuries were reported.

He said most of the alarms were for phone and hydro wires being knocked down.

As well, the roof of Springfield Junior High School in Oakbank was blown in, police said.

No injuries were reported and a damage estimate was unavailable.

A Manitoba Hydro spokesman said more than 3,000 customers were without power for up to 2½ hours when high winds and lightning knocked down hydro lines in St. Vital, Woodridge, Sanford and pockets of southwestern Manitoba.

Winnipeg Hydro spokesman Barry Stephenson said there were reports of several minor power outages north of Grant Avenue and around the Wolseley area. Several businesses along the south side of Portage Avenue were also temporarily without power, he said, adding service had been restored by midnight.

Manitoba Telephone System spokesman Garry Enns said there were no reports of downed lines.

Victim's parents thanked for support

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Long, a hockey star, was pronounced brain-dead later that day, and was flown to Hamilton, Ont., on life-support systems for organ donation.

Long's parents refused comment yesterday. The family has been quoted as saying they considered the incident an unfortunate accident.

"I'm incredibly grateful to the Long family for the support and understanding they have given," Inniss said. "It must have been very painful for them."

Inniss said the incident arose out of a series of jibes by Long suggesting a friend of Inniss was homosexual.

Inniss said he finally waited for Long outside class to say he was

Inniss said he told Long to stop and Long made one more comment.

"Without thinking I turned around and swung," he said.

Inniss resigned as school president earlier this year and withdrew from school midway through the second semester, although he had enough credits to graduate this spring, Dyck said.

Inniss said the tragedy affected his school work at first.

"I can't erase what happened," he said. "Once you accept you can't change something, you can't let it hold you back all your life."

Inniss has been involved in founding Spiritcom, which he describes as a non-profit organization aimed at helping students develop a good attitude toward achieving in school and in society.

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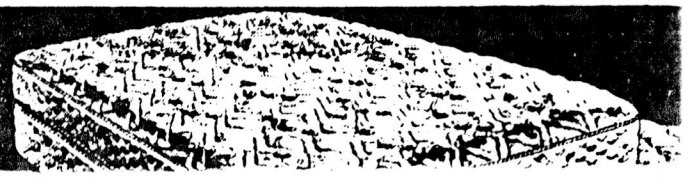

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