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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

1. DATE AND TIME July 14, 1982

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) near Wetaskiwin, Alta.

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

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.

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Stormy weather!

Trail of damage across region

By MARK HUME and CHRIS ZDEB

An army of severe thunderstorms ripped across central Alberta Wednesday, unleashing gale-force winds and leaving blacked-out communities trailing in its wake.

At Sylvan Lake the thunderstorm activity became so intense it generated a brief tornado that overturned boats, tore up signs and obliterated the main street in clouds of dust.

"You couldn't see 10 feet," said Sylvan Lake Hotel manager Tony Mayne.

"A couple of sailboats went for a header down the lake and some heavy gas station signs were just lifted up and blown right away."

The tornado also uprooted dozens of trees and tore out power lines in the area, according to an official with Calgary Power Ltd., which services the lakeside community.

RCMP in nearby Red Deer said there were no reports of serious damage in the storm, which hit the area about 5 p.m.

Edmonton was hammered about two hours later when the storm front marched across the city, taking out trees, snapping power lines, smashing fences and blacking out widespread areas.

The havoc began about 7 p.m. when the first of a series of thunderstorms let go with gale-force winds and sheets of rain.

"We had a line of severe thunderstorms moving through," said Gary Burke of the Alberta weather office. "They were all fairly small, but there were lots of them and some were accompanied by powerful winds. One gusted to 65 kilometres an hour, and others could have been higher.

"One storm dumped six millimetres (of rain) in 10 minutes."

He said there were no tornado formations in the Edmonton area, "but anytime you get severe thunderstorms like that tornados are a possibility."

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Motorists move branch at 104 Street and S

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cease publication with its Aug. 28 edition.

E. P. Zimmerman, chairman of the magazine's board of directors, said a drop in advertising revenue of nearly 20 per cent in the last year forced the three shareholder distributors — Southam Inc., Thomson Newspapers Ltd., and the Toronto Star — to absorb increased costs.

Zimmerman said The Star had served notice of cancellation of its agreements and the board of directors decided continued publication of Today, which bills itself as Canada's largest circulation magazine, was no longer viable.

The weekend supplement appears in 18 Canadian newspapers, including The Edmonton Journal.

it's surprising it's lasted as long as it has."

Mr. O'Callaghan said the magazine was obviously not meeting a need in Canada.

"It's a general interest magazine, and this is the age of specialty magazines," he said.

"Really, it was a dinosaur."

Zimmerman said there are no plans to come back with an alternative supplement.

Today editor Walter Stewart said it was a tragedy the magazine was folding.

"This was a magazine that spanned the nation and presented Nova Scotia to British Columbia," he said. "This nation needs that and it hasn't got it anymore."

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Storm

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As the storm broke, police and emergency repair crews scrambled to answer a flood of calls for help.

Residents of a South Side neighborhood got a brief fireworks display when a power line snapped near 90th Avenue and 100th Street, blacking out a row of apartment buildings and snarling traffic at darkened intersections on 99th Street.

It was the first of a series of power outages and minor traffic accidents that occurred during the 90-minute storm.

Corey Doerksen, 20, of 9920 90th Ave. was walking in the rain when the power line whipped down and struck the sidewalk.

"There was just a big snap and then there was was all kinds of blue flames and sparks," he said.

A resident who was in his apartment suite nearby said the downed wire "made a hell of a loud bang. It sounded just like a cannon."

Apartment dwellers in the area used flashlights and candles to move around darkened corridors. Some gathered near building exits and watched hydro crews repair the damaged line.

Edmonton Power crews couldn't keep up with the reports of downed wires and blackouts.

QCTV Cablevision was also flooded with calls as it went off the air for up to an hour in some sections of the city.

Downed trees temporarily blocked an entrance to the General Hospital on Jasper Avenue and 112th Street and cut power to a building at 9846 60th Ave.

Fallen trees also blocked traffic on 107th Street north of 82nd Avenue and 122nd Avenue and 93rd Street.

Mrs. Hyman Estrin, of 6613 124th Steet, was waiting out the storm at home when she heard a loud bang.

"I thought it was a clap of thunder until I walked into the living room and saw a huge tree lying across the house."

The 20-year-old poplar did some minor damage to the roof, she said.

"We were lucky. It was right near the picture window and could have come right through."

City police got calls on about a dozen minor accidents, including two vehicles that overturned in water-filled ditches during the height of the storm.

One car was sent off the road when it was struck by a wind-tossed advertising sign in the area of 173rd Street and Stony Plain Road.

Traffic was slowed down along the Calgary Trail near 38th Avenue when styrofoam panels from a nearby construction site blew across the road.

The storm front was expected to move away from the city today, but moderate winds will persist, accompanied by showers.