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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

1. DATE AND TIME July 9, 1986 1440 MDT

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) Penhold, Alta.

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.

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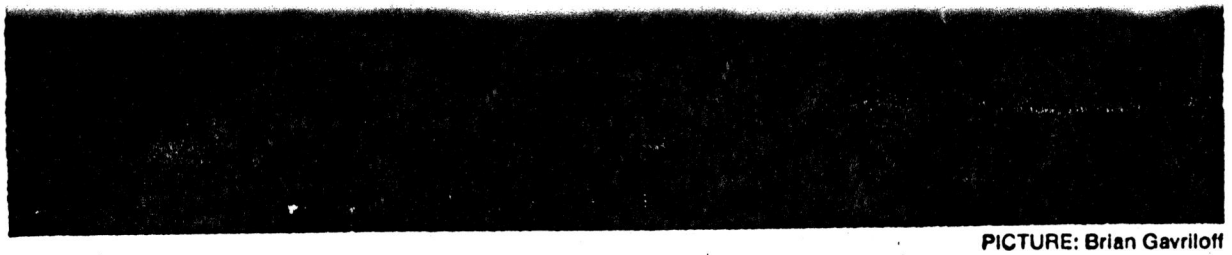

PICTURE: Brian Gavriloff

Good day!

The Klondike Kittens are restless to roar out a K-Days welcome. Hanging on at Fort Edmonton Wednesday are, left (top to bottom) Colleen Booher, Marigo Murch, Chris Salud, Karen Dowker; right, Irena Myshchyshyn, Marg Christensen, Rachelle Letcher and Joy Miyagishima.

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Trio of twisters touch down

By RICHARD HELM
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A trio of tornadoes touched down in central Alberta on Wednesday, causing a spectacular show but little apparent damage.

Two other funnel clouds sighted in the area surrounded by Eckville, Penhold and Airdrie did not touch down, according to the Edmonton weather office.

RCMP detachments had received no damage reports by last night.

Flight specialist Mike Bechtel spotted a twister northwest of the Penhold Airport about 12:15 p.m.

"It appeared to be moving quite rapidly and it was swaying back and forth," Bechtel said.

Within minutes, an Edmonton pilot confirmed the sighting and reported seeing the cloud touch down just south of Sylvan Lake, 15 km west of Red Deer.

Bechtel, who recently moved to Alberta from the tornado-free Northwest Territories, was relieved the twister spun away from the airport.

"That was the first one I'd seen and it was plenty close enough."

About 1 p.m., a funnel was seen 25 km southwest of Penhold by flight crews on two large aircraft. That funnel was also reported to have touched down briefly.

Within the next two hours, three more sightings were reported, two by a volunteer weather watcher in Big Springs Park, west of Airdrie, who saw one of the twisters touch down, and another by Randy Cole, an Eckville weather watcher.

Cole, the town foreman, watched in fascination about 2 p.m. as a funnel pulsed in and out of a thundercloud due east of Eckville, 40 km west of Red Deer.

"It almost looked like somebody pushing the bottom of a cup; sort of a rounded mound, down out of that cloud," said Cole.

"But it never did actually develop enough to touch ground."

David Waugh at the Edmonton weather office said the twisters touched down briefly and then disappeared.

The twisters prompted weather watches in the Red Deer area and Calgary.

Waugh said mid-June to the end of July is traditionally peak twister time in Alberta. An average of 25 to 30 tornadoes are reported annually in the province, he said.

A small tornado touched down in Falher in northwestern Alberta on Tuesday night, partially ripping away the roof of the town's Co-op store.

Falher resident Romuald Parker said he didn't know what was going on when the twister touched down in his backyard.

"It made a noise like a big plane . . . I was working in the yard so I ran into my garage and saw the wind turning and tossing things around. I saw the roof of the Co-op in back of my house get lifted right off."

Mall executive faces possible $1M lawsuit

By BOB BOEHM
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Rubin Stahl, former executive vice-president of Triple Five Corp., is being sued for what could amount to $1 million.

The lawsuit by businessman-dentist Jeffrey Swartz from Toronto in part centres on a sum of $66,500, which the plaintiff claims was paid with respect to leasing premises at the Westmount Shopping Centre and West Edmonton

Swartz is suing Stahl for more than $280,000 for loss of rental money, and also wants Stahl to pay for any damages awarded Jack Austin Drugs in its suit against Swartz.

Stahl, in his statement of defence, denies Swartz's allegations.

In a sworn affidavit before the court, Stahl says the sum of $66,500 was never received. "Negotiations with respect to the

