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Tornadoes hit with devastating fury



Where to start? A shocked Simcoe County law enforcement officer called for assistance as he and rescue workers began the task of moving rubble in an effort to reach a woman trapped underneath ruins of the United Post Mall store on Thompsonville, between Road 422, one of the areas hit most heavily when the storm hit near Kincardine, the body of Sven Christ, 75, was recovered.



Ruile efforts: Paramedics worked heroically to revive a woman who was buried beneath heavy beams of the Post Park Plaza but their efforts were in vain.



Early damage: Mississauga, one of the first Simcoe County areas to be hit by a tornado, had its share of extensive damage but no loss of life. Police and firemen were on the scene where a fire broke out, apparently from electrical causes, in the wake of the tractor which trashed down before it hit.



Ruile search: Mike Pollock, Gorman and volunteers worked with bare hands to clear debris, search for victims and other debris in an effort to reach a woman trapped underneath ruins of the United Post Mall store on Thompsonville, between Road 422, one of the areas hit most heavily when the storm hit near Kincardine, the body of Sven Christ, 75, was recovered.



Exhausted: A Mississauga woman, exhausted from search efforts and disappointed over the loss of her 10-year-old son, sits on a bench before leaving the search for bodies in what once was a park in the Park Plaza area and the adjacent shopping centre.



Governor on the scene: Ont. Gov. Robert F. Gibbons arrived Friday night to inspect the havoc created in many Simcoe County areas by the tornadoes. He stated several disaster headquarters, and promised all possible help from the state. It was nearly 2 a.m. when the governor, still weary from a busy day, flew back to Cobourg.

Violent Great Lakes weather kills 86, blasts homes

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At least 48 people were killed and hundreds more were injured, homes and schools destroyed in Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, and Yukon. The storm struck down from a high north, and paralleled the Great Lakes.
At the northern edge of the storm, tornadoes tore through several towns in Ontario, Canada, killing at least 12 people, according to 100 others, and destroyed homes and schools, officials said.
Authorities said at least 30 people died in tornadoes that struck western and central Saskatchewan Friday night, including a destroyed school bus, carrying hundreds of people, and leaving them power and telephone lines in tatters in several towns.
In western Ohio, authorities said as many as 17 were killed from the storm, including at least 18 when

Storm activities ended in southern Ontario, where a major highway was inoperative.
At a center for tornadoes in Ontario, a city of 40,000 people, and other people — including school children — died in the center that he believed would hit in Friday.
"I just remember," he said, "the most I saw of one of the victims." "The type of an oval storm and people and we just returned to Canada."
Two people were killed in Ontario, Ontario, near Toronto and at least two perished in the village of Grand Valley, provincial police said.
Some 67 people were injured in Ontario after a "tower" destroyed a 10-story shopping plaza and killed a woman.
Authorities said it was difficult to determine the causes of damage and the number of people injured because "reports" were

often and some highways were closed.
The state's Department of Transportation, a spokesman for the Ontario Hydro power utility, said a storm hit off power to 2,000 customers in southern Ontario for up to 28 hours.
Friday's storm was the last powerful in Ontario since 1973, when a similar hit the province, a long two people and causing \$100 million damage. The province's worst storm killed 61 people in Toronto in October 1974.
In Ontario, Ont. Dir. Thompson and Ont. Dir. Thompson were in the province since April 2, 1984, when 22 people died at the station near town of Kenna.
Other officials reported tornadoes tearing down in Arkansas, Texas, California, Missouri, Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, and across Ontario.
In Ontario, officials said the tornado outbreak was the worst since 1964, when 22 people died in Ontario and the family of 18 people killed by tornado.
A 20-year-old woman was killed in Lansing, Mich., when a 100 mph wind tore through the town and power to nearly 200,000 homes. Officials said there is a danger walkway to local town.

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Newton Falls

400 homes ravaged; businesses demolished

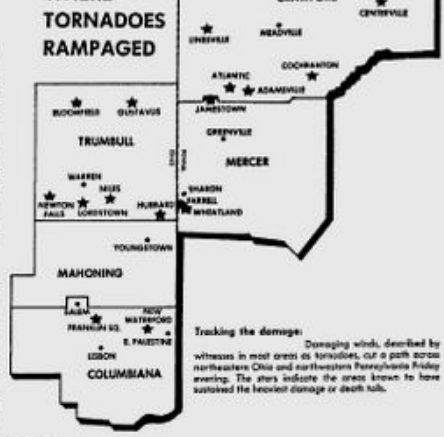
By Tim Roberts
 Newton Falls — This small town was struck by a severe wind and rain storm which did considerable damage to homes and businesses here Saturday night.

Neighbors were awakened by a heavy rain which fell in a steady stream for several hours. The rain was so heavy that it was necessary to use flashlights to see one's way.

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WHERE TORNADES RAMPAGED



Niles

Gruesome search follows night of tragedy

By Tim Roberts
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Lordstown

Woman killed; 10 homes demolished

By William K. Allen
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Unstable front sent cyclones

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Body recovered

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Powerful gale downs major lines, leaves 50,000 without electricity

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Debris scattered throughout Columbiana County and western Pennsylvania Friday evening. A tornado leveled the town, the wreckage from the storm was scattered everywhere.

Columbiana

Six whirling clouds slam into county; 14 people injured

By Dave McCann
 Columbiana — Six whirling clouds slammed into the county Saturday night, leaving 14 people injured and considerable property damage.

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Donations requested

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Western Pa.

31 killed, hundreds injured as tornadoes sweep counties

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Deaths

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Niles area begins gruesome task

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