



# Hurricane Agnes Spawns Deadly Tornadoes in 1972

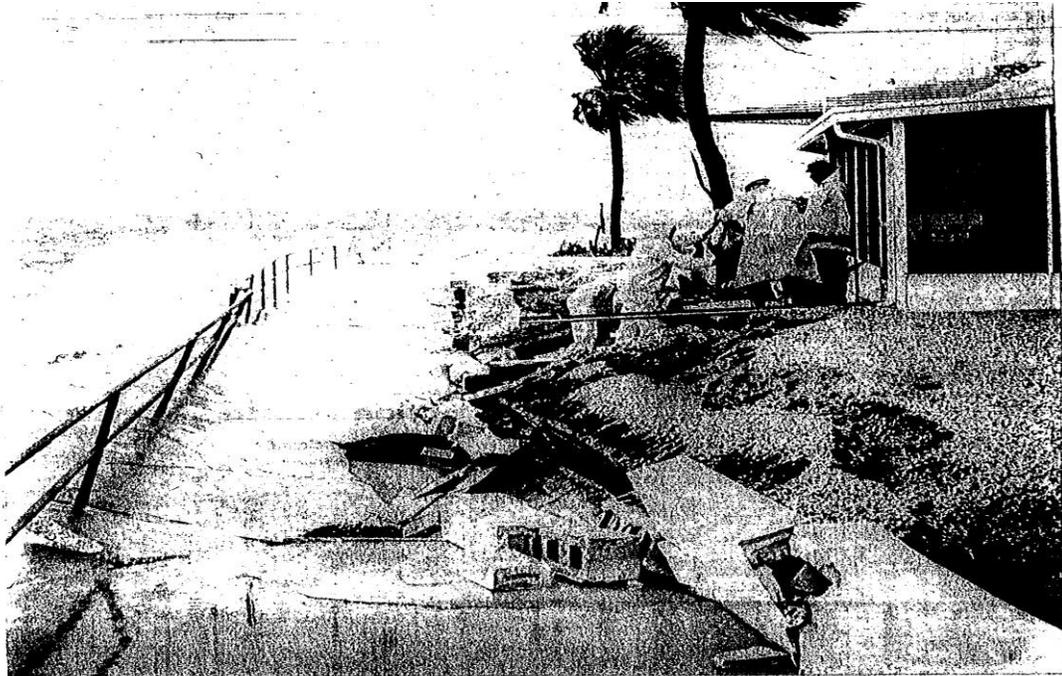
## Fact Sheet

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| • Date: June 18, 1972                 | • Deaths: 0                        |
| • Time: 115 am                        | • Injuries: 40                     |
| • Estimated Tornado Intensity: F2     | • Damage Amount: Unknown           |
| • Estimated Maximum Wind: 113-157 mph | • Number of Homes Damages: Unknown |
| • Tornado Width (Yards): 100          | • County: Monroe                   |
| • Path Length (Miles): 1              |                                    |
| • Date: June 18, 1972                 | • Deaths: 0                        |
| • Time: 200 am                        | • Injuries: 23                     |
| • Estimated Tornado Intensity: F3     | • Damage Amount: Unknown           |
| • Estimated Maximum Wind: 158-206 mph | • Number of Homes Damages: Unknown |
| • Tornado Width (Yards): 100          | • County: Brevard                  |
| • Path Length (Miles): 3              |                                    |

# Agnes Whips 100-MPH

# Gales At North Florida

Tampa Tribune



A sidewalk damaged from the winds and waves from Hurricane Agnes.

**St. Petersburg Times**

### **Summary of Event**

Hurricane Agnes was the first hurricane of the season in 1972, which developed late that Sunday. It was heading straight for the Florida Panhandle after going through Cuba and passing the islands at the most southern part of Florida, which included Key West, Conch Key, and Big Coppit Key.

### **Detailed experience:**

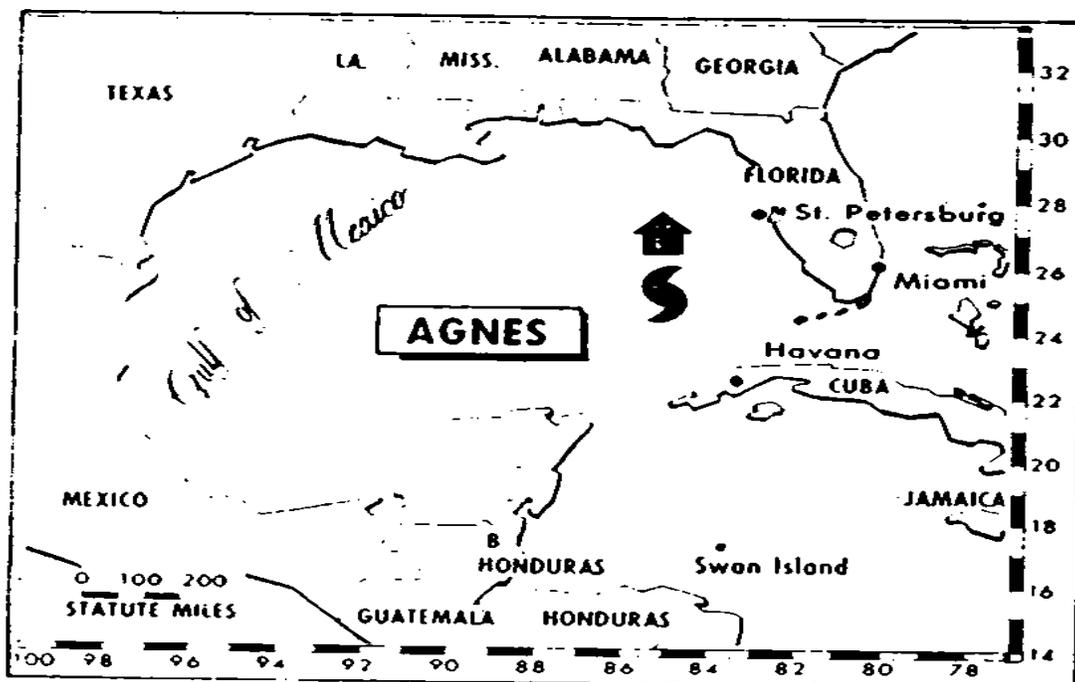
The Hurricane produced numerous tornadoes that ripped through the Keys and several counties in Florida. In Big Coppit Key, **Mrs. Phillips said the roof of one of the two vans in which she lived was torn off and she was pinned underneath a dresser while her son was safe inside the other van, which was untouched by the tornado. She said she ran from the trailer to find four persons lying on the ground and one woman who was blown into a tree, where she was pinned down by a stereo set. (St. Petersburg Times, June 19<sup>th</sup>, Section 2-A).** Mr. Hahn, another person from Big Coppit Key, actually witnessed the tornado come down. **“My car had stalled, and I was about to get out when I heard what seemed like a flight of B-17s,” he said. “Then all of a sudden, it hit the power lines. There was a big explosion that lit up the whole sky.” (St. Petersburg Times, June 19<sup>th</sup>, Section 2-A).**



As hurricane Agnes continued on its path to the north, there were several people getting bombarded with tornadoes and heavy rain. In La Belle, Florida a resident by the name of Vickie Messer also experienced a tornado first hand like Mrs. Phillips and Mr. Hahn. Unfortunately she didn't make it through like the rest of her family did. **She was killed and her husband and daughter were injured as their house trailer was demolished by the twister, reported Deputy Don Taylor (Tampa Tribune, June 19<sup>th</sup>, Section 1-A).** Hurricane Agnes only killed three people during its furious rampage.

# Agnes Roars Up Gulf

St Petersburg Times



Picture of hurricane Agnes path direction  
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Rescue Worker Sifts Through Debris Of Trailer-Park On Key West  
... where a tornado injured some 40 persons and destroyed 20 trailers—(UPI)

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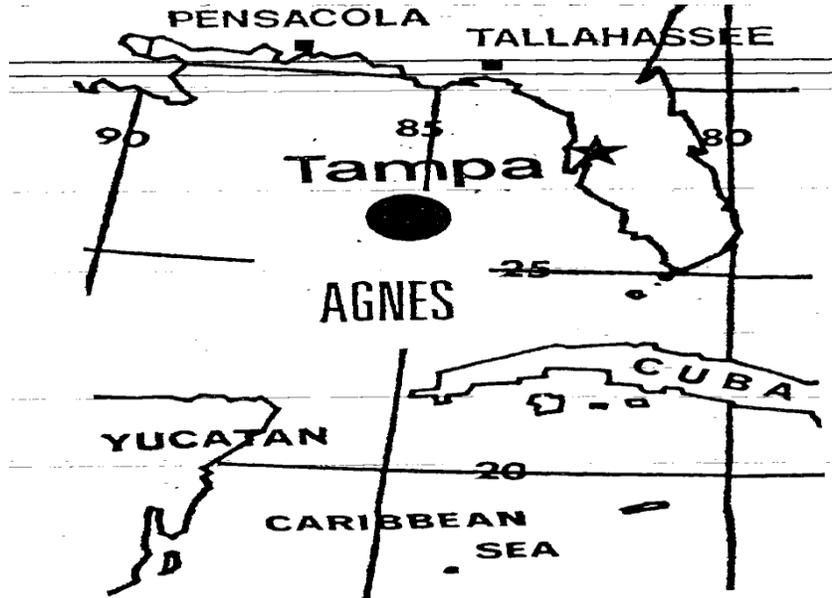
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The dot represents Hurricane Agnes and the star represents Tampa Bay area.  
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