

Oklahoma crews clean mess left by killer tornado



CATOOSA, Okla. (AP) — Clean-up crews hauled away debris Monday from demolished homes, schools and shops as residents tried to put their lives back together after a killer weekend tornado.

Insurance agents fanned out among the flattened homes in the city of 2,500 residents, and homeowners sorted through whatever valuables they could find.

"Houses are just torn all to hell," said Roger Berry, a city maintenance worker whose brother is mayor. "I didn't know we had so many power lines until they were scattered all over the ground."

Seven people died in the twister Saturday night. Ninety-five people were hurt. Authorities on Monday warned residents about barrels of missing toxic waste.

Emergency teams reported 242 houses and mobile homes destroyed in Catoosa, 113 houses damaged, 41 apartment units damaged, 49 businesses damaged or destroyed and 14 public buildings damaged.

City workers, who have just two suitable trucks for the

work, said it could take three weeks to clear roads of tree limbs, power lines and other debris.

"Trying to clean up with two trucks is like taking a spoon to drink out of the ocean," said Mayor Ron Berry, who asked for help from residents.

Volunteers poured in by the dozens with pickup trucks loading tree branches and shards of bricks and stone from shattered homes.

Gov. David Walters, who said the damage here and in Tulsa could near \$100 million, asked for a federal disaster declaration for two counties. President Clinton has promised a prompt response.

A church was demolished in Tulsa and there was other damage, although generally less severe than in Catoosa.

Tulsa officials said two houses and a mobile home had major damage, 28 houses and a mobile home had minor damage, one public building was destroyed and two had minor damage; 13 businesses were destroyed, 15 had major damage and 15 had minor damage.

Catoosa Public Schools were closed for the week and classes may be canceled for the rest of the year because

of heavy damage to school buildings. All but one of 26 school buses were damaged.

The post office was closed because of a damaged roof and blown out windows, but Postmaster Bill Bell said carriers were delivering mail anywhere that had "a mailbox and a structure."

Public Service Co. of Oklahoma worked to restore power and remove mangled lines.

Rogers County officials warned that some barrels of hazardous materials may have been blown miles from their original site by the tornado and cautioned people to call authorities if they found the barrels.

Two men were arrested Sunday for looting at a damaged golf course, Police Chief Benny Dirck said. A dusk-to-dawn curfew probably will remain in effect through the week, he said.

Shaken resident Gayla Caywood, 35, made a welcome find while looking through her demolished home.

"I had a glass fishbowl in my hand yesterday and I just smashed it against the fireplace," Caywood said Monday.

Shareholders voice frustrations to IBM

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Angry IBM shareholders unleashed a torrent of pent-up frustration Monday at new Chairman Louis V. Gerstner Jr., who promised to revive the computer maker but asked for patience.

In just his 18th workday at IBM, Gerstner tried to use the annual meeting to focus on a broad outline of goals. Instead, he heard impassioned calls by a dozen stockholders for the ouster of the board of directors, which were greeted with loud applause.

"If I were a director I would be embarrassed to even show up here and have my name on a list to be elected," said Dr. Gilbert Jannelli of Clearwater. "How can you work with that group of people when their attitudes, their trusted decisions caused this company's demise?"

About 2,300 shareholders, many of them Florida retirees and long-time company employees, attended an unusually contentious meeting that reflected just how far International Business Machines Corp. has fallen.

The meeting capped a remarkable four months at 79-year-old IBM, whose founder's credo — "Think" — set a standard of excellence for corporate America. In addition to hiring Gerstner as its first outsider chairman, IBM laid off workers for the first time and lost \$285 million from January through March.

IBM has lost more than \$7 billion in the past two years, cut a quarter of its work force — or more than 100,000 jobs — since 1987, and lost significant market share amid growing competition. The company has sought to reverse itself through restructurings that have given IBM business units more freedom.

Gerstner, the 51-year-old former RJR Nabisco chairman, took over April 1 after a closely watched search for a successor to now-maligned former Chairman John F. Akers.

In a frank assessment, Gerstner said slow demand and poor economies had reshaped the computer industry, but he defended IBM's technological and market power.

To shareholders' approval, Gerstner didn't try to minimize IBM's problems.

"IBM has changed, but most people would say not fast enough," Gerstner said. "This slowness and failure to act quickly is really the root cause of IBM's problems."

Coach's obsession ends in death

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — A tennis coach who became obsessed with a teen-age player hatched a bizarre plan to keep her captive at a remote mountain home, authorities said. But he shot himself to death after bungling her kidnapping.

Gary Wilensky of New York City had spent more than \$10,000 on surveillance equipment and weapons and had outfitted a house in the Adirondack mountains with handcuffs and other restraints. Friday night, police said, he then tried to abduct 17-year-old Jennifer Rhodes as she and her mother returned to a hotel from dinner.

Wilensky fled after the girl got away as he was beating her mother in the head with a cattle prod. About two-and-one-half hours later, as police were closing in on him, he shot himself in the head with a rifle, said Detective Lt. Steven Heider of the Colonie Police Department.

"He went through great pains to make this thing work," Heider said Sunday. "Obviously this is someone who has gone over the edge — probably the most tragic example of an obsessive person."

Rhodes, a promising amateur tennis player, and her moth-

er, Sonya Rhodes, were in the Albany area for a weekend tennis tournament. Wilensky, 56, was the girl's coach until the family fired him about three months ago.

As mother and daughter returned to their hotel, police said, Wilensky approached them wearing a ski mask and pushing an empty wheelchair.

The teen-ager broke away and ran into the hotel while Wilensky beat her mother, Heider said.

He grabbed a rifle from the wheelchair's seat and drove away after a hotel employee told him police had been called.

Sonya Rhodes was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital where she received 70 stitches in her head. Meanwhile, police found Wilensky sitting inside his rental car in a parking lot near the hotel about 2½ hours later, and as they approached he killed himself, Heider said.

Police said the Rhodes family fired Wilensky after he began calling the girl frequently and buying her expensive gifts. Wilensky sought therapy for his obsession, but quit seeing a counselor last month and began buying shotguns and rifles, police said.

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Wilensky, who lived alone in an Upper East Side apartment in Manhattan, apparently financed his kidnapping plan through coaching jobs at several tennis clubs, Heider said.

The Daily News reported today that his students included girls from some of the area's finest schools.

He had \$50,000 in a checking account and \$5,000 in cash and had paid a year's rent in advance on the Adirondack home, Heider said.

The house he rented, in the town of North River, 70 miles north of Albany, is about a half mile from the nearest road or neighbor. Police used four-wheel-drive vehicles to get there.

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