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Man dies when storm rips roof off Fairview clothing store

Most customers escape harm; three people go to the hospital

Damaging rain and high winds roar through the metro-east

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FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS — Rescue teams dug through debris Sunday night after a storm destroyed the K&G Fashion Superstore in Fairview Heights and killed an East St. Louis man.

"There's so much debris. We're trying to move it brick

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by brick," said Steve Vausano of the Fairview Height Fire Department. He said the firefighters will continue to work through the night and into this morning.

Delancey H. Moore, 54, was pronounced dead at 6:45 p.m., St. Clair County Coroner Rick Stone said.

Moore worked for the state parole system. In the past, he was a jail superintendent for the St. Clair County sheriff's department and served on the Illinois prison parole board.

Two store employees and one shopper were taken to local hospitals to be treated for injuries that weren't life-threatening, Vausano said.

The center roof of the retail store, which formerly was a National supermarket, collapsed after strong winds shook the building. Vausano described the damage as "a pancake collapse" where the flat roof fell straight down to the ground.

Nine fire departments responded to the store. Emergency workers were still looking to make sure that no one else was trapped in the building, but Vausano said he believed no one else was in the building. Vausano said all the vehicles in the parking lot were accounted for.

Store manager Doyle

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Firefighters use a saw to clear debris in order to remove one of the victims Sunday at the demolished K&G store in Fairview Heights while a backhoe clears debris.



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Firefighters pick through the wreckage of the K&G store Sunday in search of victims.



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K&G assistant manager Donna Rutz, left, is comforted after having been pulled from the rubble Sunday while working at the Fairview Heights store. Rutz was rescued by her boss Doyle Averett, third from left.

High winds pack wallop that people won't forget

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Metro-east residents recalled the force and fury of Sunday's storm.

As the storm hit, Marcella Dew of Centreville told her family members to "get down, get down."

Dew said the winds damaged her roof and blew out of her cupboards, but no one was

hurt.

A trailer wiped out about four cars before landing on top of a white Ford Escape in the parking lot of Borders in Fairview Heights.

"The wind picked up the back of the truck and we were up in the air on both wheels before we stopped," said Travis Koehler of Carlyle. He said the

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Survey: ESL stores sold liquor regularly to minors

By MARIA BARAN
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EAST ST. LOUIS — More than 85 percent of liquor and convenience stores checked by police sold alcohol and tobacco products to minors in an undercover operation last summer in East St. Louis.

But none of the stores was punished for failing to comply with the laws.

Only two of 26 stores, or less than 8 percent, that were in-

cluded in both compliance checks in June and July did not sell the products to youths in a sting organized by the East Side Health District and assisted by the East St. Louis Police Department.

Sales associates at the stores found not to be in compliance did not ask for identification and sold the products to minors.

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This sign at the site of the Spring Green Lodge in Edwardsville indicates it is to open this spring, but there has been no construction on the cleared lot above for some time.

All sizzle, no steak yet for Spring Green Lodge

By ELIZABETH DONALD
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EDWARDSVILLE — The marketing team for Spring Green Lodge has won a state tourism award, even though construction on the hotel stopped more than a year ago.

The 2006 Governor's Conference on Tourism gave its top award for media kits to Spring Green Lodge, for the marketing materials designed by developer Bill Shaw and John Celuch of

Inlandesign. The latter company derived much of Spring Green Lodge's design materials from the work of Frank Lloyd Wright, whose work Shaw has said inspired the entire hotel and conference center.

But the media kit was designed to advertise a hotel slated to open in spring of 2006. At the moment, the hotel consists of a foundation and a large pile

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