Tornado threat blows in on warm spring currents

Spring and summer are glorious sea-sons in Michigan but, unfortunately, the warm, weather carries with it the threat of tornadoes. The state has been victimized by more than 500 since

1850. Some merely touched down doing lit-tle damage. Others struck with devas-tating force. The most avecome was a 1953 storm that claimed 115 lives, caused thousands of injuries and de-stroyed hundreds of millions of dollars of properly in Flint and surrounding areas.

Last year, Kalamazoo was the vic-tim on a mid-May afternoon when killer winds took five lives and caused \$50 milion damage. "Scientists have yet to develop the means of controlling tornadoes, but improved warning system," says Terry Buckles, Prejseident of the Michigan As-sociation of Insurance Companies (MAIC). (MAIC).

(MAIC). "Each day, the National Severe Storm Forecast Center in Kansas City releases a national report on potential storms to local weather agencies. Any signs of a tornado in the making brings a. "Tornado Watch" alert to affected

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alarms. He also points out that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-tion broadcasts weather information continuously at 162.35 mcgahertz on the Public Service Radio band. Tied into this is an electronic system that activates radios with special weather receivers. These are generally located in schools, hospitals, nursing homes and other sites with a special need for early warning. However, the system is available to both homes and businesses through most radio equipment stores, with costs ranging from \$14 to \$35.

Assassination attempts will continue can have it both ways. Some insist upon being pro-life on behalf of the unborn while remaining unconcerned about the rights of the disenfranchised who are already born. On the other side of the issue, there are those who proclaim that abortion is nothing more than the op-tion of an adult exercising the right of free choice. At the same time they day the most basic human right to those who as yet are unable to speak for themselves.

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right to those who as yet are unable to speak for themselves. The myth of being able to have it both ways its also alive and well in our thinking on fire power. While being shocked over attempts on the lives of violence committed against the less well known cit-tans of society. We become incensed when guns and other instruments of violence are used against strangers as minor news events. While decrying their use against strangers as minor news events. While decrying the availability of hand guns we support the build-up of nuclear weapons. Our justi-fication is as ridiculous as it to dangerous. Whether in the international arena or the private sector the

rationalization is the same: I need a gun to protect myself against the other person's gun. When he dis-covers that I also have a gun he gets a bigger gun, and the race is on. Double-edged thinking has a way

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The same philosophy that is used to justify the machar rate to nowhere puts smaller weapons into the hands of assassins. The premise in both in-stances is that people have a right to protect them-selves against persons or ideologies which threaten their own. It is difficult to condemn such thinking on one level as criminal while labeling it on another level as patriotic. However, we continue to believe that we can have it both ways.

For those who are asking what has happened to our world the answer is really nothing new. We simply continue to reap what we sow. We can con-tinue to ask the types of questions which do little more than sectate a shocked people or we can begin to face the more important questions, as unpopular as they might be.

