

Well folks, miracles do happen, and I experienced one today, August 1, 2006.

I got to work a little late this morning and someone else had parked in my usual spot. There was a spot open under a tree that I normally avoid due to birds that visit the tree and crap on anything below it, but since my car needed washing anyway I made an exception. I thought at least my car will be in the shade today.

Anyway, around 11:30 a.m. a storm approached and caused a power surge resulting in my computer crashing. Fearing I had lost a bunch of code I was writing I decided to take a break before rebooting. As I walked away for my break I passed the windows and saw that the wind was picking up and that rain and hail were starting to fall. The thought entered my head that I should run out and move my car, fearing the tree it was parked under might snap, or branches might break off, and fall on my car. As I decided to do just that, the storm got so wild that the doors of the building blew open and water started coming in through the roof etc. It was incredible, and I realized I didn't even have a chance to move my car.

Fearing the windows of the building were going to break or have something come through them, I had to move back from where I could see my car. After several minutes the storm eased up, and I was able to safely approach the windows again. Imagine the emptiness I felt as just as I had feared, the tree had been snapped during the wild storm and was lying directly behind my car. I had this sick feeling that the tree must have fallen on top of my car, and then be carried off by the strong winds causing extensive damage in the process.

I waited several minutes for the rain to ease up, and also to work up enough courage to go assess the damage. Eventually I couldn't wait any longer and I went for a look. Imagine my surprise to find only a bent antenna, and a folded in mirror!!!! Somehow the strength of the wind must have snapped the tree and carried it right over my car quicker than it could fall, catching only the antenna as it passed over. I was literally dumbfounded, as was everyone else from my company who came out to comfort me. What a miracle!!!