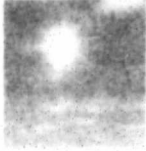




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Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 39 Low 25	High 46 Low 26	High 41 Low 21

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 4. Wind chill values between -2 and -7. West wind around 5 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 39. Wind chill values between -8 and 2. West northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25. Wind chill values between 17 and 22. West northwest wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 46. Breezy, with a west southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Partly sunny, with a high near 41. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21. Blustery, with a north northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

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The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Police reported six traffic-related calls and one accident.

Animal Control Officers reported four animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported three ambulance calls. The Pampa Police Department reported one medical call.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of West Brown.

Alarms were reported in the 1100 block of Terry and in the 900 block of East Frederic.

Hazardous material was reported in the 11000 block of West McCullough.

Firefighters made a good will call in the 700 block of North Deane.

A structure fire was reported in the 2700 block of West Randy Matson.

A fire investigation was launched in the 1600 block of West McCullough.

A fire alarm was reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of North Nelson.

Officers had crossing guard duty in the 2300 block of North Primrose.

A fire alarm was reported in the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Company Lane.

Water was shut off at the Pampa Regional Medical Center.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler.

A theft was reported in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

A fire investigation was launched in the 500 block of Montagu.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of South Miami.

Officers checked an open door in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Fire alarms were reported in the 100 block of West 30th and in the 800 block of West 25th.

Water was shut off at Gwendolyn and Naida and in the 1100 block of East Sierra.

Officers checked on the welfare of residents in the 2000 block of North Christine.

An alarm was reported in the 800 block of West Francis.

Water was shut off in the 1200 block of East Kingsmill.

An alarm was reported in the 1100 block of North Christine.

Thursday, Feb. 3

Water was shut off in the 900 block of South Wells.



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Hispanic GOP careful on immigration

AUSTIN (AP) — As a Republican, Rep. Aaron Pena is expected to take a hard line on immigration. But as a Latino who represents a heavily Hispanic district along the U.S.-Mexico border, the South Texas lawyer finds some of the anti-immigrant proposals in the Legislature to be unfair and unnecessarily harsh.



Pena

Pena is among a handful of new Latino Republicans in the Texas Legislature, and they are taking a careful walk through the minefield of hot-button immigration and cultural wedge issues that are sure to spark debate, and possibly legal reforms, in the Texas Legislature this year.



Garza

Several of them are scheduled to meet as a group Wednesday with Attorney General Greg Abbott, who is helping lead a Latino outreach effort, aides said. Abbott's eventual advice on the legality of some of the immigration bills could be a key factor in what happens to them in the Legislature.

The Hispanic Republicans don't all share the same opinion on every bill. But with generally more moderate views on everything from English-only proposals to legislation that would deny birth certificates to illegal immigrants' children, the lawmakers are challenging the GOP to think in new ways about issues that stir Hispanic passions.

Pena, for example, thinks it's an awful idea to deny illegal immigrants the right to sue in state court. He said the measure, sponsored by GOP Rep. Leo Berman of Tyler, would invite unwarranted abuse against people, even if they are here illegally.

"It allows people to treat other people like animals, and it invites chaos," Pena said.

He opposes legislation that seeks to deny the rights of citizenship to people born in the U.S., and takes a dim view of "English only" bills, depending on how they're written.

"I wouldn't see the need for that in El Paso," Republican Rep. Dee Margo said, referring to bills that might restrict the use of Spanish.

Margo, whose grandfather was Hispanic, represents an El Paso County border district that is almost 60 percent Latino.

Berman, the Tyler Republican who has filed several bills aimed at illegal immigrants, said his ideas are popular among most of his fellow Republican legislators. He said the U.S. Constitution never should have been interpreted to allow the children of foreigners to be granted automatic citizenship and that states should be able to protect citizens from lawsuits filed by people here illegally.

But Rep. John Garza of San Antonio, worries that the heated rhetoric surrounding the immigration issue could hurt Republicans like him in 2012. Garza squeaked out a narrow, upset victory in November against a Democrat in a district that is 64 percent Hispanic.

"I have to be careful. My constituency is not all Republican," Garza said, adding that he wants the federal government — not the Texas Legislature — to enact immigration reforms.

"In my district, immigration was down on the bottom of the totem pole in terms of issues," he said. "We need to be inclusive if we want to gain the Hispanic vote."

Garza is among the lawmakers joining the Hispanic Republican Conference, which Pena chairs. The group, formed last week, plans to take positions on specific immigration bills and other issues if two-thirds of its members agree, Pena said. The group includes six members who identify themselves as Hispanic and three Anglos in districts that are at least 40 percent Hispanic.

Abbott, whose wife is Hispanic, will meet with the conference and swear them in as new members, Pena said. In past legislative sessions, Abbott informed legislators that some of the initiatives aimed at illegal immigrants represented unlawful interference with federal authority.

Abbott told The Associated Press that he hasn't been asked about the legality of the immigration bills this year but that he would give his opinion if asked.

"I haven't gotten any inquiries this time," he said.

While Hispanics have traditionally voted Democratic, Abbott and other Republicans said the election of several new Republican Hispanics — there were none two years ago — shows that the GOP and the growing Hispanic population share conservative values.

"As long as we stand for the values that will provide hope and opportunity, we'll be connecting both with core Republican constituents as well as attract many from the Hispanic community to the Republican Party," Abbott said.

Democrats aren't buying that argument.

"Pena and his friends are not only politically opportunistic, they're outright hostile to the Hispanic Texans they purport to represent," said Anthony Gutierrez, the state party's deputy executive director. "We need leaders with the courage to fight for us, not a Republican club pandering to us while its members stand right alongside the very people attacking our community."

Obituaries

Consuelo Villarreal, 80

Consuelo Villarreal, 80, died February 1, 2011, in Amarillo.



Villarreal

Vigil services will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, February 3, 2011, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, and funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. Friday, February 4, 2011, at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, with Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Villarreal was born August 9, 1930, in Sabinal, and attended schools in Robstown. She married Victor Villarreal on August 26, 1946. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1957. Consuelo was a longtime member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church. She enjoyed working in her garden. She was a beloved mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed by her family.

Survivors include her husband, Victor Villarreal of the home; four sons, Richard Villarreal and wife Elidia, Gilberto Villarreal and wife Tina, Roy Villarreal and wife Mary, and Arthur Villarreal and wife Melissa, all of Pampa; six daughters, Luzelida Allen and husband Don of Oklahoma City, Maria De Los Santos, Irma Estela Shorter, Rachel Villarreal and Ermelinda DeLeon, all of Pampa, and Cruz B. Villarreal of Weatherford; 24 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. Consuelo was preceded in death by her parents, Victor and Cruz Ybarra; two sisters, Tomasita Rodriguez and Erlinda Ybarra; four brothers, Victor Ybarra, Jose Ybarra, Manuel Ybarra, and Enrique Ybarra; granddaughter, Christina Ann Shorter; three grandsons, Migel Shorter, Rick Villarreal and Marcos Victor Villarreal; and a great-granddaughter, Bethany Nichole Caviness.

Memorials may be made to Shriners International Headquarters, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Attn: Memorial/Honor Program FH, One St. Jude Place Bldg., P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 300, Memphis, TN 38148-0552.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Shasta Lynett Moore, 29

Shasta Lynett Moore, 29, died February 1, 2011, in Amarillo.



Moore

There are no services scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Ms. Moore was born February 21, 1981, in Denver, Colo. She graduated from Gunnison High School in Gunnison, Colo. in 1999 and received her R.N. license in Gunnison. She had been a resident of

Pampa for the past five years, moving from Gunnison. She was a member of the Cowboys for Christ Church in Wheeler. She and her brothers formed and played in a band called "Skyy Eura Band."

Survivors include her parents, John and Lee Ann Mears of Pampa; five brothers, Cody Mears and Justen Mickel Mears, both of Pampa, Jaret Lee Mears of Montana, Michael Louis Moore of Denver, Colo., and Clinton Matthew Moore of Idaho; four sisters, Lisa Nannett Cowan of Boonville, Mo., Kasha-Lynn Mears of Montana, and Ginny Lynn Nosek and Erika Salazar, both of Pampa; maternal grandparents, Bob and Aetna Carr of Gunnison, Colo., and Ted and C. J. Goodner of Lamar, Colo.; paternal grandparents, Nancy Shelton and Robert Hilton, both of Pampa; foster mother, Teresa Shelton of Pampa; two nieces, Nancy Shelton and Jaydan Shelton, both of Pampa.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Peggy Jean Randall, 70

Peggy Jean Randall, 70, of Amarillo died February 1, 2011.



Randall

Graveside service will be held 10 a.m. Friday, February 4, 2011, in Memory Gardens Cemetery Mausoleum, in Pampa, with Sherman Eastland Chaplain of Odyssey Hospice officiating. Arrangements are by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia St., Amarillo.

Peggy was born June 8, 1940, in Pampa, to Wallace and Verna McPeak Sr. She graduated from Pampa High School, and Pampa Business School.

She enjoyed interior decorating, painting, and shopping for antiques with her family and friends. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her grandson.

Peggy married Fred Randall Jr. October 23, 1959, in Pampa. She lived in Pampa most of her life until the last few years that she spent in Amarillo.

Survivors include a daughter, Rhonda Ferguson and husband Dan of Amarillo; a son, Randy Randall and wife Sheila and a grandson, Tyler Randall of Pampa; a brother, Wallace McPeak and wife Betty of Mineola; brother-in-law, Alvin Randall and wife Francis; and many nieces and nephews.

The family express their sincere appreciation for those devoted caregivers that loved and cared for her during the past several years.

Memorials can be sent to Odyssey Hospice % Sky Camp, (Camp for children grieving after a loss of a loved one ages 7-17) 6900 I-40 Suite 150 Amarillo, TX 79106

Please sign our online guest register at www.schoolerfuneralhome.com.

Dee Dalton, 87

Dee Dalton, 87, died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011 in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

AFTERNOON RUSH

Perry attending Reagan tribute

AUSTIN (AP) — One notable Texan quietly left the state before the ice and rolling blackouts wreaked havoc: Gov. Rick Perry.

Perry is on a five-day swing through California to meet with business leaders and participate in weekend events paying tribute to former President Ronald Reagan. The governor, who has courted the national spotlight as a critic of the Obama Administration and bloated federal government, left town on the same day Texas experienced its worst winter power outage in modern history.

Aides say the Republican governor is in constant contact with emergency management officials back home, but his absence is already sparking criticism from Democrats.

Texas Democratic Party spokeswoman Kirsten Gray said it would "surprise and disgust" many Texans to know that Perry had left the state while Texans were dealing with the fallout from the storm.

"The governor talks about California like he hates the place, but then again he says the same thing about Washington but still took billions in federal stimulus funds," Gray said. "Perry's actions are as meaningless as his words."

Shooting inside Alabama court

GOODWATER, Ala. (AP) — Shots were fired Thursday at a municipal court in central Alabama, authorities said, but it was not clear if anyone was hurt.

Frank Tell, a lawyer in nearby Rockford, said the shooting happened during municipal court, although it's unclear whether cases were being heard at the time. His brother, attorney Carlton Teel, serves as the city judge and was in the building.

"I've not talked to him, but I'm told he was OK," said Frank Teel. "It's my understanding no one was hit, but his office manager had powder burns."

Dennis Connell, who works at a grocery store in the town, said emergency vehicles swarmed around City Hall, where the city courtroom is located on the second floor. One person told WSFA-TV that two shots were heard.

The town of 1,500 is about 60 miles north of Montgomery.

Jackson family can sue promoter

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge has ruled that Michael Jackson's mother can sue entertainment giant AEG on behalf of the singer's family, allowing her to claim that the concert promoter was responsible for medical decisions that led to Jackson's death.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Yvette M. Palazuelos on Wednesday denied AEG's motion to dismiss the suit on grounds that Jackson was responsible for his own medical care and hired Dr. Conrad Murray, who has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter in the pop star's death.

City News Service says the judge ruled that Jackson family lawyers will have to show evidence of fraud, negligent infliction of emotional distress and civil conspiracy.

The judge gave Jackson family lawyers 20 days to amend the complaint.

Bush book signing postponed

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) — Former President George W. Bush has postponed a visit to Fort Campbell due to bad weather.

A statement from the post says the visit, which had been set for Wednesday, was canceled due to inclement weather in Dallas. Bush's office said the event would be held on Feb. 16 instead.

Bush is to sign his memoir for soldiers and their families at the sprawling post on the Kentucky-Tennessee line. The former president visited Fort Campbell three times during his presidency.

Adjutant general named

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry is promoting the second-ranking officer in the Texas Military Forces to the top job.

Should the Texas Senate confirm his nomination, Maj. Gen. John F. Nichols will serve as the state's adjutant general for a term expiring Feb. 1, 2013. He will answer directly to the governor in matters relating to the Texas Army and Air National Guards and the Texas State Guard.

Nichols had been assistant adjutant general for air and commander of the Texas Air National Guard under his predecessor, Adjutant Gen. Jose Mayorga Jr., whose term expired Tuesday.

Nichols is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, the Air Command and Staff College and the Air War College.

Mexico helps with power

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico will provide electricity to Texas to help the U.S. state weather an ice storm that has forced rolling blackouts.

Mexico's Federal Electricity Commission says it has agreed to transmit 280 megawatts of electricity to Texas between Wednesday and Thursday night.

A commission statement says the electricity will be transmitted at interconnection points in Nuevo Laredo — across the border from Laredo, Texas — and Piedras Negras, which sits opposite of Eagle Pass, Texas.

Rolling blackouts have been implemented across Texas, including in Super Bowl host city Dallas, due to high demand during the rare ice storm.

Davis wants power rate cuts

AUSTIN (AP) — A state senator has proposed legislation that would give Texas school districts the same 20 percent reduction in base electricity rates that colleges and universities currently receive.

State Sen. Wendy Davis of Fort Worth filed the bill in an effort to save money for schools and avoid the layoff of teachers and other administrators.

The bill was filed Wednesday, the same day that an ice storm and bitter cold temperatures forced the closure of schools in Davis' district and neighboring Dallas and led to some controlled power outages to conserve electricity. Dallas and Fort Worth schools were closed for a third straight day Thursday.

Texas lawmakers face a projected \$15 billion shortfall in the next two-year budget period.

Pottery dishes are keepsakes

ANNE MCCOLLAM

Q: This cobalt-blue pitcher I have enclosed a picture of a leaf-shaped dish. It is part of a pair that belonged to my mother. Marked on the back of each are the words: "Van Briggie — Colo. Spgs." Also, there is a mark that looks like an "A" with a cross inside.

I would appreciate learning your opinion of the value of these pieces.

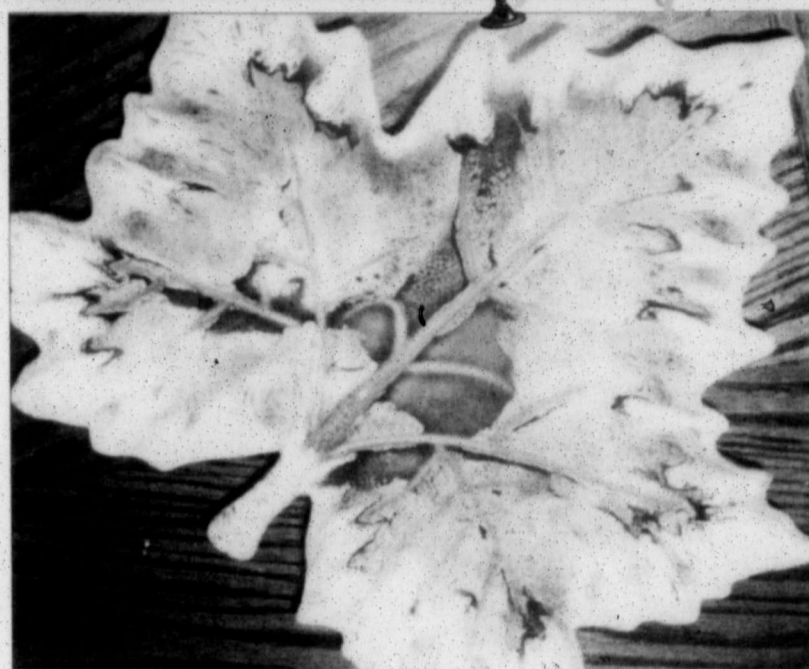
A: Van Briggie Pottery in Colorado Springs, Colo., made your dishes. They have produced pottery since 1901. The mark you described represents two attached A's, and they stand for the Van Briggie's first names — Artus and Anne, his wife.

Your leaf-shaped dishes were made around 1950 and would probably be worth \$50 to \$55 each.

Q: Over 50 years ago, I inherited a large bowl with six matching small bowls from my aunt. They are decorated with berries, birds and flowers. I have sent you the mark that's on the back of each dish.



A.G. Richardson and Co. Ltd. has produced porcelain since 1915.



Van Briggie Pottery is located in Colorado Springs, Colo.

I cherish my heirloom and would like to learn more about the set.

with it, I would like to know its worth.

A: A.G. Richardson and Co. Ltd. used this mark. They have been located in Tunstall and Cobridge, England, since 1915. Your dishes were used to serve berries — the large bowl is the master with the smaller ones as individual servings.

The value of your set would probably be \$125 to \$175.

A: Bareuther and Co. Porcelain Factory made your dinnerware. They have produced porcelain in Waldsassen, Bavaria, Germany, since 1866. Objects marked "U.S. Zone" were made from 1945 to 1949 in the U.S.-occupied area of Germany after World War II.

Your dinnerware set would probably be worth \$600 to \$1,000.

Q: I have porcelain dinnerware that serves eight. Bought in the late 1940s, my mother's set is still beautiful and in excellent condition. Marked on the back of each piece, you will see a crown and the words: "Bareuther — Bavaria — Germany — U.S. Zone"

The set is priceless to me, and even though I would never part

If you have any antique inquiries, address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 247, Neffs, Mo. 64656. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.

Judge holds Interior Dept. in contempt

NEW ORLEANS (AP)

— The federal judge who struck down the Obama administration's moratorium on deepwater drilling after the Gulf oil spill held the Interior Department in contempt Wednesday and ordered the federal agency to pay attorneys' fees for several offshore oil companies.

U.S. District Judge Martin Feldman chided the department for its "dismissive conduct" after he overturned the agency's decision to halt any new permits for deepwater projects and suspend drilling on 33 exploratory wells after the Deepwater Horizon blast, which killed 11 workers and trig-

gered the massive spill.

After Feldman overturned the government's moratorium in June, the agency issued a second nearly identical suspension.

"Such dismissive conduct, viewed in tandem with the reimposition of a second blanket and substantively identical moratorium and in light of the national importance of this case, provide this court with clear and convincing evidence of the government's contempt of this court's preliminary injunction order," he wrote.

A magistrate will consider how much the companies' attorneys should get.

An Interior Department spokeswoman wouldn't comment. A lawyer for the companies hailed the ruling.

"We're obviously delighted with the court's recognition of the government's manipulation of the judicial review process," said Carl Rosenblum, an attorney for Hornbeck Offshore Services and other companies that sued over the first moratorium.

Rosenblum said the companies haven't asked for a specific amount and aren't trying to profit.

"The end game has always been to put people back to work," he said.

Feldman also is presiding over a separate case

challenging the Interior Department's second drilling moratorium. That suspension was lifted in October, but the agency was sued by other offshore oil companies that want the permitting process to be quickened.

Last month, however, Feldman refused to order the government to move faster. The judge said it's unclear whether the Interior Department's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management must approve or reject drilling permit applications within a specific time.

GOP moves to slash agencies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans controlling the House promised Thursday to slash domestic agency spending by almost 20 percent in their drive to bring it back to levels in place before President Barack Obama took office.

House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan announced the move as the first salvo in a battle with Obama as they seek to keep a campaign promise to cut \$100 billion from domestic programs.

The cuts would bring huge changes to agencies used to generous budget boosts during Obama's first two years in office. The White House has vowed to fight them, saying it could lead to widespread furloughs of federal employees and force vulnerable people off of subsidized housing, reduce services in national parks and slash aid to schools and local police and fire departments.

Republicans made a campaign promise to cut \$100 billion from Obama's request for domestic agencies like the Department of Education, for the budget year that began in October. But since the year is under

way, they're so far falling short, just \$58 billion under current plans. They promise to try to fully impose the dramatic cuts during what is sure to be a contentious budget debate this year.

The GOP promise was to reduce spending for domestic agencies whose budgets are set by Congress each year back to levels in place under the last budget approved by former President George W. Bush.

The \$100 billion savings figure is measured against Obama's budget request, but the actual savings would be less since Obama's budget boosts were never approved and the government is operating at 2010 levels. Instead, the savings from domestic programs in making the switch from 2010 to 2008 would be about \$86 billion, imposing cuts of 19 percent on average.

And the savings from domestic programs in the year ending Sept. 30 would be even less since Obama's budget boosts were never approved and the government is operating at 2010 levels. Combining modest increases for the Pentagon and other security-related agencies, Republicans

acknowledge they can achieve, at best, \$32 billion in savings by the Sept. 30 end of the year once small increases for the security agencies are factored in.

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Today in History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 3, the 44th day of 2011. There are 331 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History

On Feb. 3, 1959, rock-and-roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson died in a small plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa.

On this date:

In 1777, American newspaper editor Horace Greeley was born in Amherst, N.H.

In 1795, President Abraham Lincoln and Confederate Vice President Alexander H. Stephens held a shipboard peace conference off the Virginia coast; the talks deadlocked over the issue of Southern autonomy.

In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for a federal income tax, was ratified.

In 1924, the 28th president of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, died in Washington, D.C., at age 67.

In 1939, the chief justice of the United States, William Howard Taft, resigned for health reasons. He died six weeks later.

In 1944, during World War II, the U.S. transport ship *Dorchester*, which was carrying troops to Greenland, sank after being hit by a German U-boat. Of the 1,195 troops on board, only 200 survived.

In 1959, an American Air Force Lockheed L-104 crashed into New York's East River, killing 69 of the 79 people on board.

In 1969, the *SS *Titanic** became the first man-made object to make a soft landing on the moon.

In 1975, New York City police officer Frank Serpico, who had charged there was widespread corruption in the NYPD, was shot and seriously wounded during a drug bust in Brooklyn.

In 1991, the rate for a first-class postage stamp was 29 cents.

Ten years ago: Jerry McAuliffe was elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Five years ago: An Egyptian passenger ferry sank in the Red Sea during bad weather, killing more than 1,000 passengers.

One year ago: A suicide bomber killed seven people in northwestern Pakistan, including three U.S. soldiers. Motivational speaker James Arthur Ray was arrested on manslaughter charges after three people died following a northern Arizona sweat lodge ceremony he led in Oct. 2009. Actress Frances Reid, 95, died in Los Angeles.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Shelley Berman is 85. Football Hall-of-Famer Fran Tarkenton is 71. Actress Bridget Fonda is 70. Actress Blythe Danner is 68. Singer Dennis Edwards is 68. Football Hall-of-Famer Bob Griese is 66. Singer-guitarist Dave Davies (The Kinks) is 64. Singer Melanie is 64. Actress Morgan Fairchild is 61. Actor Nathan Lane is 55. Rock musician Lee Ranaldo (Sonic Youth) is 55. Actor-director Keith Gordon is 50. Actress Michele Greene is 49. Actress Maura Tierney is 46. Actor Warwick Davis is 41. Musician Grant Barry is 34. Singer-songwriter Jessica Harp is 29.

Thought for Today: "Fame is a vapor, popularity an accident, and riches take wings. Only one thing endures and that is character." — *Benjamin Franklin*



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Winners and losers from a Pharaoh's fall

Among the biggest losers of the Egyptian uprising are, first, the Mubaraks, who are finished, and, next, the United States and Israel.

Hosni Mubarak will be out by year's end, if not the end of this month, or week. He will not run again and will not be succeeded by son Gamal, whom he had groomed and who has fled to London.

Today the lead party in determining Egypt's future is the army, cheered in the streets of Cairo, respected by the people, that army is not going to fire on peaceful demonstrators to keep in power a regime with one foot already in the grave.

Only if fired on by provocateurs is the army likely to clear Tahrir Square the way the Chinese army cleared Tiananmen Square. But the army does have an immense stake in who rules, and that stake would not be well served by one-man, one-vote democracy.

Like the Turkish army, the Egyptian army sees itself as guardian of the nation. From the Egyptian military have come all four of the leaders who have ruled since the 1952 colonel's revolt that ousted King Farouk: Gen. Naguib, Sadat and Mubarak, and Col. Nasser.

The military has also been for 30 years the recipient of \$1.2 billion dollars a year from the United States. Its weap-

ons come from America. Moreover, the army has a vital interest in the "cold peace" with Israel that has kept it out of war since 1973, produced the return of Sinai, and maintained Egypt's role as the leader of the moderate Arabs and major ally of the United States.

The Egyptian army is also aware of what happened to the Iranian generals when the Shah fell, and what is happening to the Turkish army as the Islamizing regime of Prime Minister Erdogan strips that army of its role as arbiter of whether a Turkish regime stays or goes.

The Egyptian army will not yield its position readily, which is why it may tilt to the ex-generals Mubarak named Friday as vice president and prime minister.

The army's rival is the Muslim Brotherhood. The oldest Islamic movement in the Middle East, the most unified opponent of the regime, its future in a democratic Egypt, as part of a ruling coalition or major opposition party, seems assured.

And while the crowds in Cairo and Alexandria are united in what they wish to be rid of, the Muslim Brotherhood is united in knowing the kind of state and nation it wishes to establish.

Why are the United States and Israel seemingly certain losers from the fall of Mubarak? Because in any free and



PAT BUCHANAN

election in the Middle East, a majority will vote for rulers who will distance the country from America and sever ties to Israel.

When it comes to America and Israel, there is little doubt where the "Arab street" stands. And the freer the elections, the more the views of the Arab street will be reflected in the new Arab regime.

But why do they hate us? Is it because of who we are?

Surely, it is not our freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly or free elections for which we are hated. For this is what the demonstrators are clamoring for. Indeed, it is in the name of these freedoms that the Egyptian people are demanding that we cease standing behind Mubarak and stand with them.

No, the United States is not hated across the region because of the freedoms we enjoy or even because of the lectures on democracy we do not cease to deliver. We are hated because we are perceived as hypocrites who say one thing and do another.

The Arabs say we support despots who deny

them the rights we cherish. They say we preach endlessly of human rights but imposed savage sanctions on Iraq for a dozen years before 2003 that brought premature death to half a million children. They say we use our power to invade countries that never attacked us.

They say we have provided Israel with the weapons to crush the Palestinians and steal their land, and that we practice a moral double standard. We condemn attacks on Israelis, but sit silent as Israel bombs Lebanon for five weeks and conducts a war on Gaza, killing 1,400 and wounding thousands, most of them civilians.

Any truth to all this? Or is this just Arab propaganda?

After losing Turkey as an ally, Israel has just seen Hezbollah come to power in Beirut and the Palestinian Authority stripped of its credibility by the Wikileaks exposure of its groveling to America and Israel. Now Israel faces the near certainty of a more hostile Egypt.

As for America, if we are about to be thrown out of the Middle East, it would be neither undeserved nor an unmitigated disaster.

After all, it's their world, not ours.

Pat Buchanan is a nationally syndicated columnist.

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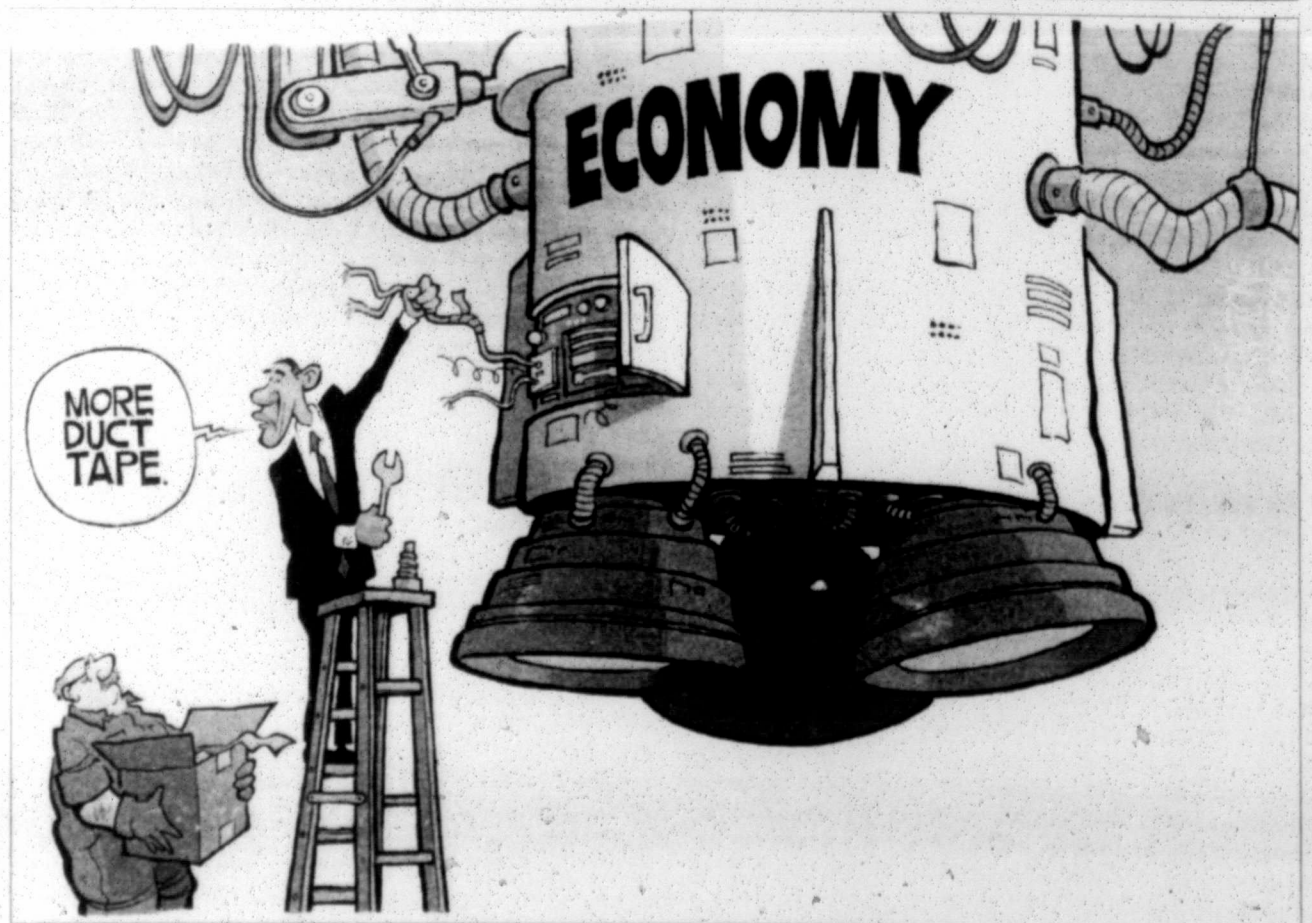
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Country crippled by nationwide blizzard

CHICAGO (AP) — A fearsome storm spread a smothering shroud of white over nearly half the nation Wednesday, snarling transportation from Oklahoma to New England, burying parts of the Midwest under 2 feet of snow and laying down dangerously heavy ice in the Northeast that was too much for some buildings to bear.

Tens of millions of people stayed home. The hardy few who ventured out faced howling winds that turned snowflakes into face-stinging needles. Chicago's 20.2 inches of snow was the city's third-largest amount on record. In New York's Central Park, the pathways resembled skating rinks.

The storm that resulted from two clashing air masses was, if not unprecedented, extraordinarily rare for its size and ferocious strength.

"A storm that produces a swath of 20-inch snow is really something we'd see once every 50 years — maybe," National Weather Service meteorologist Thomas Spriggs said.

Across the storm's path, lonely commuters struggled against drifts 3 and 4 feet deep in eerily silent streets, some of which had not seen a plow's blade since the snow started a day earlier. Parkas and ski goggles nor-

mally reserved for the slopes became essential for getting to work.

"This is probably the most snow I've seen in the last 34 years," joked 34-year-old Chicagoan Michael George. "I saw some people cross-country skiing on my way to the train. It was pretty wild."

Although skies were beginning to clear by mid-afternoon over much of the nation's midsection, the storm promised to leave a blast of bitter cold in its wake. Overnight temperatures in the upper Midwest were expected to fall to minus 5 to minus 20, with wind chills as low as minus 30.

The system was blamed for the deaths of at least a dozen people, including a homeless man who burned to death on New York's Long Island as he tried to light cans of cooking fuel and a woman in Oklahoma City who was killed while being pulled behind a truck on a sled that hit a guard rail.

Airport operations slowed to a crawl nationwide, and flight cancellations reached 13,000 for the week, making this system the most disruptive so far this winter. A massive post-Christmas blizzard led to about 10,000 cancellations.

BANANAGRAMS!

Rearrange the letters of each word below and place them in the blanks so that, together with the two letters that have already been placed, they form a new word.

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Yesterday's Answer: ANTONYM, DARESAV, HALIBUT, BOREDOM

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CRP

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Environmental Benefits Index. The EBI measures five environmental factors: Wildlife, water, soil, air, enduring benefits and cost.

While soil erosion due to water and wind was initially the chief concern of the CRP, Street said that the benefit to wildlife has also been significant.

"They really didn't know how much the benefit to wildlife would be when they first started," he said, "but it's been really good. It's been a nice secondary benefit."

Street said that during last year's general CRP sign-up, 114 contracts were awarded in Gray County alone.

"It's a very popular program," said Street. "A lot of people here really benefit from it."

In addition to the general sign-up, the continuous CRP sign-up program will be ongoing. For more information, contact the Gray County FSA office at 806-665-6561 or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>.

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one for the public, one for water utilities, one for river districts, four for agriculture, one for small business, one for industry, one for electrical generating utilities, two for municipalities and one for higher education.

C.E. Williams, general manager of the White Deer-based Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, is the chairman of the Panhandle Water Planning Group.

Roberts County Judge Vernon Cook of Miami is the vice chairman.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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DEAR ABBY: What's your opinion of having a double wedding and a double shower for two girls within the same family? Would it be appropriate to split the monetary gift since it combines the events? Please do not identify me because I have already expressed my dismay to another family member and was told that I'm the only person who thinks it is inappropriate. I need to know if it is socially acceptable. — ANONYMOUS IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR ANONYMOUS: My mother and her identical twin sister married in a double wedding. Because they did practically everything together, I wouldn't be surprised if they also had a double shower — although I never thought to ask her about it.

Please remember that wedding and shower gifts are just that — GIFTS. You are not compelled to spend more than you can afford, but there should be a separate one for each event that you attend.

DEAR ABBY: I work with another woman who always comes to the office in professional attire. She is lovely. My only problem with her clothing is it's so devoid of color that it makes her appear incredibly

drab and depressed. She wears all beige, all black or all white, which does nothing to enhance her beauty.

She is a quiet person, so I understand her not wearing flashy reds or loud colors, but a little bit would bring out her inner vitality.

Would it be presumptuous of me to suggest she might add some color to her wardrobe, or should I just leave it alone? Should I buy her a scarf to brighten up all those muted ensembles? — SUFFERING IN BEIGE-LAND

DEAR "SUFFERING": If I were you I would tread carefully in this area. Your lovely co-worker may wear monochromatic outfits because she does not wish to draw attention to her beauty and inner vitality. If you are close to her, you might buy her a scarf and say you picked it up because you thought it would look wonderful with her beige suit. However, if she doesn't wear it, don't take offense and don't push the issue. Not everyone has the same taste in fashion.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 46-year-old woman who has always believed in the adage "A smile is the only language that everyone can understand." Sometimes I will offer a quick, casual

smile to people I encounter in a grocery store or other public place.

Last week, a woman frowned at me when I smiled at her. Another woman passed me with a puzzled look on her face. A young man's inflated ego allowed him to respond with a "No thanks!" after I offered him a smile. It's a shame that in today's world some people have become so ill-mannered that they cannot return a smile and accept it for what it is — a friendly gesture. — HAVE A NICE DAY IN BARGERSVILLE, IND.

DEAR H.A.N.D.: My mother used to say that the most effective cosmetic a woman can wear is a smile. In stressful times we don't see enough of them. The individuals you encountered must have been having a bad day. Allow me to share a wonderful thought penned by a gentleman named Robert L. Bass: "Warmth is a communicable disease. If you haven't got it, no one will be able to catch it from you." Please don't stop smiling.

TO MY ASIAN FRIENDS: Today marks the first day of the Lunar New Year. It's the Year of the Rabbit — so let's hop to it! — Love, ABBY

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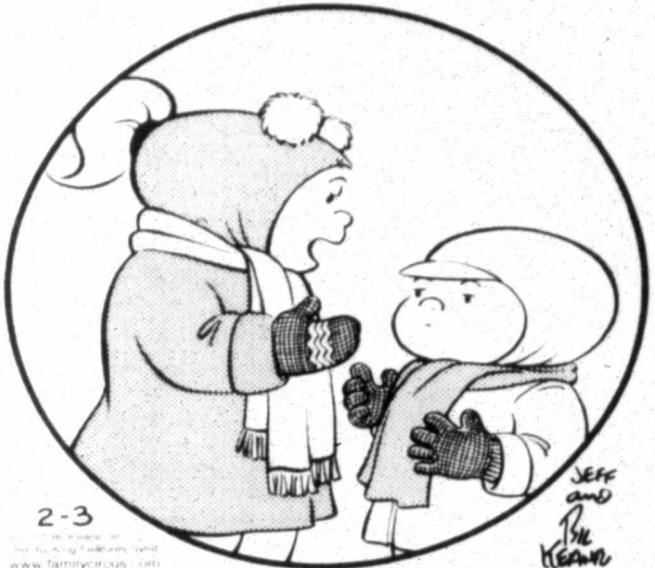
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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"I like wearin' mittens. My fingers get to stay with each other."

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 4, 2011:

Focus on security this year. Security comes in many different forms. For many it is money; for others, it is emotional. Still, many people find it through spirituality or religion, but for most people, it is a combination. As you determine what you need, you will start growing. As you explore your options, you will enhance your immediate circle of friends. If you are single, as a result, you will attract a new type of suitor. Recognize that you are in the process of growth. The person you choose now might not be the same in a few years. If you are attached, you and your sweetie will be talking more openly. PISCES has a very different sense of what is acceptable than you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Understand what is happening within your immediate circle. You can instrument change, even today, as long as you are willing not to be in the limelight. Don't think someone isn't noticing the quality effort you put in. Tonight, Vanish into your weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Prioritize, especially as you have many people who are unusually motivated and are willing to pitch in. Your ability to accept different ideas helps you update some more-dated ideas. Tonight, Count on a late night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Others eye your actions. Someone might leave some work for you to finish up for him or her. Fortunately, being energized, you quickly clear through work right now. A partner adapts his or her plans to you. Tonight: A late dinner or get-together.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your ability to relate makes all the difference when dealing with others. You think in terms of gains within a partnership. Stretch and look at the big picture. Your drive and follow-through make all the difference in seeking out new ideas. Tonight: Try a new spot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Deal with associates, friends and family directly. You might need to revise your thinking about an investment. You can see beyond the normal scope of possibilities because of a conversation. Honor another's privacy. Tonight: Togetherness works.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might have some very strong opinions about a personal matter. Another party involved also has a strong opinion, but one that differs from yours quite a bit. If you look at a solution as opposed to having your way, an answer will emerge. Tonight, Go with a suggestion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might want to revise your opinion about a personal matter. Not everything is occurring as you might like. You can resist change and upset yourself and others, or you can go with the flow. Note your innate tendencies before deciding. You will be able to make a stronger decision. Tonight, Run errands on the way home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Where others run into a brick wall, you come up with a solution. It might be difficult to immediately answer a request that could involve a change of plans. Your drive and organization is profound. Sometimes changing directions is difficult. Tonight, Lighten up. TGIF.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Pressure builds. You might ask yourself what you can do to alleviate some of the tension. Could you be making some judgments that are causing you a problem? Try to relax and work with a different way of prioritizing. Tonight: Treat yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your words have an impact. You could be taken aback by the reactions of others. You have strong opinions about finances, and are unlikely to change them. You might be best off forging out on your own, rather than waste time explaining your thoughts. Tonight: Join a friend. Catch up on his or her news.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Take a back seat, but be aware of the costs. You might want to do something very differently from others around you. Listen, consider and express your feelings. However, do be ready to forge out on your own. Understand your goals completely. Tonight: Indulge and relax.

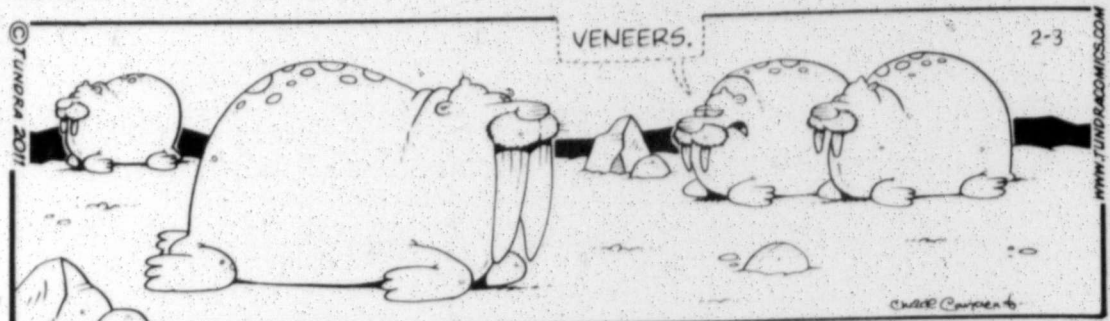
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might want to understand what is happening behind the scenes. If you don't, you could have some anger to deal with. Understand your own sensitivities, and you will move forward and not regret your choices. Tonight: A friend surprises you.

BORN TODAY

→ Rocker Alice Cooper (1948), former vice president Dan Quayle (1947), boxer Oscar De La Hoya (1973)

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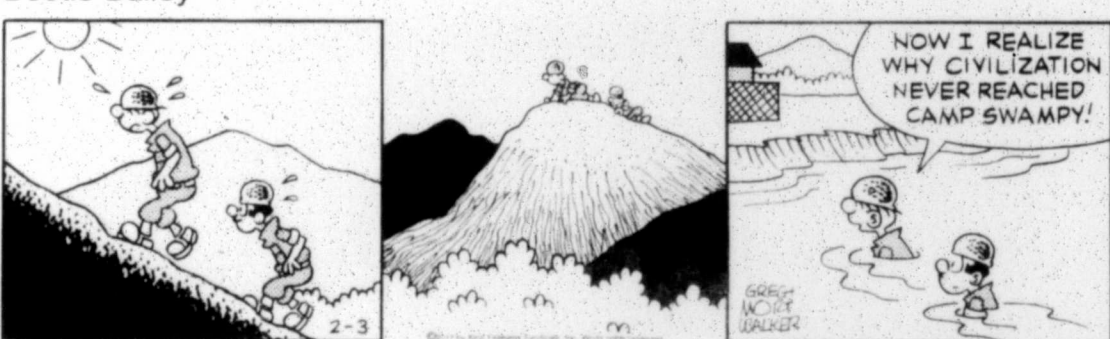
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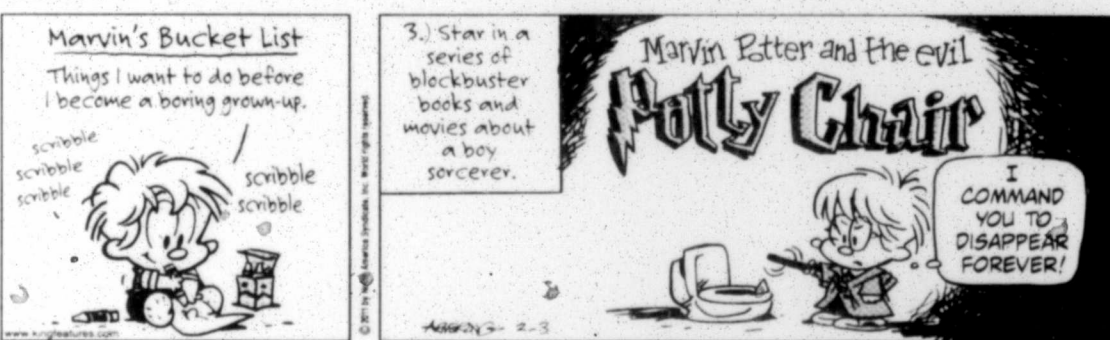
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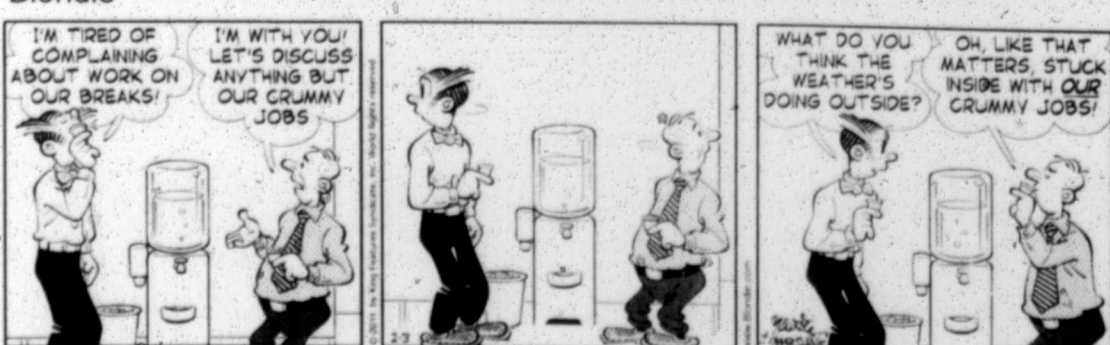
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Amidst ice storm, rolling power outages plague Texans

FORT WORTH (AP) — A high power demand in the wake of a massive ice storm caused rolling outages for more than eight hours Wednesday across most of Texas, leaving in signal-less intersections, coffee houses with no morning java and some people stuck in elevators.

The temporary outages started about 6 a.m. and ended in the afternoon, but there is a strong possibility that they will be required again this evening or tomorrow, depending on how quickly the power generation units can be returned to service, the chief operator of Texas Electric said in a release.

To ease the problems, Mexico's National Electricity Commission agreed to supply 250 megawatts of electricity to Texas between Wednesday and Thursday. The electricity will be transmitted through connection points in Nuevo Laredo across the border from Laredo, Texas, to Pedras Negras, which sits opposite the Rio Grande in Texas, the commission said in a statement.

Outages lasted from 10 to 45 minutes longer in each affected neighborhood. They did not include hospitals and police stations in Texas. Temperatures in the north and 20s across much of the state.

James Howland, 50, said the power went off in his Corsicana neighborhood

of Sunday's Super Bowl, also was exempt from the outages, said Jeamy Molina, a spokeswoman for Oncor, which supplies electricity to 7 million consumers.

Earlier Wednesday, Gov. Rick Perry urged businesses and residents to conserve electricity during the "unprecedented demand on the state's energy grid." The massive storm more than 2,000 miles long hit Texas early Tuesday and barreled through the nation's midsection on its way to the Northeast, leaving vast swaths from Chicago to New York paralyzed by snow and ice, stranding hundreds of motorists and shuttering airports and schools.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said Wednesday evening that cold weather had knocked out about 50 of the 550 power plants in Texas, totaling 8,000 megawatts, and there also was an increase in demand.

"Lack of adequate winterization and preparation appear to be a major cause of the outages," he said in a statement. "This is unusually cold weather for Texas, but we obviously need to ensure that we are adequately prepared. That's why we will continue to work with state agencies and energy providers to find out where problems occurred and how to prevent them in the future."

Dewhurst previously said the demand placed on the Texas grid was nowhere

near peak capacity, and the rolling outages were caused when two coal-fired power plants had to shut down because of burst water pipes.

Hotels in downtown Dallas, where many fans are flocking in the run-up to the big game, were not affected by the controlled outages because they have a special hook-up to the power grid, said Frank Libro, a spokesman for the city of Dallas.

The hotels where the Green Bay Packers and the Pittsburgh Steelers are staying have backup generators, said Larry Auth, a spokesman for Omni hotels. The NFL said some hotels the league is using had "brief but expected" outages that caused no problems.

But that wasn't the case at other hotels in North Texas. Bill Bunce, general manager of the Sheraton Dallas North, said some guests panicked when the electricity went out, while others took the loss of their Internet connections, lights and heat in stride.

"We go into 'all hands on deck' mode and grab our flashlights," he said, adding that the situation could have been worse. "If it was during the Super Bowl with a full house (expected Thursday), it wouldn't have been pretty."

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for about 20 minutes at time every hour starting about 8 a.m. Wednesday. It was more of a nuisance than anything, said Howland, who is disabled and spends most of his time reading and online at his home about 50 miles southeast of Dallas.

"It's colder than all get-out," said Howland, wrapped in extra blankets. Some schools in Houston, the state's largest school district with more than 200,000 students, briefly were in the dark Wednesday morning. Classes were not canceled, said school district spokesman Norm Uhl.

Elizabeth Toshi got stuck in an elevator in a Houston office building for 45 minutes during the second outage of the day Wednesday. She and a co-worker spent about two minutes in the dark before the emergency lights kicked on, Toshi said. Then they began pressing buttons and emergency button for about 30 minutes until they managed to contact the building personnel.

Toshi said she and her colleague laughed and joked and were glad they had snacks with them. But after the elevator finally started moving and the pair exited into the lobby, she decided not to join him as he started walking toward another elevator. "I'm not riding with you," she quipped. "Smart choice," he answered.

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The Pampa Harvesters have a football player that will be continuing his career in college. Senior center Reid Bradley signed a letter of intent to West Texas A&M Wednesday in the Ready Room at the Pampa High School Athletic office.

Bradley said he is excited about signing and it was surprised that he was getting to sign with West Texas A&M.

"It feels great," Bradley said. "Not many people get the chance to further their football career. I'm glad I'm blessed to have the ability and talents to do that."

The senior center said he chose West Texas A&M because it's close to home and he liked the coaches.

"I have lots of my friends that go there," Bradley said. "They have a good football program and I like the coaches."

Head coach Heath Parker said it's nice to see his players continue their careers at places they are comfortable.

"We're very excited when young

men find football an enjoyable experience that they want to continue on," Parker said. "This seems to be a good fit for Reid and we're excited for him."

Bradley will be reunited with his former teammate Travis Hagerman, who signed with school last year. Bradley said it's a neat deal.

"It's going to be fun," Bradley said.

Last season, Bradley earned the Casey Trimble Persistence award for his persistence on the field and battling through a ligament injury that caused him to miss non-district.

Bradley thanked his parents, Richard and Kathy, and coaches before signing the letter. He was a bit more successful this time around than at the football banquet, when he also attempted to express his gratitude but gave his sincere "gratitution" instead.

Reid Bradley signs his letter of intent to West Texas A&M as his parents Richard and Kathy look on. Bradley played center for the Harvesters. ▶



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Pampa Junior High wrestlers pose after their tournament in Borger Jan 21. Pictured are (from left) Robin Hieronymus, Chanceton Roberts, Arthur Garcia, Joseph Radke, Hunter Hall, Carlton Patton and Cade Ferguson.

Junior high boys basketball finishes season vs. Dumas

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Special to The Pampa News.

Monday night, the Dumas Imps came to Pampa for a final regular season showdown.

For the 7th grade, it was their final game of the season, and they ended it with a bang. Dumas gave them all they had for a half, but in the second half Pampa began to impose its will. It was by far the best half of basketball the 7th graders have played all season.

They were determined to end the season on a high note. Cade Engle led the scoring attack with 22. He hit two threes in the third quarter to help his team separate from the scrappy Demons. His tough defense gave the Dumas guards fits all night and allowed for some great transition offense. Marchegnan Hair had one of his best offensive games of the season, hitting three key jump shots in the third quarter. His aggressive style of defense also helped create some turnovers.

Josh DeLoach played the whole game with reckless abandon. His hustle defense and big rebounding created a much needed spark for the Reapers. He also hit three of four free throws in the fourth quarter to help ice the game. Colton Thompson was able to chip in a few buckets throughout the game, but his standout performance came on the defensive end. Thompson drew two charges that really frustrated and flustered the opposing team. He was also accountable for several deflections and steals.

Nathan Furgason played strong off of the bench. He played some big minutes which helped relieve some players that were in foul trouble. He hit both of his free throws in the fourth quarter and got a couple good rebounds. Bryson Burrell and Adam Zuniga were both out for a while due to sickness, but they both came in and played quality minutes for the Reapers.

Burrell pitched in two buckets and Zuniga handled the ball extremely well. In the second half when Dumas really started pressuring the ball, Adam stepped up passed through the pressure. Solon Wilson continued to fight for rebounds underneath the basket. He has continually gotten stronger and more aggressive this season. Cason Troxell and Austin Bruce came in a played some tough minutes for our guys as well.

Cason and Austin played aggressive and fought for rebounds and loose balls. The game ended with the Reapers on top, 49-27. They ended their season with a consolation championship in the district tournament, a win vs. Dumas, and a solid record of 10-6. Their record is one of the best a Pampa Jr. High team has had in several years. More importantly, they ended the season 2-1 vs. Dalhart, 2-1 vs. Borger, and 2-0 vs. Perryton.

The 8th grade Green game was something to remember. The season started off with a sloppy loss to Dumas by 16 points. Midway through the season, the Reapers got a chance to see them again in a tournament and lost by two points by a buzzer beater, and finally, last night the team hung on to win by two points, 35-33.

Braxton Maul started the game off right for the Reapers. His early jump shot put Pampa's first points on the board, and they would never look back...until the second half. The 8th graders had an impressive 19-5 lead going into the half. Defense and rebounding by Jonathan Stevens, Calven Webb, and Kristian Vizcaino smothered any hopes Dumas had offensively. Aaron Allen handled the ball very effectively for the Reapers. Dumas struck back in the third quarter and did some damage that almost cost Pampa the game. Within three minutes of the third quarter, Dumas had cut the lead to four points. The Pampa bigs, as usual, got in some foul trouble early. Dayton Portillo, Donte Jordan, Ethan Oxley, and Josh Miner had to step up and play some key minutes for the Reapers. That's exactly what they did. Just when it seemed like everything had gone south, Josh Miner hit a big time three that kept Pampa alive. In the 4th quarter, Dumas and Pampa started to trade baskets.

It was apparent that this game was going to come down to the last few seconds. Then Tyler Hooper came up huge for his team. Down 29-28, Hooper hit his fifth three of the night to go ahead by two. Dumas quickly tied the game back up, but Stevens had a nifty drive through the lane and scored a bucket to go back up by two. Dumas again tied the game up quickly with a minute remaining. After a failed offensive possession by the Reapers, the Demons had the ball with 10 seconds left. Vizcaino got a steal and got fouled, which sent him to the line to shoot two. He made the first to put the Reapers up by one, but missed the second.

The Reapers then forced another turnover with three seconds remaining. The Imps sent Vizcaino to the line again. He sealed the game by hitting his first free throw, missing his second, and getting his own rebound. Hooper and Vizcaino hit seven out of 10 free throws in the 4th quarter, which ultimately won them the game.

The 8th grade Green team got their first win of the season at the perfect time of the year. They open the district tournament Thursday. They will face the Demons again at 4 p.m. in Canyon.

The 7th grade Gold team put up a valiant effort Monday night. Ersi Vukatana led the team in scoring with nine, and Rance Tipps followed with seven. They had an opportunity to tie the game up in the final seconds but just came up short. The game ended with the Imps on top, 29-27. Colton Jefferis, Michael Mechelay, and Andres Losoya all added three points apiece, and James Hall had two points. The gold team had a pretty successful season. They ended with around a .500 record.

The 8th grade gold team had a miserable shooting night. The end score did not reflect how competitive the game was. Five different players scored points. Brayden Keown led the team with five, and Ashjen Payne had three. John Allen, Aaron Avila, and Collin Hampton also chipped in some points. Jonathan Doyle and Trace Leftwich dominated on the boards.

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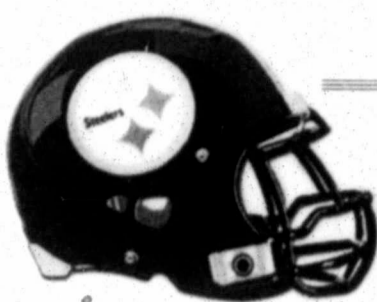
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Which team is going to prevail in Super Bowl XLV?

Steelers' experience will lead to win

The Pittsburgh Steelers are one of the storied franchises in the NFL.

They have had a series of great coaches, from Chuck Noll down to their current coach, Mike Tomlin, who has led Pittsburgh to their second Super Bowl in the last three seasons. Current quarterback Ben Roethlisberger is looking to win his third Sunday.

Pittsburgh itself owns the record with six Super Bowl titles, and Sunday, they will expand that to seven.

For starters the Steelers have more experience in the big game. Fifteen of the Steelers' 22 offensive and defensive starters have played on at least one of the last two Steeler Super Bowls, with 11 playing in both. Not only do the Steelers have experience, but it's winning experience.

Experience is helpful because the team knows how to handle every aspect of the game and the activities surrounding the game. Additionally, the Steelers last two games were competitive. They know how to finish the game and end with a victory.

This is something their counterpart doesn't have. The Packers only have two starters that have played in the Super Bowl, Ryan Pickett who was on the Rams in Super Bowl XXXVI and Charles Woodson, who played for the Raiders the following Super Bowl. Both of those players played on losing teams.

This Super Bowl will be Roethlisberger's third, while his counterpart Aaron Rodgers is playing in his first. Having an experienced quarterback is key, because they know how to manage the game and won't be overanxious. Experienced quarterbacks are 11-7 when their opponent's quarterback is making his first start.

For the most part Super Bowl debuts haven't gone well, though there are some exceptions.

Roethlisberger will challenge Green Bay's defense with his ability to extend the play and throw defenders off of him. It doesn't hurt that Big Ben has some pretty good receivers to throw to in Hines Ward and Mike Wallace.

The strength and the rock of the Steelers has been their defense. In the playoffs, the Steel Curtain has forced six turnovers and sacked the opposing quarterback seven times. The Steelers defense has also turned into offense. In the divisional game against the Ravens, two of Pittsburgh's touchdown drives started inside the Ravens' 25. The Steelers scored on a field goal after they were rewarded with a short field.

Against the Jets, William Gay returned a fumble for a touchdown and it ended up being the winning score. The Steelers can be in great shape Sunday if they can force Rodgers and the Packers offense into mistakes and set up short fields for Roethlisberger and the offense. In the past two Super Bowls, the Steelers did a great job limiting their opponents' running games.

Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers are talented. However, the Steelers will get the stops they need to hoist the Lombardi trophy.

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ANDREW GLOVER

Rodgers will carry Packers to title



ARNIE AURELLANO

Yeah, yeah, yeah. I know all about Big Ben coming up, big in the clutch. I know all about Mike Tomlin being unflappable, and we've all heard everything about the defense and about Troy Polamalu's gorgeous hair.

Don't care. The Packers are still

going to win.

This Super Bowl represents the next step in the maturity of new Green Bay football messiah Aaron Rodgers. With the Brett Favre era now firmly in the rearview in Tittletown, Rodgers has taken the reins and never let up. He's developed quite the rapport with Green Bay's receivers, a stable of not quite household names who can nonetheless deliver key plays in important situations. Any fantasy football manager can attest to the under-the-radar value of Greg Jennings, and wily vet Donald Driver knows how to get the football into the end zone.

Rodgers has the connection and the confidence to get the ball into either man's hands, and the accuracy to do it even in tight situations. He has the strength to lob it over the top, the zip to nail his man with a fastball and the touch to dunk it short when he needs to. Couple that with Rodgers' sense of field vision that seems to be improving by the minute, and you've got a passing game that can take any opponent to the distance any given Sunday.

That's bad news for the Steelers' secondary, which might be the closest thing to a weakness on the Steelers' vaunted defense. Cornerback Ike Taylor has been

great for Steeltown (only two INTs on the year, but that's because QBs avoid throwing to his side), but defensive mate Bryant McFadden is fighting an abdominal injury and has shown a propensity to get beat on man-to-man coverage.

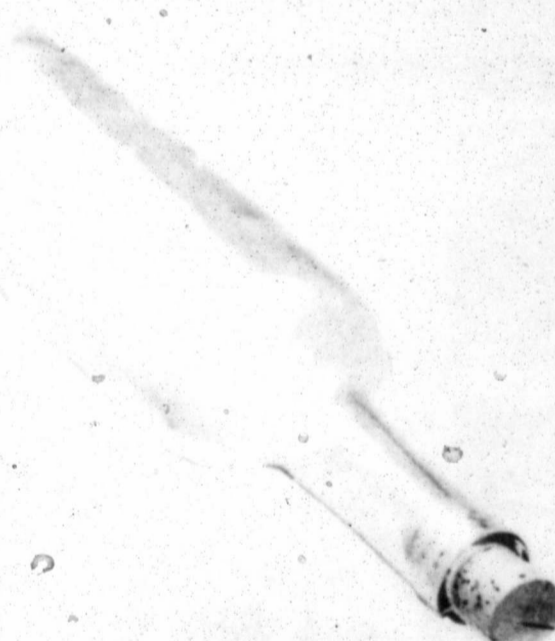
Even the normally infallible Polamalu hasn't been himself since returning from a hurt Achilles. It was a missed Polamalu tackle that allowed Baltimore's Ray Rice to get into the end zone in Pittsburgh's first playoff game, and Polamalu was essentially a nonfactor the following week against New York. We've all seen how much of an impact a healthy Polamalu has on this Steeler team, and they're going to need him to be at his best against the active Green Bay attack.

While we're on the subject of defenses, Green Bay's is no slouch, either. The Packers' confusing turnover machine of a defense is exactly the kind of unit that's historically given Pittsburgh fits. Charles Woodson, Clay Matthews and Co. don't just go for the knockdown; they go for the ball, as evidenced by the Pack's nine takeaways in three games this postseason. Add to that the uncertain injury status of Pittsburgh Pro Bowl center Maurkice Pouncey, and I foresee some problems for the Roethlisberger-led offense come Super Sunday.

All that considered, though, Green Bay's chances all go back to one guy: Rodgers. Big Ben's the one with the playoff legend, but A-Rod 2.0 is carving a pedigree of his own, throwing six TDs and rocking a sweet 109.2 QB rating this postseason. From where I'm sitting, the Pack's chances look pretty darn good.

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