

# 'Bomb cyclone' storm barrels toward Midwest

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LONGMONT, Colo. — National Guard troops used specialized vehicles with tank-like treads to rescue stranded drivers in Colorado in the wake of a massive late-winter storm that unleashed heavy rain and snow on parts of the Midwest plains early today.

Heavy rain caused flooding in eastern parts of both states and in Iowa. Wednesday's blizzard in Colorado caused widespread power outages, forced the cancellation of hundreds of flights and wreaked havoc on roadways as drivers became overwhelmed by blinding snow.

South Dakota's governor closed all state offices today as the blizzard conditions moved in, while wind, blowing snow and snow-packed roadways also made travel treacherous in western

A wind gust clocked in at 97 mph in Colorado Springs. The storm also contributed to the death of Corporal Daniel Groves, a Colorado State Patrol officer who was hit and killed by a car as



Canada geese battle a late winter storm in Denver. AP Photo/David Zalubowski

he helped another driver who had slid off Interstate 76 near Denver.

"It is a tragic reminder that people's lives are at stake," said Shoshana Lew,

head of the Colorado Department of Transportation. "The best place to be is at home and off the roads." About 200 vehicles were disabled on Interstate 25 near Colorado Springs, and many more drivers were being rescued on secondary roads.

The window-rattling storm brought blizzards, floods and a tornado across more than 25 states Wednesday, stretching from the northern Rocky Mountains to Texas and beyond.

"This is a very epic cyclone," said Greg Carbin, chief of forecast operations for the National Oceanic

and Atmospheric Administration's Weather Prediction Center. "We're looking at something that will go down in the history books."

The culprit was a sudden and severe drop in ground-level air pressure in Colorado, the most pronounced dive since 1950.

It was caused by a combination of the jet stream and normal conditions in the wind shadow of the Rockies. Air rushed into the low-pressure area and then rose into the atmosphere. Meteorologists call the rapid change in pressure a "bomb cyclone" or "bombogenesis."

## WORLD IN BRIEF

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### FAA relents, says it grounded 737 Max jets based on data

WASHINGTON — As country after country grounded Boeing's 737 Max jets after a deadly crash Sunday in Ethiopia, U.S. air safety regulators remained resolute in their refusal to do so — until Wednesday.

That's when the Federal Aviation Administration issued an emergency order keeping the planes on the tarmac.

The agency said what made the difference was new, enhanced satellite tracking data and physical evidence on the ground that linked the Ethiopian jet's movements to those of an Indonesian Lion Air flight that plunged into the Java Sea in October and killed 189 people.

The FAA was under intense pressure to ground the planes and resisted even after Canada on Wednesday joined more than 40 countries, including the European Union and China, in barring the Max from the air, leaving the U.S. almost alone.

But President Donald Trump, who announced the grounding, was briefed Wednesday on new developments. Trump spoke afterward with Boeing CEO Dennis Muilenberg and Boeing signed on.

### Beto O'Rourke enters 2020 race attempting bipartisan appeal

AUSTIN, Texas — Former Texas Democratic Rep. Beto O'Rourke jumped into the 2020 presidential race today, shaking up the already packed field and pledging to win over voters from both major parties as he tries to translate his political celebrity into a formidable White House bid.

After months of ignoring states that vote early in the presidential nominating process, O'Rourke made his first-ever trip to Iowa — popping into a coffee shop in the town of Keokuk while many cable networks went live. He took questions about everything from his support of federal legalization of marijuana to abortion rights to the possibility of a universal basic income — all while waving his arms and gesticulating.

It was the kind of high-energy, off-the-cuff style that made him a sensation in Texas, but O'Rourke also was clear that he doesn't believe in strict immigration policies — drawing a policy distinction that could allow him to clash with President Donald Trump on the issue. Until he challenged Republican Sen. Ted Cruz last year, O'Rourke was little known outside his hometown of El Paso.

But the Spanish-speaking 46-year-old former punk rocker used grassroots organizing and social media savvy to mobilize young voters and minorities and get within 3 percentage points of winning in the nation's largest red state.

### Cardinal Pell gets 6 years in prison for sexual assault

MELBOURNE, Australia — The most senior Catholic convicted of child sex abuse was sentenced Wednesday to six years in prison for molesting two choirboys in an Australian cathedral in a crime the judge said showed "staggering arrogance."

Cardinal George Pell must serve a minimum of 3 years and 8 months before he is eligible for parole, according to the judge's order. The five convictions against Pell carried a maximum possible sentence of 10 years each.

"In my view, your conduct was permeated by staggering arrogance," Victoria state County Court Chief Judge Peter Kidd said in handing down the sentence.

Pope Francis' former finance minister was convicted by a unanimous jury verdict in December of orally raping a 13-year-old choirboy and indecently dealing with the boy

and the boy's 13-year-old friend in the late 1990s, months after Pell became archbishop of Melbourne. A court order had suppressed media reporting the news until last month.

### Reputed Gambino crime boss shot dead in New York City

NEW YORK — The reputed boss of New York's Gambino crime family was gunned down outside his home, dying a virtual unknown compared with his swaggering 1980s-era predecessor, the custom-tailored tabloid regular John Gotti.

Francesco "Franky Boy" Cali, 53, was found with multiple gunshot wounds at his red-brick colonial-style house on Staten Island on Wednesday night and was pronounced dead at a hospital. No immediate arrests were made.

Federal prosecutors had referred to Cali in court filings in recent years as the underboss of the Gambino organization. News accounts since 2015 said he had ascended to the top spot. The Gambino family was once among the most powerful criminal organizations in the U.S., but federal prosecutions in the 1980s and 1990s sent Gotti and other top leaders to prison, diminishing its reach.

## Port: 'If I can't develop, I have no revenue'

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necessary, Knight said. "If I can't develop, I have no revenue," he said. "If I can't find the means of outside money coming to fix us, our infrastructure is going to fall apart."

The threat of U.S. tariffs against China has shut down timber export operations — log handling up until recently has accounted for as much as 25 percent of the Port's revenue. There are millions of dollars worth of repairs needed to address crumbling infrastructure across Port properties, and the Port has struggled to land state and federal funding.

A causeway leading to the breakwater at the East Mooring Basin is in disrepair and closed to the public. Several docks sink under the weight of visiting sea lions. A smaller boat dock, the only boat launch for fishermen in Astoria,

was damaged in December and has yet to be repaired due to complications with getting a federal permit for the work.

Knight and city leaders agree the Port and the city need to be partners.

The Port hopes to reinvigorate the East Mooring Basin through a public-private partnership with a development group led by Floyd Holcom, the owner of Pier 39. The group has proposed a plan for floating homes, expanded moorage, a promenade and a cruise ship terminal.

But the mooring basin falls under the city's Civic Greenway portion of the Riverfront Vision Plan and is subject to codes and restrictions. Any master plan the Port develops for the area would need to be approved by the City Council.

To the west, Port property leased by Hollander Hospital-ity near Maritime Memorial

Park and the Astoria Bridge falls under the Bridge Vista section of the riverfront plan. Any new restrictions could change what Hollander is able to build.

Mayor Bruce Jones and city councilors said they were open to the idea of providing more flexibility, on a case-by-case basis, for riverfront property owners. The Port is the largest property owner in the community, Jones noted.

"Certainly I don't think any of us want to see, 30 years from now, the Port's property having crumbled into the Columbia River," he said.

All the city councilors expressed their appreciation for Knight. They acknowledged that he and his staff have inherited many of the Port's problems.

### Trust

But Councilor Roger

Rocka said there is still the issue of trust when it comes to the Port. In the past, the Port has broken promises or abruptly changed direction, Rocka said, referencing a switch from plans to develop a seafood hub at Pier 2 to a prioritization of log export operations.

"How are we to believe that what is planned is what actually happens?" Rocka asked, holding up a rendering of the proposal for the East Mooring Basin.

He also questioned Knight's implication that the most profitable development for the Port to encourage on the waterfront is the type of large-scale buildings and projects proposed by Hollander.

"As a council we're looking for a solution that works pretty well for everybody, not just the Port," Rocka said.

## Flu: Absences have complicated district's Strive for Five goal

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Jewell School cleaned and shut down its K-12 campus for three days in February after around one-third of the student population came down with flu-like symptoms.

Last school year, Knappa School District temporarily shut down Hilda Lahti Elementary School for a deep cleaning to stem a flu outbreak.

Michael McNickle, the county's public health director, said he has not heard of any ongoing major outbreaks besides Astoria's. County health officials provided Astoria hospital-grade sanitary wipes effective against the flu and recommended two rounds of cleaning to ensure the campus is clean, he said.

The absences because of flu have complicated the school district's Strive for Five goal to have students not miss more than five days of the school year.

"It's awfully hard, because parents are afraid the school will come down hard on them, which isn't the case," Hoppes said. "We're focusing on kids missing 25 to 30 days."

# TV SCHEDULE

THE DAILY ASTORIAN

Evening listings THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING													MARCH 14	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's A. "And Dream of Sheep" (N)	Station 19 "I Fought the Law" (N)	For the People "This Is America" (N)	News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel				
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News at 6pm (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's A. "And Dream of Sheep" (N)	Station 19 "I Fought the Law" (N)	For the People "This Is America" (N)	KOMO4News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel				
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening Superstore (N)	A.P. Bio (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)	Will & Grace (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Missing" (N)	KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show		
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN 6 News (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	Big Bang Theory	Fam (N)	Young Sheldon	Fam (N)	S.W.A.T. "Never Again"	News (N)	(35) Colbert		
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	Big Bang Theory	Fam (N)	Young Sheldon	Fam (N)	S.W.A.T. "Never Again"	KIRO News (N)	(35) Colbert		
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	Superstore (N)	A.P. Bio (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)	Will & Grace (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Missing" (N)	News (N)	(35) Tonight Show		
9	KRCV	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Supernatural "Peace of Mind" (N)	Legacies (N)	News (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half			
10	KOPB	(10) Expeditions	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Ken Burns: The National Parks Behind-the-scenes stories about making the series.		Yellowstone Symphony		Mindfulness Goes Mainstream				
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	iHeartRadio Music Awards We celebrate the most popular music in the world. (N)		10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV			
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	8pm Prime News (N)		9pm Prime News (N)		Big Bang Theory	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game	
14	KCPQ	(14) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	iHeartRadio Music Awards We celebrate the most popular music in the world. (N)		Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons			
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)	Seinfeld	
22	KZJO	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
29	ESPN	(29) Basketball Score.	NCAA Basketball ACC Tournament (L)			NCAA Basketball Pac-12 Tournament Quarter-final (L)		SportsCenter (N)	2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games Abu Dhabi					
30	ESPN2	(30) Basketball Score.	NCAA Basketball Big 12 Tournament (L)			SportsCenter The day's news in the world of sports. (N)		SportsCenter (N)	2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games Abu Dhabi					
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare	Double Dare	To Be Announced		Friends	(35) Friends			
32	DISN	(32) Coop & Cami	Coop & Cami	Raven's Home 1/2	Raven's Home 2/2	Sydney to the Max	Coop & Cami	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Sydney to the Max	Coop & Cami	Andi Mack	Sydney Max	
34	FAM	(34) (5:30) *** Ratatouille ('07) Voices of Patton Oswalt, Brad Garrett.		Siren "Leverage"		*** Beetlejuice (1988, Comedy) Geena Davis, Alec Baldwin, Michael Keaton.		*** Dawn of the Planet of the Apes (2014, Sci-Fi) Jason Clarke, Andy Serkis, Gary Oldman.		The 700 Club				
35	FMC	(35) Movie (3:35) *** X-Men: Days of Future Past (2014, Adventure) Ian McKellen, Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman.		Bring It! Chat "Dancing Doll Heist" (N)		Bring It! "The Seniors' Last Battle" (N)		(4:00) *** The Rap Game "Bonus Track" (N)		(05) Bring It! Battle Breakdown (N)				
38	LIPE	(38) Celebrity Wife Swap		Celeb Wife "Plaxico Burress/ DJ Paul"		Bring It! Chat "Dancing Doll Heist" (N)		Bring It! "The Seniors' Last Battle" (N)		(05) The Rap Game "Bonus Track" (N)				
39	ROOT	(39) Mariners Access	MLB Baseball Spring Training San Francisco Giants vs. Seattle Mariners Site: Peoria Stadium -- Peoria, Ariz.			Big East Post		PBC Fight Camp	PBC "Errol Spence Jr. vs. Mikey Garcia"	Boxing Classics	NCAA Basketball			
43	FS1	(43) Big East Bridge	NCAA Basketball Big East Tournament (L)			*** The Shawshank Redemption (1994, Drama) Morgan Freeman, James Whitmore, Tim Robbins.		Chopped "Meat Your Match"		Beat Play (N)	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	
44	SPK	(44) Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	*** The Shawshank Redemption (1994, Drama) Morgan Freeman, James Whitmore, Tim Robbins.		Chopped "Meat Your Match"		House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	
44	COI	(44) Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	*** The Shawshank Redemption (1994, Drama) Morgan Freeman, James Whitmore, Tim Robbins.		Chopped "Meat Your Match"		Better Things (N)	Better Things	Better Things	Passengers ('16)	
44	COI	(44) Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	*** The Shawshank Redemption (1994, Drama) Morgan Freeman, James Whitmore, Tim Robbins.		Chopped "Meat Your Match"		Better Things (N)	Better Things	Better Things	Passengers ('16)	
45	HIST	(45) Swamp People "No Man's Land"		Swamp People "Cow Killers"		Swamp People "Bringing the Heat"		Swamp People "Cajun Cyclone" (N)	(05) Truck Night "Breaking Point"	(05) Swamp People "Cow Killers"				
46	A&E	(46) 60 Days In "Pick a Side"		60 Days In "Loose Lips Sink Ships"		60 Days In "You Don't Belong Here"		60 Days In "Season 5 Reunion"	The participants meet with the Sheriff. (N)	(05) 60 Days In "Loose Lips Sink Ships"				
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	My 600-lb Life: Supersized "Bettie Jo and Susan" (N)		Untold Stories of the ER "I'm So Dead"		Untold Stories of the ER "Bit by a Boa"				
48	DISC	(48) Abandoned "Amazon Ghost Town"		Building Off the Grid "Cliff House"		Build Off Grid "Big Sur Modern Retreat"		Off the Grid "Lake Superior Lodge" (N)		Alaskan Bush "The Buffalo Trail" (N)	Building Off Grid "Cabin of No Return"			
49	NGEO	(49) Egypt "Egypt's Ancient Empire" (P) (N)		Lost "Hunt for the Pyramid Tomb"		The Maya "Secrets of the Underworld"		The Story of God "Gods Among Us"		Egypt "Hidden Treasure" (P) (N)	The Maya "Secrets of the Underworld"			
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball L.A. Lakers vs Toronto (L)		NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets Site: Pepsi Center -- Denver, Colo. (L)		Inside the NBA				NBA Basketball L.A. Lakers vs Toronto				
51	AMC	(51) (3:30) *** The Godfather II ('74, Drama) Robert De Niro, Robert Duval, Al Pacino.		*** Major League (1989, Comedy) Tom Berenger, Corbin Bernsen, Charlie Sheen.						(35) *** Fast Times at Ridgemont High ('82) Sean Penn.				
52	USA	(52) NCIS "Cabin Fever"		*** Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (2016, Adventure) Ezra Miller, Colin Farrell, Eddie Redmayne.						(55) *** Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban ('04) Daniel Radcliffe.				
53	FOOD	(53) Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Chopped "Beast Feast"		Chopped "Battle of the Butchers"		Chopped "Meat Your Match"		Beat Play (N)	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	
54	HGTV	(54) Beachfront Hunt	Beachfront Hunt	Beachfront Hunt	Beachfront Hunt	Flip or Flop	Flip/Flop Nashville	Flip or Flop (N)	Flip/Flop Nashville	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	
56	FX	(56) (4:30) *** Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation Tom Cruise.		Passengers (2016, Adventure) Chris Pratt, Michael Sheen, Jennifer Lawrence.						Better Things (N)	Better Things	Better Things	Passengers ('16)	
57	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon			
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity	The Ingraham Angle			
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
63	BRAV	(63) Project Runway "Finale" Pt. 1 of 2		Project Runway "Finale" Pt. 2 of 2		Project Runway (SP) (N)		Top Chef "Finale" It's the final showdown. (N)		Watch What (N)	Project Runway			
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Ace in the Hole ('51) Kirk Douglas.		(15) *** Sweet Smell of Success ('57) Burt Lancaster, Tony Curtis.				*** Scandal Sheet (1952, Drama) Donna Reed, John Derek.		★ The Blue Gardenia ('53, Thrill) Raymond Burr, Anne Baxter.				
65	SYFY	(65) (4:45) Oculus (2014, Horror) Karen Gillan.		★★ Freddy vs. Jason (2003, Horror) Ken Kirzinger, Monica Keena, Robert Englund.				★★ Sleepy Hollow ('99, Hor) Christina Ricci, Miranda Richardson, Johnny Depp.		(05) D. Class "Kids of the Black Hole"				
162	RFD	(162) SF Machinery	Small Town (N)	Rural America 'Live'		Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Grown	Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library		