

OUT OF THE VAULT

Wind storm flattens Northeast Oregon

A storm blew through Northeast Oregon on January 7-8, 1990, with winds approaching 80 miles per hour that toppled thousands of trees, blew the roofs off structures and closed businesses, schools and roads.

The wind storm began the evening of Jan. 7, tumbling trees and downing power lines across the region. At the height of the storm the entire Umatilla Electric Cooperative’s customer service area, from Meacham to Boardman, was without power, some areas for two or three days as crews from local and outside agencies struggled to repair power lines, poles and transformers. Even two-way radios weren’t working for part of the day, hampering cleanup efforts.

Eighteen roads were closed in the area due to downed trees and blown detritus, including Highway 204 near Tollgate where winds estimated at 100 mph blew down the equivalent of 10 million board feet of lumber during the storm. Crews with chainsaws began clearing the “timber carnage” of an estimated 750 to 1,000 evergreens from the highway Jan. 8, one working east from Umatilla County while another forged west from Elgin.

At Spout Springs ski resort near Tollgate, trees fell all around the buildings, but none were hit. The high winds did cause some damage, however, when seven trees were blown onto the “Happy” chairlift, derailing the lift off six towers.

Umatilla County Sheriff Jim Carey reported at least one accident in which a vehicle slammed into a downed tree, and said an irrigation pipe blew across Highway 395 and wrapped around a power pole near Skyview Cemetery between Pendleton and Pilot Rock. Tribal Police Officer Shawn Bird said a man reported an unknown explosion, “a bright flash and an arc across the sky” at 4 a.m. near the repeater station at Poverty Flats on Cabbage Hill, where wind speeds topped 80 mph.

Structural damage around the area included a neighbor’s storage shed blowing into a house and breaking windows in Stanfield; a metal shed across from city hall blowing over a cyclone fence into a residential back yard in Echo; a wooden sign at the Forest Service office in Ukiah blown into pieces; the entire roof of Brown’s Auto and Truck Stop Tire Center, measuring 24 by 72 feet, blown onto Highway 730 in Irrigon; and the

Umatilla Marina’s floating club house breaking away from its mooring and slamming into another dock several hundred feet away.

An Irrigon couple was sleeping at their home on Washington Avenue when a tree, more than 2 feet in diameter at the base, “cut through the bedroom wing like a cleaver,” chopping it in two. Lloyd and Mildred Franke were trapped in their bed briefly but escaped without a scratch. One Hermiston man’s shed vanished without a trace, and another found his metal shed more than a block away. And at the Pendleton airport, wind damage looked like a plane coming in from the west had crashed into the top of the hangars. “Sheet metal was spread over a quarter mile,” one observer said.

The following day, Jan. 9, Pendleton enjoyed mild winds and basked in record-high temperatures of 69 degrees downtown and 67 degrees at the airport.

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DEAR ABBY

Man left wife high and dry, now begs for second chance

Dear Abby: I was divorced for 10 years, and am now remarried. Four months after we said “I do,” my first husband left me (on Valentine’s Day!) without a word.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

It was out of character for him not to come home, and I was so worried I reported him to the police as a missing person. If that wasn’t enough, he left me owing the power and water bills, and our rent was three months behind.

A few weeks later, he sent me an email. It read: “Don’t bother me. I’m fine. Move on!” I was trying to do exactly that when, a month later, he knocked on my door, asking me to forgive him. I thought I had, but it still bothers me.

My ex is now begging me to give him a second chance. He has changed so much for the good, and he says he has never been with anyone more than two weeks because they can’t live up to me. I have always loved him. He had a drinking problem, but he has been clean and sober now for nine years.

I’m not really happy with my second husband. I haven’t been for a long time, and now I have someone I have always loved who wants me back, and I don’t know what to do. Please help. — **Confounded In North Carolina**

Dear Confounded: I’m sorry you didn’t describe what has gone wrong in your second marriage because if it’s fixable, you promised to love and honor your current husband until ... well, you know the drill. It would be a mistake to throw him aside without first trying to fix the problem.

Your first husband treated you with brutal disregard. If he has changed, he wouldn’t be trying to break up your marriage. Be warned.

Dear Abby: I have been going through some tough times during the last few months. I have handled them as well as I can, but something just pushed me over the edge.

I’m not formally educated. I have no college education. I graduated from high school, but I was home-schooled

and people tend to not take me seriously when they find that out. I opted out of college because I couldn’t afford the loans. I love to learn and have continued to educate myself.

But today, someone I respected told me I’m not as smart as he is because I never went to college. He outright called me stupid and said I should stop pretending to be intelligent.

Abby, I am skilled with my hands. I own my own business and spend most of my time reading on various topics. When I told him his comment hurt me, he laughed and said that just proved I wasn’t as intelligent as he is. I know he’s not right, but I can’t stop thinking about it. Can you help me? — **Street Smart In Alaska**

Dear Street Smart: Gladly! The individual you were talking to isn’t intelligent; he is a classless boor who tries to make himself feel superior by putting down the people around him.

If you are as smart as you say you are, you will avoid him as though he has an infectious social disease. It’s true, because cruelty can be contagious.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 6-7, 1918

Rev. R.E. Gornall, popular pastor of the Methodist church of Pendleton, has been recommended by the bishop of this district for appointment as a chaplain in the army. There is said to be a strong probability of new appointments being made for the increased army and that Rev. Gornall will be in line for appointment.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 6-7, 1968

An Army prisoner was en route from

Ohio, on an AWOL charge, to Fort Lewis, Wash., in the custody of military police when he jumped off the train here at 7:45 this morning. MPs Rufus E. Cannon and Anthony J. Rose reported the escape of Stewart Gatewood to city police. Gatewood hitched a ride with an elderly couple which got him as far as North Powder before state police picked him up.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 6-7, 1993

The message on the box of cigars read “It’s a Girl.” The gift from Dawn Hawkins to her fellow Round-Up Asso-

ciation board members summarized the situation as Hawkins broke one of Pendleton’s most rigid gender barriers Monday night. On Jan. 1, Hawkins became the first woman to serve as president of the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce. And as chamber president, she becomes an ex-officio member of the heretofore all-male Round-Up Board of Directors. “I don’t think there’s any resistance,” said Round-Up President Paul Rice Jr., a Pendleton-area farmer and professional rodeo cowboy. “Everybody knew it was going to happen at some time, it was just a matter of time.”

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the sixth day of 2018. There are 359 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On Jan. 6, 1968, a surgical team at Stanford University School of Medicine in Palo Alto, California, led by Dr. Norman Shumway performed the first U.S. adult heart transplant, placing the heart of a 43-year-old man in a 54-year-old patient (the recipient died 15 days later).

On this date:

In 1540, England’s King Henry VIII married his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves. (The marriage lasted about six months.)

In 1759, George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis were married in New Kent County, Virginia.

In 1838, Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail gave the first successful public demonstration of their telegraph in Morristown, New Jersey.

In 1912, New Mexico became the 47th state.

In 1919, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, died in Oyster Bay, New York, at age 60.

In 1945, George Herbert Walker Bush married Barbara Pierce at the First Presbyterian Church in Rye, New York.

In 1950, Britain recognized the Communist government of China.

In 1974, year-round

daylight saving time began in the United States on a trial basis as a fuel-saving measure in response to the OPEC oil embargo.

In 1987, the U.S. Senate voted 88-4 to establish an 11-member panel to hold public hearings on the Iran-Contra affair.

In 1993, authorities rescued Jennifer Stolpa and her infant son, Clayton, after Jennifer’s husband, James, succeeded in reaching help, ending the family’s eight-day ordeal after becoming lost in the snow-covered Nevada desert. Jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie, 75, died in Englewood, New Jersey; ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev died in suburban Paris at age 54.

In 1994, figure skater Nancy Kerrigan was clubbed on the leg by an assailant at Detroit’s Cobo Arena; four men, including the ex-husband of Kerrigan’s rival, Tonya Harding, went to prison for their roles in the attack. (Harding pleaded guilty to conspiracy to hinder prosecution, but denied any advance knowledge about the assault.)

In 2001, with Vice President Al Gore presiding in his capacity as president of the Senate, Congress formally certified George W. Bush the winner of the bitterly contested 2000 presidential election.

Ten years ago: In a video posted on the Internet, al-Qaida’s American-born

spokesman, Adam Gadahn, urged fighters to meet President George W. Bush with bombs during his upcoming Mideast visit. Mikhail Saakashvili was declared winner of a second term as Georgia’s president.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama returned to Washington after a winter vacation in Hawaii that was interrupted by the “fiscal cliff” crisis. In his first public speech in six months, a defiant Syrian President Bashar Assad rallied a cheering crowd to fight the uprising against his authoritarian rule, dismissing any chance of dialogue with what he called “murderous criminals.” The NHL and the players’ association agreed on a tentative pact to end a 113-day lockout.

Today’s Birthdays: Country musician Joey, the CowPolka King (Riders in the Sky) is 69. Former FBI director Louis Freeh is 68. Rock singer-musician Kim Wilson (The Fabulous Thunderbirds) is 67. Singer Jett Williams is 65. Actor-comedian Rowan Atkinson is 63. World Golf Hall of Famer Nancy Lopez is 61. Actor Scott Bryce is 60. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kathy Sledge is 59. TV chef Nigella Lawson is 58. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eric Williams (BLACKstreet) is 58. Movie director John Singleton is 50. Actor Aron

Eisenberg is 49. Actor Norman Reedus is 49. TV personality Julie Chen is 48. Actor Danny Pintauro (TV: “Who’s the Boss?”) is 42. Actress Cristela Alonzo is 39. Actress Rinko Kikuchi is 37. Actor Eddie Redmayne is 36. Retired NBA All-Star Gilbert Arenas is 36. Actress-come-dian Kate McKinnon is 34. Rock singer Alex Turner (Arctic Monkeys) is 32.

Thought for Today: “He threatens many that hath injured one.” — *Ben Jonson, English dramatist and poet (1572-1637).*

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Answers to Saturday’s puzzle: JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE / DIAMONDS HEARTS SPADES CLUBS / CANADA PANAMA ITALY / TRES / REAL / UNO DOS

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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 lawnmower brand (4)	_____
2 energy drink brand (8)	_____
3 bread brand (6)	_____
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6 chocolate brand (7)	_____
7 biscuit brand (9)	_____

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Today’s Answers: 1. TORO 2. POWERADE 3. ARNOLD 4. POSTUM 5. EXXON 6. CADBURY 7. PILLSBURY

ODDS & ENDS

Police: Man used bank robbery cash to buy engagement ring

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio (AP) — Authorities say a man robbed a bank in Ohio and used the money to buy his fiancée an engagement ring.

The *Hamilton-Middletown Journal-News* reports 36-year-old Dustin Pedersen has been charged with robbing a Fifth Third Bank branch in Trenton on Dec. 16.

Police say records show that Pedersen spent \$4,500 on an engagement ring less than an hour after the robbery and presented it

the next day.

A Trenton police detective said in court Wednesday the robbery netted \$8,800.

Police say Pedersen became a suspect after a man wearing an identical hat robbed a Butler County bank six days later.

Pedersen has denied robbing any banks, but told police that surveillance photos of the robber look like him.

Pedersen’s attorney wasn’t immediately available for comment Thursday.

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