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Northwest storm leaves outages, possible flooding

The Associated Press
SEATTLE — A winter storm that blanketed the Pacific Northwest with ice and snow was causing lingering problems Monday, with hundreds of thousands of people in Oregon still in the dark after heavy snow and then ice brought down tree branches this weekend and blocked storm drains in Washington state and Idaho, raising concerns about flooding.

Portland General Electric's map of power outages listed 288,922 customers without electricity, most in Clackamas County. At least 4,000 power lines were brought down by ice and tree limbs, and multiple transmission lines were severely damaged by the storm that swept through this weekend.

Officials in Boise, Idaho, were concerned about thousands of storm drains that could be clogged by snow and ice, causing flooding. "I'm sure you've driven through an area with a huge puddle," Nicole DuBois, chief communication officer for the Ada County Highway District told Boise TV station KTVB. "The reason that is happening is because the storm drain in the area is clogged with something and preventing that water from draining through."



The statue of former Washington NCAA college football coach Don James wears a coating of snow Saturday in Seattle.

Flooding was also a concern in western Washington as milder Pacific air arrived early Monday, with snow melting, storm drains clogged and rain expected.

"We suggest getting out shovels or finding a way to clear that out so that when it does rain and all the snow melts, the water will have a place to go," said Courtney Carpenter, a senior meteorologist with National Weather Service in Seattle.

The winter weather wasn't giving up its grip in the Cascade Range, where heavy snowfall was expected at times

all week and into the weekend. Washington transportation officials closed the eastbound lanes of Interstate 90 over Snoqualmie Pass early Monday to do avalanche control work.

Mountain passes could see 15 to 30 inches of new snow through Tuesday night.

Meanwhile, snow-packed roads, downed trees and power lines made travel in the Portland area treacherous.

Officials canceled all service on the Portland Streetcar and only a few light rail routes were operating. Bus routes throughout the city were delayed, detoured or canceled.

PORTLAND AREA

Sewage plant discharges partially treated water

Partially treated wastewater was discharged into the Willamette River due to a prolonged power outage caused by the storm.

The Tri-City Water Resource Recovery Facility — located north of Oregon City where the Clackamas River meets the Willamette — was on standby generator power, which meant the plant was treating 77% of the wastewater it typically processes, but the rest was being discharged with only partial treatment, Clackamas County spokesperson Kimberly Dinwiddie said.

The county said it was working with Portland General Electric to restore power as soon as possible. County staff was also working with PGE to get more fuel for the standby

generators at the water facility. The water being discharged is likely out of compliance with the Clean Water Act, the county said, and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has been notified.

The county advised the public to avoid contact with the water in the Willamette River downstream of the Tri-City water facility for the next few days as a precautionary measure.

Car fell off interstate bridge into Columbia River

PORTLAND — A car fell from the Glenn L. Jackson Memorial Bridge and into the Columbia River on Sunday night, prompting a search effort by the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Unit.

The vehicle was discovered, but divers had not entered the

water to search as of 8:25 p.m., Portland Fire & Rescue spokesperson Tremaine Clayton said.

The vehicle was reportedly traveling south on the span of Interstate 205 that connects Oregon and Washington, according to The Oregonian. Multnomah County Sheriff's Office spokesperson Sgt. Brandon Pedro said the marine unit was dispatched to the bridge's midspan.

The frigid weather and snowfall that blanketed the Portland area led Oregon Department of Transportation officials to urge motorists to stay home Sunday. Agency officials advised motorists to monitor TripCheck before chancing icy roads.

The National Weather Service forecasts freezing rain across the Portland area overnight.

— Bulletin wire reports

TODAY

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 16, the 47th day of 2021. There are 318 days left in the year.

On Feb. 16, 1959, Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba a month and a half after the overthrow of Fulgenio Batista.

In 1862, the Civil War Battle of Fort Donelson in Tennessee ended as some 12,000 Confederate soldiers surrendered; Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's victory earned him the moniker "Unconditional Surrender Grant."

In 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was organized in New York City.

In 1945, American troops landed on the island of Corregidor in the Philippines during World War II.

In 1948, NBC TV began airing its first nightly newscast, "The Camel Newsreel Theatre," which consisted of Fox Movietone newsreels.

In 1960, the nuclear-powered radar picket submarine USS Triton departed New London, Connecticut, on the first submerged circumnavigation by a vessel.

In 1961, the United States launched the Explorer 9 satellite.

In 1968, the nation's first 911 emergency telephone system was inaugurated in Haleyville, Alabama, as the speaker of the Alabama House, Rankin Fite, placed a call from the mayor's office in City Hall to a red telephone at the police station (also located in City Hall) that was answered by U.S. Rep. Tom Bevill.

In 1996, eleven people were killed in a fiery collision between an Am-

trak passenger train and a Maryland commuter train in Silver Spring, Maryland.

In 1998, a China Airlines Airbus A300 trying to land in fog near Taipei, Taiwan, crashed, killing all 196 people on board, plus seven on the ground.

In 2001, the United States and Britain staged air strikes against radar stations and air defense command centers in Iraq.

In 2006, Russia's Evgeni Plushenko beat world champion Stephane Lambiel of Switzerland by 27.12 points to win the gold medal in men's figure skating at the Winter Games in Turin, Italy.

In 2019, the Vatican announced that former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, who served as archbishop of Washington, D.C., had been found guilty by the Vatican of sex abuse and had been defrocked; McCarrick was the highest-ranking churchman and the first cardinal to face that punishment as the church dealt with clerical sex abuse.

Ten years ago: Bookstore chain Borders filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and said it would close nearly a third of its stores. Huge crowds called for a political overhaul in Bahrain, and leaders appeared to shift tactics after attempts to crush the uprising stoked protesters' rage.

Five years ago: Former U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, 93, died in Cairo. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia's courtroom chair was draped in black to mark

his death, a tradition dating to the 19th century. The Czech Museum of Music presented a cantata, "A Salute to the Recuperating Ophelia," a rare piece of music written in three parts by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Antonio Salieri and an unknown composer, Cornetti, that was considered lost for more than 200 years.

One year ago: Hundreds of Americans from a quarantined cruise ship in Japan took charter flights home, as Japan announced that another 70 coronavirus infections had been confirmed on the ship. The Chinese province of Hubei, the epicenter of the virus, announced that vehicle traffic would be banned, with some exceptions. Anthony Davis made a game-ending free throw to give Team LeBron a 157-155 win over Team Giannis in the revamped NBA All-Star Game.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz/pop singer-actor Peggy King is 91. Actor William Katt is 70. Actor LeVar Burton is 64. Actor-rapper Ice-T is 63. Actor Lisa Loring is 63. International Tennis Hall of Famer John McEnroe is 62. Rock musician Andy Taylor is 60. Rock musician Dave Lombardo (Slayer) is 56. Actor Sarah Clarke is 50. Olympic gold medal runner Cathy Freeman is 48. Actor Mahershala Ali is 47. Singer Sam Salter is 46. Electronic dance music artist Bassnectar is 43. Rapper Lupe Fiasco is 39. Actor Chloe Wepper is 35. Pop-rock singer Ryan Follese is 34. Rock musician Danielle Haim is 32. Actor Elizabeth Olsen is 32. Actor Mike Weinberg is 28.

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