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Storm blamed for 3 deaths

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A spring blizzard lost its fury over the Plains and Midwest Sunday after burying eastern Nebraska and shutting down much of Iowa, where police in one county had to use snowmobiles to get around.

The National Weather Service said no more snow is expected in the Madison area today, and highs should be in the mid-30s.

Three deaths were attributed to the weekend storm, including a Mount Heron man who was killed in a

two-car crash on Highway 18-131 about four miles west of Verona.

Ronald L. Sutter, 47, died at University Hospital at 12:15 a.m. Sunday from massive chest injuries he received in the accident. Phil Little, Dane County assistant coroner, said State Patrol officials said Sutter's daughter, Helen, 18, was driving west about 10:20 p.m. Saturday when the car skidded sideways and crossed the center line.

An eastbound car driven by Diane Weber, 28, San Prairie, hit the Sutter car broadside on the passenger side. Helen Sutter and her brother, Rod-

ney, 18, were taken to University Hospital where they were in satisfactory condition.

Ms. Weber and her sister, Lynn, 25, a passenger in her car, were taken to St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center. Lynn Weber was in satisfactory condition. Diane Weber was treated and released.

A Golden, Colo., man was killed Friday when his car collided with a tractor-trailer rig on Interstate 29 near Little Sioux, Iowa. An Omaha, Neb., man was killed Friday when his car went out of control on a slick street.

The storm belted eastern Nebraska, western Iowa, southeastern South Dakota and southern Minnesota Friday and Saturday. And by Sunday, it had smothered parts of Wisconsin and Michigan.

Wisconsin got up to 8 to 9 inches in St. Croix County in the northwest corner of the state along the Minnesota border, but only 2 to 4 inches in the southwest.

The Madison area recorded 13 inches of wet heavy snow by Sunday evening and furies were continuing into the night. The weekend's snowfall boosted the city's 1982-83 total to

38.9 inches, still below the average snow season total of 48.6 inches.

Authorities throughout the southern and central parts of the state reported dozens of cars off the road, and numerous minor accidents. The

slick roads contributed to at least 14 accidents in Madison early Sunday. The snow also led to at least one non-traffic accident. Robert Goller, 57, of 502 Tolman Terrace, had two fingers from his right hand amputated in a snowblower accident Sunday morning. He was treated and released at Madison General Hospital.

Scores of churches canceled Palm Sunday services.

Just across the Mississippi River from southwestern Wisconsin, the Dubuque, Iowa, area had as much as 18 inches.

The Iowa State Patrol advised against travel on Interstates 29 and 80 in the central and western portion of the state, where scores of cars were left abandoned in median strips after skidding off the road. Many secondary roads were impassable.

In Boone County, northwest of Des Moines, police patrolled the streets on snowmobiles to battle snow drifts of 18 inches.



Firemen battle blaze in Janesville theater that took life of man in hotel next door.

—AP Laserphoto

Janesville man dies in fire

JANESVILLE (AP) — A resident of a downtown Janesville hotel died Sunday morning when smoke entered the building from a fire that destroyed the Jeffrey Theater next door.

Fire Chief Arthur Stearns said the fire broke out about 4 a.m. in the theater. The seven-story Monterey Hotel did not catch fire but received heavy smoke, heat and water damage.

Stearns said firefighters discovered the body of a hotel resident on the second floor at 6:44 a.m. Rock County Coroner Richard Mesner

identified the victim as David Lee White, 44, who he said was overcome by smoke and died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Charles Miller, another hotel resident, was taken to a hospital after he complained of breathing difficulties brought on by the thick smoke. Fire Cnstr. Gordon Rasmussen said others were treated for minor injuries at the scene, but Miller was the only person whose condition was serious enough to require hospital treatment.

All Janesville firefighters were

called to the blaze, and the Beloit Fire Department sent an aerial ladder truck and crew to assist.

Rasmussen said the fire was under control about 7:30 a.m., shortly after the theater roof collapsed.

About 50 hotel residents were evacuated when smoke began billowing into the seven-story building.

"The evacuation was very orderly, very calm," Sophie Pallara, assistant hotel manager, said. "People sort of drifted down very slowly. Some stopped to get dressed."

"There was no smoke on the fourth floor but as we moved down the staircase it got very intense," Ms. Pallara said.

One woman resident said she climbed down a fire escape from the sixth floor.

Hotel residents waited at a nearby tavern while firemen tried to put the fire out. The Salvation Army and other volunteers were assisting the residents in finding shelter.

William Harting of the Rock County Historical Society said the theater was built around 1892 and opened as the Grand Hotel. In 1929 the building was expanded and the hotel was built next door.

The order was rescinded Friday by the U.S. Armed Forces Command in Atlanta, Grove said.

In recent years, hotel owners have turned the rooms into apartments.

Heat cutoff not cool, Army decides

FORT POLK, La. (AP) — A no-heat order has been rescinded for this Army base after complaints from chilly servicemen reached Congress, military officials said.

Maintenance crews began restoring heat in troop barracks and family housing units Saturday after a week of cold, said Fort Polk public affairs officer Maj. Edwin Grove.

The heat had been shut off in offices, work buildings and housing by order of base commander Maj. Gen. Edward Peter despite temperatures in the 40s.

The west-central Louisiana camp had overruled its yearly energy allotment by \$1.7 million, and Peter was trying to get the budget back on track.

Exceptions were made for the base hospital, school, recreation areas and housing, where the very young, old or sick lived.

Peter had ordered that no heat or air conditioning be put into operation until May 15.

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Prison's no playground, convicts warn schoolkids

By Dianne M. Paley
Education reporter

Two of them were convicted of first-degree murder, one of dealing cocaine.

"The others didn't say how or why they had been there since they were young men and now they were much older and they had missed that part of their lives and would never have it back again."

"They told of places and times the children could not understand, of years wasted, of lives passed in anger and in fear."

"When you're in the prison yard, you walk around and around and around," Daryl said, his voice soft, his eyes piercing. "You can't treat a thousand miles in a year's time and you ain't going nowhere."

They came to Jefferson Middle School this week from Oakhill Correctional Institute to talk about what

it is like to live without freedom, without dignity, without hope.

There were no apologies, there was no expression of remorse, just as there was no plea for pity.

"We did what we did and we were paying for it," Daryl said. "I made an infraction and that is what I have to do because of that."

"They came to talk, they said about life in prison. They came to tell the children that drugs and alcohol are not glamorous or exciting, that peer pressure can make an uncertain, angry adolescent of things he would never do alone."

"This is not 'Scared Straight,'" Jake said, referring to a well-known program in which convicted juvenile delinquents. "We're not here to scare you or bully you, but to help you so you don't do what we did."

George stood up and approached his audience. His arms folded, his beanie bagging, George looks more like a Marine than a convict. His

voice boomed across the auditorium. "I been in the joint 9½ years," he bellowed, "and I carry my voice loud cause I don't want nobody to miss one word of what I'm saying. What I'm tellin' you cost me 9½ years of my life."

George went to Vietnam when he was 20 years old. When he returned three years later, he "wanted to do something to somebody, especially when I was drinking."

"When I got drunk I didn't care who I messed with," he said. "And one day I woke up in the county jail and the man told me 'You been charged with first-degree murder.'"

Thomas is a big, heavy-set black man, with close-cropped hair and horn-rimmed glasses. He spoke softly, unraveling a tale of drug addiction, theft and, finally, first-degree murder.

"I started getting high in school

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Grand folks

University of Wisconsin-Madison hockey captain Ted Pearson displays the Badgers' NCAA championship trophy as he leads a happy bunch of skaters across the

ice at Grand Forks, N.D. Saturday night. Defenseman Bruce Driver (25) signals the national championship are in Sports.

—State Journal photo by Joseph W. Jackson III

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Weather

Becoming partly cloudy today, high in the upper 30s. Tonight, fair to partly cloudy and colder; low in the upper teens. Tuesday, partly cloudy and warmer; high in the low 40s. Winds north to northeast today, 10-18 mph.

Cathy
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