

Blizzard Conditions In Parts Of Appalachia

ELKINS, W.Va. (AP) — Wet snow and high winds spinning off the edge of superstorm Sandy spread blizzard conditions over parts of West Virginia and neighboring Appalachian states Tuesday, shutting one interstate as trucks and cars bogged down and knocking out power to many.

The National Weather Service said a foot and more of snow was reported in lower elevations of West Virginia, where most towns and roads are. High elevations in the mountains were getting more than two feet and a blizzard warning for more than a dozen counties was in effect until Wednesday afternoon.

At least 236,000 customers were without power in West Virginia early Tuesday. In Elkins, a city of about 7,000 people, power went out across town before dawn and the only lights were from passing snow plows as heavy, wet flakes piled up to about 8 inches.

The roofs of at least three homes collapsed under the weight of heavy snow, Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin said. No injuries were reported in the Tuesday accidents in Nicholas County. West Virginia National Guard troops helped the residents of the homes get to local shelters.

Tomblin says there's been no word of additional deaths or any serious injuries. Officials earlier reported a woman was killed Monday in a storm-related traffic accident in an area where about 5 inches of snow had fallen.

Superstorm's Cost Could Hit \$50 Billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Superstorm Sandy will end up causing about \$20 billion in property damages and \$10 billion to \$30 billion more in lost business, according to IHS Global Insight, a forecasting firm.

In the long run, the devastation the storm inflicted on New York City and other parts of the Northeast will barely nick the U.S. economy. That's the view of economists who say a slightly slower economy in coming weeks will likely be matched by reconstruction and repairs that will contribute to growth over time.

The short-term blow to the economy, though, could subtract about 0.6 percentage point from U.S. economic growth in the October-December quarter, IHS says. Retailers, airlines and home construction firms will likely lose some business.

The storm cut power to about 7 million homes, shut down 70 percent of East Coast oil refineries and inflicted worse-than-expected damage in the New York metro area. That area produces about 10 percent of U.S. economic output.

New York City was all but closed off by car, train and air. The superstorm overflowed the city's waterfront, flooded the financial district and subway tunnels and cut power to hundreds of thousands. Power is expected to be fully restored in Manhattan and Brooklyn within four days.

Activists: Syrian Regime Kills 23 In Damascus

BEIRUT (AP) — Airstrikes by Syrian jets and shells from tanks leveled a neighborhood in a restive city near the capital of Damascus on Tuesday, killing 18 people, and at least five rebel fighters died nearby in clashes with regime troops, activists said.

The airstrikes on the city of Douma, northeast of the capital, left residents scampering over a huge expanse of rubble and using their hands to dig up mangled bodies, according to activist videos posted online.

Scenes of vast destruction like those from Douma on Tuesday have grown more common as rebels seeking to topple President Bashar Assad have made gains on the ground, and Assad's forces have responded with overwhelming air power.

In the past weeks, anti-regime activists say about 150 people have been killed a day in fighting. Since the uprising against Assad began in March 2011, they say 35,000 have died.

Tuesday's airstrikes came a day after what activists called the heaviest and most widespread bombing campaign nationwide, on what was to be the final day of an internationally sanctioned truce that never took hold.

Millions Without Power In Sandy's Wake

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PITTSBURGH — The most devastating storm in decades to hit the country's most densely populated region upended man and nature as it rolled back the clock on 21st-century lives, cutting off modern communication and leaving millions without power Tuesday as thousands who fled their water-menaced homes wondered when — if — life would return to normal.

A weakening Sandy, the hurricane turned fearsome superstorm, killed at least 50 people, many hit by falling trees, and still wasn't finished. It inched inland across Pennsylvania, ready to bank toward western New York to dump more of its water and likely cause more havoc Tuesday night. Behind it: a dazed, inundated New York City, a waterlogged Atlantic Coast and a moonscape of disarray and debris — from unmoored shore-town boardwalks to submerged mass-transit systems to delicate presidential politics.

"Nature," said New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, assessing the damage to his city, "is an awful lot more powerful than we are."

More than 8.2 million households were without power in 17 states as far west as Michigan. Nearly 2 million of those were in New York, where large swaths of lower Manhattan lost electricity



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Parked cars on Candee Avenue in Sayville, New York are still swamped with water Tuesday from Hurricane Sandy.

and entire streets ended up under water — as did seven subway tunnels between Manhattan and Brooklyn at one point, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority said. The New York Stock Exchange was closed for a second day from weather, the first time that has happened since a blizzard in 1888. The city's subway system, the lifeblood of more than 5 million residents, was damaged like never before and closed indefinitely, and Consolidated Edison said electricity in and around New York could take a week to restore.

"Everybody knew it was coming. Unfortunately, it was everything they said it was," said Sal Novello, a construction executive

who rode out the storm with his wife, Lori, in the Long Island town of Lindenhurst, and ended up with 7 feet of water in the basement.

The scope of the storm's damage wasn't known yet. Though early predictions of river flooding in Sandy's inland path were petering out, colder temperatures made snow the main product of Sandy's slow march from the sea. Parts of the West Virginia mountains were blanketed with 2 feet of snow by Tuesday afternoon, and drifts 4 feet deep were reported at Great Smoky Mountains National Park on the Tennessee-North Carolina border.

With Election Day a week away, the storm also threatened to affect

Romney, GOP Suddenly Plunging Onto Democratic Turf

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MINNEAPOLIS — Mitt Romney is suddenly plunging into traditionally Democratic-leaning Minnesota and Pennsylvania, and his GOP allies are trying to put Michigan into play. It's forcing President Barack Obama to defend his own turf — he's pouring money into television ads in the states and dispatching top backers — in the campaign's final week.

The question is: Why this Republican move?

GOP efforts in the trio of Rust Belt states could indicate that Romney is desperately searching for a last-minute path to the needed 270 Electoral College votes — without all-important Ohio. Or just the opposite, that he's so confident in the most competitive battlegrounds that he's pressing for insurance

against Obama in what's expected to be a close race.

Or perhaps the Republican simply has money to burn. Use it now or never.

Former President Bill Clinton was dispatched in response on Tuesday. "Barack Obama's policies work better," he declared on the University of Minnesota campus, one of his two stops in a state that offers 10 electoral votes and hasn't voted for a Republican presidential candidate since Richard Nixon in 1972.

This late-game expansion of a



Obama



Romney

campaign playing field that, until now, had focused on just nine states was taking place exactly a week from Election Day. At the same time, Obama spent a second day in Washington to focus on his presidential duties and Romney edged back into active campaigning in the aftermath of superstorm Sandy.

"This is a tough time for millions of people ... but America is tougher," the president said during a brief visit to the American Red Cross, where he sought to reassure victims, encourage aid workers — and warn of more storm damage to come with rising floodwater.

In Ohio, Romney, too, spoke of concern for storm victims, telling supporters who were collecting supplies that "a lot of people are hurting this morning."

Beyond the candidates' pause from feverish campaigning, the impact of the storm on the election

the presidential campaign. Federal disaster response, always a dicey political issue, has become even thornier since government mismanagement of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. And poll access and voter turnout, both of which hinge upon how people are impacted by the storm, could help shift the outcome in an extremely close race.

As organized civilization came roaring back Tuesday in the form of emergency response, recharged cellphones and the reassurance of daylight, harrowing stories and pastiches emerged from Maryland north to Rhode Island in the hours after Sandy's howling winds and tidal surges shoved water over sea-side barriers, into low-lying streets and up from coastal storm drains.

Images from around the storm-affected areas depicted scenes reminiscent of big-budget disaster movies. In Atlantic City, N.J., a gaping hole remained where once a stretch of boardwalk sat by the sea. In Queens, N.Y., rubble from a fire that destroyed as many as 100 houses in an evacuated beachfront neighborhood jutted into the air at ugly angles against a gray sky. In heavily flooded Hoboken, N.J., across the Hudson River from Manhattan, dozens of yellow cabs sat parked in rows, submerged in murky water to their windshields. At the ground zero construction site in lower Manhattan, sea water rushed into a gaping hole under harsh floodlights.

wasn't all that clear.

National polls show an even race for the popular vote, though Obama appears to have both an edge in key battleground states in the electoral vote hunt and more state-by-state pathways to reach the 270-vote threshold.

Of the nine states where the two men have spent more than \$1 billion in advertising since June, Romney is in the strongest position in North Carolina. But public and internal campaign polls show he's locked in stubbornly tight battles in Colorado, Florida, New Hampshire, Nevada and Virginia and is fighting to overtake Obama's advantage in crucial Ohio as well as Iowa and Wisconsin.

That said, Romney still could win. Anything can happen in the race's closing days — including Democratic-leaning states like Minnesota, Pennsylvania or Michigan going Republican.

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ELECTION TIME IN MONSTROLOT CITY

Find one or more **facts** and **opinions** in each monster candidate's speech.



Uh-oh! This little monster chewed up some of the words in the article below. Can you find where each word belongs?

support candidates work
factory election parents kissing
costumes

A-6 MONSTEROUS NEWS

Candidates try to scare up votes

By Rancid Casserole
MONSTEROUS NEWS STAFF WRITER

MONSTROLOT CITY — The Shrieker and Lurker are campaigning across Monstrolot City during these last few days leading up to the



Howie Jumpalott was in Chillsville yesterday, monster babies and helping plant more weeds in the schoolyard. The Shrieker candidate told local monsters that he will for more Halloween candy on school lunch menus.

Howie Jumpalott

"I'm the Family Candidate," said Jumpalott while pushing monster tots on crocodile tail swings. "I love meeting with all these little monsters and their

Meanwhile, Lurker candidate Flora Whisp was visiting with monster costume designer Countess Von Plasma at her , where she employs thousands of monsters. In a late afternoon speech, Whisp told monsters that she will making the road to the factory smoother so they can ship



Flora Whisp

"I mean business," said Whisp. "My eek-o-nomic plan will help businesses prosper."

Monsterous Mix-up

Can you rearrange the words on each sign so that these monsters make sense?

TIME DAYLIGHT END NOW SAVINGS!

BLACK THE MURKY KEEP LAGOON!

Extra! Extra!

The Winner is ...

Cut out and paste numbers from the newspaper into each box. Add these "votes" and see who wins the election!

$$\square + \square + \square = \square$$

$$\square + \square + \square = \square$$

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums.

Kid Scoop® Puzzler

Pretend you are a reporter for the Monstrolot City newspaper. Write a news story telling the results of the election. Be sure to tell who, what, when, where, why and how! Cut and paste the pictures below into your article.



Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write expository compositions using newspaper format.

Double Word Search

BUMPS
MURKY
DAYLIGHT
CROCODILE
WHISP
SHIVERS
HOWL
CREAKY
SHADOWS
FACTS
HOWIE
RANCID
SCARES
BLACK
GOOSE

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

C	S	D	I	C	N	A	R	Y	E
D	C	R	E	E	F	P	K	W	L
Y	A	Y	K	A	E	R	C	H	I
E	R	Y	C	C	U	C	O	I	D
I	E	T	L	M	A	W	R	S	O
W	S	A	N	I	L	L	K	P	C
O	E	S	O	O	G	S	B	M	O
H	S	R	E	V	I	H	S	U	R
S	H	A	D	O	W	S	T	B	C

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Facts vs. Opinions

People, like the monsters in Monstrolot City, use both facts and opinions to persuade others to vote for them. Choose a Letter to the Editor from this newspaper. Underline the **facts** in red and the **opinions** in blue.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Expository critique, students distinguish between fact and opinion in text.

Write On!

No Money Gifts

What can you give as a Christmas present that doesn't cost money to buy?

Send your story to:

Press & Dakotan
C/o Noelle Schlechter
319 Walnut Street
Yankton, SD 57078
605-665-7811, ext 112

Deadline: November 26 Published: Week of Dec. 23
Please include your school and grade.

Weekly Writing Corner

What's Your Opinion?

Should kids be allowed to vote? Why or why not?

At our Awana Club we do get to vote. Kids should get to vote because it's fun. Also, it help others or themselves to win.

Victory, 1st grade

Well for some things, yes. But for president, no because some kids don't know what the president can do or can't do. If it's something very big, I say, no. If it's something small, like voting for class president, they should.

Max, 4th grade

I think no because, if we vote, we will vote for the people we do not know and pick the ones that people's friends will pick and we do not know if they are bad or good. And if I had to vote, I would vote for the one who gives money to clubs and schools.

Alex, 4th grade

I think kids should not be able to vote because they might copy their friend and not vote for who they really want. Also they might not know about the person they are voting for. Finally, they might not know what an election is. Therefore, kids should not be able to vote.

Izabella, 4th grade

I think kids should not vote because they might not know what they are voting for. They should only vote when they are 19 years old.

Celia, 5th grade

Kids should not vote because they are too young to vote.

Alfonso, 5th grade

I think kids should vote so things could be fair.

Justin, 2nd grade

Should kids vote? No! I think kids should enjoy our childhood.

Anthony, 3rd grade