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High: 59
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50% chance of showers

SEVERE WEATHER

Here comes the cold

Storm to bring snow, ice from Texas to Boston

ATLANTA (AP) — Bread was flying off the shelves, salt was being loaded into trucks and utility workers nervously watched forecasts Thursday as a huge winter storm that could bring catastrophic damage, widespread power outages and bitterly cold weather barreled toward the eastern two-thirds of the U.S.

The massive storm system is expected to bring a crippling ice storm from Texas through parts of the South, potentially around a foot of snow from Oklahoma through Washington, D.C., New York and Boston, and then a final punch of bitterly cold air that could drop wind chills to minus-50 degrees Fahrenheit (minus-46 Celsius) in parts of Minnesota and North Dakota.

Forecasters are warning the damage, especially in areas pounded by ice, could rival a hurricane. About 160 million people were under winter storm or cold weather watches or warnings — and in many places both.

The storm was expected to begin Friday in New Mexico and Texas, with the worst weather moving east into the Deep South before heading up the coast and thumping New England with snow.

Cold air streaming down from Canada caused Chicago Public Schools and Des Moines Public Schools in Iowa to cancel classes Friday. Wind chills predicted to be as low as minus-35 degrees Fahrenheit (minus-37 Celsius) could cause frostbite within 10 minutes, making it too dangerous to walk to school or wait for the bus.

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Top photo: Ahead of a potential winter storm, Oncor mobilized inventory and distributed additional stock of commonly used equipment earlier this week, including transformers, line hardware and poles, to service centers throughout its territory.
Courtesy photo

Left photo: A plow clears snow from a snow-covered sidewalk Wednesday during a cold day in Lake Forest, Ill., Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2026.
Nam Y. Huh — AP

Shelters open for expected deep freeze

BY IAN CAMACHO
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As Central Texas prepares for freezing temperatures and the potential for sleet and snow moving into the region this weekend, officials are offering options for people who may need warmth and safety.

The city of Temple partnered with The Salvation Army to operate as an overnight warming shelter and warming station during severe winter weather.

The building at 419 W. Ave. G, will open at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and will remain open until at least Monday .

"We'll be opening our doors as a warming station so that people can come in off the streets, stay warm and get a hot meal," Marcine Chambers, Development & Communications Manager with The Salvation Army in Bell County, stated in a press release. "They don't need to pre-register to stay the night, and there is no charge for any services. We just want those in need to be safe during this cold snap and for them to know that The Salvation Army is here for them."

The building will serve as a warming station whenever when the temperature drops below 38 degrees during the day.

The overnight shelter also opens from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. on qualifying nights.

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CENTRAL TEXAS

Fire, carbon monoxide risks spike as residents turn up heat

BY CAROLINE REED
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As Central Texas braces for freezing temperatures and the possibility of winter storms, fire officials and local chimney experts are warning residents that the biggest dangers may come from inside their own homes.

While many are stocking up on food, water and supplies, the use of space heaters, fireplaces, generators and other heating equipment brings an increased risk of fires and carbon monoxide exposure.

"This time of year, we see some really dangerous and scary things happen," Corinne Ables, co-owner of Ables Top Hat, a local chimney and fireplace cleaning company, said. "We are always trying to educate the community on how to avoid the worst case scenario, which unfortunately does happen."

Beyond icy roads and potential power outages, residents are urged to pay close attention to the risks associated with home heating equipment, which can vary depending on what is being used.

"If they use a space heater, it should be of new design with anti-tilt technology, ensuring the unit turns off if it falls over," Santos Soto, Temple Fire & Rescue spokesperson, said. "They should also keep any and all flammable materials a minimum of three feet away from any heat source. That means do not store belongings near a fireplace or heater."

Generators often come in handy during power outages but carry their own set of risks. Caution should also be used with generators and must never be run indoors or in garages, according to fire officials.

"In the case of a power outage, should someone wish to use a generator, it should be used outside of the home and the exhaust should be away from any windows or doors," Soto said.

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CENTRAL TEXAS

Water outage closes Holland schools; boil notice issued

BY BELLA CASEY
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HOLLAND — Many customers in an area around Holland are without water after an Oncor contractor hit a 24-inch pipeline Wednesday night, Jarrell-Schwertner Water Supply Corporation officials announced today.

"A contractor working for Oncor installing fiber, hit our 24-inch pipeline around 9 p.m. last night at the intersection of Sulfur Wells Road, Amity East Road and Blackberry Road," the water company announced this morning. "They hit our pipeline cracking the bell joint and splitting a joint of pipe."

The pipeline break is located northeast of Salado and northwest of Holland in Bell County.

Jarrell-Schwertner WSC, a "non-profit, member owned portable water supplier," stated they are "currently working on this," and there is no estimation for completion of repairs.

The outage affects Armstrong Water Supply Corporation at Armstrong Road and FM 1123; the city of Holland; Belton customers on Amity School Road; and customers in Salado, Jarrell

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CENTRAL TEXAS

Three departments battle fire in Moody

BY CAROLINE REED
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MOODY — A blaze early Thursday brought three different fire departments together to battle flames from a reported structure fire in the heart of Moody, near Katie Kitchens Memorial Park.

Moody Volunteer Fire Department responded early in the morning to a structure fire on Avenue F, according to department social media. Residents were advised to exercise caution in the area.

Bruceville-Eddy Volunteer Fire & Rescue, McGregor Volunteer Fire Department, and Coryell Health Emergency Medical Service were also on scene.

No additional details have been released.

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Courtesy
Moody Volunteer Fire Department responded to a structure fire on Avenue F in Moody Thursday morning.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE
"And he said, my presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."
— Exodus 33:14

GOD BLESS AMERICA

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