

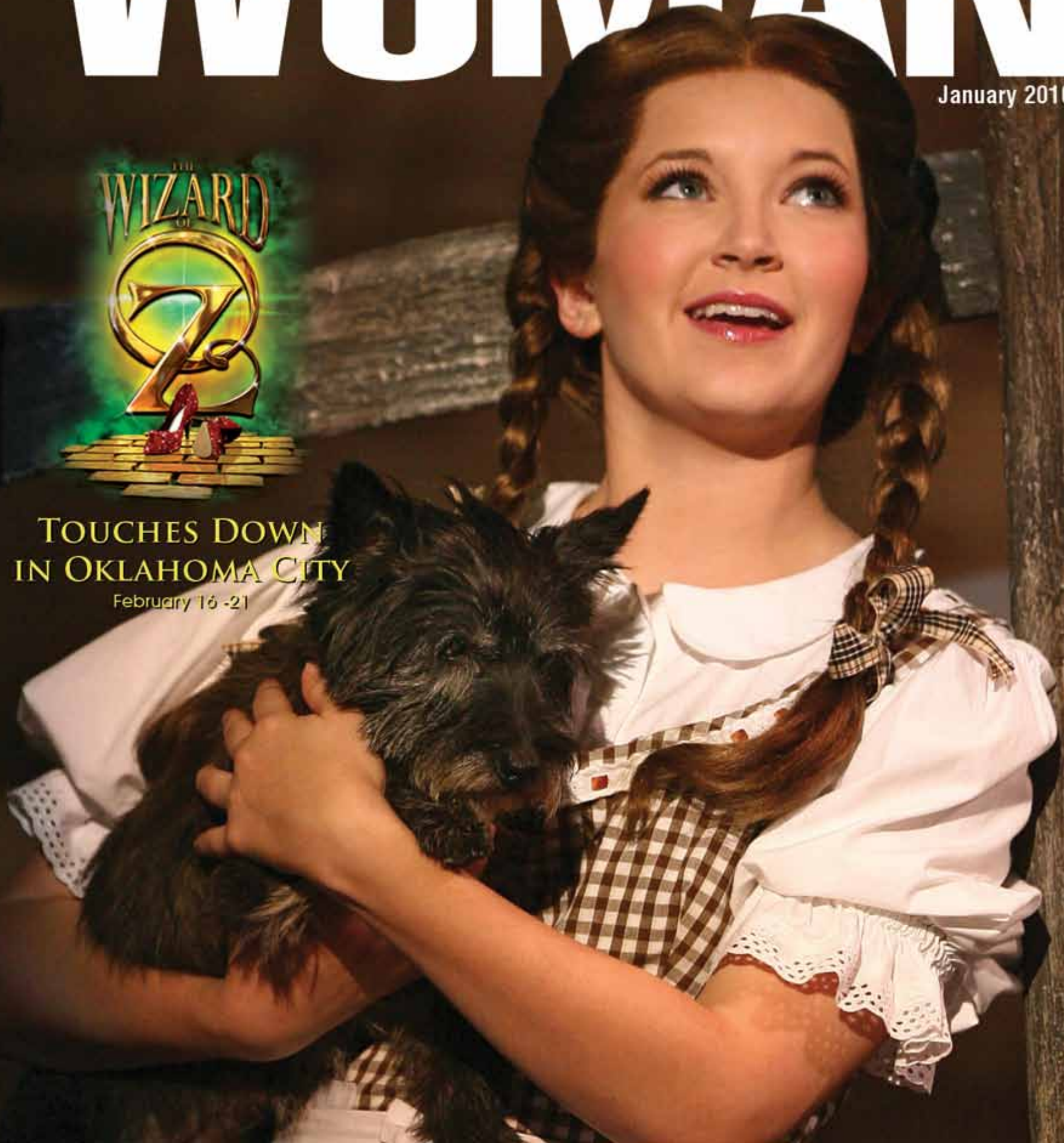
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# Sarah Libby

## KOCO's Morning Meteorologist

by Eva Mahoney



Sarah Libby

At 12:30 in the afternoon, Sarah Libby, the KOCO Channel 5 morning meteorologist, has put in a full day's work but her passion for weather hasn't dimmed. "I knew I wanted to work in a severe weather market," says Libby, "so when Oklahoma called, I was interested."

Libby is no stranger to severe weather. Before arriving at KOCO in May of 2008, she spent five years monitoring tropical storms at a television station in Lafayette, Louisiana and two years at The Weather Channel. "Sarah was a natural choice for us because of all that she brought to the table," says Rick Mitchell, KOCO's Chief Meteorologist, "she's very smart, her attitude is wonderful...she is willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done." That included learning more about Oklahoma's severe weather. "I know tropical weather like the back of my hand. I really had to learn the severe weather aspects (for inland weather) a little more." She refers to herself as a "Tropically nut."

The number of female meteorologists is rising. Maria Sarantopoulos, the Senior Member Services Coordinator at The American Meteorologist Society in Boston, reports that twenty

percent of their 14,000 members are women. Although Sarantopoulos admits this number is low, it is up from the previous year. College campuses that offer science degrees in meteorology are reporting a rapid rise in female enrollment. Libby agrees, "I think it's getting a lot better. Where I graduated from, Texas A & M, although the department was pretty small, I was the only girl in my class. That was ten years ago; I think it's almost half and half now."

Libby is happy with this trend, "It's a good thing in any market to have a good balance of men and woman so kids can have someone to look up to. It's nice to have a parent come up to me and say, 'it's really exciting to see you doing the weather because now my daughter is interested in it.'"

Libby confesses there really hasn't been any major challenges with being a woman in a generally considered male occupation, "when I was in Lafayette, I was the chief meteorologist at 27 years old and some people couldn't believe that. It wasn't a gender issue but an age issue."

Are female meteorologists believed to be as credible as their male counterpart? "I say yes," says Libby. "This may have been an issue a few years back, but not anymore." Mitchell agrees, "There have been several instances where a woman meteorologist has come into a male dominated market and has been as successful. Kansas City and New Orleans are two markets that have women chief meteorologists." Mitchell continues, "But like anything, true success come from many hours of hard work and dedication." These are traits he clearly

sees in Libby, and Libby is happy to make Oklahoma City her new home. "I love Oklahoma," she says, holding onto the "o" in "love" a little longer than normal. "It's kind of a secret nice place. People really don't realize how nice Oklahoma and Oklahoma City are until you actually live here. The best part of the city is there is not much traffic," Libby laughs pulling her required "anchor" length blond hair behind her ears; looking every bit like Cameron Diaz. "Comparatively speaking, the traffic situation is great."

Libby had never visited Oklahoma until considering the position with KOCO. "I kind of came here blind, thinking 'let's see how it goes' and I've loved it! It's a beautiful city. You get the four seasons. I've lived in places where you didn't. So it's really nice to have a fall and winter."

After graduating with a degree in economics from the University of Texas at Austin, Libby's first job was as a collector on past due car accounts. "It was a difficult job to get people to pay. I felt bad calling people and telling them, 'you're going to lose your car'. I realized then I needed to get in a job where I was helping people." Her mother, Libby credits, pushed her along. "My mom said, 'If this weather thing is what you want to do, then do it. We'll support you and help you anyway we can.' She really was my inspiration. And my father as well."

What does the future hold for Sarah? "I'd like to stay in meteorology. I love where I work and the people I work with. The hours are grueling, but that is really offset by all the positives."

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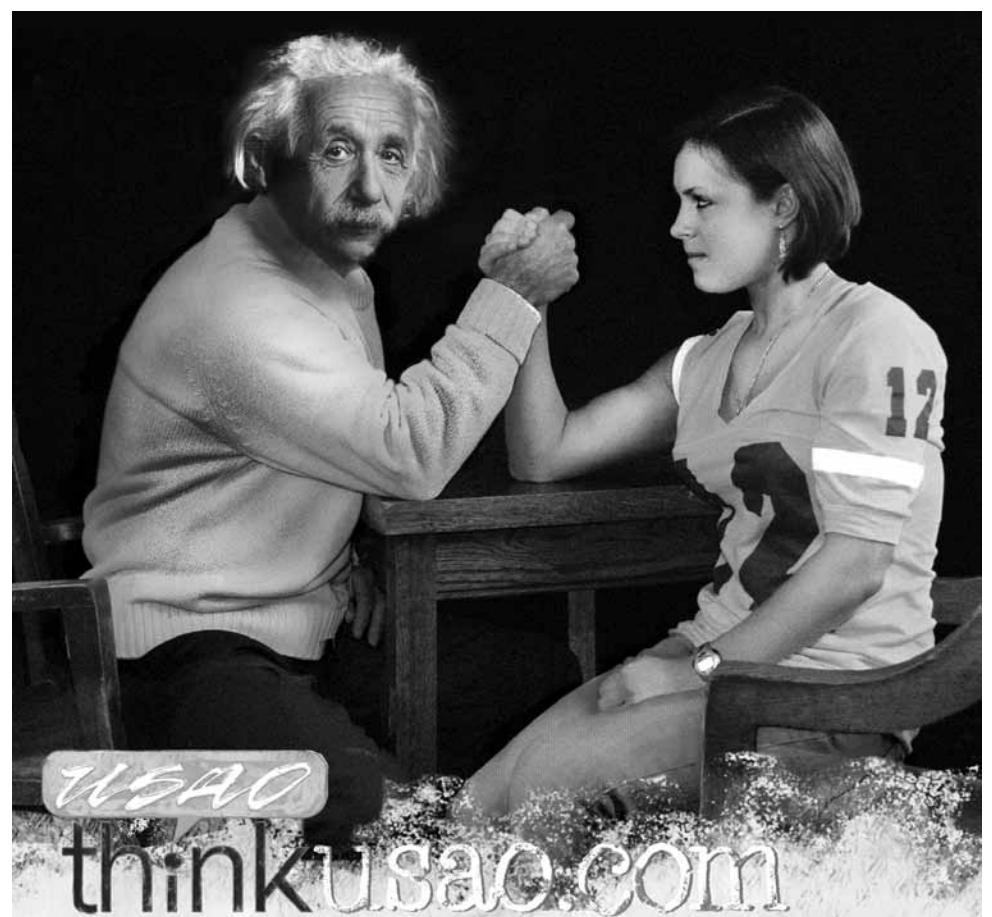
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# HAS THE COUNTDOWN TO THE END BEGUN?

By Earl Cox, THE JERUSALEM POST

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Another year has come and gone, and that simply means that the world is one year farther into the "end times" of Bible prophecy. As some would say, it is one year closer to its Biblical conclusion. Actually, the Bible does not say the world itself will end, but that this "time" or "age" will end and a new one will begin.

So how has the year 2009 contributed to this "end times" progression? What has occurred this past year to help lead the world closer to the conclusion of our present "time"?

The election of a new American president focused on "change". But it appears that the new administration

is following the same route to attempt to fix the problem of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as did the old, namely to force a two-state solution.

The pursuit continues, in spite of the clear reality that for 60+ years this highly heralded two-state solution has run into insurmountable obstacles. It has not worked and will not work until the rebellious and militant mindset of the radical Muslim Arabs changes and they accept Israel as a sovereign state and recognize her right to exist. The Arab and Muslim mindset of hatred for the Jewish people goes back some 4,000 years to the rivalry between Isaac and Ishmael.

But Bible prophecy tells us that one day this Arab hatred is going to erupt in an all-out war aimed at destroying and annihilating the Jewish nation and people. This event seems to be more and more imminent.

The world community has failed to acknowledge the Biblical significance of the state of Israel. The fulfillment of the Biblical prophecy of the return of the Jewish people to their ancient homeland and the rebirth of the ancient nation of Israel virtually launched the "end times." Nor do the world leaders seem to understand that their policies, in regard to the restored present-day Israel, have accelerated the "end times" events that the Bible describes.

The leaders of the world's nations do not even realize that we are now living in a most important time in Biblical prophetic history. Ironically, even most Christians and Jews, who base their religious beliefs on the Bible, do not really comprehend Bible prophecies, either. Most Christians and Jews do not seem to understand the Biblical significance of the nation of Israel, or of the Middle East, Russia, Iran, the European Union and other nations of the world. Most of the fathers, reverends and rabbis believe that the Biblical "end times" prophecies are allegorical and not literal.

The Vatican and the World Council of Churches have joined the international political community in calling on Israel's Jewish people to get out of and to give away to the Arabs the land that God promised to the descendents of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as an everlasting possession. This view, of course, is in direct opposition to God's Divine policy, as revealed in the Bible.

The international Quartet, made up of the United Nations, the United States, the European Union and the Russian Federation, are trying their hardest to sacrifice the land of Israel, as they see it, for the sake of peace. But they should know that serving up Israel sacrificially will not bring peace to Israel or to the rest of the Middle East.

The land for peace efforts already tried have only brought more violence and disorder because of the radical Islamic beliefs and the unabated Arab hatred

for the Jews.

True to form, the United Nations continually raises its fist against Israel, reflecting world sentiment. The demand is always on the table for Israel to commit to the formation of a Palestinian state as soon as possible and freeze all Jewish settlement construction. The entire world seems so completely biased that they totally ignore the Palestinians' failure to make any efforts to implement what they promised in signing the Roadmap agreement several years ago.

The first step in the agreement was for the Arabs to halt all their terrorist activities against Israel and for the Palestinian leaders to disarm and dismantle all the terrorist groups. Not only has this first step not been taken, but nothing else the Arabs agreed to has been implemented yet. President Obama and UN leaders want Israel to give the Palestinians a state anyway, even though they have deliberately defied their word and have done nothing positive to deserve it.

All this world community pressure on Israel has only led to increased animosity towards Israel from Arab and Muslim nations of the Middle East, most prominently Iran. The whole world knows that the leader of Iran has incessantly declared his intentions "to wipe Israel off the face of the map."

Interestingly, Bible prophecy describes this very Middle East scenario and places it in the framework of the "end times." The prophet Ezekiel clearly declared that in the "end times" Persia (today's Iran) would form a military coalition with Russia and several other Arab-Muslim nations, to fight against Israel with the intent to annihilate the Jewish nation and people. This Iranian-Russian alliance is already in place and, with Iran boasting of its nuclear weapons development, an attack against Israel could be imminent.

The Bible calls this the Gog-Magog War. However, the prophecy goes on to declare that the God of Israel will intervene and this will begin with the coming of the promised Jewish Messiah. And remember, nothing is as sure as the promises of God in the Scriptures.

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A few months ago, the writer was watching a news program on oil and one of the Forbes Bros. was the guest. The host said to Forbes, "I am going to ask you a direct question and I would like a direct answer; how much oil does the U.S. have in the ground?" Forbes did not miss a beat, he said, "more than all the Middle East put together." Please read below.

The U. S. Geological Service issued a report in April 2008 that only scientists and oil men knew was coming, but man was it big. It was a revised report (hadn't been updated since 1995) on how much oil was in this area of the western 2/3 of North Dakota, western South Dakota, and extreme eastern Montana ...check THIS out:

The Bakken is the largest domestic oil discovery since Alaska's Prudhoe Bay, and has the potential to eliminate all American dependence on foreign oil. The Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates it at 503 billion barrels. Even if just 10% of the oil is recoverable... at \$107 a barrel, we're looking at a resource base worth more than \$5.3 trillion.

"When I first briefed legislators on this, you could practically see their jaws hit the floor. They had no idea..." says Terry Johnson, the Montana Legislature's financial analyst.

"This sizable find is now the highest-producing onshore oil field found in the past 56 years," reports The Pittsburgh Post Gazette. It's a formation known as the Williston Basin, but is more commonly referred to as the 'Bakken.' It stretches from Northern Montana, through North Dakota and into Canada. For years, U. S. oil exploration has been considered a dead end. Even the 'Big Oil' companies gave up searching for major oil wells decades ago. However, a recent technological breakthrough has opened up the Bakken's massive reserves...and we now have access of up to 500 billion barrels. And because this is light, sweet oil, those billions of barrels will cost Americans just \$16 PER BARREL!

That's enough crude to fully fuel the American economy for 2041 years straight. And if THAT didn't throw you on the floor, then this next one should - because it's from 2006!

U. S. Oil Discovery- Largest Reserve in the World  
Stansberry Report Online - 4/20/2006

Hidden 1,000 feet beneath the surface of the Rocky Mountains lies the largest untapped oil reserve in the world. It is more than 2 TRILLION barrels. On August 8, 2005 President Bush mandated its extraction. In three and a half years of high oil prices none has been extracted. With this mother load of oil why are we still fighting over off-shore drilling?

They reported this stunning news: We have more oil inside our borders, than all the other proven reserves on earth. Here are the official estimates:

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Don't think 'OPEC' will drop its price - even with this find? Think again! It's all about the competitive marketplace, - it has to. Think OPEC just might be funding the environmentalists?

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# Health and Safety Preparations for Arctic Chill

Vicki Monks - Information Specialist Oklahoma City - County Health Department

Before heading out the door during this arctic cold snap, it's important to make sure that you and your vehicle are outfitted properly for the extreme cold, says Oklahoma City County Health Department (OCCHD) Director Gary Cox. "We don't get this kind of exceptionally cold weather all that often, so a lot of Oklahomans may not realize just how quickly frostbite and hypothermia can set in when the wind chill dips below zero," Cox says.

## Dress in Layers

Warm, layered clothing is essential, even if you are only going outdoors for a short time. It's best to wear thermal underwear made of polypropylene or other fabric that will wick moisture away from your skin. Cotton clothing can hold moisture in and make you feel even colder if you begin to perspire. Wear hats and gloves and keep exposed skin to a minimum. Wear insulated boots with warm socks, and make sure your outer garments will block the wind.

Cox says it's also important to stay well hydrated to help prevent hypothermia. Drink plenty of water and warm beverages, but avoid alcohol and drinks containing caffeine.

## Outfit Your Vehicle

Make sure your vehicle is ready for the cold with adequate antifreeze, windshield washer fluid and properly inflated tires, and pack these items:

- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Extra coats, hats and gloves (an insulated jump suit is a good extra)
- Cell phone or two-way radio
- Windshield scraper and snow brush
- Flashlight with fresh/extra batteries
- Shovel
- Tow chain
- Matches or lighter
- Traction aids (bag of sand or cat litter)
- Emergency flares or reflectors
- Jumper cables

- Snacks
- Water
- Road maps

If you do become stranded...

Stay in your vehicle. Don't leave to search for assistance unless help is visible within 100 yards. You could become disoriented and lost in blowing and drifting snow or develop hypothermia quickly in a strong north wind.

Display a trouble sign by hanging a brightly colored cloth on the radio antenna, raising the hood, or setting up reflectors behind your vehicle.

Turn on the vehicle's engine for about 10 minutes each hour and run the heat to keep warm. Also, turn on the vehicle's dome light when the vehicle is running as an additional signal.

Beware of carbon monoxide poisoning! Keep the exhaust pipe clear of snow, and open a downwind window slightly for ventilation.

Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia. Do minor exercises to keep up circulation. Clap your hands and move your arms and legs. Stretch in place and try not to stay in one position for too long. If more than one person is in the vehicle, take turns sleeping. For warmth, huddle together. Use newspapers, maps, and even the removable car mats for added insulation.

## Take It Easy

Avoid overexertion since cold weather puts an added strain on the heart. Unaccustomed exercise such as shoveling snow or pushing a vehicle can bring on a heart attack or make other medical conditions worse. Be aware of symptoms of dehydration.

Older people, young children and anyone with chronic or serious medical problems should stay indoors in a room heated to at least 70 degrees.

# TIPS FOR FOOD SAFETY DURING POWER OUTAGES

Vicki Monks - Information Specialist Oklahoma - City-County Health Department



If the power in your home goes out for more than a few hours, it's important to determine whether or not the food stored in your refrigerator and freezer is still safe to cook, eat or refreeze. Generally, if the power is off for four hours or less, food in an unopened refrigerator will stay below 40 degrees Fahrenheit and should be fine to use. A full freezer will keep food at an acceptable temperature for about 48 hours if the freezer door remains closed.

Food borne bacteria can begin to multiply in perishable food such as meat, poultry, seafood, milk, and mayonnaise after it's been kept above 40 degrees for more than two hours. You can't rely on appearance or odor to tell whether the food is still safe to eat. And never taste food to find out whether it's gone bad. That could be a recipe for a case of a food borne illness such as salmonella poisoning.

If your power does go off for an extended time, the cold weather could work to your advantage. With the temperature outside in the teens or twenties, a garage with no heat source will usually stay below 40 degrees. You can box up your food and store it temporarily in the garage, but make sure to use a thermometer to check that the temperature doesn't get too warm. And if you are also keeping a lawnmower, gas can or other fuel source in the garage be sure to put the food in sealed containers so the food doesn't absorb hydrocarbon fumes. Plastic tubs with tight fitting lids are ideal.

You can also transfer food to ice chests or keep it in containers outdoors in an area where it won't be bothered by dogs or other animals. Or, if you have a car that you don't plan to drive during the power outage, in this weather, you can safely leave your refrigerated food in the trunk, as long as the car is kept outside or in an unheated garage.

Frozen food is usually safe to cook or refreeze if the power hasn't been off any longer than 24 hours. If you have an appliance thermometer in your freezer, check the temperature when the power comes back on - if it reads 40 degrees or below, the food is safe and may be refrozen. If you don't have an appliance thermometer, check each item individually. If the food still contains ice crystals it's safe to refreeze or cook.

You can always plan to eat your refrigerated or frozen meat, poultry, fish or eggs while they are still at safe temperatures. As always, it's important that each item is thoroughly cooked to the proper temperature to ensure that any food borne bacteria are destroyed.

But remember, even thorough cooking may not destroy all the bacteria in perishable food that's been left warmer than 40 degrees for longer than two hours. If you take a chance and eat it, you may become seriously ill.

The FoodSafety.gov website provides additional information: <http://www.foodsafety.gov/keep/emergency/index.html>

# THE WIZARD OF OZ

follows the yellow brick road to Oklahoma City

One of the greatest family musicals of all time, **The Wizard of Oz**, welcomed by KWTW 9, touches down in Oklahoma City Feb. 16 – 21 at the Civic Center Music Hall for only eight performances. Tickets for **The Wizard of Oz** go on sale Friday, January 22.

This magical production, based on the Royal Shakespeare Company's celebration of the 1939 MGM movie, is presented with breathtaking special effects that will sweep audiences away, from the moment the tornado twists its way into Kansas. According to The Washington Post, "The Tin Man's hat toots and blows steam during 'If I Only Had a Heart,' Glinda glides down in a bubble, the Wicked Witch throws fireballs – these tricks are niftily done, and the sound effects are uncommonly good and perfectly timed."

Twelve children from the Oklahoma City area will be performing the roles of "munchkins." The group chosen from the January 17 Penn Square Mall auditions will be singing timeless classics such as "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead," helping to bring this beloved classic to the stage of their hometown as part of their continuing performing arts education.

Director Nigel West, choreographer Leigh Constantine and set and costume designer Tim McQuillen-Wright utilize the glamour and elegance of art deco Hollywood as the visually stunning Technicolor backdrop

for **The Wizard of Oz** that will have the entire family captivated as they travel down the yellow brick road for an unforgettable evening at the theater. "...a family-friendly show with some dandy special effects" is the description given by The Miami Herald. Featuring the classic songs, as composed by Harold Arlen, "Over the Rainbow," "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead," and "If I Only Had a Brain," along with the beloved characters, **The Wizard of Oz** will have the entire family captivated.

**The Wizard of Oz** is being produced by NETworks Presentations, LLC. For more information visit <http://www.networkstours.com>.

Tickets go on sale Friday January 22 and may be purchased via phone (800) 869-1451, (405) 297-2264, (800) 364-7111, in person at the Civic Center Music Hall Box Office, or select Buy For Less locations, or online at [www.CelebrityAttractions.com](http://www.CelebrityAttractions.com).

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