

Wednesday, November 23, 2011
Photo Courtesy Lorraine Hjalte, Calgary Herald

Wind warnings and strong breezes have dominated the weather picture across Southern Alberta the past couple of days... On Tuesday, winds were clocked at 114 km/h in Cardston and 109 km/h at the Lethbridge Airport.... There were no injuries as strong winds ripped the roof off J.T. Foster High School in Nanton at 10 a.m. Wednesday morning. RCMP Corporal Warren Wright said it came off in one massive piece. "It picked it up and literally ripped it off in one complete piece. It was described to me as someone ripping the sheet off a bed."

Several overturned vehicles have been reported along Highway #2. A semi truck blown over onto its side temporarily closed southbound lanes of Highway #2 north of Nanton. In the past two days, RCMP say eight vehicles have been pushed off the roads. (Wednesday, November 23, 2011 1:41 PM, Shaw media)

School principal Peter Weeks says the wind is very unusual.

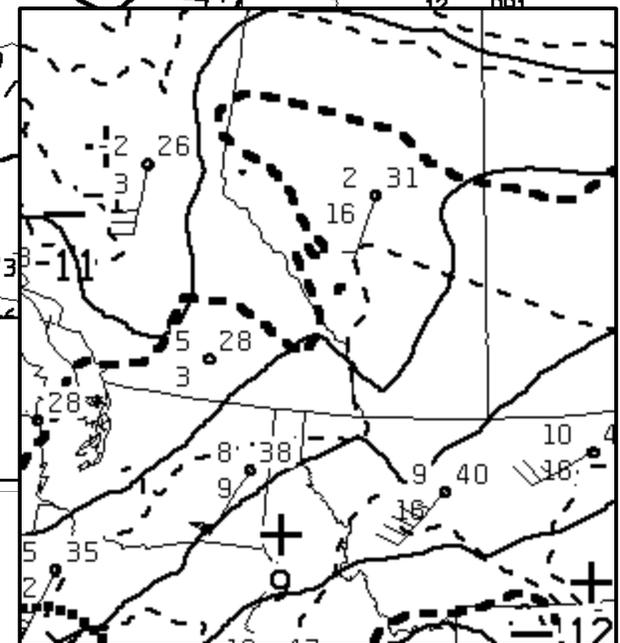
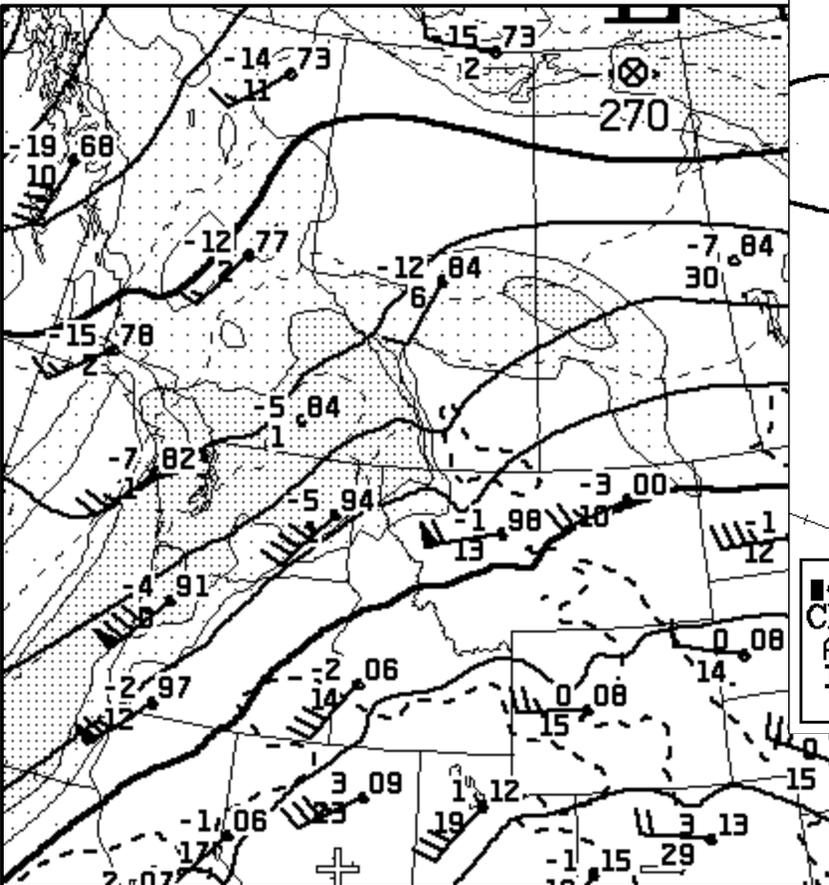
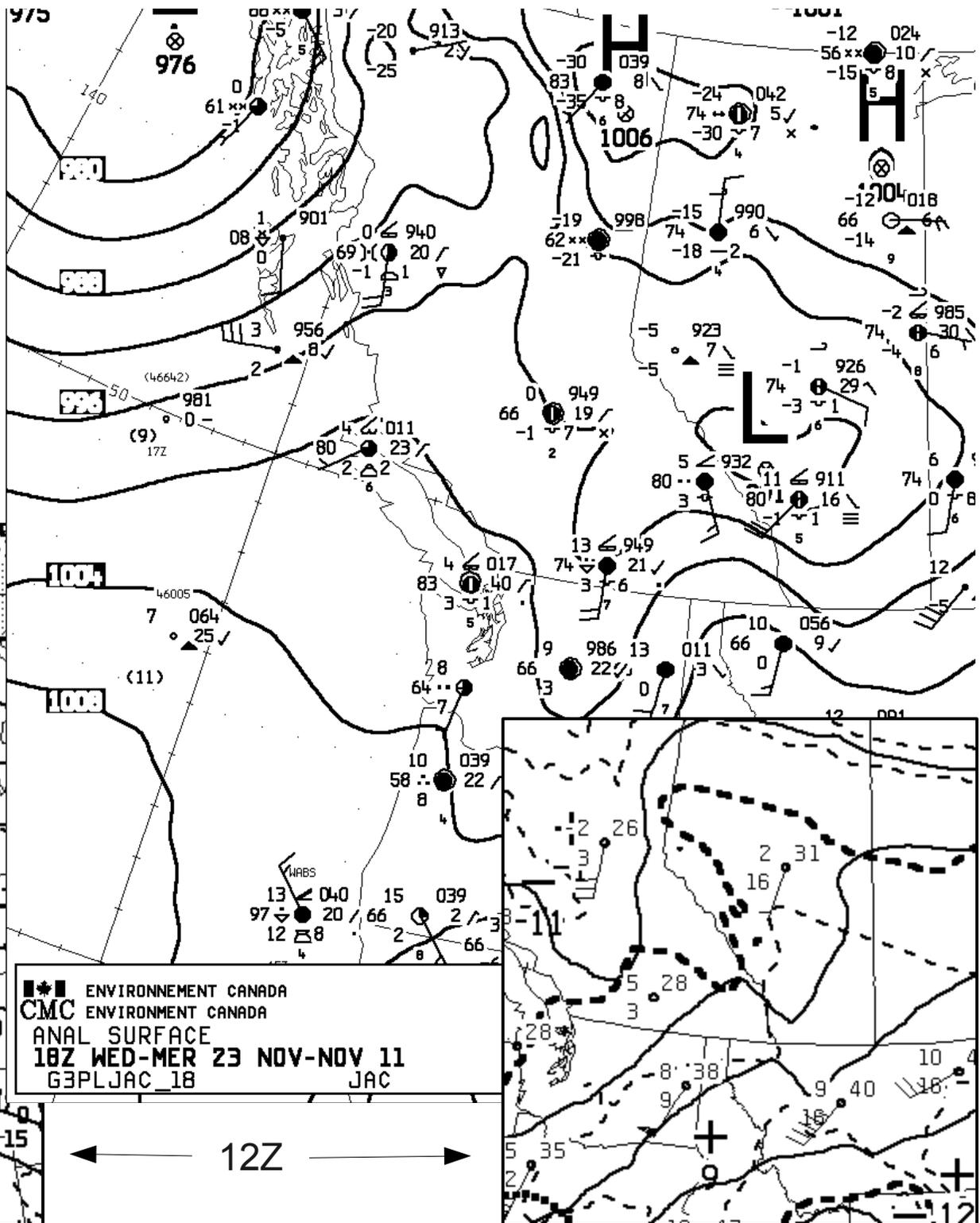
"What's amazing about this wind to me is it still has not stopped, it's not gusting wind, it's just plain steady," he said.

"We're used to wind down here, we do get our fair share of it, but not like this. This is out of the ordinary for anybody."



Strong winds near Nanton, south of Calgary, toppled the rear of this truck on Highway 2. (Tara Weber/CBC)

CALGARY – Fire crews throughout Southern Alberta were called to a massive blaze at a feed lot northeast of Nanton, Alberta Wednesday afternoon. (Global News, Calgary)





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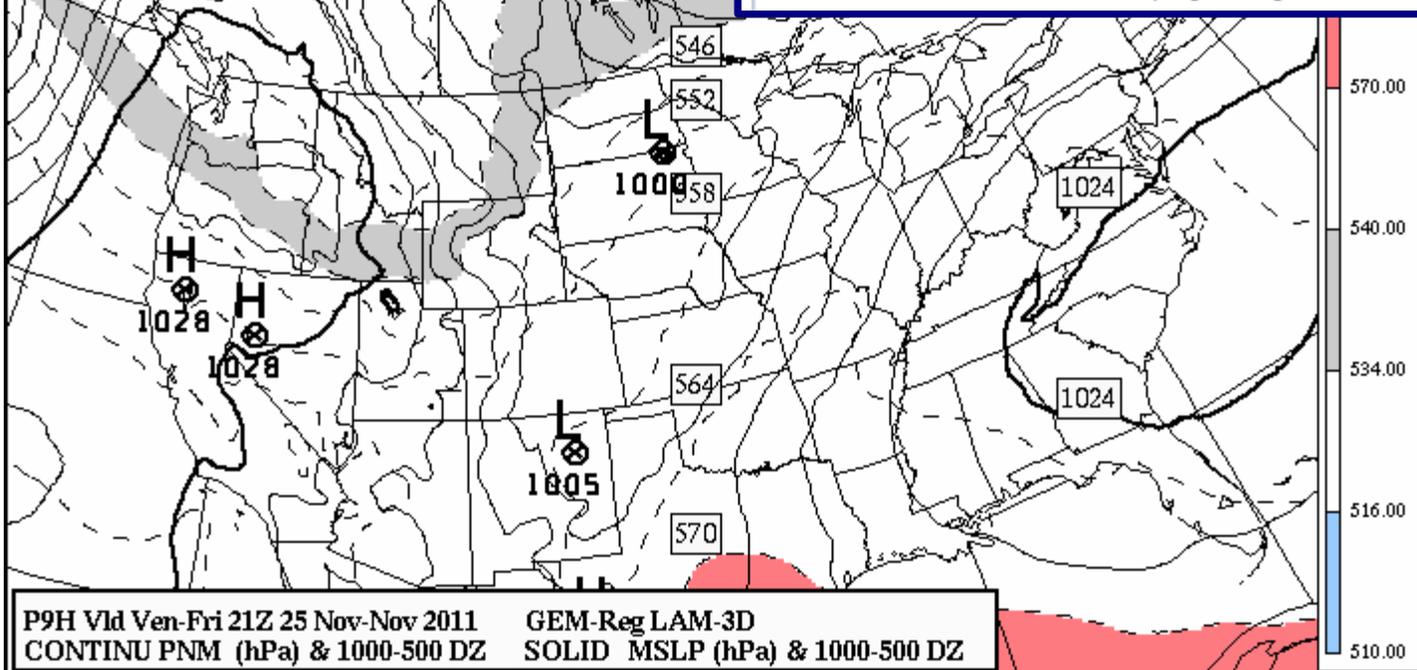
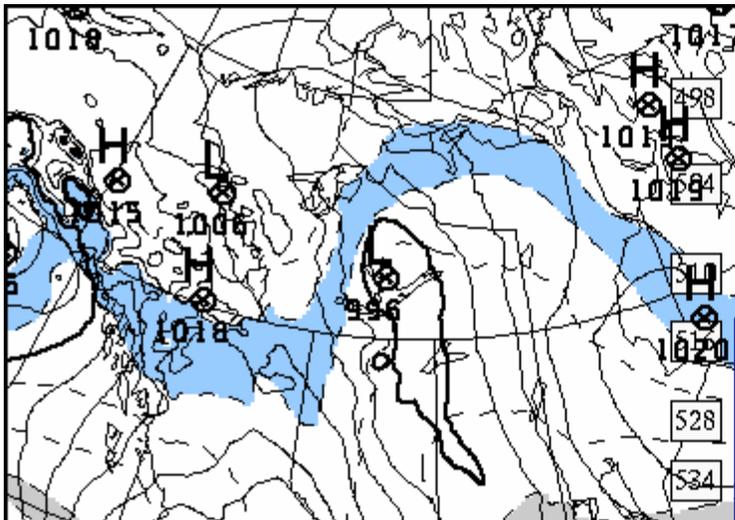
Observed at: **Edmonton City Centre Airport**
Date: **12:00 PM MST Friday 25 November 2011**

Condition:	Light Snow	Temperature:	2.6°C
Pressure:	100.5 kPa	Dewpoint:	-6.3°C
Tendency:	rising	Humidity:	52 %
Visibility:	15 km	Wind:	WNW 32 gust 52 km/h
Air Quality	3		
Health Index:			

Issued : 11:00 AM MST Friday 25 November 2011

Wind warning in effect.

Today Mainly cloudy. Clearing late this afternoon. Wind west 40 km/h gusting to 60 except gusting to 90 at times. High zero.



• note the tightly packed isobars of the GEM 9-hr prog (valid 2 pm MST)

P9H Vld Ven-Fri 21Z 25 Nov-Nov 2011 GEM-Reg LAM-3D
CONTINU PNM (hPa) & 1000-500 DZ SOLID MSLP (hPa) & 1000-500 DZ