



“We learn more by looking for the answer to a question and not finding it than we do from learning the answer itself.”

Lloyd Alexander

“Only when we are no longer afraid do we begin to live.”

Dorothy Thompson

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Let me try to empathize with my brothers and sisters living in the embattled Northeast ... in Los Angeles this week the high temperatures reached 77 degrees, and nighttime it went as low as 55. There was enough gorgeous sunshine during the day to roast a marshmallow on the outdoor back patio, ample blue sky to blanket the lush green hills that are otherwise dirty brown the rest of the year, and clear air aplenty to see the downtown high rise office buildings that are about 28 miles away from my vantage point. My good Karma was brought down, however, when I heard that a winter blizzard was predicted for the Northeast so severe that the NYSE might not open for trading. Really? In the words of flip-flopping, sun-glass wrapped, bleached hair, gold chain wearing dudes nestled in the bosom of West LA, that would have been a bummer. Pass me a brewski, friend.

Sunday is the FERC Bowl. I know. You thought you were going to party down with friends and family to watch the Super Bowl, but I figured it's really FERC pulling the strings on this high profile, global event. Three of the five FERC commissioners are from states that don't field any pro football team: New Mexico (Bay), Arkansas (Honorable), and North Dakota (Clark). Who does that leave? Two commissioners: LaFleur from Massachusetts and Moeller from Washington ... Aha! The very same states represented in this year's Super Bowl contest, i.e., the New England Patriots and the Seattle Seahawks. That's the conspiracy. They are the ones making it happen.

Western States Playbook

WPTF Winter General Meeting:

Online registration is now open .
Thursday and Friday, Feb. 26-27, at the Grand Del Mar Hotel in Del Mar, Calif. Keynote speakers will be FERC Chair Cheryl LaFleur and Montana PSC Commissioner Travis Kavulla. [Click here to register and pay any applicable fees.](#)

FERC Technical Conference on EPA's Clean Power Plan: Thursday, Feb. 19, at FERC headquarters in Washington, D.C. [Click here to read announcement, and click here to register.](#) A regional variant of this same conference will be held in the West on Wednesday, Feb. 25. [Click here to read the announcement.](#)

WSPP Op Committee Meeting: Monday-Wednesday, March 9-11, at the Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn, Sonoma, Calif. [Click here for program details.](#)

Who shall prevail? I don't know. LaFleur and Moeller should have a side bet but what would be at stake? That's difficult to say. They could wager that the one representing the loser state has to pretend to act like a member of the political party of the winner ... but that wouldn't matter much. The Republican Moeller and the Democrat LaFleur are pretty much aligned on everything so you wouldn't notice the difference. Nope. These two are too reasonable to wager something like that. Maybe the loser could simply run around the block where FERC headquarters is located on a wind-swept ice-cold D.C. day without a jacket and while running, yell aloud with each step that the winning team is great. At least that would make for a more interesting wager.

Speaking of FERC and Commissioner Moeller, he was extensively quoted by SNL Energy's Glen Boshart last week in an article that hints at the agency's changing attitude regarding wholesale power markets and energy trading. Moeller's comments were recorded at a recent Energy Bar Association event, and also at a FERC technical conference on financial transactions in the PJM held on Jan. 7. Energy trading in all organized power markets has been lagging, and as anyone watching the ebb of commodity trading at U.S. financial institutions well knows, there seems to be many significant players exiting and not many new ones coming in to replace those leaving. Trading volumes have been off and I assume declining for at least the last two years. In fact, at the WPTF Houston Chapter meeting last November one participant noted that the only product in the CAISO markets worthy of consideration was trading CRRs. The trading of energy and ancillary service products has seen fewer market players and declining volumes.

- What we believe...**
- 1) Competition yields lower electricity rates.
 - 2) Stable and transparent rules and regulations promote private investment.
 - 3) Private investors, rather than utilities, will spend money on new power plants and transmission facilities if they can earn a return that is balanced with the risks.
 - 4) Private sector investment results in lower average prices without risking consumers' money.

Therefore, Moeller's comments on this topic were timely. He seems entirely supportive of wholesale power trading but he expressed concern that his new colleagues at FERC may not sport the same attitude. Okay ... now I'm worried whereas before I was simply anxious. Without FERC's unwavering support for wholesale power markets and the associated benefits

that inure to consumers thereof the slowly suffocating markets will surely die. Boshart reported that Moeller "[urged those who have an interest in financial trading to make their views known to the commissioners now given the agency's transition.](#)"

I'll be the first to admit that traders are the worst parties to plead their case collectively or individually. It's like this: give traders an opportunity to assume reasonable risks under rules that are transparent and fair and don't penalize their legitimate gains for obscure reasons, and they will come (borrowing from the "Field of Dreams" quote someone used in a letter to the Burrito two weeks ago). Alternatively, throw a dark cloud over the processes for trading and the traders will leave. At risk capital flows where it is wanted, always seeking the high water mark.

Therefore, it is up to FERC, the commissioners and their staffs to listen to and respect the views of noted academic economists—such as Bill Hogan, Bob Michaels, and Scott Harvey, among the many dozens of other equally qualified experts—who have for decades touted the benefits of trading and demonstrated that using thought experiments and data. The benefits are lower average prices, product innovation in hedging instruments, and the plain logic of using other people’s money to manage risk instead of using ratepayers’ money. Don’t hang that onus of defending the concept on the traders themselves. That’s like asking a school of sharks to justify chumming. They simply eat what’s offered them.

You abhor my reference of sharks in regard to trading? Sorry to spoil your day. A trader’s book is the golden rod by which he or she is measured. Traders are compensated for being smarter and working harder than the next person because among all traders there must be both winners and losers. If you take away trading, and return to vertically integrated monopolies for dispensing the risk and rewards for providing reliable electricity, then there’s only one wallet left to tap ... that of the consumers who have no choice but to pay, pay, and pay. Nice work if you can get it, and for almost a century that was the rule of law.

Regulators are no doubt more at ease without wholesale trading because there’s less to worry about, and fewer things to go awry (i.e., surprise headlines in the WSJ or NYT). Regulating markets that endorse the benefits of trading requires more



Out of Luckhardt

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What is wrong with \$2.00 gas?

CARB through the cap-and-trade program and U.S. EPA through the Clean Power Plan want to increase the price of carbon-producing fuels so individuals and businesses install energy efficiency and invest in low or no carbon energy sources. Cheap oil and gas prices mask this price signal and instead encourage additional energy use. Thus, even those who do not hold the oil and gas industry in high regard should not be celebrating. And, there are other casualties of low oil prices, government entities that depend upon the taxes generated by the oil and gas industry.

On Tuesday, Kern County in California declared a fiscal emergency resulting from the assessor’s forecast of a \$61 million drop in property tax revenue due to lower oil prices. Kern is the top oil-producing county in the state and receives approximately 30% of their revenue from this sector. Recall that Kern County has also embraced development of wind and solar resources, but their contribution to county revenues is less than a third of the contribution of the oil and gas industry. The fiscal hit from the free fall in oil prices will also impact other oil-producing areas like the LA Basin. It turns out all county assessors attend a conference every year and adopt an annual price to calculate the value of oil-producing property for tax purposes. Even though I can almost fill my tank with a \$20, I am not celebrating.

thought, more work, and bolder vision. To reiterate the words of my late friend Vito Stagliano, “There are no free markets; just well regulated ones.”

Since Boshart at SNL Energy seems to be hitting homeruns each week, here’s another one of his stories worth mentioning, and it’s a story that other media sources are also covering (e.g., [RTO Insider](#)). In the case of Powhatan and the trader Alan Chen, the parties accused by FERC of manipulating PJM’s Up To Congestion (UTC) market have asked for more time to respond to FERC’s Order to Show Cause because it was discovered recently that FERC possessed audio tapes of conversations between Powhatan/Chen and the PJM market monitor Joe Bowring. The conversation is pivotal in that Bowring told the traders that they broke no rules regarding their conduct arbitraging UTC rights.

If all of this is true, then it would seem that FERC OE staff has been withholding evidence that the accused parties have a reasonable right to review and use in their defense. What I can’t figure out are two things: 1) how did the tapes become known, and 2) why didn’t the OE staff provide those tapes to Powhatan/Chen as requested under the “Brady rule”, a federal practice whereby prosecutors are required to provide defendants evidence in the

What we believe (cont.) ...

- 5) However, when IOUs do the investing, the risks to them are minimal or non-existent because ratepayers cover all of the costs.
- 6) Overcapacity lowers electricity spot market prices; yet retail rates can increase in this case due to full cost-of-service regulation.
- 7) Markets work best when there are many buyers and sellers.
- 8) At-risk money will be put to work and attract new investment where markets exist that are legitimate and yield credible prices.

government’s possession. Last week I wrote that this case would set a precedent one way or the other, and that either the agency or the defendants would have serious egg on their proverbial face when it’s over. However, I expected the egg fight to be much later in the process rather than on the burner now. How are we going to handicap this one, gang?

In California, things can be a bit Kafkaesque. I know that you know that without me writing it, but this week things were more “People’s Republic” than any time since the Energy Crisis. According to an article in Wednesday’s [San Francisco Chronicle](#), agents of the California Attorney General office used a search warrant to enter the homes of former CPUC President Michael Peevey, and former PG&E

executive Brian Cherry. What were they looking for? More email evidence regarding ex parte conversations between the two that, I suppose, wouldn’t have been on their business emails. Honestly, I really don’t understand this heavy-handed tactic. You’d think the two had been running a global drug cartel the way this story is playing out.

Those of you who don’t live in California must also appreciate the bizarreness of this matter. Michael Peevey is married to and lives with State Sen. Carol Liu. Thus, you have the state Attorney General authorizing a search warrant for the home of a state senator ... both Democrats by the way. Had one been a Republican then maybe I could understand the drama. But that wasn’t the case. More bizarre yet, the Peevey’s were out of the country on a holiday trip (at least Michael was, but I can’t swear that Carol also went, but

I assume she did). So I am imagining that lacking anyone at home to open the door at their personal residence, the agents broke in and seized “computers, smartphones, a thumb drive, and a small data-storage device.” Can you imagine this happening in your state?

Rather than dwell on the imponderables of the day, let’s walk into Chef Laura Manz’s kitchen and breathe the aromas of her latest gustatory exploration. “Grab a seat and get ready for Super Bowl Sunday, the best snacking day of the year. Thanks to Barb Ennis for sending in an early game day winner with stuffed sweet potato skins. For kicks (pun intended) throw down an a-la-mode deflate-gate onion soufflé dip.”

For the sweet potato skins, in a 350^o oven bake 4 large sweet potatoes until tender, about 50 minutes. When cool enough to handle, cut into quarters and scoop out the flesh, leaving a ¼” border of potato. Create a drip pan by lining a baking sheet with foil and placing a rack on top. Lightly brush both sides of each potato skin with canola oil, and place them on the rack skin side up. Broil until the skins start to turn brown, 2 to 3 minutes. Turn over and broil for an additional 1 or 2 minutes. Top with a mixture of ¼ tsp. pepper, ⅛ tsp. salt, 2 oz. crumbled goat cheese (*Chevre*), and 6 slices crumbled bacon bits evenly divided between the potato skins. Broil an additional 2 minutes until the cheese starts to melt. Top with thinly sliced green onions and serve.

- ... and, what we should do:**
1. Believe in ourselves.
 2. Encourage creation of independent, multi-state regional transmission organizations that coordinate policies with respective state utility commissions.
 3. Support rules for resource adequacy that apply uniformly among all load-serving entities.

For the onion soufflé dip blend together 3 (8-oz.) cream cheese bricks, 2 cups of grated Parmesan cheese, and ½ cup of mayonnaise. Stir in 16 oz. of chopped onions. Bake in a 1-qt. casserole dish for 25 minutes. Serve with chips or bread slices.

These two items should keep you entertained while your fave team wins the game. Everybody’s a winner.

Now here are your 4 skins (deflated?) for this week:

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>>> Things in the People's Republic of California

@@@ Could the EIM Transition Plan be Canceled for Lack of Angst?

At the end of last year I railed about the CAISO's initial transition proposal for the ongoing Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) between it and PacifiCorp. I was incensed by the request, since dropped, for a schedule of price caps during the balance of a 12-month period of the new market that began last November 1. I was also undone by the request for an extension of the 90-day tariff waiver, enacted two weeks after the new EIM market began, to last for the entire first year instead of the original request for 90 days. The latest requests simply made no sense given the abundant assurances from the grid operator that everything was going swimmingly well ... EIM-wise, that is.

Since then the CAISO filed to FERC its PacifiCorp EIM transition proposal and this week

...and, what we should do

(cont.):

4. Enforce competitive solicitations by utilities for purchasing either thermal or renewable power.
5. Support choice among retail electricity customers.
6. Lobby for core/non-core split of retail customers.
7. Advocate against policies that limit, through bid mitigation, merchant returns on investment that are utility-like returns.

parties were afforded the opportunity to submit comments. Now I would have thought in advance that the Pacific Northwest customers of PacifiCorp would rally in support of the CAISO transition proposal because price spikes are nasty things that customers don't like. I thought the pre-waiver EIM LMPs that defaulted to \$1,000/MWh when there were insufficient real-time resources to resolve the transmission constraint, and the 90-day waiver that allowed for the default LMP to be the last executed bid used across the constrained intertie would be the kind of poison on which transmission customers and retail customers might choke. I would have expected from those groups a storm of protest regarding these infrequent but nevertheless observable LMPs.

Alas, none of that happened. Among the parties that asked for party status to the CAISO's filing, most didn't make any substantive comments, and both PacifiCorp and NV Energy entered the most tepid support filings imaginable. Four-page boilerplate letters that in essence said, yeah we support a tariff waiver for 12 months. Wrote PacifiCorp, "[This is the appropriate treatment to protect PacifiCorp's Transmission Customers for the balance of PacifiCorp's first year in the EIM.](#)" Why? No reasons given. Wrote NV Energy, "[The twelve-month transition period will remove the risk of triggering high parameter prices, unrepresentative of actual system conditions, through an artificially constrained market clearing process.](#)" Oh, I see, there are no such things as scarcity pricing. What a fool I've been.

On the other hand, WPTF, Powerex, and Puget Sound Energy filed substantive comments all asking FERC to deny the CAISO's request. Each pointed out that the core problems with the early EIM has nothing to do with the pricing formulae, but, rather, with the lack of sufficient resources to clear the transmission constraints. Fix the latter and the former will take care of itself. Wrote Puget, "[Puget requests an implementation of the tariff amendments outlined in the Transitional Period Filing for a period of six months, with a](#)

requirement that CAISO then file a superseding tariff amendment proposal utilizing a performance-based metric that allows for a transitional period for new EIM entities of less than or equal to 12 months, on a prospective basis.” An idea worthy of consideration because of its emphasis on performance metrics.

WPTF and Powerex were more pointed in their replies. Wrote Powerex, “The CAISO’s proposal seeks merely to extend and broaden the time-limited waiver it originally obtained, which would merely mask the symptoms of the lack of resources participating in the EIM while proposing nothing to meaningfully address the root causes of the problem.” I asked Ellen Wolfe, WPTF’s CAISO Committee consultant, what she thought of the showing or lack of support among parties that are EIM participants, and she said, “It’ll be a sad day if the Commission approves the CAISO’s proposal despite its substantive flaws and complete lack of support from even the EIM’s users.” I agree with her. It would be a letdown if FERC rubber stamps the CAISO transition proposal.

If FERC denies the CAISO’s proposal, then it wouldn’t mean the eventual disintegration of the PacifiCorp/CAISO EIM. WPTF supports the EIM across the region, and if the group thought that denying the transition proposal would threaten its existence and future adoption by NV Energy and other BAAs, then its comments would have been far different.

Stay tuned kids.

>>> Shout Outs

Congratulations to WPTF’s newest general member, Starwood Energy Group Global based in Greenwich, CT. The WPTF contact person is its CEO Brad Nordholm who can be contacted through his executive assistant, Kathleen Warner at kwarn@starwood.com, or at 203.422.7710. WPTF is now close to having 80 members.

Mark Byron is the Wholesale Electric Program Manager for the University of California system, and he alerted me to a job opening on his staff. He’s seeking an Associate Wholesale Electricity Program Manager to help run and administer the ESP function at UC (The UC is its own ESP ... Energy Service Provider). It’s a combination of nuts and bolts, procurement, and thinking through how to expand and green the program over time. Mark told me that, “Someone with California energy market knowledge, wants experience working for an ESP that is also associated with a university, and can bring good cheer and strong experience to the team,” would be ideal. Any takers? [Click here](#)¹ for more information.

My pal David Getts, no stranger to the world of power development works for SunZia based in Phoenix. He wrote me with the good news that his transmission project was granted its Record of Decision (ROD) from the BLM after 6.5 years of working on such. SunZia Southwest Transmission Project is an extra-high-voltage transmission project that will span 515 miles between Arizona and New Mexico. It includes two new 500kV transmission lines and five electrical substations that will provide up to 3,000 megawatts of new capacity. Final design and engineering, acquisition of rights-of-way, and

¹ <https://jobs.ucop.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1422378496984>

construction are scheduled to begin in 2016, with operation scheduled by 2020. Well, David, I won't write "congratulations on handling your ROD", but I will say that attaining such from BLM is a major achievement and indicative of the staying power required to be in the transmission development business.

Mr. Brian Prusnek, one who always is so helpful, sort of, wrote the following regarding my quest for a perfect digital streaming of live TV programs: "Given that you're experimenting with streaming (and hopefully that is the only thing you're experimenting with these days. By now you should have your sexuality in check), you may want to consider purchasing Google's Chromecast. It's a little USB-like looking device that plugs into the back of your TV if it has a USB port (If it's made after 2011, then it should have it). What you do then is bring up the streaming website on your laptop or computer using your Chrome browser. There is a little icon on the screen that allows you to 'Chromecast.' What happens next is that what you're viewing on your laptop now is on your TV. Poof! Magic! Voila! No longer do you need to hunch over a laptop and watch something. It's now on the big screen. Chromecast retails for about \$35. About ¼ of the cost you spend on new golf shoes when you leave yours at one of your many bivouacs."

Yeah, I'm due to misplace another pair of golf shoes anytime soon. Okay, dude, but here's the rub ... the Chromecast is really no different than having a smart TV. In LA, we have a smart TV and it does all the nice things smart TVs are designed to do, although the only thing we really use it for is watching Netflix. On the other hand, the house we stay at in Las Vegas is being remodeled in a big way ... no cable TV yet, and limited Internet access if I tether my iPhone to my laptop. So, I want to use the laptop to watch live streaming TV, and I'd like to watch all the channels I currently access on my Charter cable network that I have in Tahoe. The problem is that only a very small subset of those channels is available to me, or any subscriber, without paying an additional fee. And I'm cheap. I have to save up for my next pair of golf shoes. Good news, however, I downloaded the CNBC app to my iPhone and because I am a Charter cable Internet subscriber I can watch the live feed of CNBC on my tiny iPhone screen. It's a gas, and that's what I want for all the Charter stations. What's taking technology so long?

Hereeeee's Jack (Ellis) with his weekly installment challenging California's quest for a 50% renewable portfolio by 2030. "One of the alleged drawbacks of most types of renewable energy facilities is that they can't help with grid balancing. Most currently don't provide operating reserves or the 'inertia' that's required to arrest frequency decay immediately after a system disturbance. In cases where voltage sags, the protective devices on some projects disconnect in order to avoid damaging the owner's equipment, which exacerbates the effects of a disturbance instead of helping to reduce the impact, as do gas-fired and hydro plants. For a long time, the Participating Intermittent Resource Program (PIRP) largely insulated renewable projects from the economic consequences of forecast errors and production fluctuations. That's slowly changing, but not without pushback from existing contract holders, who may be liable for costs they never anticipated when their contracts were signed.

"Whether the early renewable contracts were sweetheart deals is irrelevant. What's important at this juncture is that asset owners and project developers be provided with a clear set of expectations that do not keep changing over time. The ISO should be working

with stakeholders that have the requisite technical competence to determine what attributes it *needs* (though not necessarily everything it might *want*) from renewable energy facilities, which of those have to be a condition of interconnecting with the ISO-controlled grid, and which ones are optional and therefore eligible to receive market revenues. If wind machines can provide spinning reserves, for example, they should be allowed to do so consistent with the terms of their contracts and they should be paid like other spinning reserve suppliers. However if they aren't able to deliver when called upon, the penalties have to be financial, and they should not necessarily be limited to loss of prior payments (the same should hold true for all resources). Smart project owners and their trade associations should take the initiative here by offering sensible, concrete proposals rather than waiting for the ISO and the CPUC to react. One only hopes the legislature and its NGO allies, who think in political terms rather than what's necessary to keep the grid running, will refrain from getting involved in this issue. If, as the trade press keeps telling us, renewables are competitive, it's time for them to be treated accordingly."

I think the NGO allies would say that fairness in the name of fairness is unfair.

>>> Odds & Ends (_!_)

Registration is open for the WPTF Winter General Meeting. Jenifer McDonald has put together a dynamite registration page that I urge you to use whether you are a WPTF member or a guest. Click here to access the registration site.

The 2015 WPTF Winter General Meeting will be held in Del Mar, Calif., on Feb. 26 and 27, 2015. Our hotel is the Grand Del Mar, 5300 Grand Del Mar Court in San Diego. The conference rate of \$325/night plus tax is in effect until Feb. 6, 2015. The hotel will honor the rate as long as there is space available. I highly recommend that you quickly make room reservation because the hotel always sells out. To make reservations, please contact the hotel directly at (855) 314-2030. Mention that you are attending the Western Power Trading Forum conference running Feb. 26 and 27, 2015.



Regardless of the status of your hotel reservation, **in order for us to get an accurate head count, you must email Jenifer McDonald at accounting@wptf.org, or call her at 916-333-2364 to inform her that you are attending.** If you register using the WPTF website, then there is no need to otherwise contact Jenifer.

Non-member attendees and consultants to WPTF members must pay a conference fee of \$360/person (or \$69 for government employees) to attend the event.

WPTF General Meeting Agenda:

Thursday, February 26

- 9:00 a.m. Golf: Grand Del Mar (\$195 per player + forecaddie gratuity)
- 6:00 p.m. Reception and dinner at Grand Del Mar, sponsored by **Exelon, Dynegy, Calpine, Shell Energy North America, NextEra, and NRG**
- 8:15 p.m. Keynote Speaker: **FERC Chairman Commissioner Cheryl LaFleur**
- 10:00 p.m. After-hours WPTF reception

Friday, February 27

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Introductory remarks
- 9:10 a.m. Guest speaker: **Commissioner Travis Kavulla, Montana PSC**
- 9:45 a.m. Round robin discussion and presentations by consultants
- 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker – TBA
- 12 noon Luncheon
- 1:30 p.m. Adjourn

Del Mar is about a 20-minute drive north from the San Diego airport. We look forward to seeing you there.



Here are some fun stories to get your through the upcoming Super Bowl weekend. The first is a repeat, but a gooder:

A fleeing Taliban terrorist, desperate for water, was plodding through the Afghan desert when he saw something far off in the distance.

Hoping to find water, he hurried toward the mirage, only to find a very frail little old Jewish man standing at a small makeshift display rack selling ties.

The Taliban terrorist asked, "Do you have water?"

The Jewish man replied, "I have no water. Would you like to buy a tie? They are only \$5."

The Taliban shouted hysterically, "Idiot Infidel! I do not need such an over-priced western adornment - I spit on your ties. I need water!"

"Sorry, I have none just ties pure silk and only \$5."

"Pahh! A curse on your ties, I should wrap one around your scrawny little neck and choke the life out of you but.. I must conserve my energy and find water!"

"Okay," said the little old Jewish man, "It does not matter that you do not want to buy a tie from me or that you hate me, threaten my life and call me infidel. I will show you that I am bigger than any of that. If you continue over that hill to the east for about two miles, you will find a restaurant. It has the finest food and all the ice-cold water you need... Go In Peace."

Cursing him again, the desperate Taliban staggered away over the hill.

Several hours later he crawled back, almost dead and gasped...

"They won't let me in without a tie!

I told you it was a good one. Here's another:

SUPER BOWL

A guy finally got tickets to the Super Bowl, but his seats were in the nosebleed section -- but he didn't care, he had always dreamed of going to the Super Bowl. So he wants to find a seat closer to where he can see better. He finds this seat toward the front and he asks the guy next to it whether anyone is sitting there.

The guy replies, "No, because my wife just died."

"Well," says the first man, "Why didn't you just bring a friend or relative?"

The guy replied, "Oh, they're all at the funeral."

What do you call a bunch of millionaires sitting around watching the Super Bowl?

The Dallas Cowboys

A bonus football story:

Top Ten Funny and Amusing Quotations From and About the NFL

1. I had pro offers from the Detroit Lions and Green Bay Packers, who were pretty hard up for linemen in those days. If I had gone into professional football the name Jerry Ford might have been a household word today. - President Gerald Ford
2. I just wrap my arms around the whole backfield and peel 'em one by one until I get to the ball carrier. Him, I keep. - DT Big Daddy Lipscomb on his tackling technique
3. He is the only man I ever saw who ran his own interference. - Steve Owen on Bronko Nagurski
4. I want to rush for 1,000 or 1,500 yards, whichever comes first. - Saints RB, George Rogers
5. I'm a light eater. As soon as it's light, I start to eat. - Art Donovan ...(v3r)
6. The reason women don't play football is because eleven of them would never wear the same outfit in public. - Phyllis Diller

7. Most football players are temperamental. That's 90 percent temper and 10 percent mental. - Doug Plank, former-Chicago Bears
 8. Rapport? You mean like, 'You run as fast as you can, and I'll throw it as far as I can?' - QB Jeff Kemp on his rapport with WR Jerry Rice
 9. We're as clean as any team. We wash our hands before we hit anybody. - Nate Newton
 10. I always enjoy animal acts. - President Calvin Coolidge when asked if he wanted to meet the Chicago Bears
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That's a wrap. Y'all have a good weekend.

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