

MONDAY MORNING: GET A PICK AND SHOVEL

Mississippi John Hurt's lyrics seem appropriate this morning – get a pick and shovel to dig your way out of all that snow and ice this Monday morning.

Getting a late start here because I stayed up watching the X-Files revival.

Apple iMessage users' content at risk if backed up to iCloud

While iMessages themselves use end-to-end encryption, the same content when backed up to iCloud is encrypted by an Apple-controlled key. As many as 500 million users have data in iCloud services, at risk of exposure. You'd think after The Fappening, Apple users would be more leery about enabling iCloud backup.

Network problems affect NFL's Microsoft Surface tablets, left New England Patriots in the dark

Wow, right down to the "last defensive possession" and *blip* – nothing on the Surface tablets for Pats' coaches to show their players. Not the first time there've been problems with this technology, either. NFL's network problems are blamed for the loss of play information, but Microsoft's tablets are taking the brunt of it. Have to wonder why there wasn't adequate redundancy to ensure network burps would not affect the game. Can't fault the tablets or the network outage for the delay of X-Files on FOX, though, since the Patriots vs. Broncos were on CBS.

Donald Rumsfeld, video game designer

One of the last things I ever expected to see in my feed: Donald Rumsfeld, former Secretary of Defense under George W. Bush, designed a video game. It's an obscure form of solitaire attributed to Winston Churchill. "...I've signed off on something they call 'UX'," Rumsfeld said. Heaven help us.

I'm deferring my date with a shovel for later

today and crawling back into bed. Stay safe and warm, gang.