

December 28, 1973

SCIENTISTS

Please observe this news clipping carefully. For what you are witnessing... on the East Coast...Atlantic seaboard...is weather control at its finest! If you will refer to your files on me from last winter...you ~~xxx~~ will see that I controlled the weather excellently then...setting heat records for winter on the East Coast...and have just done so for a second year. Also...on the Larry Angel television show several weeks ago...full hour show with Larry as host and me as guest...Larry brought out this East Coast weather control subject, and asked if I would repeat it. I told him that I would do my best to do so. You are seeing the results. And notice...that the West is getting PLASTERED with cold and snow!

All that is necessary...is for me, once a day, to form a mental picture of the United States...and "see" in my minds eye rays of light and heat beaming down on the Eastern half. The four huge UFO's take it from there...and by some means that they have...reflect the suns rays down, pinpointed where I am directing it. In cooperation with me.

mens
XPK / Man X

PS...It MUST be cold, however, in spots...for a few days... here and there...just as a man can hold his water just for so long, and then must get to the bathroom...so Nature cannot allow sustained heat out of season, without an occasional breakthrough of cold to hold a balance.

Virg. Pilot

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Virginian-Pilot,

Friday, Dec. 28, 1973

Storms Stun West;

East Springlike

Snow, Rain, and Wind;

Balmy Spell Flood Threat

By United Press International

A new winter storm threatened the West Thursday while spring-like weather raised fears of flooding in the East.

A storm which moved inland off the Pacific Wednesday night highballed eastward, dropping up to nine inches of snow at Ellensburg, Wash. Snow slides blocked White Pass in the Cascade Mountains for several hours.

The driver and four passengers were critically injured Thursday when a Boise Winnemucca Stages bus slammed into boulders in a rock cut on snow-covered U.S. 95 near Jordan Valley, Ore., and plunged down an embankment. As many as 12 other passengers were injured.

Two people died in northeastern Kentucky Wednesday when violent winds swept the area. A woman was killed by a falling tree limb and a man by a wall that collapsed on him at a construction site.

Travel warnings were up in Idaho and Montana. And the National Weather Service said areas of eastern Colorado, hit hard by a snow storm Monday, were especially vulnerable to new weather woes.

Heavy rains — up to 2 inches in 24 hours — washed the Oregon and north California coasts.

Unseasonably high temperatures and rains forced streams and rivers from their banks in sections of Upstate New York and moderate flooding was forecast. An ice jam forced the closing of two generating stations on the upper Hudson River.

Flood warnings were in effect along stretches of the Greenbriar River and the Potomac's southern branch in West Virginia after two days of heavy rainfall.

In the water-soaked South, the flood threat eased in Mississippi and Alabama.

Record high temperatures the date were set early in the morning at Wilmington, Del., with 65, and Baltimore, with 60.

Readings at 7 a.m. were in the 60s from the mid-Atlantic Coast south into Florida and in the 50s in Florida's southern tip.

THE DESK OF
Mr. Ted Owens (PK MAN)

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January 24, 1974

Dear Salvatore:

The phenomena of footsteps, gastly voices, objects moving...have all happened in our home...wherever we've lived...and they are the SI's; invisible, but there, nonetheless. And THEY are communicating with you, although you do not know it. From the time you saw the cigar UFO...you were mentally programmed, by it.

The "fraak" weather was caused by myself. A radio station in Phoenix, Arizona, had me on for a while couple of weeks ago...to explain it. I am keeping it warm where I am (has been like spring all winter here... was 75 degrees couple of days ago...65 yesterday...as an example...but this has thrown the weather haywire in the western half of the U.S. I also discussed this recently on the Larry Angel television show in Baltimore...he asked me if I intended to keep on making it warm on the East Coast and I told him I'd do my best. And my best has been perfect.

The clippings were most interesting.

Get a disc.

* Dec. 22, 1973

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Warmest in 24 Years

Va Pilot
Feb 1, 1974

Ted Owens

It Was a January That Was

By The Associated Press

The funniest thing happened to Virginia on the way through winter — it got caught in a heat wave.

Instead of the usual January milieu of overcoats, frigid wind, and muddy snow piled at the side of the street, Virginia had barefoot college students, office workers going to work in shirt-sleeves, and brown-bag lunches in the park.

Most of the state had readings such as those recorded by the National Weather Service in Richmond where the weather bureau reported the warmest January in 24 years and an average daily temperature of 45.3 degrees — six degrees above normal.

But even as people celebrated the springlike weather, somebody always had to mention that it was, after all, just January and spring in January was ridiculous.

In the Roanoke Valley and in the Danville area, farmers weren't exactly ecstatic over the beautiful days. Fruit trees were beginning to blossom and city

residents found last fall's tulip bulbs peeking up through soil that just had to turn cold again.

In Williamsburg, the colonial gardens were beginning to think spring and Norfolk's azaleas were also beginning to believe the rumor.

Record high temperatures brought relief to many, especially those concerned over the fuel crisis and a potential shortage of fuel oil.

"The weather has been a blessing," said a spokesman for a large fuel company in Roanoke. If the weather had not cooperated, he said, his firm would have run out of its January allotment of fuel long before the end of the month.

In Waynesboro, a spokesman for Whitaker Oil Co. said much the same thing. "It was the warm weather that kept consumption down," he said. "Tell the people we appreciate them being real conservative."

A fuel dealer in Roanoke said his company was in good shape because of the warm weather, but looking ahead, he warned

that a prolonged cold spell could wipe out his January fuel savings in 10 days.

Although farmers were concerned about the next cold wave, the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce said the warm weather had not had time to adversely effect Virginia's peach and apple orchards.

"The warm weather has not been of a long enough duration to get the buds out of dormancy," a spokesman for the agency said. Although temperatures climbed into the 70s in most of the state for at least a brief time during the month, the weather bureau in Richmond said none of the days came close to breaking an all-time January record.

That record, the weatherman said, was a sizzling 80 degrees recorded Jan. 17, 1943.

Winter

Bonus

Feb. 1, 1974

Washington's famed cherry blossoms are just as surprised as you about the weather we're having. They are in full bloom this week, and the capital's annual Cherry Blossom Festival isn't until April. (AP)

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TED OWENS DONE IT!--According to word received from Ted Owens, The P-K Man, the "freak" weather was caused by him. Ted says he is keeping it warm where he is--Cape Charles, Virginia, but has thrown the weather "haywire" in the western half of the U.S. ---So, now you know.

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FREDRIC STOESSEL, Box 5012 Woolsey Station, Long Island City, NY 11105, has a special monthly newsletter entitled THE HEALING TRUTH designed to reveal the principles taught by Jesus.

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THE FIRST ANNUAL WORLD CONFERENCE OF ANCIENT ASTRONAUTS will be held at Arlington Park Towers Hotel, Arlington Heights, Illinois, April 26 thru 28th. Brad Steiger will be a guest speaker there, Friday April 26th. For full information and reservations, write to: Ancient Astronaut Society, 22 S. Washington Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60069.

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BRAD STEIGER'S MARCH TRAVELS include the 7th and 8th in Chicago for TV and radio promotion of his new book MEDICINE POWER (Doubleday)--then to a lecture for Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship in Memphis March 21-22. The end of the month he will be in New York City to combine more promotional work for MEDICINE POWER as well as a lecture for Spectrum, Unlimited which will include Twylah, Medicine Person of the Senecas.

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DEVIL'S TRIANGLE is a new book by David Graham, to be published by Award Books, and tells of the mysterious disappearances in and near the Bermuda Triangle, as well as eleven other devilish sites throughout the world where ships, plane and people have vanished under extremely weird circumstances. The publication date has not been announced yet, but we will let you know as soon as we are notified by Award Books.

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ANN FISHER, well known psychic from Albany, New York, is negotiating for a new television show to be called "Tuning In With Ann Fisher"....Two Albany stations are considering the program and we are sure will will present a most interesting feature.

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TWELVE DEVILISH SITES AROUND THE WORLD...Just for the recor-, there are 12 areas where planes, ships, submarines and people vanish without trace, and they form a pattern--five are on the 30 degree North Latitude line and five on the 30 degree South Latitude line. Those in the south are 20 degrees east of their northern counterparts, and their are one each at the North and South Poles. While strange disappearances take place at other points throughout the world from time to time, these are the most prominent.

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ATLANTIS, that ancient lost continent, has intrigued man since the days of Plato, and the interest today seems a bit higher than usual. Brad Steiger's book, ATLANTIS RISING (Dell) was released in September, although it was written and at the publisher's desk in 1970, and has sold quite well throughout the world, showing the current interest in the subject. Today there is a current theory that says there are vast empires under the ocean, and as Brad says, "And what better place for Atlantis to exist than under the sea?"...How reliable the call may have been we may never know, but last September we received a telephone call, allegedly from a young lady in Florida, claiming to be a citizen of a vast empire located under the Bermuda Triangle in the Atlantic Ocean. It was a direct-dial call, so we could not be certain that it even came from Florida, and less sure of her claims, but she did answer all of our questions without hesitation, and gave the right answers, according to our knowledge. Of course, there is a problem in itself--we had to know what to ask her, and the obvious answers, and if she was reasonably well-read on the subject, she could know the answers as well as we did. Little, if anything, was proved by the call, but thought I would pass it along for whatever interest it might be

The Virginian-Pilot

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Monday, February 4, 1974

Section B

By MIKE SMITH

Virginian-Pilot Staff Writer

Consider the plight of the Nebraskan, if you will.

While the rest of the nation frolics through a winter full of balmy days, the Cornhuskers, sturdy beings that they are, are huddling their way through weeks of subzero temperatures.

There are no barefoot youths gamboling about the University of Nebraska campus. No bare-midriffed females prancing over green expanses as they do here in Tidewater.

Doubtless, neither the huddling Nebraskan nor the gamboling Virginian realizes it, but both are being influenced by that Great River in the sky.

Ah, you say. The lightness of the last month has surely made the writer balmy in the head. But no, there really is a river in the sky.

Unlike the loitering Mississip-

pi, this sky river dashes across the Northern Hemisphere at speeds that sometimes exceed 200 miles per hour.

It is this river, called a jet stream when it reaches high velocity, that is creating these halcyon days of winter for most of the nation.

Dr. J. Murray Mitchell of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said the river has, (for some unexplained reason) moved farther north this winter than last.

Normally, the Great River of wind moves south in winter, allowing icy Arctic blasts to invade the United States.

But by moving north, the river, at an altitude of about 25,000 feet, has trapped the cold fronts in Canada and sent them sliding over to the other side of the world where in Asia the river is farther south than usual.

Like any earthly river, the sky river meanders, wanders here

and there, rushes in where it finds a soft spot, and ricochets off hard spots.

Such a soft spot has led to the cold winter of the Nebraskans. A large meander or loop has dropped down into Montana, Nebraska, and parts of Arizona and New Mexico bringing with it the only winterlike weather this winter.

To the west, this meander enters the United States from the northwest dipping toward the southeast, causing winds to flow in that direction.

The meander completes itself by heading back north over the eastern part of the country. As it

heads northward it carries warm, moist air out of the Gulf of Mexico.

Along with the river there is a trough. This trough, not the hog kind but one created by low pressure and geographic features, has remained relatively stationary between the Pacific Ocean and the Rocky Mountains for the last six weeks, Dr. Mitchell said.

This trough helps prevent any deep intrusions of cold from the north.

Lest you think, in the warmth of our Tidewater winter, that this may be the beginning of something hot, Mitchell is quick to point out that the general trend

know that the west-central portion of Africa has endured nearly five years of drought because the very dry air that normally overlies the Sahara Desert has moved south, displacing the more moist air of the west-central area.

What made the dry Sahara air move south is a mystery, Mitchell said. It is compounded by the fact that air flow has remained in basically the same position for five years.

Although it can't answer all the questions, the National Weather Service can supply us with some weather facts to ponder while we look, with some apprehension, at the tulip and daffodil bulbs that are peeking through the pine straw and the azaleas that are beginning to blush with overanxiousness:

● The average temperature for January was 48.6 degrees, which was 8.1 degrees above normal.

for the last 30 years has been toward cooling of the earth's atmosphere.

"The fact that you're getting a lot of warm weather or even that the whole nation is getting it isn't necessarily inconsistent with the cooling trend because world-average trends aren't always reflected in local trends," said Mitchell.

As for why the earth is cooling off, Mitchell said it's anybody's guess.

Such inability to explain the reasons behind the weather is not unusual to weather forecasters.

For example, meteorologists

● Last month was the warmest January in 24 years.

● Tidewater had only 35 hours of below-freezing temperatures last month.

Having absorbed such undoubtedly useful tidbits of information, ponder the 30-day weather forecast that predicts that the warm trend will continue through February with less than the average amount of precipitation.

Mitchell said there's a good chance the meander pattern will break, thereby bringing in more winterlike weather, but he said it's impossible to predict when it will happen.

Terry Ritter, head meteorologist in the Norfolk National Weather Service office, was a little more optimistic about warm weather staying.

He said, "There isn't any flow pattern that indicates winter will rear its ugly head."

Romp on Virginians.

SCIENTISTS...
THE ABOVE REFERS TO
MY EAST COAST AREA HERE.
Owen

Jan. 18, 1974

Floods Hit West; Death Toll at 14

CANYONVILLE, Ore. (UPI) — Rescuers Thursday searched for the bodies of nine men buried in a mudslide caused by record rainfalls that sent rivers over their banks and caused millions of dollars damage in five Pacific Northwest states.

Search teams, including sheriff's deputies and Explorer Scouts, found three bodies in a creek about a mile below the 125-foot high and 400-foot long slide. The victims were identified as Roy James and Mark Garoutte of Roseburg, Ore., and Robert Keller, Portland, Ore.

The National Weather Service said another storm was moving down from the Gulf of Alaska and will bring more rain today after a 24-hour respite.

The death toll from the West's worst flooding of the winter stood at 14. Besides the nine buried and believed dead at Canyonville, a brother and sister were swept away by high water at Myers Flat, Calif., and two men and a 14-year-old boy were missing and presumed drowned in separate incidents in southern Oregon and northern California.

Initial damage estimates indicated that losses would run into the tens of millions of dollars in Oregon, California, Washington, Idaho, and Montana. In four

California counties alone, damage was estimated at \$15 million.

Geologists probed the massive mudslide that buried the nine men, all working on a broken telephone cable, to determine whether the gooey mud had settled enough to permit heavy equipment to try to reach the bodies in the building, a telephone repeater station.

Two other men who had been working on the cable, the main telephone coaxial link between Portland, Ore., and Sacramento, Calif., were able to escape.

"The entire canyon was full of mud and it was still coming from the top of the mountain," said Ken Kelley, one of the survivors. "We tried to find someone in the vehicles but had to give up as the mud kept coming down."

Many major highways and railroad lines were closed by washouts and slides. U.S. 101, the major coastal route north of San Francisco, was closed by slides in six places.

"It's kind of a dismal picture this morning," said James Boyd, city manager of Dunsmuir, Calif., near scenic Mt. Shasta, where damage was set at \$2.5 million. "We are trying to clean up and we hear there is another big one (storm) coming."

Va. Pilot

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SCIENTISTS

PLEASE NOTE THE CONTRAST

BETWEEN THIS WEATHER

AND THE WEATHER AT MY EAST

COAST AREA, THAT I HAVE

BEEN CONTROLLING WITH

UFO HELP.

EACH DAY I HAVE USED

MENTAL IMAGERY TO

INSTRUCT THE S.I.'s ...

(SEEING A MAP OF THE

U.S. AND RAYS OF LIGHT

HEAT RAYS, SHINING DOWN

ON THE EAST (COASTAL AREA.)

Owens

Sales Off 15-25%

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Feb. 24, 1974

Va.'s Heating Oil Saved by Weather

By The Associated Press

Mild winter temperatures and consumer conservation has produced a savings in heating oil in Virginia, and it appears that even if temperatures drop drastically there will be enough oil to go around.

"Someone upstairs has really helped us a lot this winter," said A.G. Miller, manager of the heating oil department for Exxon's Newport News district office.

"Sales are down considerably," said Norman Minter, Union 76 distributor in Danville. "In

fact, I'd say about 25 per cent for this area. I think the decline can be attributed to mild weather and to the fact that people really have cut back their thermostats."

Most distributors said their heating oil sales were down between 15 and 25 per cent this winter.

Ronald Powell of Frank Cline and Son, a Harrisonburg Citgo distributor, said "the picture is not bad now, and the only thing which could change it would be an awful long, cold spring."

Powell said the biggest problem is people calling for oil when their tanks are half full.

Miller said company figures show about a 20 per cent decrease in the number of cold days this winter when compared to last winter.

But he cautioned that three weeks of subfreezing weather "could throw everyone off."

"As it stands now we should be able to take care of all our customers because the demand for fuel oil has definitely been down lately," Miller said.

George Lecuyer, president of the Peninsula Oil Dealers Association, said most Peninsula area fuel oil dealers haven't been as busy lately as they were at the start of the winter because they haven't had the heavy schedule of deliveries to make.

"February is usually a cold month, but I doubt that we would have much of a problem if we did get some cold weather," he said.

Asked about a surplus of heating oil because of the mild weather, Lecuyer said that only a short-term inventory surplus exists but would be exhausted with the start of cold, winter weather.

MEMBER THE WEATHER
 ILLUSTRATION I GAVE YOU LAST
 YEAR? (KEPT IT WARM IN THE AREA HERE...)
 WELL, THE "PK EFFECT", OR O.D. EFFECT, IS
 STILL INTACT AND WORKING THIS WINTER!

Virginian-Pilot Photo by Neal V. Clark Jr.

Drifting Along

At least one winter sailor took advantage of Saturday's spring temperatures, drifting along the riverfront past lifeless January trees and larger power vessels, temporarily docked by fuel shortages and winter seas.

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Virginian-Pilot Photo by Mike Williams

Sketching in the Park

Karen Wilson of Norfolk took advantage of the springlike weather that engulfed Tidewater in sunshine and

warm breeze Wednesday. She did some outdoor sketching in Lakewood Park, using the bleachers for a desk.

'Summer' Stays

Mostly cloudy and continued warm weather is in prospect for Tidewater today. The high will be in the upper 60s to the lower 70s.

The Norfolk high record for this date is 77 in 1943.

Variable cloudiness will persist tonight and Friday. The low tonight will be in the middle 40s and the high Friday in the lower or middle 60s.

The rain chances are 20 per cent through Friday.

Winds today will be westerly at 5 to 15 miles per hour. Variable winds at 10 m.p.h. or less will prevail tonight and southerly at 10-20 m.p.h. Friday.

The Saturday-through-Monday

outlook is for a chance of showers and warm Saturday with highs in the 60s and lows in the upper 40s, and cooler Sunday and Monday with a chance of rain Monday. Highs Monday will be in the lower 50s and lows near 40.

A warm high pressure area over the northern Gulf of Mexico and a cold high over southern Canada have a cold front wedged between them. Both highs are of about the same strength, but the front, which ran from Cape Cod, Mass., across the Great Lakes Wednesday night, may dip down to the Virginia Capes this evening and become stationary again. Then Friday it should push back north as a warm front.

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High in 60s

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60% Rain Chance

Cloudy skies, warm temperatures, and rain are in store for Tidewater today.

Today's high will be in the middle 60s, tonight's low near 50, and Monday's high in the middle 60s.

The chances of rain are 60 per cent today through Monday.

Winds today through Monday will be southwesterly at 10 to 15 miles per hour.

The outlook for Tuesday through Thursday is for a chance

of rain Tuesday and Wednesday and fair Thursday. Tuesday's high will be near 60 and the low in the upper 30s or lower 40s. Thursday will be colder with the high in the upper 40s and the low in the upper 30s.

A high-pressure area covering the coast this morning will move east and be followed by a low-pressure disturbance moving from the southwest. The low will clear the area by Monday night.

In Norfolk Saturday the low was 42, high 68, and mean 55, which was 14 above normal.

That's a mighty fine looking tower in the background. You know, way back there. Past the girls. There, you've got it. It stands near by the lake on Furman University's campus. Tem-

peratures in the area rose to 77 degrees. By the way, the girl studying is Anne Swann of Richmond, and her friend is Cheryl Snider of Charlotte. (AP)

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Windy in 40s

Va. Pilot

Winter to Return

The brief burst of springlike weather will desert Tidewater about as quickly as it arrived.

There will be variable cloudiness today with the high in the middle 40s. Tonight's low will be near 30, and the high Sunday will be near 40.

The chances of rain are 10 per cent today and zero tonight and Sunday.

A small craft advisory is in effect for northwest winds at 20 to 30 miles per hour today. Winds will decrease to 10-20 m.p.h. from the northeast to east tonight and to 10-15 m.p.h. Sunday.

The outlook for Monday

through Wednesday calls for fair weather with near normal temperatures. The daily highs will average in the lower 50s and nightly lows in the middle 30s.

A cold front following a low-pressure center that moved offshore today will move east and bring drier, colder air into the area as it is pursued by a high-pressure center over the Northern Plains that is expected to reach the coast by Sunday night.

In Norfolk Friday the high of 75 equalled the record set in 1890. The low was 61, and the mean was 68, which was 27 above normal.

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Warmed-Over Day

January's springlike warmth, which produced a record-equaling 75 in Norfolk Sunday, will continue today under increasing cloudiness and a threat of showers. The high temperature will be near 70.

Under cloudless skies, the 75 peak was reached at 4 p.m. The overnight low was 59 and the mean for the day, 67 was 25 above normal. Jan. 27, 1952 also had a 75, while the date in 1940 saw a record low 11.

Tonight will be cloudy with a 50 per cent chance of showers. The low temperature will be in the 50s. Tuesday will bring variable cloudiness and continued warm. The high will be in the 70s.

Southerly winds of 10 to 15 miles per hour today will increase to 10-20 m.p.h. tonight, and to 15-25 m.p.h. Tuesday.

The Wednesday-through-Friday outlook is for considerable cloudiness with showers but becoming fair near the end of period. Daily highs will be in the lower 60s and nightly lows from the middle 40s to about 40.

A cold front may edge its way toward Tidewater today, but a strong southwesterly flow aloft may cause it to wash out. This flow is causing unseasonable warmth over all the Southeastern states. It stems from a stationary upper level trough over the Rocky Mountains area.

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June in January

January will retain its springlike guise in Tidewater for several more days. Tuesday's high was 65.

Today will be mostly sunny with an afternoon high in the middle 60s.

Considerable cloudiness is expected tonight and Thursday.

The Friday-through-Sunday outlook is mild with a chance of rain each day. Daily highs will average in the upper 50s and lower 60s and nightly lows in the lower 40s.

A low-pressure area will move from the St. Lawrence River Valley to offshore tonight, then

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More Springtime

The weather in Tidewater today will be fair and mild for the season. The afternoon high tem-

perature will become north at 10-15 m.p.h. Wednesday afternoon.

A Balmy Bow-Out

January will bow out under mostly sunny skies and unseasonably warm temperatures in Tidewater today.

A predicted high in the lower 70s may equal or break the Jan.

10 to 20 miles per hour today. Winds will shift tonight to northwest, 15-25 m.p.h. and gusty tonight. Friday's winds will be northerly at 10-20 m.p.h.

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High in 60s

Still Like Spring

After a chance of early-morning rain, Tidewater can expect partly cloudy and mild weather today. The afternoon high will be in the lower 60s.

The Friday-through-Sunday outlook is for a chance of a few showers Sunday but otherwise partly cloudy, with lows in the middle 30s and highs in the middle 50s.

Va Pilot Feb. 4, 1974

It's Winter Again

Winter, long conspicuous by its absence, will return to Tidewater today and tonight. Area low readings this morning will be in the low 30s. Interior points may have lows in the upper 20s.

hour today and northwest, 10-20 m.p.h. tonight and Tuesday.

The Wednesday-through-Friday outlook is for a chance of precipitation Wednesday and Thursday, then fair Friday. Day-

Warm Weather Melts Ski Resort Hopes

By CONRAD PAYSOUR
Landmark News Service

Many North Carolinians may have shuddered a bit when they read recently that snow was falling in many areas of the North Carolina mountains and that colder weather was predicted for much of the state.

But not the operators of ski resorts.

The unseasonably warm weather that has prevailed over the state for most of the winter has hurt the ski business this year.

Some motel operators and oth-

er businessmen in ski resort areas of the state have also reported that their business is off as a result of the ski business being curtailed by warm weather.

"You can tell the difference," one Waynesville businessman reported earlier in the week. He added, "but it is snowing outside right now."

In nearby Maggie Valley, Ross Prevost, general manager of the motel section of Maggie Valley Country Club and Motor Lodge and president of the Maggie Valley Merchants Association, said:

"They're making snow right now. They can make up for some of the lost business, but not all of it."

And that, of course, has been the problem for much of the winter so far. North Carolina ski resorts depend on two types of snow, natural and manmade. When it's warm there is not natural snow, and it's also impossible to make snow.

Cataloochee Ski Resort President Rick Coker makes no bones

about being hurt by the warm weather.

"I have never seen a worse winter," he commented.

He said December was about average but that there were only three days in January that were cold enough for skiing. Altogether this winter Cataloochee has been able to open its ski slopes for only 23 days. He said that in a normal winter, there would be about 45 or so days of skiing at this point in the skiing season.

Coker said that the fewest number of skiing days the resort has ever had in one season has been 52 or 53 days.

"We might be able to make some of it up if we can ski into March, but March is a fickle month," he said. "I don't feel you can make it up now."

Col. Paul Jones, general manager of Wolf Laurel at Mars Hill, said that as far as skiing business goes there, "The warm weather has been the difference between life blood and no life blood."

Heavy Snow, Bitter Cold Sweep Through Midwest

Fuel-Short Travelers Hard Hit

By The Associated Press

The old year ended with bitter cold and a severe winter storm that dumped heavy snows from Kansas to Ohio Monday and made holiday travel even harder for motorists already plagued by the gasoline shortage.

Authorities in Minnesota warned motorists who ran out of gas to guard against exposure. The warmest recorded temperature during the night in the state was 22 degrees below zero.

The Highway Patrol said it rescued about 20 motorists who ran out of gasoline in the St. Paul-Minneapolis area where temperatures were 25 below. Things were even worse in Bemidji; the thermometer read 35 below.

Freezing temperatures sent shivers as far south as the heart of Texas and people in much of the eastern half of the nation were warned of one kind of bad weather or another.

People from Ohio through Western New York were warned of heavy snow. The warnings came on top of already heavy snow in Ohio. There was 9 inches in Cincinnati, 9 inches in Dayton, and 5 inches in Cleveland.

About 10 inches of snow fell at Indianapolis and snow elsewhere in Indiana restricted traffic to one-lane on some stretches of interstate highways.

A shortage of salt hampered snow removal. The problem stemmed from another storm two weeks ago that dumped up to 21 inches of snow in some areas and caused the depletion of much of the salt stockpiled for the winter.

Elsewhere in the Midwest, Lambert-St. Louis International Airport in Missouri was shut down for more than 20 hours, finally reopening on Monday.



While Monday was springlike in Southeastern Virginia, it was winterlike in Springfield, Ill., where this resident

is shoveling a path through 2 feet of snow. (UPI)

I am keeping it warm here successfully!
J. Wena

Golden West Turned Deep White

Note: This article, and freak weather, followed long distance call from Phoenix Arizona radio station last week. I told them I intended to cancel the Committee breakfast!!
Up to 4 Feet Near L.A., - weather out most!!

Desert Resorts Covered

JAN. 5, 1974

King Pilot

By United Press International

Snow fell on deserts in Southern California, Utah, and Arizona Saturday, stranding motorists and blanketing Palm Springs golf courses for the first time in 25 years.

Up to 4 feet of snowfall accumulated in the mountains around Los Angeles and an estimated 1,000 people were marooned in their cars trying to get through snow-clogged passes.

Snow covered Palm Springs, desert resort and winter home of many wealthy retired individuals, for the first time in a quarter century.

Twenty-one inches of snow piled up at Victorville, Calif., and 16 inches were reported on the desert.

Snow was reported at Furnace Creek in Death Valley Friday, for the first time since 1968 and only the third time since the National Park Service began keeping records in Death Valley 15 years ago. The temperature dropped to 33 degrees.

Six inches of snow fell by daybreak in Las Vegas, and highway travel from St. George, Utah, into the gambling city was banned unless autos were equipped with chains or snow tires. All other roads into Las Vegas were reported hazardous.

All highways in Utah, except for the Salt Lake City area, were snowbound, but all but U.S. 89 into Arizona were sanded and open for at least limited travel.

St. George got a foot of snow.

Flagstaff, in northern Arizona's mountains, got 4 inches of new snow and the storm, moving inland across the West, dumped 2 inches at Pocatello, Idaho, during the night.

An icy storm gripped Oregon, and gusty east winds blew through Columbia Gorge. Timberline Lodge ski area on Mt. Hood was closed because of strong winds. Mt. Hebo, on the Oregon coast, reported a wind gust of 103 miles an hour.

Heavy-snow warnings were posted for parts of Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado.

About 1,000 persons were reported stuck in cars on the north side of Tejon Pass through the Tehachapi Mountains north of Los Angeles Friday night. At one point 400 cars set out to cross the pass behind four highway department snowplows.

Motels in California's high desert Antelope Valley were jammed by motorists and truckers stranded in what residents called the worst snowstorm in memory.

Where it was too warm for snow, it rained. Mudslides from California hillsides bared of vegetation by last fall's fires swept down canyon roads, pushing cars to the edge of highways. Los Angeles County firemen rescued 60 persons from cars and homes in Topanga Canyon.

Temperatures moderated over the Central Plains and middle Mississippi Valley, and drizzle and occasional fog occurred over the Ohio Valley and the South.

The mercury dipped to 22 below at Alamosa, Colo., but temperatures were in the 80s in southern Florida.

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