June 23, 1970

Dr. ~~XM~~ Hynek
Dr. Sprinkle

Dr. Hynek -
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Gentlemen:

I have just concluded putting on an absolutely air-tight demonstration, proof-wise, of my ability to communicate with UFO entities and bring about an effect. It could not conceivably be labeled a "coincidence" or anything else. As I say, it is as air-tight as a genuine scientific experiment could be, were it one, which of course it is not, since I am a layman.

What would your reaction be...if you were the Editor of a very large newspaper...there was a local drought...crops were in danger of dying... and a man wrote in and said that he would deliberately make a storm for the area, within a week's time...and as proof that it was caused by him, the storm would be marked by a savage lightning attack? Then it follows...that in 5 days, on the 5th day thereafter...a devastating storm strikes this area, specified....it is marked by an absolutely savage lightning attack, lighting striking houses, striking powerlines and knocking out power in 10,000 homes...lightning striking a huge oil building and sending up a "fireball" when it explodes. And...the corn crop which was in great danger, is now "saved" according to the newspapers from the 4 inch rainfall ensuing from the storm.

I'll tell you what the Editor's reaction was, here in Norfolk/Virginia Beach. Absolutely nothing. Not a word of it to the public. That is how completely my "miracles" are kept a secret. Following is a copy of my letter to the Editor of the Ledger-Star (4565 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, Virginia, Phone 625-1431) before, 5 days before, the storm struck: Dear Sir: Maddry and Bonko have both mentioned me previously in their columns. Tonight I read in your paper that this area is in a serious drought condition...that within two weeks the corn crop can be a disaster, as well as other crops, etc. Not much rain in months. All right. I was quite successful in Phila. in causing it to rain...and Maddry saw the articles in the papers on it. I notified the papers by letters, like this one...and then brought the rain in...and this during the 6-year drought then on at that time. I'm going to do this: (1) Try to make it rain her substantially within one week from now. (2) Try to keep it raining here in the Norfolk/ Virginia Beach area all the summer long. (3) Try to give this area such a drenching, soaking and pouring-down as to be almost beyond belief... the wettest summer on record here...more rain...etc. (4) It will be marked (the storms, that is) with my own personal trademark...heavy lightning attacks. (5) I will try to bring up a hurricane from lower Florida to this area, or near this area...and draw more rain from it to here. Am not writing you this letter...to get any publicity...but to let you know, when it happens, what caused it. Maddry was skeptical of my work, I'm afraid, and would like to give him a sort of demonstration."

Am enclosing the newsclips showing the terrific scope of the storm, as well as the documention of confirmation from the court reporter, Mrs. Dyer, here in Rm. 401, Plaza One Bldg., Norfolk, Va., phone 625-5848.

A cleaner, more powerful demonstration of my link with the Si's...you couldn't find.

Ted Owens, (PK Man)

June 22, 1970, Monday

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Last Tuesday, June 16, 1970, Mr. Ted Owens, known as "PK Man", gave me in writing a prediction that he would bring about, within one week's time, a substantial rainstorm. Furthermore, he additionally promised that the rainstorm would be marked by spectacular lightning display... which he terms his "trademark."
The foundation for all of this...was an article which appeared in the Ledger-Star newspaper of Norfolk to the effect that there had been no rainfall for two months and that unless rainfall occurred...there would be a disaster for the crops in this area. Mr. Owens decided, he said, to save the crops for the farmers here.

Yesterday, Sunday, June 21, 1970, there was a devastating storm in this Norfolk area...more than a half-inch of rain fell...winds of over 65 miles per hour...boats were grounded...roofs were blown off of buildings...cars were blown off roads...and lightning struck everywhere at houses, power lines, etc. Lightning in fact knocked out the power in various portions of Norfolk. Lightning also struck a huge oil tank and the resulting explosion sent up a "fireball".

Therefore I do confirm herein that Mr. Owens' prediction last week was entirely accurate, and has come to pass within the one-week time limit that he imposed.

I certify this to be a true and accurate statement of fact.

NIKI DYER, Court Reporter
Plaza One Building
Norfolk, Virginia.

Rain Saves Tri-County Corn Crop

6/23/70

SUFFOLK — Farm authorities said Monday that while Sunday's rain played favorites in the Tri-County area, it played an important part in saving the year's corn crop.

Rainfall ranged from 1.5 inches in Isle of Wight County, to .4 inches in Holland, and to a low of .18 inches in Suffolk.

Robert Goerger, assistant agricultural agent in Isle of Wight County, said the rain did "a lot of good. It saved the corn crop, for it was about gone."

While Sunday's rain was a good start, Goerger added, "we'll need more to keep the corn going. We could use a couple more inches of a gentle rain."

Weather recorders at the Tidewater Research Station in Holland said the 4-inch rainfall helped Nansemond County crops a little "but not a great deal."

June 20, 1970.....TO ALL CONTACTS

Dr. Sprinkle

I bring you very good news. Through the past few years you've seen me write in advance...that I would cause this major power blackout, produce multiple hurricanes for the season, end the drought on the East Coast, end the killer-drought in India...and so on and on and on. Now, at long last, two top scientists have checked me out, my work out...and I have letters from them stating that they are willing to be one of my regular Contacts and observe this continuing "PK"/Si phenomena as it occurs. I deeply regret that they were not in on all the earlier miracles...but, better late than never, as the saying goes. They will now watch, objectively...not disbelieving, not believing...but being the top scientists that they are, in the U.S., constantly observing what the Si's are doing to prove their (Si) reality and their communication with me as their human observer. These two scientists are:

Dr. Leo Sprinkle
University of Wyoming

Dr. J. Allen Hynek
Northwestern University

It is entirely possible...that with these two eminent gentlemen coming into this action as observers...that in the near time ahead...we may be communicating with the Si's face to face, somehow, somewhere. Which, of course, has been my goal all along.

(2) On June 16, 1970, an article appeared in the Ledger-Star newspaper here...to the effect that this area is in a terrible drought. Naturally, seeing this, I contacted the Si's, and they gave the go-ahead. (Remember the chain of storms I made in Phila. and it was confirmed in the newspaper story there? As well as other places; Miami, Florida, more recently.) So I gave Mrs. Niki Dyer, a court-reporter in this office, a document stating (1) I would make it rain substantially here in this area within one week from 6/16; (2) I would keep it raining here in this area all the summer long; (3) I would give this area such a soaking as to be almost beyond belief; (4) It would all be marked, the storms, with my own personal trademark...heavy lightning attacks; (5) I will try to bring a hurricane up from lower Florida this season...to shed more rain on this area. Now: I also sent this notice to the Editor of the Ledger-Star.
Since that time...this area has had two night-storms, and today a rocking-socking rainstorm accompanied by spectacular lightning!
I want to quote you from that news article: "Let's see, the last time it rained was uhhh...June 6. But that was hardly worth remembering... only .28 inches. June 5 was worse. Only .01 inch fell - not enough to justify even one bar of "Singing in the Rain." The dry weather is having a serious effect on area crops lawns and shrubbery. If it (corn) receives no meaningful rainfall within two weeks, the corn crop will be a disaster."....
Well, Contacts, I've helped that situation already, within the week, as I specified in writing.

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P.S. If you think it is easy to bring this about...consider that the various elements of weather combinations along the eastern seaboard and elsewhere must be put together like a jig-saw puzzle to bring about this desired effect!

Dr Sprinkle

June 13, 1970.....TO ALL CONTACTS

The Si's have just successfully completed another "miracle", which I have dutifully reported, for them and from them, to you.

As you know, I sent you, some time ago, a message from the Si's...saying that they would give a world-wide demonstration of violent, savage weather phenomena...earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tornados, hurricanes and so on.
This has come about in dramatic fashion...Worst avalanches in 30 years in Europe; worst floods in history in Roumania and Germany; worst tornado to ever hit Texas (clobbered Lubbock recently); worst earthquake in 20 years to strike Peru (last week); and the list goes on and on, long long list... since I sent you that letter.

Now...also in that letter I told you that the Si's would appear and be reported in the newspapers...as their "signature" to the reality of the whole situation, of them, and their link with me.
This morning this "signature" appeared in the newspaper here in Norfolk, The Virginian Pilot, as follows: "RA 2 CREW SIGHTS UFO IN ATLANTIC. Clearwater, Fla. (UPI)--A radio message Friday from explorer Thor Heyerdahl's papyrus boat Ra 2 said crewmen sighted an unidentified flying object (UFO) on their voyage across the Atlantic Ocean toward Mexico. The message, by shortwave radio from navigator Norman Baker, said the UFO moved across the horizon for several minutes and disappeared in "a bright orange flash." The North American Air Defense Command, headquartered at Colorado Springs, Colorado, doubted that the UFO could have been connected with any space shot. An officer at NORAD suggested, "It might have been a meteor." Baker said the sighting was made Thursday morning as the Ra 2 made good headway in a voyage that started last month from the Moroccan port of Safi. Heyerdahl is trying to prove that ancient Egyptians could have used papyrus boats to bring their culture to the Western Hemisphere centuries before Columbus landed. At last report, Ra 2 was 750 miles west of the African coast in the mid-Atlantic. One member of the crew, Ait Madani, spotted the UFO as he was at the helm of the Ra 2."

I am very excited about this...it has been a beautiful, perfectly executed demonstration by the Si's, for you.
Now I believe, I hope, they will stop the earthquakes and other savage destructive weather phenomena...I asked them to last week, when Peru was devastated. They produced the weather phenomena and "signed" the demonstration with this nationally-reported UPI newspaper write-up of their dramatic appearance to the Ra 2. Perhaps it is the end of the demonstration. I hope so. But...I don't know for sure, either. At any rate they've told you, as plainly as can be, that they are responsible for the world-wide floods, quakes, etc., that have taken place. THIS HAS ENORMOUS IMPLICATIONS, as is quite obvious to you.

Now, I'd like a confirmation on this, if any of you would care to give me one, for my files. Because remember...it is only by this means that I have been able to prove my link with the Si's this far.; It is vital to my work. So...any volunteers? (Of course the new "members" of the Contacts will not have this letter I sent which set up the world-wide weather demonstration followed by the Si "signature," so they couldn't confirm anything if they wanted to.)

NOW, since some of you are new members of my Contact group (and I must apologize for using that term to Brinsley in London, since my contacts are a relative handful of people and Brinsley's CONTACT is a world-wide organization...but how else to put it?) so at this point I'll fill you in on what the Si's (UFO intelligences) are doing.

Because a friend in London asked me to have the Si's demonstrate in England, currently...I have contacted "Control" (top Si intelligence) and requested that the Si's (1) appear over England in numbers, (2) cause weather aberrations around the area of England, and (3) cause the wide appearance of "ghosts" and "poltergeists" in the area of England. I specified for a time-frame the month of June.
Of course, I do not know whether they will comply or not. They do not like other humans to suggest experiments...practically all of the "miracles" I've demonstrated through the Si's have been thought up by the Si's and dictated to me...by the Si's. But...I'm trying, with this.
And let me explain another problem: the Si's have a different "time" than our time. They have to work from their dimension into our dimension through "time windows". I.e., instead of the above phenomena happening in June...it could take place in July or August. This has occurred before. The phenomena does in fact occur...but out of the time-frame I try to force it into.

A friend in New York and a friend in New Jersey...have requested I ask the Si's to appear and thus create more interest in UFO's than is currently being shown by the layman on the street. I have taken this request to "Control" who has promised me that they will appear (as they just have) and be written up in newspapers and mags, to stir up more interest in them.

The Si's had promised my Contacts "an earthquake summer"...i.e., violent, savage weather phenomena around the world...to continue through the summer into the fall season. Peru was the latest country to be struck. And day before yesterday 12 towns in Oklahoma, I believe it was, were chewed up by tornados. These are the most recent events. I have a hunch the Si's will strike our east or west coast with a big earthquake during the summer; and I have sound reasons behind that hunch.

The Si's some time ago...stated they would harass the Pan-Am (and now other airlines) Jumbo Jet 747's. They have done so very much; their latest actions being the Pan-Am 747 that went off the runway at NY last week; and the shooting on board the Pan-Am 747 last week. You can watch this harassment with interest, knowing it is Si-caused.

This coming fall...the Si's are going to "PK" all football stadiums where pro football teams will play...which will cause freak accidents and injuries...and have the effect of causing pro football teams to be regular traveling hospital wards.

After the appearance...of some articles coming out in July and August about them...the Si's will reward humans for it...(because it is of the utmost importance to them to have their work known around the world)...by not touching or interfering with the next Apollo shot (they certainly "touched and interfered" with the last two Apollo shots!)

The Si's are going to cause something strange and unusual...to happen in the Washington, D.C. area, as you know from a recent communication from me; and they are going to "spank" the Miami, Florida area in some way, for reasons of their own.

I believe that's the extent, right now...of what they are working on, and reporting to you through me.

Before I forget it...let me explain an interesting point. The term "SI" as you know...stands for Space Intelligence, or "Saucer" Intelligence, if you will. However, just recently...the Si's have added to my education from them...by adding sound to the symbols which they've given me to use with them for purposes of communication. This for the first time...and I've been communicating with them for five years now just with symbols. So they've just taught me how to combine sound with the symbols. All right. So now I'm using Sound and Images, right? Which also, if you put that together, comes to "SI". Interesting coincidence.
Why the sound with the mental images I use? The best I can explain, from the little explanation they've given me...is that the sound acts as a carrier of the image, giving the mental image more force and carries it truer...they gave me the example of my throwing a light knife (remember I'm a pro knife-thrower) which can wobble and waver in flight and drop off-target. But by adding an amount of tape to the handle... enough weight is given to the knife to throw it hard and true.
And so it is with the different and varied sounds they give me to go along with the mental images I'm supposed to use in various assignments they give me.

That's it for now. I won't be able to write you very often, because of no postage and no money and very little time to writex. But I'll try to keep you abreast of the Si's actions as often as I can, because it is of prime importance to them, and to you, that I do so.

For those of you who are new, and might be puzzled by some of the things written herein...get Otto Binder's excellently-written articles re the Si's coming out in SAGA Magazine on the stands in July and August.

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Dr Sprinkle

June 24, 1970

The Editor, Ledger-Star
The Editor, Virginia-Pilot
Larry Maddry
Mrs. M. Dyer, Court Reporter

So...you do not even blink with astonishment...when a man calls in lightning, tornadic winds, and rain...on a certain relatively small geographical area...within a relatively short space of time, specified. And documented in advance in writing.

Well, well.

I reckon then that some more demonstrations will have to be made.

I am setting up an unusual apparatus to cover this area... from the Si's (UFO's) tool-kit of ODE forces and effects (ODE* is other-dimensional...which is where the Si's originate... from another dimension).

This mechanism will have the effect of highly-charging the Norfolk/Virginia Beach, etc. (Tidewater area) with magnetic and electro-magnetic force. An ODE "grid" has been placed over this area, and is now in operation. The grid acts just like the gimmick that charges a car battery....and this will also draw water from the nearby ocean to this area, besides drawing lightning to this area...

So, in the near future things will get lively here. All sorts of weird unusual magnetic and electro-magnetic effects. Lots of lightning...could be even on nice days in the daytime... lots of electrical storms. And so on.

I've done this before, using the Si power, ME and it was fantastic...the results....over the area it was used on.

Watch, and see.

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2-Inch Deluge In Storm

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By ETHEL A. STEADMAN

Virginian-Pilot Staff Writer

A storm punctuated by severe lightning dumped more than 2½ inches of rain on Tidewater Thursday. Better than an inch of precipitation was recorded at Norfolk Regional Airport between 6 and 7 p.m., the Weather Bureau reported.

Thunderstorms covered 75 per cent of the state Thursday, according to the Weather Bureau. This was unusual, even if not phenomenal.

Two men from the Tidewater area were the object of a Coast Guard search in the Atlantic off Cape Hatteras Thursday night after their 18-foot outboard was reported overdue about 7 p.m. Air surveillance will resume today at first light.

A spokesman at 5th District headquarters in Portsmouth said the outboard departed Hatteras about 7:30 a.m. Thursday, and was expected to return well before night.

Seas were rough and winds of 25 knots, gusting higher, were reported off the cape during the afternoon, the Coast Guard said.

A Coast Guard plane and 44-ot cutter probed the ocean for tiny boat until high winds and poor visibility forced them to suspend operations about 11 p.m.

The men were not identified.

The intensity of the rainfall flooded streets and low-lying sections, creating instant lakes and headaches throughout the four South Hampton Roads cities.

A mudslide inundated the eastbound lanes of Granby Street at Taussing Boulevard, where the rain washed out dirt from the Interstate 64 overpass under construction, Norfolk police said. Street crews were scraping away the muck, which some reports said was 6 feet deep, late Thursday.

Residents of a three-story brick apartment house in the 900 block of Brandon Avenue, Norfolk, were told by firemen to evacuate the building after an accumulation of water caused the roof to collapse.

Water seeped through to the ground floor and presented a potential hazard in combination with the electrical system, the residents were informed.

Lightning set off a multitude of small fires in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, and Virginia Beach, Authorities said none of the fires was extensive.

A freak bolt of lightning caused damage in three widely separate spots at the home of Hubert Bass on Pefley Drive in Norfolk.

Bass said the bolt knocked a hole through a garage wall at one end of the five-bedroom brick house, damaged another wall at the opposite end, and shattered a low brick wall he had been building around a treet about 6 feet away from the house.

In Virginia Beach, fire officials reported that lightning hit the Lakeville Estates apartments at Indian River Road near Military Highway and struck several residences.

Power failures were widespread, mostly the result of lightning striking transformers, authorities reported.

Norfolk police reported heavy flooding at all underpasses. The water was 4½ feet deep in places, they said. The deluge left eight automobiles stranded in the underpass on Tidewater Drive at Virginia Beach Boulevard and water was over the top of car wheels on Tidewater Drive around the 2nd Precinct, police said.



Virginian-Pilot Photo by Neal V. Clark Jr.

Brambleton Avenue becomes a running river between Tidewater Drive and Chapel Street.

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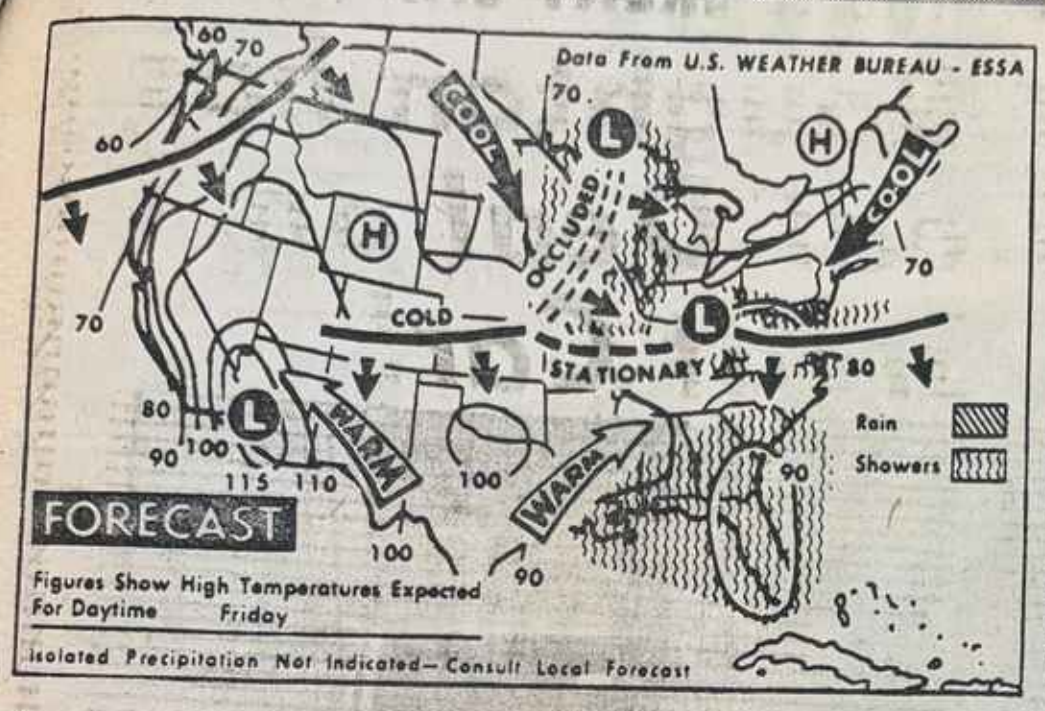
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Rains to Continue

More thunderstorms, some with strong and gusty winds, are in the offing for storm-struck but refreshed Tidewater today.

Thursday night's sharp series of storms, some with pea-sized hail downtown, left 2.65 inches of rain in Norfolk to 11:15 p.m. and raised June's total to 3.49 inches. Downtown streets were like running rivers at the peak of the downpours. Winds gusted to 40 m.p.h. at Norfolk Airport.

More drought-breaking rains are likely. The forecast is for partly cloudy weather tonight and Saturday, but with a continuing (50 per cent) chance of thundershowers.

The high today is to be in the 80s; the low tonight in the 60s; and high Saturday again in the 80s.

Strong and gusty winds are likely in some thunderstorms. Otherwise, between showers, winds are to be variable at 10 to 15 m.p.h. through Satuday.

Heavy thunderstorms rumbled along and south of a stationary front that extended Thursday night from the Atlantic across Southern Maryland to a storm center over north-central Virginia. A particularly severe squall truck the Newport News (Denbigh) area between 5 and 6 p.m. Wind gusts were estimated up to 70 m.p.h.

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Dr. Sprinkle

June 26, 1970

The Editor, Virginian-Pilot Newspaper
The Editor, Ledger-Star Newspaper
Larry Maddry
Mrs. N. Dyer, Court Reporter

About ten days ago...when it was hot, and hadn't rained for two months...and the crops hereabouts were in danger of being lost...I wrote you and informed you I would save the crops by bringing rain...not just rain....but I would "inundate and soak the area", drown it out, so to speak...and my proof of this, that the storms would be my own "Ted Owens Specials" would be powerful lightning attacks.

Last night you had your second "Ted Owens Special" storm. About 3 inches of rain flooded down. Does it follow the pattern I specified in my "prediction" letter to you of ten days ago? It certainly does. I'll now quote from the newspaper, Virginian-Pilot:

"A storm puctuated by severe lightning dumped more than 2 1/2 inches of rain on Tidewater Thursday....Thunderstorms covered 75 percent of the state Thursday,...this was unusual, even if not phenomenal.....The intensity of the rainfall flooded streets and low-lying sections, creating instant lakes and headaches throughout the four South Hampton Roads cities..... Lightning set off a multitude of small fires in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, and Virginia Beach.....A freak bolt of lightning caused damage in three widely separate spots at the home of Hubert Bass on Pefley Drive in Norfolk. Bass said the bolt knocked a hoke through a garage wall at one end of the five=bedroom brick house, damaged another wall at the opposite end, and shattered a low brick wall he had been building around a tree about 6 feet away from the house...In Virginia Beach fire officials reported that lightning hit the Lakeville Estates apartments at Indian River Road near Military Highway and struck several residences....Power failures were widespread, mostly the result of lightning striking transformers....Norfolk police reported heavy flooding at all underpasses. The water was 4 1/2 feet deep in places, they said.....the deluge left eight automobiles stranded in the underpass on Tidwater Drive at Virginia Beach Boulevard and water was ower the top of car wheels on Tidewater Drive around the 2nd Precinct, police said."

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Bright 'Halo' Likely Result Of Poseidon

A high, bright "halo" was reported in the sky southwest of Tidewater by callers to police, the newspaper, and the Norfolk Weather Bureau Monday night from 9:40 until about 10:30.

A definite cause for the astral light was not assigned but United Press International reported that, "The Navy's Poseidon roared into the night from Cape Kennedy at 9:31 p.m. in the 20th test of the new weapons system Monday.

The Bureau said cirrus clouds at 30,000 feet would normally reflect a light into a halo effect. But the bureau spokesman knew of no light, such as the moon, specifically situated Monday night.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's rocket installation at Wallops Island reported no firings Monday.

6/30/70

Dr Sprinkle

30, 1970

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ight. So last night I was watching the 11 o'clock news he announcer said "Strange object seen in the sky..." ered all three stations on the subject...hundreds of e had phone in to the police that they'd seen a oom cloud which changed into a giant multi-colored e over the Chesapeake area of Norfolk (where I live, entally)...and the different announcers were all trying ess what it could be, and said frankly that nobody knew what it was. They'd contacted Wallops Island, but nothing was being ~~xxxx~~ done there. They all carefully and cautiously and painfully endeavored to not say the word "UFO". But one man, of them all, was at least honest: "There was a time," he said, "when I didn't believe in THOSE THINGS, but then I saw one, and now I'm a believer."

In the paper this morning there was just a small blurb...and it tried ~~it~~ to give it the old "marsh gas" treatment. No mention of a "UFO". They called it a "halo". I just looked at the Ledger-Star and they don't even mention it. At least I could find no mention of it.

So...in the space of two weeks I called in my UFO's to give this area a flood of rain and storm...and they did, certainly did. Then a genuine UFO appears over Norfolk last night.

If that all doesn't fit into the "lively" pattern, I don't know what would. But Ill say one thing. The radio and press and TV here...do a marvelous job...of covering up. But it is going to be increasingly harder to do...as the UFO's I'm connected with...get livelier here.

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June 30, 1970

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Mrs. N. Dyer, Court Reporter

I direct your attention to my letter to you of June 24, 1970. In this letter...I told you that I was employing an effect from another dimension...an unusual apparatus to cover this area...a "grid"...and I said: "So, in the near future things will get lively here. All sorts of weird and unusual magnetic and electro-magnetic effects...."

All right. So last night I was watching the 11 o'clock news and the announcer said "Strange object seen in the sky..." I covered all three stations on the subject...hundreds of people had phone in to the police that they'd seen a mushroom cloud which changed into a giant multi-colored circle over the Chesapeake area of Norfolk (where I live, incidentally)...and the different announcers were all trying to guess what it could be, and said frankly that nobbdy knew what it was. They'd contacted Wallops Island, but nothing was being ~~MMMM~~ done there. They all carefully and cautiously and painfully endeavored to not say the word "UFO". But one man, of them all, was at least honest: "There was a time," he said, "when I didn't believe in THOSE THINGS, but then I saw one, and now I'm a believer."

In the paper this morning there was just a small blurb...and it tried it to give it the old "marsh gas" treatment. No mention of a "UFO". They called it a "halo". I just looked at the Ledger-Star and they don't even mention it. At least I could find no mention of it.

So...in the space of two weeks I called in my UFO's to give this area a flood of rain and storm...and they did, certainly did. Then a genuine UFO appears over Norfolk last night.

If that all doesn't fit into the "lively" pattern, I don't know what would. But I'll say one thing. The radio and press and TV here...do a marvelous job...of covering up. But it is going to be increasingly harder to do...as the UFO's I'm connected with...get livelier here.

Ted Owens (PK Man)
Box 3134 CBS
Norfolk, Virginia 23514

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Halo in sky puzzles even weather bureau

NORFOLK — What caused the halo in the sky last night?

Presumably light reflected off circus clouds which were made up of ice particles. The clouds were at 30,000 feet.

What was the source of the light?

The Norfolk Weather Bureau could not say today.

Willie Pegram of 4 Lawrence Circle, Portsmouth, said he observed the halo at 9:20 p.m. from a position near the Elizabeth Manor Golf and Country Club.

The halo was south to southwest from that position Pegram said, and as it enlarged it became fainter.

Miss Jean Chapman of the weather bureau said that the moon reflecting off cirrus clouds can cause the phenomenon, but the moon did not rise last night until after midnight.

Miss Chapman checked with the Richmond and Hatteras, N.C. weather stations and the halo was not reported seen by either. However, an unidentified caller reported seeing the halo at Hatteras, Miss Chapman said.

She said Hatteras advised that Cape Kennedy reported that reflected light from a high altitude research rocket fired there was visible as far north as South Carolina. The rocket was fired at 9:31 p.m.

With Pegram seeing the halo at 9:20 p.m. the firing and the halo appear unrelated. Persons in Norfolk and Virginia Beach reported seeing the light between 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

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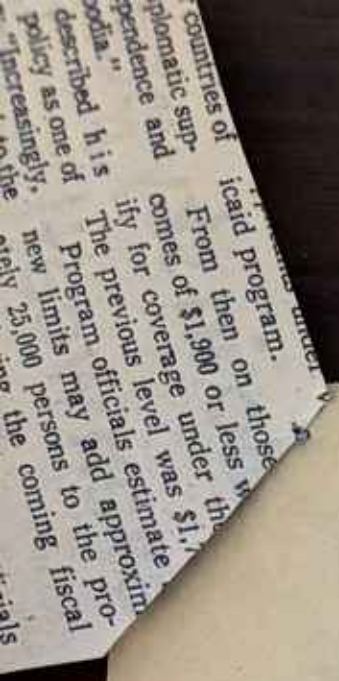
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Dr. Sprinkle

June 30, 1970

Please append this later clipping that I found in tonight's Ledger-Star newspaper, to the letter-copy I sent you from me to the local editors of Norfolk on June 24.

If you will attend closely, you will see that by now...I have called the storms this past week here, in advance in writing...and have now called this phenomena which occurred last night here, and which puzzles everyone including the weather bureau, in advance in writing...re my "grid" which will cause weird electro-magnetic effects, other-dimensional.

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Gasoline Tank Fire Controlled

7/6/70



The tank blazes in a melted ruin amid other tanks filled with gasoline.

Photo by Ben Pulliam

NORFOLK — A lightning-set fire that consumed nearly 20,000 barrels of gasoline and melted the metal walls of a storage tank off north Hampton Boulevard was reported under control Sunday evening by the Fire Department.

Firemen were still at the scene at midnight.

The intense blaze started about 7:30 p.m. Saturday during a thunderstorm in which a lightning bolt struck the 48-foot-high tank at the district plant of the Humble Oil & Refining Co.

Only moments before the fire started, the Humble tanker Esso San Francisco at the plant piers had suspended unloading operations because of the storm danger.

Several persons on the pier saw the tank hit by the lightning. The ship was then moved from the pier.

Firemen battled the blaze throughout the night and into Sunday evening in an effort to keep it from igniting other gasoline storage tanks nearby.

The flames lit the sky by night and trailed a thick fog of black smoke in a southwesterly direction Sunday afternoon.

Residents of a nearby trailer court left their homes Saturday night as huge fireballs leaped from the blazing tank.

Spectators lined Hampton Boulevard, even in intermittent July 4 rain, to watch the brilliant flames. The spectators were still there Sunday although the intensity of the fire had abated somewhat.

No firemen were reported injured during the blaze. Murray A. Roberts, regional operations

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Fire Under Control

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manager for Humble, said that the damage caused by the blaze would have to be estimated by professional assessors.

The 55,000 barrel tank (42 gallons to a barrel) contained "just under 20,000 barrels" of Esso Plus gasoline Roberts said. The tank wall melted down to 18 feet from its original 48 feet.

Firemen tried throughout the night to smother the blaze with foam, but without success. "The tremendous updraft from the heat carried the light foam up in the air," said Norfolk Fire Chief Lawrence B. Wilson.

"About 8 a.m. we stopped the foaming effort because it just wasn't doing any good. Then we concentrated just on keeping the other exposures (tanks) cool."

Wilson said fire fighters got a favorable break in controlling the blaze about 10 a.m. Sunday when the wind died down and shifted to the northeast, blowing the heat and flames away from the other storage tanks.

During the darkness hours of Saturday night and Sunday morning the wind sometimes whipped the intense heat and flames sideways so that firemen had to douse one another's clothes and their equipment with water to keep them from igniting.

Norfolk sent nine engine companies, two ladder trucks, and one salvage unit to the scene and kept 150 firemen working at the blaze in five and six-hour shifts.

The Navy sent two crash trucks from the Norfolk Naval Air Station, a pumping engine from the Naval Station, two fire boats and a tug. The fireboats were later withdrawn.

The Coast Guard sent the cutters Mochican, Point Brown, and Cherokee, but later reduced the standby to just the Cherokee.

Civil Defense volunteers also aided the fight.

Red Cross volunteers and women's auxiliary of the Fire Department served food to the fire fighters. Chesapeake and Virginia Beach fire departments and the Norfolk Naval Station Fire Department sent units to stand duty in Norfolk stations left undermanned because of the fire.

Tides Rained Out

7/6/70

NORFOLK—Rain has claimed another Sunday on the Tide home schedule, the third in the last four as a matter of fact.

The game with Rochester at Metropolitan Park was called before noon by Dave Rosenfield, the Tide general manager.

"It rained last night and all morning. Even with the infield covered there was no way," Rosenfield said with more than a trace of sorrow.

"We've had six Sundays at home and only one really good day, when our Kid's Day promotion drew 3,063. Two others were played in bad weather and three we have lost. We've drawn 82,000 people, almost 50,000 ahead of last year's pace, but with those three Sundays we'd be close to 90,000."

The game, the last of a set of three with the Red Wings, will be made up as part of a doubleheader when Rochester returns Aug. 17-20. The Tides have a makeup doubleheader with Syracuse set Tuesday night and another in August with Louisville. On the road games must be made up at Rochester (Friday as part of a twi-nighter) and Winnipeg.

Jesse Hudson (5-2), who was to have pitched Sunday, will now work Tuesday in the doubleheader with the league-leading Chiefs. Bill Denehy (3-1) probably will work the other game because Jon

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words and within moments, both dugouts emptied. No ejections were made and play was resumed after a few minutes.

Hebner's third home run of the season, following a leadoff single by Matty Alou, was the 11th for the Pirates in the four-game series and 12th of the month, one more than they had in all of June.

The Pirates, who've won 10 of the last 13, added an unearned run in the first on an error by Ron Santo and Gene Alley's run-scoring single and picked up two more in the fifth on singles by Alou and Roberto Clemente.

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Lines, crane downed

Area cleaning up after 'quickie' squall

By RICHARD C. BAYER

Tidewater cleaned up today after a hit-and-run squall Sunday that swept across the area, disrupting power, playing havoc on the waterways and damaging waterfront property.

The biggest cleanup operation was at the Portsmouth Marine Terminal where wind that gusted up to 58 miles per hour blew the boom of a giant cargo crane across a container ship.

John T. Nix, executive director of the Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission, said the boom fell on The Baltimore, owned by Sealand Lines, about 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the peak of the storm.

Nix said, while waiting for thw boom to be raised early today, that there were no injuries. Damage to the boom, he said, appeared extensive, but the ship, he added, did not appear to be badly damaged.

The Weather Bureau had ample warning that a squall line was moving rapidly in from the west accompanied by wild thunderstorms.

It mounted a severe thunderstorm watch at 8:55 a.m. Sunday and shortly thereafter began issuing small craft warnings.

Despite these warnings, there were many small boats in Hampton Roads and on Chesapeake Bay when the storm rolled in about 1 p.m.

The Weather Bureau at Norfolk Regional Airport said the temperature dropped from 95 to 73 in about an hour while heavy winds buffeted the area.

The peak of the storm, the bureau said, was about 1:38 p.m., but scattered thunderstorms were reported in the area as late as 3:43 p.m.

The Coast Guard received dozens of calls and had virtually every piece of rescue equipment in action.

There was one possible death. A man identified by the Coast Guard as Leon Hodge, 35, of Hampton was reportedly washed off a sailboat in the bay four miles north of the Thimble Shoals light.

The Coast Guard said a 40-foot boat, aircraft and the cutter Point Huron searched for Hodge several hours before suspending the search after nightfall.

About 1:30 p.m. Sunday one of the Coast Guard's own, the cutter Sebago, went aground on Willoughby Shoals about three quarters of a mile southwest of the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel.

A Coast Guard spokesman in Portsmouth sais a hawser became entangled in the cutter's propeller and divers were sent over the side before Navy tugs pulled the cutter free at high tide.

The Virginia Power and Electric Co. said some 10,000 Tidewater homes were without power for varying periods of time because of the storm.

A power company spokesman said crews were still out today restoring service to a few homes in outlying areas.

Trouble calls began pouring in at 1:30 p.m. Sunday and most service was restored by 11 p.m, the VEPCO spokesman said.

The heavy wind pealed part of the roofing from atop the Quality Courts Motel, which sits at the end of Willoughby Spit between Willoughby Bay and Chesapeake Bay.

Mrs. Mary Griffith, a desk clerk at the motel, said:

"I told my husband it looked like a tornado. There was so much noise because of the wind. You couldn't believe it."

John C. McCaw, the motel's manager, was surveying the damage today. He said water came through the roof and damaged about 60 rooms on two levels. The motel has 120 rooms.

Firemen were able to extinguish a gasoline storage tank fire caused by lightening in Chesapeake. No one was injured in the fire, which burned for more than an hour.

The storm also blew out 145 feet of freshly erected cinder block in the north walls of the new Rena B. Wright school in Chesapeake.

The wall was 12 feet high and was ready to receive steel joists.



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Storm Knocks Out Electricity to Some

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of Virginia Beach, rescued two men who were floating on life cushions after their 19-foot outboard overturned near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel.

Billy T. Cooper, a passenger on Loziato's boat,estimated the seas at 10 to 15 feet and winds at 60 to 65 m.p.h. They rode out the storm, which lasted nearly an hour, northeast of the Bridge-Tunnel's fourth island.

The Coast Guard cutters reported making numerous rescues, including a father and son in Chesapeake Bay.

Hardest hit by the storm was the Quality Courts Motel in the 1500 block of West Ocean View Avenue. The winds knocked half the roof off the 120-room motel.

John C. McCaw, motel manager, estimated the damage to the roof and furniture in the rooms at about $100,000.

Although about 30 of the rooms were occupied, he said, no one was injured. He said the motel will remain open while repairs are made to the roof.

The Weather Bureau said the storm was caused by a squall line ahead of a low-pressure area moving west to east. The high winds were not unexpected as a severe thunderstorm watch had been in affect from 8:55 a.m. and a tornado watch from 1:15 p.m. Both were lifted at 6 p.m.

Wing gusts up to 80 m.p.h. whipped Blackstone in eastern Virginia and small hail was reported near Raleigh-Durham, N.C.

The tornado watch was issued for portions of the Carolinas as well as southeast Virginia.

Scattered damage was caused by the storm as the winds felled trees and knocked limbs across power lines.

Power was lost for more than seven hours in scattered parts of Norfolk, said J. T. Mason, Virginia Electric Power Co.'s district superintendent.

He said that more than 10,000 homes in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, and Chesapeake were without power during the storm.

The storm also damaged power lines throughout Suffolk and the Tri-County Area, leaving hundreds of homes without electricity for several hours.

Vepco crews were kept busy until late Sunday night clearing limbs from high-voltage lines and repairing downed lines.

In Virginia Beach, the most serious problem was a massive traffic jam on Shore Drive at Pleasure House Road and at Northampton Boulevard created by a power failure in the Bayside area of the city.

At one time, westbound traffic on Shore drive was backed up, bumper to bumper in two lanes, for more than three miles from the intersection at Pleasure House Road.

Thousands of people on the beach at Sandbridge, south to the North Carolina state line, were warned of the storm by city police to clear the beaches. Lt. Carl Weast of the 1st Precinct said some paid no attention to the warnings and "wished they had," but no problems were reported.

A report that two people were aboard an airfloat being blown to sea off the beach at 53rd Street was apparently false, a spokesman for the Fire Department said. The search was called off about 30 minutes after it began.

During the peak of the storm, many small boats sought safety inside the Lynnhaven and Rudee inlets, and one sailboat that overturned was finally brought ashore at Chesapeake Beach without injury to its occupants, police said.

In the South Norfolk section of Chesapeake, a wall of the new Rena B. Wright Elementary School collapsed. Officials at the school, under construction at Park Avenue and Perry Street, were unable to estimate damage or say how much delay can be expected in completion of the building.

State Trooper E. H. Davis Jr. said an automobile on U.S. 58-460 seven miles east of Suffolk was blown off the highway and hit a tree.

The victims were identified as Mrs. Phyllis Crumble, of the 100 block of Ackiss Avenue, Virginia Beach, and her two sons, James, 5, and Darrell, 4. Mrs. Crumble and James were treated and released and Darrell was admitted to Maryview Hospital for a possible head injury.

A home on U.S. 460 north of Suffolk was heavily damaged with it was apparently struck by lightning, firemen said.



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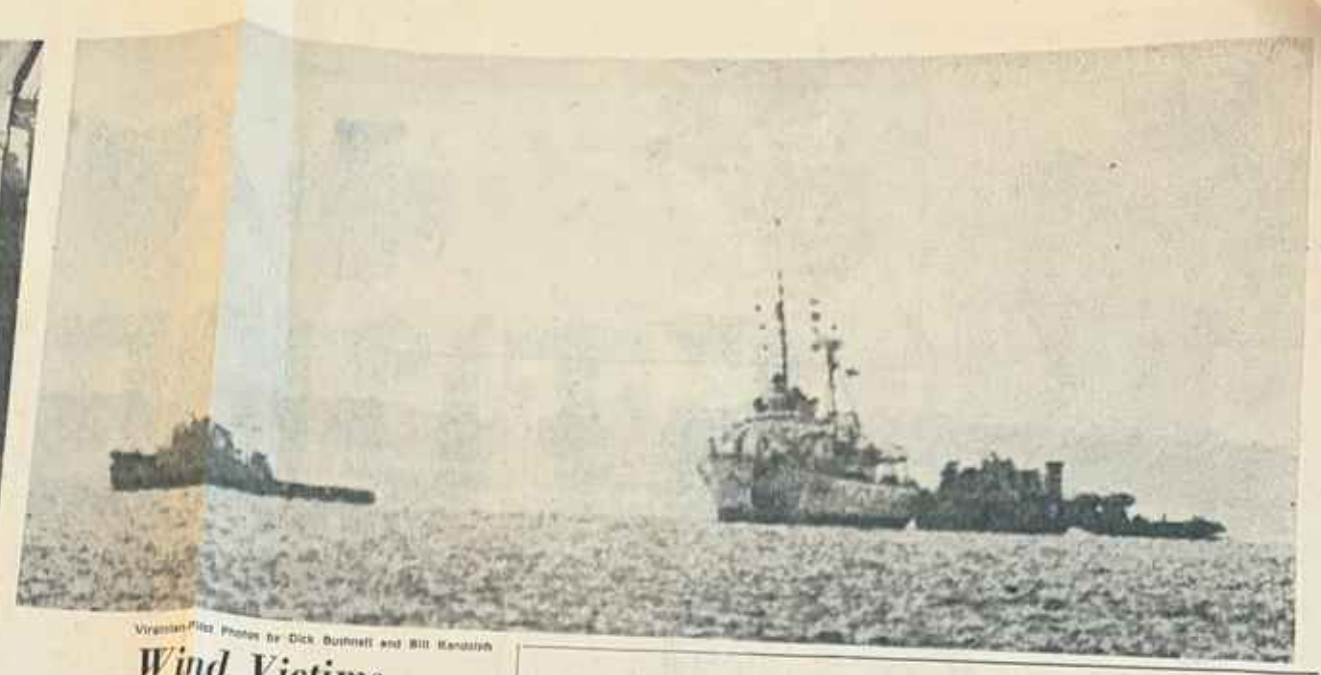
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Virginian-Pilot Photos by Dick Bushnell and Bill Randolph

Wind Victims

Children inspect what would have been a wall of the new Rena B. Wright Elementary School under construction in the South Norfolk section of Chesapeake while tugs attempt to free the grounded Coast Guard cutter Sebago off Willoughby. Both were victims of Sunday's storm. Story is on Page A1.

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Lightning Sparks Tank Fire

Fireball Seen Over Chesapeake

By DAVE LEONARD
Virginian-Pilot Staff Writer

CHESAPEAKE — Lightning struck a 35-foot tall gasoline storage tank early Sunday causing a fire that burned more than an hour, fire fighters reported.

Witnesses said flames roared skyward in a fireball visible for miles about 2:25 a.m. when lightning struck a 30,000-barrel Texaco tank near Bank and Maulden streets, South Hill.

Acting Fire Chief D. S. Keay said the flames died suddenly about 3:30 a.m. while two huge streams of water cooled the tank. Two Navy foam trucks arrived as the flames died.

No one was hurt by the blaze. Fire fighters admitted they were concerned, especially after reports of fatalities in an oil fire in a Franklin, Pa., storage area Friday and Saturday.

The lightning and fire ruptured the tank top. Fire fighters said the tank was about half full and no flaming liquid reached the ground.

Two deluge water guns, one atop an aerial ladder, continued to pour water on the tank until about 6 a.m. when Texaco officials said the tank's internal temperature was back to a normal 79 degrees.

Many residents reported seeing the fireball erupt during the lightning-punctuated storm.

Scott Sherman, occupant of a home less than 100 yards from the tank, said he saw the lightning hit.

"I saw so much light," he said, "and I thought the house was on fire."

Sherman said a three-pronged bolt hit, and fire erupted from the top rear of the tank.

Sherman said he and his wife ran from the house into the rain. Moments earlier he had closed windows as the rain began.

Acting Battalion Chief James Doughtie said the strategy used to fight the fire involved hand-held lines to cool the fire as soon as the first four pumpers arrived.

Four 2½-inch lines were attached to an unmanned deluge gun and fire fighters retreated to a safer distance to await foam units from Norfolk Naval Base and Air Station.

A Norfolk aerial ladder, called when Chesapeake's ladder failed to operate, projected a second large stream atop the tank from Bank Street.

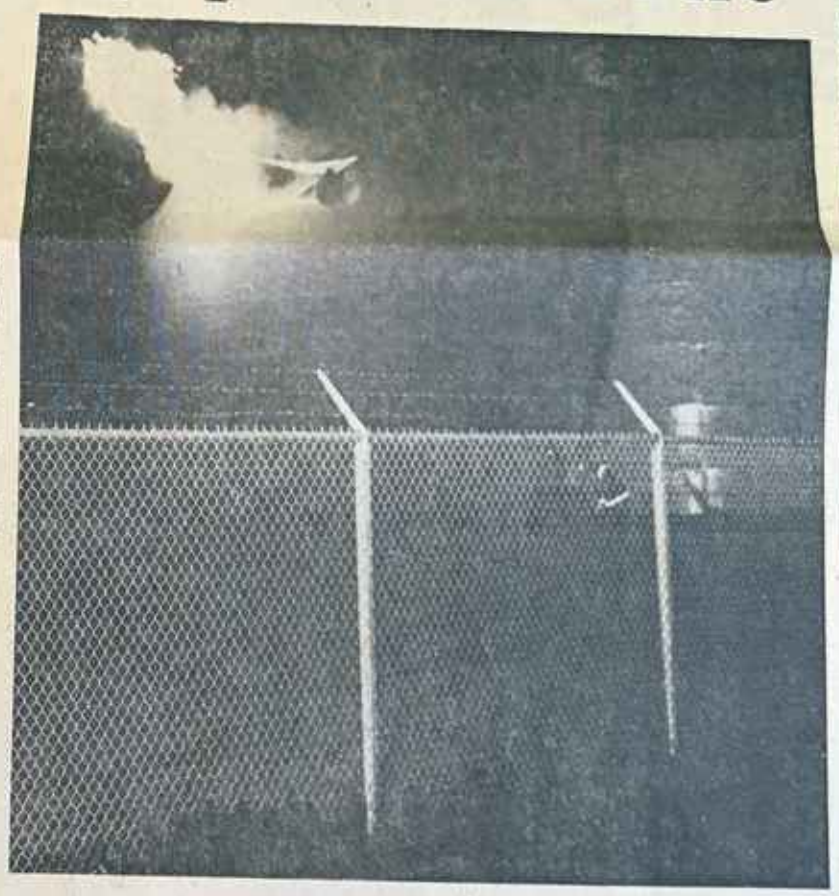


Photo by Clinton Hirdlinger

Flames erupt from burning storage tank.

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Twisted sections of roof blown from the Quality Courts Motel on Willoughby Spit lie in the parking lot.

Virginian-Pilot Photos by Bill Randolph

Tidewater Storm Hits Buildings and Boats

By DON HUNT
Virginian-Pilot Staff Writer

Winds gusting to 58 miles per hour in the midst of a severe thunderstorm Sunday afternoon quickly cooled off one of the hottest days of the year.

The high winds apparently caused the Coast Guard cutter Sebago to go aground in Sewells Point Spit, knocked half the roof off an Ocean View motel in Norfolk, left more than 12,000 homes without electricity for several hours, and capsized numerous small boats.

The 5th Coast Guard District headquarters in Portsmouth received more than 65 distress calls during the storm, and a Coast Guard spokesman said that one man apparently drowned.

Leon Hadge, 35, believed to be from Hampton, was washed off the sailboat Totem H. near Buckroe Beach. He had not been found when a search was called off at dusk.

A high of 95 was recorded at 1 p.m. The mercury dropped to 73 shortly after 2 p.m., during the peak of the storm. The Weather Bureau said about half an inch of rain fell during the storm.

A Coast Guard spokesman said the Sebago, a Pensacola, Fla.-based cutter, went aground at 1:30 p.m. about three-fourths of a mile southwest of Ft. Wool.

The 255-foot former gunboat was freed at high tide about 8:30 p.m. Three Navy tugboats were unable to free the cutter Sunday afternoon.

The cutter, en route to Pensacola from Curtis Bay, Md., was headed to a Hampton Roads anchorage to load explosives, the spokesman said.

Many pleasure boats, from small outboards to luxury sport fishermen, were caught in the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean by the blow.

The Coast Guard reported picking up boaters throughout the area. Other rescues were reported by private boats.

A Coast Guard airplane from Elizabeth City, N.C., five cutters, and four utility boats searched the James River, Chesapeake Bay and Virginia Beach and North Carolina coasts.

The Touche II, a 36-foot sport fishing boat owned by Al Loziato

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Workmen begin repairs to the roof of the motel.

