

Did volcano trigger flurry of storms?

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The jury is still out, but some of the nation's top weather watchers are suggesting that a volcano in Mexico was the culprit behind the recent destructive storms in the United States and around the world.

Specifically, the March 1982 eruption may have triggered a sequence of climatological events that disrupted the flow of currents and trade winds in the Pacific Ocean, creating a phenomenon called "El Nino." It caused floods or droughts that killed 800 people and left \$7 billion in damage on several continents.

In the United States, government scientists say, El Nino was responsible for:

- The winter storms that left \$500 million in damage in California. — The spring floods in Mississippi and Louisiana that forced 52,000 people from their homes with damage estimated at \$626 million.

- The more than 500 tornadoes that have killed 22 people in Texas alone.

- The record snowpack in the Sierra Nevada and the Rockies that is producing destructive mudslides and flooding this week in the West.

It has been the wettest spring on record in much of the nation from the Deep South to Chicago and across to New England, with many areas of the Northeast getting more than twice the normal amount of rain.

Across much of the northern hemisphere it was the warmest winter in 25 years, on the average of 5 degrees warmer in the United States.

El Nino, a vast oscillation of air and water in the Pacific, has occurred eight times in the past 40 years. Fishermen gave it the Spanish name for "child," after

Mexican eruption may have set off wettest spring on record in U.S.

the Christ Child, because it often appears around Christmas off the northwest coast of South America.

But this time it started early, in May 1982. Scientists aren't sure why, just as they aren't sure what gives birth to El Nino in the first place.

They do know what happens. Trade winds blowing west across the Pacific die down and the currents that follow the winds also lose strength. That allows warm water from the western parts of the ocean — usually piled up by the winds and current — to slosh back to the east.

Alan E. Strong of the National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service in and other scientists have proposed that the present, extra-powerful El Nino was set off by the March 1982 eruption of the El

Chichonal volcano 550 miles south of Mexico City. The eruption, which killed 187 people and destroyed villages and farms for miles around, also sent a cloud 3½ miles wide into the atmosphere.

Murray Mitchell, senior research climatologist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said in Washington on Wednesday he tends to agree with the volcano theory, "but only for the lack of better information."

"I think the jury is still out," he added.

Mitchell said the cloud released into the atmosphere by the Chichonal volcano weakened the heat of the sun falling on the tropical Pacific by 1 percent to 2 percent, "and that could have slowed the trade winds that flow west."

"That may not sound like much, but it's really quite significant," he said.

While most scientists agree that the slowing or even reversal in the direction of the westward blowing trade winds allows El Nino to develop, most have no theories about what causes the shift in the winds every 10 years or so.

"That's the big question," said Eugene Rasmusson of NOAA's climate analysis center, who doesn't buy the volcano theory.

"I don't think you can rule it out, but the evidence is not very convincing," he said.

While some meteorologists last fall predicted the United States would have its coldest winter on record, partly because of 22 volcanic eruptions around the world within a year, Donald L. Gilman, chief of the National Weather Service's long-range forecast branch, said his group used knowledge of El Nino to accurately forecast a warmer, wetter-than-normal winter in the South and East.

The current El Nino has had a devastating effect on agriculture in developing nations, with damage estimated at nearly \$5 billion, according to a study by economist Joan Hock of the National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service.

Droughts in Australia, Mexico, southern Africa, India, Sri Lanka, the Philippines and Indonesia have claimed nearly 400 lives, with \$4.6 billion in economic losses.

Disastrous floods have occurred in Cuba, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia.

On the plus side, El Ninos discourage hurricanes in the Atlantic because they add unusual strength to the upper atmospheric jet stream. As one forecaster put it, it "blows the tops off" storms before they can become hurricanes.

El Ninos usually last from six months to two years. This one, which is more intense than usual, is expected to taper off by September.

UFO Project

Near crash caused by failure to fuel DC-9

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WASHINGTON — A Republic jetliner's emergency landing in Arizona with virtually empty fuel tanks demonstrates anew that human error still threatens life in an industry where equipment failure is becoming more rare.

Federal investigators disclosed Wednesday that the Republic Airlines DC-9 with 86 people aboard was not refueled before it departed Fresno, Calif., last Saturday, forcing the emergency landing at an airbase near Phoenix, 20 miles short of its destination.

When the plane landed it had less than 5 gallons of fuel, enough for just 30 seconds of flying time, according to the National Transportation Safety Board.

It was the latest in a rash of aviation incidents in recent months, some narrowly avoiding catastrophe, that have been linked to human oversight. For example:

— March 23: The pilot and co-pilot of a Frontier

Airlines jet forgot to lower the landing wheels on their landing 737 and the plane, carrying 95 people, made an unexpected belly landing at the Casper, Wyo., airport.

— April 2: The pilot of a Republic DC-9 failed to turn on a fuel pump, causing the two engines to stall over the mountains of southern Utah. After gliding for four minutes the engines were restarted 4,000 feet above the mountain crests.

— May 5: Mechanics did not put critical seals onto oil plugs of all three engines of an Eastern L-1011 jumbo jet. On a flight to the Bahamas, oil leaks caused the three engines to stall over the Atlantic. One engine was finally restarted 4,000 feet above the water and the aircraft limped back to Miami.

The National Transportation Safety Board estimates about 60 percent of all air carrier accidents involve directly or as a contributing factor some human failure.

The most recent episodes have involved no injuries, although in at least three of the cases, including the emergency landing near Phoenix on Saturday, a catas-

trophe may have been only narrowly avoided, investigators said.

They note that the crash of an Air Florida jet in January, 1982 in Washington was caused by the crew's failure to properly check the aircraft for accumulations of ice and snow.

"We're trying to determine the underlying problem as to why these things happen," said Bob Buckhorn, a spokesman for the federal safety board. He said while the industry's equipment has improved, the human failings continue to surface. Recently the NTSB began "to put new emphasis on human performance" in its accident investigations, Buckhorn said.

And members of the airline pilots union say the problem is not lessening with the introduction of the new, highly automated jetliners.

Capt Paul Stone, a 26-year veteran pilot for Delta Airlines who has been studying the role of human performance in aviation accidents for the Air Line Pilots Association, said some such failures are bound to occur. But the union nonetheless plans an annual symposium beginning later this year in an attempt to head off crew errors.

"We're talking about a small number of occurrences," Stone said in a telephone interview. "We don't know how to quite deal with it. We try to publicize the incidents. We talk about discipline and complacency and errors. But I don't think we can ever get it to zero."

In the case of Republic Flight 366, investigators said the plane was loaded with 15,000 pounds of fuel — 2,124 gallons — in its three tanks before it departed Phoenix last Friday on a flight to Fresno.

The next day, the aircraft began its return to Phoenix. But 65 miles from its destination, a low-fuel warning light came on and one engine was shut down, or failed, as the crew began searching for a place to make an emergency landing.

After the engine was restarted, the plane landed at Luke Air Force Base, 18 miles west of Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix.

*These predictions phoned Monday afternoon, Oct. 25, 1983
to Cliff Livedecker, National Examiner, West
Palm Beach, Florida Owens.*

President Reagan will not finish his term. (Mental or physical malfunction.)

But should he somehow finish his term...he will definitely not be re-elected.

There will be no "upturn" for U.S. economy in this next year, as govt. experts predict. The economy will get progressively worse; jobs will become scarcer and scarcer; and unemployment is heading non-stop for 20%.

Failure of businesses and banks will increase dramatically this coming year.

Although the general public does not suspect it, the Stock Market is sick with a "terminal illness" and this coming year could be when it collapses entirely...therefore the man on the street should get rid of his stocks and bonds.

Any U.S. citizen should try to avoid flying in any military or commercial craft airplane because this next year the skies are going to become extremely dangerous from an effect known only to myself. I.e., U.S. people should not fly in airplanes.

During this next year there will be freakish weather; actually caused by abnormal heat from the interior of the earth itself and from the sun's rays...solar flares...that is, flares from the sun, also will create havoc upon earth, during this next year.

During this next year the people of the United States will rebel against the United States government in an unprecedented manner against the wasting of money of the administration...especially the top echelons of the administration...and the folly of the U.S. administration, the people who are supposed to be running the country. The people of the U.S. will begin to rebel in full force against the top government.

Food will become scarce in the United States this coming year, as it becomes more and more expensive and fewer and fewer people have jobs and can buy it...as farmers go out of business...as breakdowns in government occur and as farms fail and more and more strikes occur; the trucking industry and probably the railroad industry making it more difficult to deliver food and pick up food and so forth...so the food problem is going to be a very big one for the American people this coming year.

Crime...robberies, rape, burglaries, and so forth...will escalate to unprecedented proportions this coming year. The ordinary people, and families, will have to arm themselves and defend their loved ones as never before in the history of the United States. *Keep their guns!!!*

Interest rates on houses and other items will skyrocket...will be much much higher than at present this coming year. What would be an interest rate at 15% now, for example, will go to 20% or 25% this coming year. It is going to be terrible.

There will be outstanding freak weather this coming year. It will be caused by the earth heating up from the earth's core radiating to the earth's surface...it will become hotter and hotter and as the heat exudes from the earth's core in an unprecedented manner it will change the exterior of the earth with living things upon it. Also there will be unusual heat from the sun this coming year which will have a devastating effect upon earth. There will be also numerous giant solar flares in unprecedented number of scope.

There will be an unprecedented number of military air crashes and air mishaps in the United States this coming year. The skies will not be safe.

The black people of the United States will rise up in an unprecedented manner against whites and white authority. There will be an explosion of violence of blacks against whites this coming year. And white authority. Especially at higher levels of government.

Nature itself is against the whole human race at the present time...for ruining its animals, its fish, its birds, its air, its water...and hell hath no fury like Nature in a war against anything or anybody.

Finally, in my opinion alone, God, the omniscient and omnipresent force for good in this world.

Fla Sun Attack Super storm hammers Southeast; tornadoes rack Texas

Associated Press

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Another "super" storm bore down on the Southeast on Saturday, pounding neighborhoods with hail and flooding highways while unleashing more tornadoes on Texans already reeling from a double punch that killed 10 people.

From Oklahoma to the Carolinas, relentless rains gorged rivers, while in Louisiana bayous overflowed. Hundreds were forced to flee their homes. In Mississippi, where the rising Pearl River threatened to match a 1979 record flood, a National Weather Service official called conditions "very grave."

ELEVEN TORNADOES drilled through the dark Texas clouds early Saturday, including two that passed near Houston Intercontinental Airport, and authorities were trying to confirm other reported sightings in the early afternoon.

A twister also struck a vacant lot in the southwestern Louisiana town of Carlyss, but caused no damage or injuries.

About 60,000 people in the Houston area were without electricity, down from 200,000.

In central Louisiana, a 34-year-old man drowned Saturday morning when his horse lost its footing while trying to cross a flooded roadway. The death brought to 25 the number of people who have died in storms across the Southeast since Wednesday.

In central Texas, one woman was injured when a tornado destroyed her mobile home Saturday in Lee County.

"I WAS HERE FOR Hurricane Carla in 1961 and we have more damage already," said John Caswell of Houston-Harris County Civil Defense. There were no immediate estimates of damage.

About 500 people were evacuated because of flooding north of Houston, and 50 homes were evacuated near Beaumont, authorities said.

Hail hammered parts of the state for the second straight day. Hail the size of golfballs battered Kerr County in central Texas.

"They're already in trouble. So, this isn't going to make it any easier for them," said meteorologist Carolyn Kloth at the National Severe Storms Forecast Center in Kansas City, Mo., of the stricken areas.

If she lived there, she said, she'd be "cleaning up and feeling very nervous."

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ON FRIDAY, 10 people were killed and dozens injured when twisters danced through trailer parks and towns in southeastern Texas. About 1,000 families were left homeless.

Friday's twisters dropped from the Texas sky in early morning and returned 11 hours later. Among the places devastated was a trailer park at Crosby, about 30 miles northeast of Houston. Eight of the 10 victims lived in mobile homes.

As the vicious winds blew through Louisiana, they damaged schools, homes and barns. Friday night twisters cut through Chicot State Park and at Pine Prairie, but the damage was apparently confined to woods.

The weather service on Saturday issued a tornado watch for most of central and southeast Texas and 34 parishes in Louisiana, saying another "super" storm cell was in the area.

Flash flood watches were posted for much of Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Kentucky and for all of Louisiana.

"Vicious winds..."

SCIENTISTS AND CONTACTS

May 21, 1983

Cards on the table. I am causing the freak blizzards; the California earthquakes; the tornado attack... signaling my UFOs and activating the proper power to cause the effects.

If this is doubted...simply check my past record of hundreds of documented happenings. Remember, I have affidavits from scientists, experts, police, etc. So why should this be any different?

Certainly...I can be stopped by any form of force by the government...and then what happens? My UFOs have laid out a program for that contingency...destruction for the United States.

So...what is the answer? The Base that my UFOs want. Six million dollars, non-taxable...to me, so that I can do it THEIR way.

Ted Owens (PK Man)

Sheriff's reports

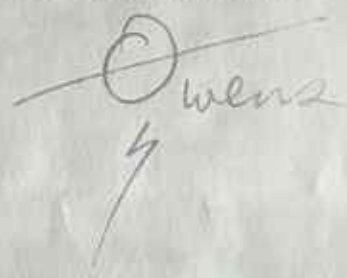
The following cases were reported to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

May 10
Doug Williamson reported a possible UFO south of Libby. He said he observed a bright light with flames 400 feet off the ground that was moving north. Williamson said it may be a USAF maneuver.

May 12
Dorothy Chaiuk reported that she found her \$600 vacuum missing from her hallway closet at her home on Mahony Road. She said she had not seen the cleaner in 10

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SATURDAY



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Stormy year eats up funds of Red Cross

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Money-raising effort starts; floods force 11,000 to flee

ATLANTA (AP) — "An incredible year" of disasters, including tornadoes and flooding in the South and a serious earthquake in California, has forced the American Red Cross into an emergency effort to raise money to continue its work, officials said Monday.

Red Cross officials, meeting in Atlanta for their national convention, said the organization has spent all its disaster relief funds — more than \$33 million — with more than a month to go in its budget year. Relief efforts to more than 1 million people have emptied the Red Cross' \$18 million disaster budget, its \$10 million reserve and another \$5 million in private contributions.

"THE RED CROSS does not intend to close its doors or shut down the services the American people have come to depend on us for," Red Cross President Richard Schubert said in announcing a drive to raise \$12 million. "We have been there when the American people needed our help, and we know they won't let us down when we need theirs."

Even without any more disasters, the Red Cross would wind up with a deficit of more than \$3 million by the end of its fiscal year on June 30, officials said. However, experts have told the organization that the

nation's recent spate of unusual weather could continue.

"This has been caused by the weather patterns," Schubert said. "It's been just an incredible year."

Meanwhile, floods continued to cause troubles in the South. Rivers gorged by up to 15 inches of rain ran amok near record levels through Texas and Mississippi, separating 11,000 people from their homes, but a siege of killer tornadoes subsided.

THE DEATH TOLL reached 34 with a flurry of a dozen twisters and baseball-size hail in northern Texas late Sunday and early Monday, but the thunderstorms that had punished the Gulf Coast states for a week pushed northeastward into the central Atlantic Coast states and weakened.

In southeastern Texas, where tornadoes beginning late last week left about 1,000 families homeless and killed 11 people, about 5,000 people had been evacuated along the San Jacinto River about 35 miles northeast of Houston. The river was flooding 4 feet deep over a dam on Lake Houston and just half a foot below a record level reached in 1979.

Houston Lighting & Power Co. said 35,000 customers still did not have electricity Monday.

"AN INCREDIBLE YEAR" OF DISASTERS... "
"UNUSUAL WEATHER..."

YFOz Sun Attack Twisters kill 10

Texas and Louisiana towns take a beating

Two lethal volleys of tornadoes and hail the size of baseballs hit Houston and surrounding towns in Texas and Louisiana on Friday, killing 10 people, injuring dozens, and reducing hundreds of homes and buildings to splinters.

The deaths from the pre-dawn and afternoon storms in southeast Texas raised to 24 the fatalities in flash floods and 59 twisters that have wracked Dixie since Wednesday. Six people have died in Tennessee, three in Missouri, two in Georgia, and one each in Louisiana, Mississippi and Kentucky.

"It looks like a war out there and we lost," said Graham Painter, a spokesman for Houston Lighting & Power Co. in the oil country of southeast Texas where tornadoes wrecked an estimated 350 homes and knocked out the power to 100,000 people.

The National Weather Service said 10 tornadoes were reported in Texas and the Texas Department of Public Safety said aerial surveys indicated as many as 17 may have touched down with 100 miles of Houston.

Twelve hours after the first wave of storms ravaged the region, killing eight, another storm system blew through a mobile home park at Crosby, 30 miles northeast of Houston, killing one person and injuring several more, a Harris County deputy said. Details were not available.

A second afternoon tornado did heavy damage at a mobile home park in Baytown, south of Crosby, injuring at least nine people and destroying eight to 10 mobile homes, a Department of Public Safety official said.

In Houston, police reported five people arrested.

Five of the Texas tornado victims were in mobile homes, said police Lt. Larry Houston.

A trailer park in Paririe View, about 30 miles west of Houston, the tornado wrapped one trailer around a utility pole, toppled others, flattened a two-story home nearby and lifted the roof off a service station and a small frame house.

"A 15-year-old boy was pulled from the grasp of members of his family from a mobile home," he said. "He was found outside the trailer house, a matter of feet from the residence." The youth died.

In Nederland, 70 miles northeast of Houston, a tornado ripped through a terminal at the Jefferson County Airport area and killed an unidentified man, said public safety spokesman David Rose.

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In central and northern Louisiana, as many as four tornadoes bounced across Sabine, Natchitoches, LaSalle, Winn and Caldwell parishes, knocking out the power to entire communities and destroying scattered houses and trailers.

Sheriff's deputies searched house-to-house in sparsely settled piney woods areas, looking for casualties where one tornado ripped a swath 8 miles long. National Guard troops with generators were sent in restore power.

LaSalle Parish Sheriff Wayne McGuffee said as many as 65 percent of the homes and businesses were damaged in Urania and Olla, two towns of about 1,000 residents.

In Winnfield, La., a town of about 7,300 residents, Police Chief Cranford Jordan said most of the town and parish were without electricity and most roads were closed by felled trees or flooding from about 5 inches of rain.

A windstorm hit the central Mississippi cities of Jackson and Vicksburg, blocking roads with felled trees, and about 15,000 homes in three counties lost power.

In Colorado, where up to 10 inches of fresh snow fell in the mountains Thursday and Friday, crews were still working to restore power to about 200 people who have been without electricity since a blizzard Tuesday dumped almost 2 feet of snow in some areas.

In Texas, tornadoes or high winds howled over a 100-mile-wide area surrounding Houston for a four-hour period beginning shortly after midnight.

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(NOTE: LONDON, ENGLAND, HAS HAD 34 STRAIGHT

DAYS OF RAIN... THE WETTEST ON RECORD, ACCORDING TO CNN TV.

ON THE SAME PROGRAM THEY ANNOUNCED THAT THE TEXAS TORNADO ATTACK WAS "COMPLETELY UNNATURAL" FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR AND "SURPRISED THE TEXAS WEATHER EXPERTS."

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QUITE A POTENTIAL OF POWER

Sunny day nets bettors money

LONDON (AP) - Brilliant sun poured down Wednesday on soggy London, prompting a newspaper to urge readers to "put away the umbrellas" - and winning a total of about \$780 for 10 bettors. After 37 days of drizzle and downpours, not a drop of rain fell in London on Tuesday. It was clear again Wednesday, and forecasters said more sunshine was on the way. The oddsmaking firm William Hill had been taking bets on when the capital would have 48 dry hours, and a spokesman said it paid out the equivalent of \$780 to 10 people who had picked 10 a.m. Sunday to 10 a.m. Tuesday for the dry spell. The odds were 5-to-1.

FRIDAY

Note: And mind the chaos and damage in California with rains, flooding and earthquakes.

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Thousands flee rising rivers swollen by storms in South

SUNDAY

Associated Press

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Bloated rivers spilled across southern Mississippi on Sunday, forcing thousands more people to flee flooding caused by storms that ravaged the Gulf Coast with rain, hail and tornadoes.

The death toll in Mississippi went from one to six Sunday, with four of the victims members of one family.

Meanwhile, in Houston, the grinding chatter of chainsaws pierced the air around rubble-strewn neighborhoods after three waves of tornadoes that left 10 people dead, more than 100 injured and about 1,000 families homeless.

In all, 32 people have perished in Southern storms since last Wednesday.

Elsewhere Sunday, a tornado ripped through an apartment com-

plex in the southwestern Pennsylvania town of Greensburg, ripping off roofs and hurling debris a quarter of a mile. No serious injuries were reported.

The worst Mississippi flooding Sunday was around Jackson, the capital. The raging Pearl River had sent 1,200 families — about 3,000 people — from their homes by Sunday.

The bodies of a young couple and their two children were recovered Sunday. Their car missed a curve and plunged into floodwater Saturday night in Mississippi's Leflore County. The body of a young woman was recovered from a creek Friday after her car flipped off U.S. 51.

In San Antonio, Texas, searchers Sunday recovered the body of a 15-year-old boy who was swept away

the day before from a partially submerged bridge over rain-swollen Salado Creek.

Weather experts said the Pearl would crest between 38.5 and 39.5 feet on Monday, more than 10 feet above flood stage. City spokesman David Waite said that if the river exceeds 39 feet it would send water into about 250 more homes and businesses.

"We've already got more than 100 homes and businesses flooded and an estimated 3,000 people have left their homes," said Carroll Fulham, a spokesman for the Jackson-Hinds County Emergency Operations Center. It was the third time since December that Jackson residents have had to evacuate their homes.

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Lightning kills 8 hikers

EISENSTADT, Austria (AP) — Lightning struck a group of hikers Monday, killing eight people and injuring nine in Austria's eastern Burgenland province, a police spokesman reported.

The hikers were resting under two oak trees during a heavy thunderstorm. Five men died instantly and three others died in a hospital, the spokesman said.

Other lightning bolts ignited the tower of a chapel and caused fires elsewhere in the province. No one was injured in the blazes, which firefighters quickly controlled.

"... three waves of tornadoes..."
"It was the third time since December that Jackson residents have had to evacuate their homes."

UFO's Sun Attack

Red Cross need

Funds depleted

SpRw 5/28/83

In more than a century of service, the American Red Cross has provided untold aid to people in moments of need. But now, the organization itself is in need of a helping hand from the people. The Red Cross is in financial trouble. In the words of organizational officials, "an incredible year of disasters has created a fiscal emergency. The number and severity of natural calamities, including an earthquake, tornadoes, and floods, have depleted all of the organization's disaster relief funds. A figure exceeding \$33 million. A fund drive is under way to raise an additional \$12 million. It is hard to imagine a more worthwhile cause. In an average year, the Red Cross assists more than one million Americans. The organization's functions, however, may not be well understood by the general public. The common perception may be that the Red Cross only helps people injured or left homeless by earthquakes and other major natural disasters. The fact is: Its deeds go much further than that. The Red Cross also provides shelter for people whose homes have been lost in fires. After Spokane was socked in by the

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Good Morning

Today is **THURSDAY**, MAY 26, 1983.

In the news: A **Nile River steamer** carrying 627 people caught fire and sank in a **crocodile-infested** stretch, killing 48 with several hundred reported missing (Page 25). The National Weather Service says it's been the warmest winter in years for much of the **northern hemisphere** (Page 25) . . . Another **condor chick** hatched, becoming the third born in captivity (Page 25) . . . Ex-King Idris of Libya died in Egypt (Page 25) . . . An expanded briefing appears on Page 2.

Note: As you can read here my UFO Sun Attack, heating up the core of the Earth by the Sun's rays beamed onto Earth by my four giant UFOs... is coming along rapidly and beautifully! — Owens

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Winter warmest in years

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans basking in a mild winter this year weren't alone. Across much of the northern hemisphere it was the warmest winter in a quarter-century, the National Weather Service reported Wednesday.

Preliminary figures show winter temperatures averaging about 5 degrees Fahrenheit above average, said research meteorologist James K. Angell.

For the region of the globe between 30 degrees and 60 degrees north latitude, that winter average since 1958 has been 20 degrees, he said. That area includes most of the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia from central China north to the central portions of the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Union was particularly warm this past winter, with surface temperatures there averaging 9 degrees above average, Angell said.

By comparison, he noted that the warm winter of 1980-81 was 2.2 degrees above normal, and in 1957-58 it was 3.1 degrees warmer than usual.

On the other side of the ledger, the winter of 1968-69 was 4.1 degrees colder than average.

This year's warmth has meant a bonus for Americans, who saved about 4 percent on their heating bills, according to government estimates. The Environmental Data and Information Service estimates that the national heating bill was \$44.58 billion from last summer through May 7, \$1.98 billion below normal.

This year's unusual warmth may be associated with the so-called El Nino phenomena, Angell said.

El Nino is an unusual warming of the sea temperatures in the Pacific Ocean which occurs occasionally. The most recent instance began last fall. Because it often begins around Christmas-time, the phenomenon carries the Spanish name for child, after the Christ child.

Angell explained that this sea warming seems to have altered wind direction to westerly, rather than allowing the more usual north-south fluctuations.

Tornadoes hit Chicago suburbs

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CHICAGO (AP) — A pair of tornadoes touched down Sunday in two suburbs 10 miles apart, injuring at least one person and damaging at least two buildings, authorities said.

In Cicero, on Chicago's western border, a twister ripped into an eight-unit apartment building about 1:30 p.m., injuring one person and damaging the building's roof, according to Cicero police Investigator Earl Hull.

"People said it got blacker than hell and they heard crashing noises, then it got quiet," Hull said. "It looks like we

probably had a baby tornado."

He said the twister apparently skipped over a nearby street and damaged a store before leaving the ground.

In Oak Brook, about 17 miles west of Chicago, a twister ripped through a golf course while spectators at a polo match nearby scattered in search of cover.

Witnesses said about 150 people took cover in a tent while an "enormous whirlwind" picked up branches and debris on the golf course 100 yards away.

No injuries were reported there.

The Oak Brook twister struck just as rugby players were finishing a game on a nearby field, part of a sports complex that also includes the polo fields and golf course. Several players hid behind trees until the funnel cloud passed.

Golf course manager Matthew Morgan said the twister uprooted eight to 10 trees, overturned a trailer and damaged an awning.

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Rhine, Mosel recede after months of rain

COLOGNE, West Germany (AP) — The rain-swollen Rhine and Mosel rivers began receding Monday, leaving behind the scars of floods that caused 11 deaths and millions of dollars in damage.

In eastern France, runoff kept rivers overflowing but relief was expected because of a three-day break in more than two months of daily rains.

"We can breathe again," said a Cologne city spokesman after the water level began falling. The Rhine had crested in Cologne at 32 feet — its highest level since 1945.

Thousands of people living beside the Rhine and Mosel had fled their homes over the weekend because of the third major flood this spring.

Officials said the Mosel was dropping two or three inches an hour.

Six of the 11 people reported killed in flood-related incidents in West Germany perished when an express train struck a mudslide last week outside of Cologne.

Barge traffic was expected to resume on the Rhine Wednesday after being closed down by officials last Thursday at a huge cost to hundreds of bargemen and shippers.

Werner Schoen of Baden's wine growers' association estimated that the "erosion and collapse of terrace structures" for grape vines would cost more than \$4 million to repair.

In Lyon in southeastern France, military units helped firefighters evacuate residents from their flooded property. Civil defense officials said they expected the Soane River to begin receding Wednesday.

Salt Lake

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SPR 5/31/83
SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Thousands of volunteers joined sandbag brigades for the sixth straight day Monday as the city battled a rising flood compared with the worst in arid Utah's history.

A second major street through the city was diked and converted into a spillway as an unseasonably warm sun bearing down on a heavy snowpack sent muddy water cascading down mountainsides, surging into homes and closing canyons. The flooding was said to be worse in some spots than the record flood of 1952.

AUTHORITIES reported the first flood-related death Monday. Two-year-old Joseph Garzarelli of West Valley City was swept into a creek near where his family was camping Saturday. He was pulled from the river and taken to a Salt Lake City hospital, where he later died.

A citizen's band radio operator in San Diego heard a Utah fisherman calling for help and alerted authorities in eastern Utah's Duchesne County, where sheriff's deputies worked Monday afternoon to evacuate about 75 campers and fisher-

BELEAGUERED flood control officials hoped for relief from 80 to 90-degree temperatures that arrived suddenly last week, melting a snowpack held in check until now by cooler than normal temperatures.

Officials again Monday asked for volunteers and were "overwhelmed" by the response, as

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JACKSON, Miss. — When Todd Pyles finally reached his house by boat Friday, he found four pet peacocks sitting on the roof and a foot and a half of muddy river water lapping the walls of the rooms inside.

Pyles, who was one of 5,000 Jacksonians returning to their homes after the water crested Wednesday, handed his gun to his friend Bubba McClary to guard against snakes and then surveyed the sad, soggy sight.

"Believe it or not, I still love this place," he said of his home set deep in the woods. "But I'll have to move." While Pyles, a lawyer, can abandon the house he rented, many homeowners in nearby subdivisions have little choice but to stay on and start over amid the mud-

smell of sewage. No one is likely to offer to buy their homes.

The surging waters of the Pearl River caused about \$21 million in damage in Jackson alone last week as it flooded nearly 1,000 businesses and homes in some of the wealthiest sections of this capital city.

Gov. William Winter has asked President Reagan to declare parts of the state disaster areas. Tornadoes have also struck Mississippi, adding to the devastation, put at \$41 million statewide so far.

Frustration is high here because little seems to have been done to protect residential areas since 1979, when an Easter Sunday flood swept through the city and did \$235 million in damage. The flood this year, the city's second worst in terms of property damage to the 1979 flood, also

invited a sense of resentment against the state.

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Residents rip reservoir's role in flood

Ross B. Barnett Reservoir, a 30,000-acre man-made recreational lake where several thousand Mississippians have waterfront homes, boats and private docks.

The reservoir was three feet under its 300-foot capacity when thunderstorms drenched the state, gorging rivers and streams. As the reservoir filled, officials let out more and more water into the Pearl River.

"We sat back waiting, hoping they wouldn't do it to us again, but they did," said Deborah Thrash. She and her husband spent a year rebuilding their three-bedroom house after the 1979 flood.

Downriver residents are upset that the reservoir was so near its capacity, noting that a lower level would have let it absorb more of the rain and perhaps protect their property.

Utah residents fight rain, mud, snarled traffic

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SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah residents spent another day Tuesday fighting to hold back the record flooding and mudslides that have forced evacuation of 1,800 people, damaged dozens of homes and severed highways.

In the Salt Lake City area, traffic was snarled for hours as commuters returning to work after the long Memorial Day weekend were forced to find alternate routes because of washed-out roads and bridges.

Three main thoroughfares through the city have been sandbagged and converted into spillways to channel the runoff from the melting snow in the mountains.

IN NEIGHBORING Nevada, officials said three people believed

Three people thought missing in a Nevada slide were found

missing after a 15-foot wall of mud and water cascaded down Slide Mountain near Carson City on Monday had been found.

The Nevada slide killed one man, injured six other people, destroyed four homes, damaged four others and buried 12 to 15 cars and trucks.

In Utah, the only fatality reported was a child who drowned when he was swept into a swollen creek near a campsite over the weekend.

UTAH GOV. Scott Matheson declared four more counties disaster areas — Salt Lake, Millard, Weber and Davis. Utah, Carbon and Emery counties were declared federal disaster areas in April because of a massive mudslide in Spanish Fork Canyon that cut a major highway and railroad line.

In Farmington, 15 miles north of Salt Lake City, a mudslide a mile wide and two miles long poured through several blocks of the city Monday night, destroying six homes, damaging another 25 and forcing 300 people to evacuate. City officials also evacuated 66 prisoners in the city jail.

The mud burst a large aqueduct in the mountains above the community Tuesday afternoon, setting the slide in motion again. Six more homes were demolished, five were damaged and 30 were evacuated, bringing to 500 the number of people evacuated. The slide appeared to have stabilized by late afternoon.

OFFICIALS SOUNDED air raid klaxons to warn residents of the movement of the slide.

Another slide forced the evacuation of the 1,100 residents of Fairview, about 80 miles south of Salt Lake, late Monday, but residents were allowed to return home Tuesday.

About 200 people were evacuated from a mobile home park in the Salt Lake suburb of Murray because of a flooded creek.

Record snow depths in the Wasatch Mountains, kept frozen by a cold spring, began melting rapidly last week as temperatures soared into the 80s and 90s. As runoff jumped the banks of dozens of northern Utah streams, thousands of volunteers turned out to fill sandbags and shore up emergency levees.

Al Sorensen, forecaster for the Salt Lake County flood control agency, said cooler temperatures moving into the area Tuesday would slow the snowmelt, but he added, "If we get a lot of rain out of it, it will just complicate the flood fighting."

COUNTY INFORMATION officer Mel Miles said the Farmington slide stabilized during the night, but began moving again at seven to 10 mph at about 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, breaking through a sandbag barrier and smashing into a home.

"There's still snow up there and there will be increased moisture contributing to additional movement," said state geologist Bruce Kaliser, who flew over the Farmington area. He said less than half of the mud may have fallen, so "we've got to be alert to some dire consequences for the city of Farmington."

Fairview residents were taken to Mt. Pleasant, six miles away, when a mudslide blocked a creek in Fairview Canyon and threatened the city.

MARY NELSON of the Fairview city marshal's office said residents were being allowed to return to their homes, with a warning to be ready to move out again on a few minutes' notice.

Utah Department of Transportation officials said they cut U.S. Highway 89 in two places near Fairview to help water drain from the canyon and most of the town also had been sandbagged.

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Note: Am in a terrible financial jam. We are losing our home; your landlord is forcing us to move or pay \$125 more per month than we have been paying, plus is trying to sell our rented house. This, of course, means nothing to you scientists... on the surface. BUT... it means a very great much to the UFOs here with me in Libby (see newsclip on front of file, plus earlier "Scarlett" correspondence I.e., when my UFOs grow angry because I am undergoing hardship, then "trees fall down." In the numerous parlance, their attitude will be regardless of the chaos they are currently

causing, "All right... no more Mr. Nice Guy." This is, of course, me talking, as I said, in the numerous parlance or our human times.

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