

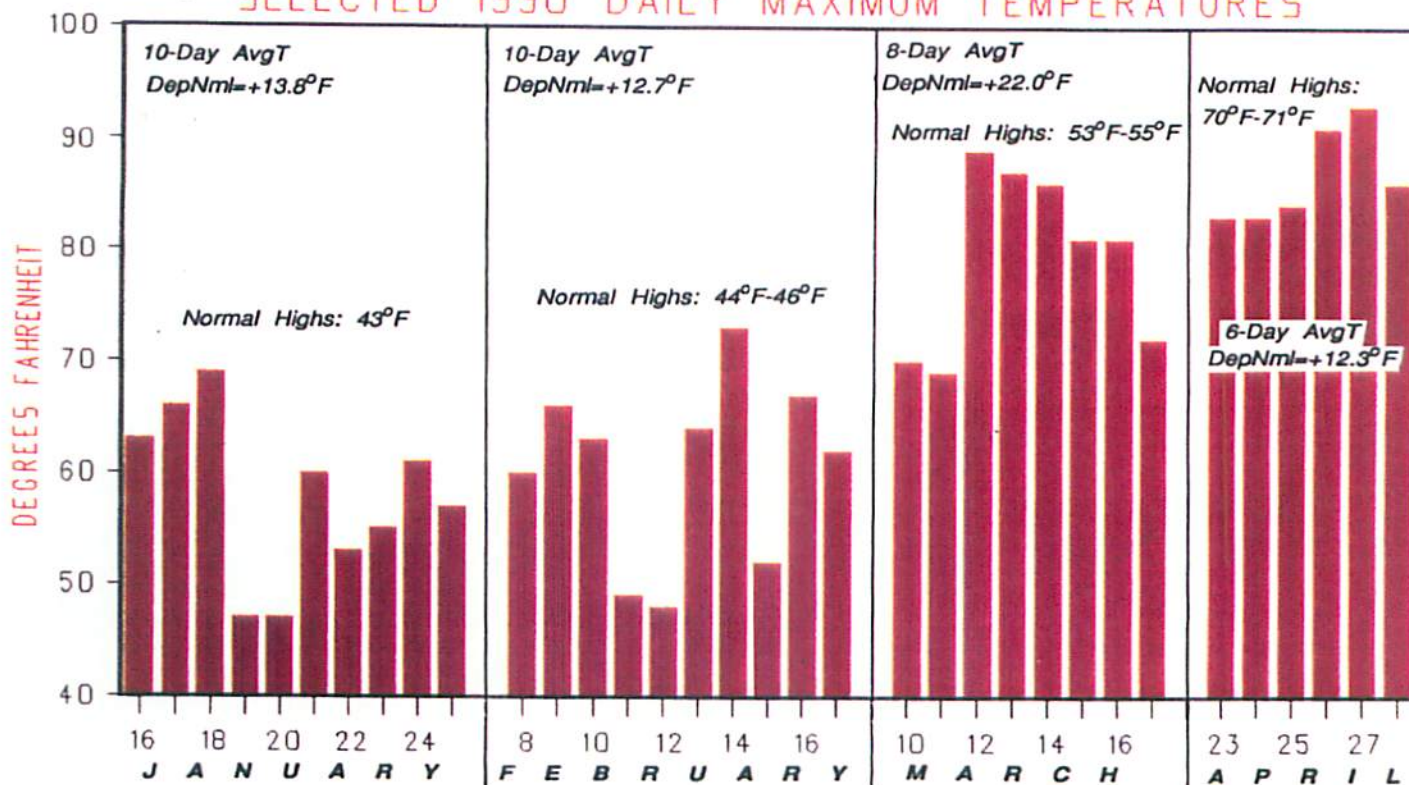
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PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA

APRIL 1990

FOURTH STRAIGHT MONTH WITH EXTENDED PERIODS OF UNSEASONABLE WARMTH

WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT (DCA)
SELECTED 1990 DAILY MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES



ALTHOUGH APRIL 1990 TEMPERATURES AT DCA AVERAGED NEAR NORMAL, THIS MONTH AND THE PREVIOUS THREE HAVE BEEN MEMORABLY MILD:

- **JANUARY 1990:** 21 days with highs that equaled or surpassed 50°F AND 6 days with highs that equaled or surpassed 60°F, monthly temperature departure=+8.4°F, and FIFTH warmest January in Washington since 1871;
- **FEBRUARY 1990:** 13 days equaled or surpassed 60°F (1 day short of record 14 days set in 1976), monthly temperature departure=+7.7°F, and SECOND warmest February in Washington since 1871;
- **MARCH 1990:** 5 consecutive days with highs in the eighties (March 12–16), including all-time record highs at DCA on March 12–15 (89°F, 87°F, 86°F, and 81°F) and the highest reading (89°F) for so early in the year, monthly temperature departure=+4.4°F, and the WARMEST start to a year ever (January–March departure=+6.8°F);
- **APRIL 1990:** After experiencing cold conditions during the first 20 days, warm weather during the last 10 days of April, including highs in the eighties and nineties during April 23–28 (91°F and 93°F on April 26–27), helped push April 1990 average temperatures slightly above normal (departure=+0.1°F), which also kept 1990 as the WARMEST year on record.



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