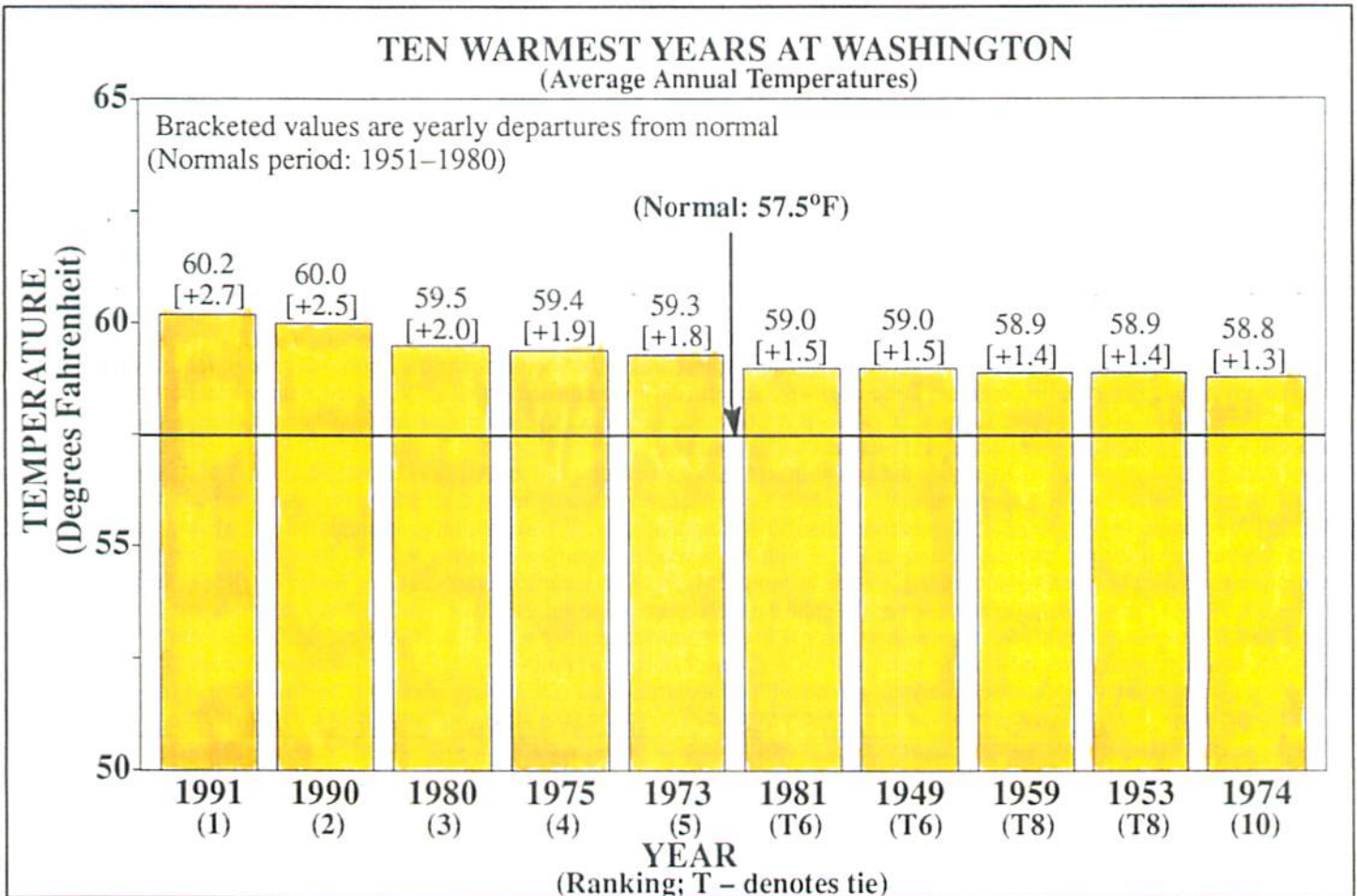




**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

DECEMBER 1991 & ANNUAL REVIEW

1991 SURPASSES 1990 AS WARMEST YEAR ON RECORD IN WASHINGTON



ANNUAL & DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Second warmest year (1990 warmest) on record at BWI and IAD;
- 15th consecutive warmer than normal month at IAD (October 1990-December 1991);
- 11 of 12 months during 1991 with above normal temperatures at DCA and BWI;
- Higher than normal temperatures at DCA 20 out of last 24 months;
- 59 days with temperatures at or above 90°F (normal: 37 days) at DCA;
- 1991 low reading at DCA only 17°F (February 22nd), highest annual extreme minimum temperature for a year since 1975;
- Warmest May on record at DCA, BWI and IAD;
- Driest year since 1980 and 6th driest year overall at Washington, however, it was the wettest December since 1983 at DCA with over 5 inches of rain recorded;
- First December since 1972 with no snow at DCA.

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