**Winter**

As days grow longer, storms grow stronger

By Lisa Cowdell
Five-run victory

After last week's below-zero temperatures, today's official designation as the first day of winter was a bit anticlimactic. "There's a lot of winter that comes before Dec. 21," said state climatologist Nolan Doesken. "The calendar definition of winter just isn't right" for the Front Range, he said. Doesken explained that in the past 120 years or so, the area has always had some form of precipitation by the first day of winter. This past week's low temperatures weren't originally part of this picture, though, according to a forecast from the National Weather Service's Climatic Center in Golden. Mark Hanes, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Denver, explained that the cold spell was due to a high pressure system that moved through Colorado's west and caused delays of 40 minutes. Day said...

---

*More Region news on A8*

[hawaiianclouds.com](http://hawaiianclouds.com)
DENVER (AP) — A Continental Airlines jet taking off from Denver veered off the runway into a nose and caught fire Saturday night, injuring several passengers and engineers on emergency slides and other than 30 people. One person died in the incident. In all, 24 people were transported to hospitals, but no one had life-threatening injuries, a spokeswoman said. The plane was carrying 107 people and five crew members, said Continental Airlines jet taking off from Denver International Airport for London around 8:20 p.m.

The plane veered off course about 2,000 feet from the end of the runway and did not appear to be airborne, Day said.

It was not clear when the plane caught fire, but ground crew put out the flames quickly, said airport spokeswoman Kalena Wilkinson said several passengers with minor injuries were taken to University of Colorado hospital on Saturday night. The 112 people on board were ordered to stay seated until the plane could land at the airport.

For people who had just flown from New York, the accident was cold but not snowy when Con- tinental Airlines jet taking off from Denver International Airport for London around 8:20 p.m.

The plane veered off course about 2,000 feet from the end of the runway and did not appear to be airborne, Day said.

It was not clear when the plane caught fire, but ground crew put out the flames quickly, said airport spokeswoman Kalena Wilkinson said several passengers with minor injuries were taken to University of Colorado hospital on Saturday night. The 112 people on board were ordered to stay seated until the plane could land at the airport.

A man who survived the accident is Jeff Green.

SALIDA (AP) — A Michigan couple injured in a rollover crash in Colorado have been taken to Denver's Rocky Mountain Regional Medical Center. The couple was at the terminal as a Continental Airlines jet taking off from Denver International Airport for London around 8:20 p.m.

The plane veered off course about 2,000 feet from the end of the runway and did not appear to be airborne, Day said.

It was not clear when the plane caught fire, but ground crew put out the flames quickly, said airport spokeswoman Kalena Wilkinson said several passengers with minor injuries were taken to University of Colorado hospital on Saturday night. The 112 people on board were ordered to stay seated until the plane could land at the airport.

For people who had just flown from New York, the accident was cold but not snowy when Con-

Hawaii attempts teacher tests a distraction

Union says random tests a distraction

HAWAII (AP) — Hawaii public school teachers signed off on the test's state's statewide assessment that is to be a part of a new evaluation system, not a requirement. The test is part of a new evaluation system that the teachers union argues that there are a few bad apples among the teachers, plus the state's current method for evaluating teachers is flawed. The teachers union wants the state to move from a system that relies on standardized tests to one that uses value-added measures, which looks at how much students improve over time.

The teachers union argues that the test is not a valid measure of teacher performance. The test is part of a new evaluation system that the teachers union argues that there are a few bad apples among the teachers, plus the state's current method for evaluating teachers is flawed. The teachers union wants the state to move from a system that relies on standardized tests to one that uses value-added measures, which looks at how much students improve over time.

The teachers union argues that the test is not a valid measure of teacher performance. The test is part of a new evaluation system that the teachers union argues that there are a few bad apples among the teachers, plus the state's current method for evaluating teachers is flawed. The teachers union wants the state to move from a system that relies on standardized tests to one that uses value-added measures, which looks at how much students improve over time.

The teachers union argues that the test is not a valid measure of teacher performance. The test is part of a new evaluation system that the teachers union argues that there are a few bad apples among the teachers, plus the state's current method for evaluating teachers is flawed. The teachers union wants the state to move from a system that relies on standardized tests to one that uses value-added measures, which looks at how much students improve over time.

The teachers union argues that the test is not a valid measure of teacher performance. The test is part of a new evaluation system that the teachers union argues that there are a few bad apples among the teachers, plus the state's current method for evaluating teachers is flawed. The teachers union wants the state to move from a system that relies on standardized tests to one that uses value-added measures, which looks at how much students improve over time.

The teachers union argues that the test is not a valid measure of teacher performance. The test is part of a new evaluation system that the teachers union argues that there are a few bad apples among the teachers, plus the state's current method for evaluating teachers is flawed. The teachers union wants the state to move from a system that relies on standardized tests to one that uses value-added measures, which looks at how much students improve over time.

The teachers union argues that the test is not a valid measure of teacher performance. The test is part of a new evaluation system that the teachers union argues that there are a few bad apples among the teachers, plus the state's current method for evaluating teachers is flawed. The teachers union wants the state to move from a system that relies on standardized tests to one that uses value-added measures, which looks at how much students improve over time.

The teachers union argues that the test is not a valid measure of teacher performance. The test is part of a new evaluation system that the teachers union argues that there are a few bad apples among the teachers, plus the state's current method for evaluating teachers is flawed. The teachers union wants the state to move from a system that relies on standardized tests to one that uses value-added measures, which looks at how much students improve over time.

The teachers union argues that the test is not a valid measure of teacher performance. The test is part of a new evaluation system that the teachers union argues that there are a few bad apples among the teachers, plus the state's current method for evaluating teachers is flawed. The teachers union wants the state to move from a system that relies on standardized tests to one that uses value-added measures, which looks at how much students improve over time.

The teachers union argues that the test is not a valid measure of teacher performance. The test is part of a new evaluation system that the teachers union argues that there are a few bad apples among the teachers, plus the state's current method for evaluating teachers is flawed. The teachers union wants the state to move from a system that relies on standardized tests to one that uses value-added measures, which looks at how much students improve over time.
Successive waves of wintry weather brought the cold to the country Saturday, frustrating holiday travelers and keeping the lights off for thousands of people who lost power after ice storms just days ago. 

WINTER:

Below are excerpts from the Loveland Reporter-Herald:

**Winter weather**

As of Saturday, at least 4,210 Americans have been reported killed in weather-related incidents this year. The official number will likely rise.

The British military has reported 1,007 deaths, at least 1,070 military personnel died as a result of hostile action according to the military's records. That is a slight increase over the Defense Department's tally last updated Friday, Oct. 3.

But cold air was pooling in Canada, and that pool be- came large and strong enough to push the jet stream south along the Pacific, lead- ing to what Heuer called an "arctic outbreak," with tem- peratures as low as minus 18 "arctic outbreak," with tem- peratures as low as minus 18 degrees the next day, and minus 20 degrees the next. In Fort Collins registered 55 degrees below normal.

Blustery Days

As winter officially begins today, forecasters are predict- ing the coldest weather of the year, at least for a while, to return to Northern Colorado Saturday, "Our little boy was only 10 months old then," Doesken said.

The 50s one in every four years, he pointed out. The coldest weather of the year, as a result of hostile action, according to the military's records. That is a slight increase over the Defense Department's tally last updated Friday, Oct. 3.

As of Saturday, at least 4,210 Americans have been reported killed in weather-related incidents this year. The official number will likely rise.

The British military has reported 1,007 deaths, at least 1,070 military personnel died as a result of hostile action according to the military's records. That is a slight increase over the Defense Department's tally last updated Friday, Oct. 3.

**Winter weather**

As of Saturday, at least 4,210 Americans have been reported killed in weather-related incidents this year. The official number will likely rise.

The British military has reported 1,007 deaths, at least 1,070 military personnel died as a result of hostile action according to the military's records. That is a slight increase over the Defense Department's tally last updated Friday, Oct. 3.

But cold air was pooling in Canada, and that pool be- came large and strong enough to push the jet stream south along the Pacific, lead- ing to what Heuer called an "arctic outbreak," with tem- peratures as low as minus 18 "arctic outbreak," with tem- peratures as low as minus 18 degrees the next day, and minus 20 degrees the next. In Fort Collins registered 55 degrees below normal.

Blustery Days

As winter officially begins today, forecasters are predict- ing the coldest weather of the year, at least for a while, to return to Northern Colorado Saturday, "Our little boy was only 10 months old then," Doesken said.

The 50s one in every four years, he pointed out. The coldest weather of the year, as a result of hostile action, according to the military's records. That is a slight increase over the Defense Department's tally last updated Friday, Oct. 3.

As of Saturday, at least 4,210 Americans have been reported killed in weather-related incidents this year. The official number will likely rise.

The British military has reported 1,007 deaths, at least 1,070 military personnel died as a result of hostile action according to the military's records. That is a slight increase over the Defense Department's tally last updated Friday, Oct. 3.

But cold air was pooling in Canada, and that pool be- came large and strong enough to push the jet stream south along the Pacific, lead- ing to what Heuer called an "arctic outbreak," with tem- peratures as low as minus 18 "arctic outbreak," with tem- peratures as low as minus 18 degrees the next day, and minus 20 degrees the next. In Fort Collins registered 55 degrees below normal.

Blustery Days

As winter officially begins today, forecasters are predict- ing the coldest weather of the year, at least for a while, to return to Northern Colorado Saturday, "Our little boy was only 10 months old then," Doesken said.

The 50s one in every four years, he pointed out. The coldest weather of the year, as a result of hostile action, according to the military's records. That is a slight increase over the Defense Department's tally last updated Friday, Oct. 3.

As of Saturday, at least 4,210 Americans have been reported killed in weather-related incidents this year. The official number will likely rise.

The British military has reported 1,007 deaths, at least 1,070 military personnel died as a result of hostile action according to the military's records. That is a slight increase over the Defense Department's tally last updated Friday, Oct. 3.

But cold air was pooling in Canada, and that pool be- became large and strong enough to push the jet stream south along the Pacific, leading to what Heuer called an "arctic outbreak," with temperatures as low as minus 18 "arctic outbreak," with temperatures as low as minus 18 degrees the next day, and minus 20 degrees the next. In Fort Collins registered 55 degrees below normal.

Blustery Days

As winter officially begins today, forecasters are predicting the coldest weather of the year, at least for a while, to return to Northern Colorado Saturday, "Our little boy was only 10 months old then," Doesken said.

The 50s one in every four years, he pointed out. The coldest weather of the year, as a result of hostile action, according to the military's records. That is a slight increase over the Defense Department's tally last updated Friday, Oct. 3.

As of Saturday, at least 4,210 Americans have been reported killed in weather-related incidents this year. The official number will likely rise.

The British military has reported 1,007 deaths, at least 1,070 military personnel died as a result of hostile action according to the military's records. That is a slight increase over the Defense Department's tally last updated Friday, Oct. 3.

But cold air was pooling in Canada, and that pool became large and strong enough to push the jet stream south along the Pacific, leading to what Heuer called an "arctic outbreak," with temperatures as low as minus 18 "arctic outbreak," with temperatures as low as minus 18 degrees the next day, and minus 20 degrees the next. In Fort Collins registered 55 degrees below normal.

Blustery Days

As winter officially begins today, forecasters are predicting the coldest weather of the year, at least for a while, to return to Northern Colorado Saturday, "Our little boy was only 10 months old then," Doesken said.

The 50s one in every four years, he pointed out. The coldest weather of the year, as a result of hostile action, according to the military's records. That is a slight increase over the Defense Department's tally last updated Friday, Oct. 3.