



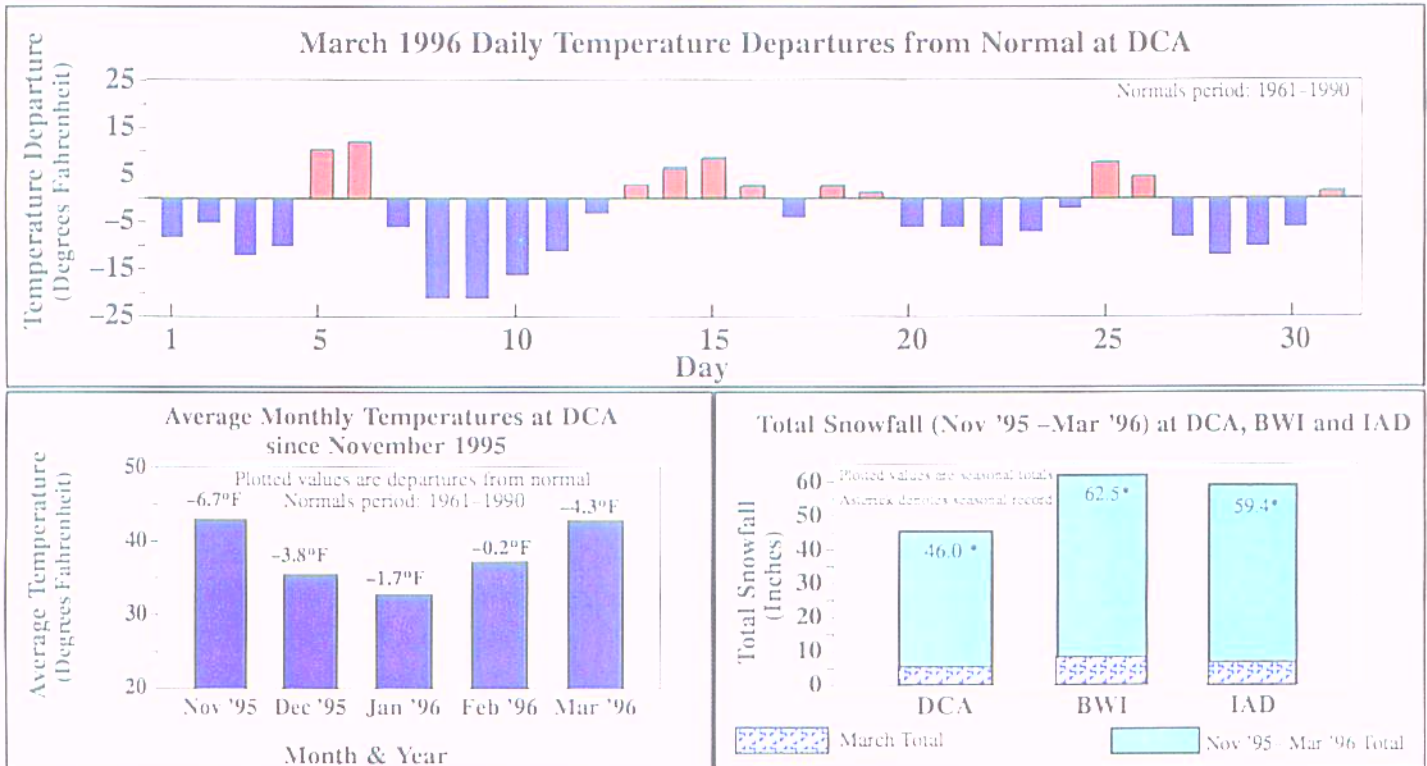
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PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA

MARCH 1996

ANOTHER COLD MONTH



HIGHLIGHTS

- Subnormal temperatures across the Washington/Baltimore area with monthly departures of -3°F or lower at four of the five airports (DCA, BWI, IAD, and DAA);
- Fifth consecutive month with subnormal temperatures at DCA (see graph above);
- 20 days (65%) with at or below normal temperatures at DCA (see graph above);
- 11 March days with at or below freezing lows at DCA;
- Lows in the single digits at IAD on the 4th and 10th (7°F and 8°F , respectively) and in the teens across most of Washington/Baltimore area on the 3rd, 4th, and 8th-10th;
- Lowest March reading since 1990 at DCA (17°F at DCA on the 9th);
- Two days (8th & 9th) with sub-freezing highs across the local area;
- Above normal precipitation at all five airports;
- Two significant snowfalls (2nd and 8th) result in second snowiest season ever recorded in Washington (snowiest on record at the airport), and added to the already-established seasonal records at both BWI and IAD (see graph above);
- Third consecutive month with above normal snowfall at all five airports;
- Record high March barometric pressure at DCA ($30.95''$) on the 10th.

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