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Washington actor hangs up his wig

After 12 years, James Gallagher crosses the Delaware for the last time

WASHINGTON CROSSING, Pa. (AP) — James Gallagher led America's revolutionary forces across the fast-moving Delaware River for the last time Wednesday.

More than 9,000 people watched the former Marine close out his 12-year run dressing up as George Washington for the annual Christmas Day re-enactment of the 1776 Delaware River crossing.

"There was a lot of nostalgia, and there were a lot of people greeting me for the last time," said Gallagher, 76, who cited the

stress involved with the role as the reason for giving it up.

As in previous years, Gallagher donned a white wig, black hat and 40-pound Revolutionary War costume. He surveyed the troops and recited, "These are the times that try men's souls," from Thomas Paine's "American Crisis."

This year, he also addressed his officers with the farewell address Washington gave to his troops as he retired from the Army.

"With heart full of love and gratitude, I now take my leave of you," the World War II veteran and retired systems consultant told the crowd.

Gallagher is the third person to play Washington since the re-enactment began in 1952 with actor St. John Terrell in the lead role. Jack Kelly, brother of Princess

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Grace of Monaco, played Washington for 25 years until 1985.

The route follows Washington's nighttime navigation of the ice-clogged river to surprise British troops camped at Trenton, N.J. About 1,000 Hessian mercenaries on the British side were captured and 100 were wounded or killed. Washington's force suffered only 10 casualties.



AP photos



LEFT: James Gallagher, dressed as George Washington, re-enacts Washington's historic Revolutionary War crossing of the Delaware River in Washington Crossing, Pa., Wednesday. For the last 12 years, Gallagher has donned a Washington costume and led scores of "troops" in the annual Christmas Day re-enactment, though he will retire this year. **ABOVE:** Gallagher (center) shakes the hands of other participants in the annual Christmas Day re-enactment of Washington's 1776 Delaware River crossing.

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Four-Day Forecast for Cedar Rapids

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Snow ending Wind: N 4-8 High 9 / Low 3	Partly cloudy, warmer Wind: S 6-12 High 25 / Low 9	Mostly cloudy, flurries possible High 11 / Low -9	Partly sunny and dry High 27 / Low -2

Cedar Rapids Climate

High Temp Wednesday	2	Precipitation Year to Date	30.44"
Low Temp Wednesday	-5	Sunset Tonight	4:41 p.m.
Normal High	27	Sunrise Tomorrow	7:34 a.m.
Record High	57	Today's daylight	.9 hrs., 8 min.
Record Low	-20		
24-Hour High Tuesday	19		
24-Hour Low Tuesday	-2		
Precipitation Downtown to 6 p.m.	0.03"		
Snowfall Downtown to 6 p.m.	5.00"		
Precipitation Last Year This Date	trace		
Precipitation Month to Date	0.83"		
Normal Precipitation for December	1.59"		
Normal Precipitation Through December	33.18"		

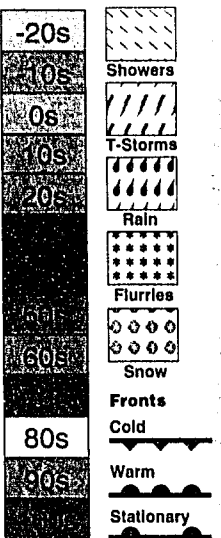
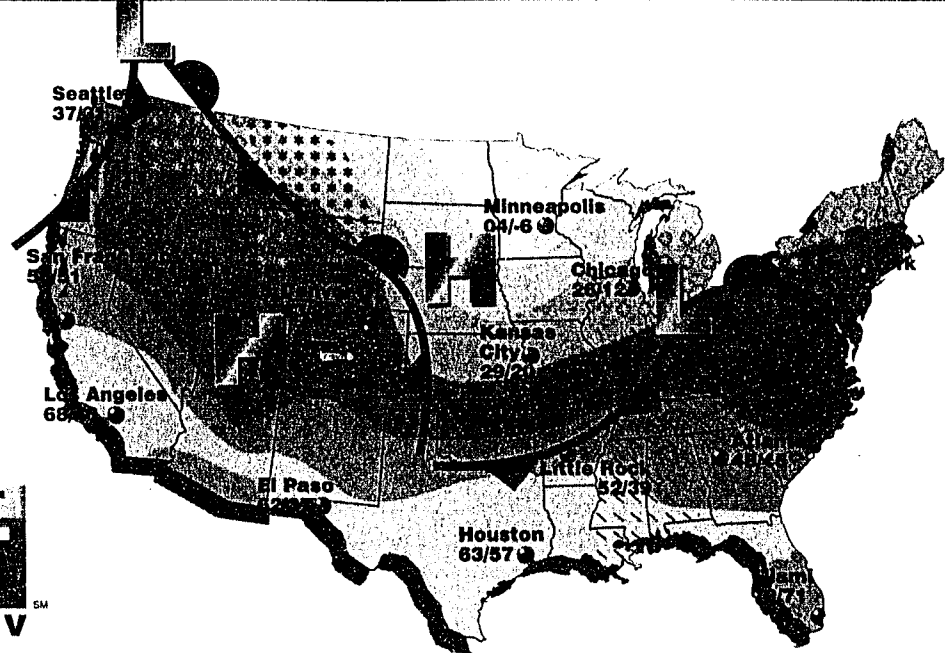
Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Jan. 1	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 23

The National Forecast

An onshore flow in the Pacific Northwest means more rain and snow. With some colder air working into this storm, places like Seattle could even see snow. The Midwest will see a slow-clearing trend as high pressure moves in. Temperatures will be near seasonal over the South.

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

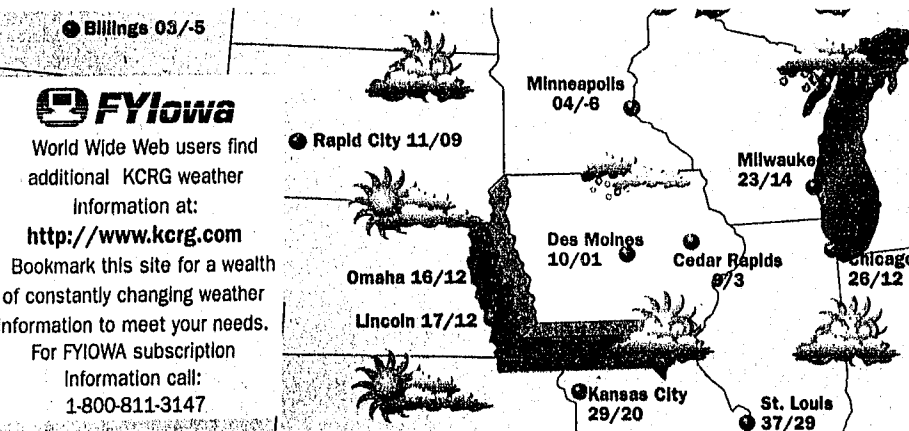


River Levels

Cedar River	6.09 rising	Iowa River cont.		Mississippi River	
Waterloo (12)		Tama (13)	12.94 falling	La Crosse (12)	6.39 rising
Cedar Rapids (13)	4.54 rising	Belle Plaine (15)	9.83 falling	Lansing (18)	8.20 rising
Conesville (12)	8.18 rising	Marengo (14)	11.23 falling	McGregor (18)	9.16 rising
		Coralville Pool	683.43 rising	Guttenberg (15)	6.58 rising
		Iowa City (22)	11.12 rising	Dubuque (17)	8.48 rising
		Lone Tree (15)	4.90 falling	Davenport (15)	7.35 falling
		Wapello (20)	12.54 rising	Muscatine (16)	7.74 rising

Midwest Forecast

Another day of below-average temperatures is likely for the region today. Partly cloudy skies will develop over all but the extreme east and southeast corners. Northerly winds will be rather light at speeds less than 15 mph. High temperatures will vary today from the single digits north to the mid-30s south.



Iowa Weather

Burlington	11/1/trace	Iowa City	22/4/0.03
Council Bluffs	4/5/0.04	Lamoni	9/0/trace
Davenport	2/4/0.04	Mason City	0/9/trace
Decorah	0/9/trace	Ottumwa	8/1/trace
Des Moines	4/5/0.01	Sioux City	0/8/trace
Dubuque	0/8/trace	Spencer	-1/6/trace
Fort Dodge	-2/6/none	Waterloo	-1/8/0.05

Cedar Rapids Ultraviolet Index

Expected Solar Intensity Level • 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

0-2 Minimal • 3-4 Low
5-6 Moderate • 7-9 High
10+ Very High

Travelers Weather

City	Today	Fri	Sat	City	Today	Fri	Sat
Albuquerque	50/24 pc	50/23 cdy	50/24 pc	Memphis	40/28 pc	68/37 sh	54/33 cdy
Anchorage	10/-10 pc	10/-15 pc	15/-2 pc	Miami	80/64 pc	79/67 pc	80/66 cdy
Atlanta	46/25 sh	60/44 cdy	53/35 sn	Milwaukee	25/11 pc	39/23 pc	32/17 pc
Atlantic City	58/38 pc	50/48 pc	54/42 pc	Minneapolis	9/6 cdy	18/-3 sn	14/-5 cdy
Baltimore	53/28 m	51/41 cdy	52/35 cdy	Mobile	61/35 cdy	72/56 cdy	67/46 cdy
Billings	3/9 sn	12/-13 pc	22/-1 sun	Nashville	37/24 cdy	65/35 cdy	51/30 cdy
Bismarck	-04/-3 cdy	-1/-15 sf	5/-6 pc	New Orleans	63/37 pc	75/56 cdy	69/48 sun
Boise	50/40 cdy	43/39 cdy	47/40 cdy	New York	53/37 sh	49/41 cdy	50/39 sh
Boston	37/33 sn	34/28 sn	36/31 cdy	Oklahoma City	48/22 pc	46/22 pc	44/24 pc
Brownsville	74/49 pc	83/57 pc	75/53 pc	Omaha	15/3 cdy	13/-1 sf	14/1 cdy
Charlotte SC	60/32 cdy	67/52 pc	68/48 sh	Orlando	79/54 pc	78/60 pc	79/57 pc
Chicago	32/18 pc	28/-2 cdy	30/8 pc	Peoria	18/8 sf	22/10 cdy	33/13 pc
Cincinnati	30/15 cdy	56/30 cdy	43/23 pc	Philadelphia	56/34 pc	48/45 pc	52/40 pc
Cleveland	36/19 sn	49/36 cdy	42/24 pc	Phoenix	67/46 pc	64/43 sun	66/45 sun
Colorado Springs	42/24 pc	40/18 pc	41/26 pc	Pittsburgh	46/19 sh	49/44 cdy	48/32 sf
Dallas	51/32 pc	70/34 pc	61/33 pc	Portland ME	40/28 pc	39/28 cdy	41/34 cdy
Denver	41/27 pc	41/17 sun	41/10 m	Portland OR	49/42 m	44/40 m	47/41 pc
Detroit	34/15 cdy	43/32 cdy	39/24 pc	Providence	56/34 sh	62/50 pc	64/42 pc
Duluth	3/2 cdy	10/4 sn	12/-8 pc	Raleigh/Durham	46/24 pc	40/20 pc	43/22 sun
El Paso	63/29 sun	66/33 sun	65/31 pc	Reno	46/24 pc	40/20 pc	43/22 sun
Fargo	-3/-5 cdy	-1/-12 sf	3/-6 cdy	Sacramento	54/38 pc	53/38 cdy	54/38 pc
Great Falls	-10/-12 sf	5/-3 pc	15/2 pc	St. Louis	27/18 cdy	60/24 m	44/21 sun
Hartford	51/32 pc	40/35 cdy	45/38 pc	Salt Lake City	40/28 pc	39/28 cdy	40/28 cdy
Honolulu	81/68 pc	80/70 cdy	81/69 sun	San Antonio	65/34 sun	78/45 cdy	72/40 cdy
Houston	65/38 sun	77/47 cdy	71/43 sh	San Diego	67/48 sun	63/48 pc	65/48 pc
Indianapolis	32/15 cdy	51/32 cdy	42/24 cdy	San Francisco	58/44 sun	56/44 pc	57/44 cdy
Jackson MS	52/30 sun	72/44 cdy	62/37 cdy	Seattle	44/41 m	43/38 sh	44/40 m
Kansas City	20/10 cdy	27/9 cdy	24/10 pc	Sioux Falls	5/-3 cdy	7/-7 sf	12/-4 cdy
Las Vegas	58/35 pc	57/35 pc	58/35 sun	Spokane	29/27 sn	27/22 sn	28/25 cdy
Little Rock	43/24 sun	71/34 pc	57/29 pc	Tampa	76/59 pc	49/64 pc	56/39 sun
Los Angeles	69/50 sun	64/48 pc	67/49 pc	Tucson	68/40 pc	67/38 sun	68/39 sun
Louisville	37/19 cdy	61/36 cdy	49/28 pc	Tulsa	40/20 sun	40/22 cdy	40/21 pc
				Washington D.C.	53/30 m	51/43 cdy	52/37 pc
				Wichita	27/19 cdy	26/9 cdy	27/14 pc

World Weather Forecast

Amsterdam	29/18pc	London	36/29pc	Rome	40/32cdy
Berlin	38/31cdy	Mexico City	68/43pc	San Juan	84/73pc
Buenos Aires	91/73cdy	Montreal	25/15cdy	Seoul	36/21sun
Calto	71/54cdy	Moscow	0/-17sf	Tokyo	56/39cdy
Copenhagen	27/16pc	Oslo	16/0pc	Toronto	24/11sf
Hong Kong	68/61cdy	Paris	24/20pc	Vienna	14/10cdy
Jerusalem	63/48pc	Prague	9/-1cdy	Warsaw	10/7cdy

Weatherwise



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Melting Snow

You often hear the figure 10 inches of snow melts to one inch of water. But this is very general. As anyone who has shoveled much snow has discovered, sometimes it's very wet and heavy and at others very dry and light, powdered snow.

The Wasatch Mountains just east of Salt Lake City are famous for "powder" snow, like other places in the West. Here on the average about 13 inches of snow is needed to melt to an inch of water.

In the East, however, such as in western New York, the average for the winter is closer to seven inches of snow to one inch of water.

"Precipitation" figures in climate listing include rain plus the water form melted snow or ice.

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