

BUFFALO EVENING NEWS

Snowfall Spoils Easter Over Much of the East

By the Associated Press

Winter staged a surprise return over much of the nation Sunday, snarling holiday transportation and spoiling many traditional Easter celebrations.

A storm dumped 6 to 12 inches of snow from northern West Virginia to central Pennsylvania, southeastern New York and into southern New England.

Traveler warnings were in effect for much of the East. Police reported abandoned cars dotted highways in scattered areas. Nearly 200 cars were stalled on Route 81 near Binghamton late Sunday afternoon.

But some Americans were more fortunate. It was 87 degrees and sunny in Key Biscayne, Fla., where President and Mrs. Nixon attended Presbyterian church services. And in Los Angeles, 20,000 persons filled the Hollywood Bowl for sunrise services with temperature in the 60s.

New York's traditional Fifth Ave. Easter Parade was canceled by snow for the first time since 1885. The 4 inches that fell in 12 hours broke the city's 85-year-old snowfall record for the date.

Atlantic City moved its 95th annual Easter Parade from the blustery boardwalk to hotel lobbies, where judges selected best dressed winners as usual.

Nine inches of snow fell on Beacon, N. Y., closed some New York City bridges and streets and made the New York Thruway extremely hazardous from the city north to the Catskill Mountains.

Boston and Harrisburg, Pa., each was socked with 6 inches of snow in six hours. Wilkes Barre, Pa., reported 11 inches on the ground for an increase of 7 inches in a six-hour span.

The storm was moving farther out to sea today. Gale warnings were displayed on the Massachusetts and Rhode Island coasts. Wind gusts of up to 58 miles an hour were recorded at Nantucket, Mass.

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