

Peter, where were you in the summer of 1954?

The summer of 1954 I lived in Little Silver, NJ, and I graduated from Little Silver School 8TH grade in June 1954, soon to be a Freshman in Red Bank High School. I was interested in model airplanes then, and the weather, because of how weather affected our ability to fly model airplanes. I was also in Boy Scouts, and our Troop 15 had adult leaders in the Army at nearby Ft Monmouth.

The summer of 54 was hot and dry; I remember that there was concern that our water supply from Swimming River Reservoir was running low, and the lawns were brown from lack of rain.

I attended a week-long Boy Scout Camporee at Ft Monmouth in the week which had the last few days in August and the first few days of September. We stayed in a WW2 barracks on-post.

It was in the news that [Hurricane Carol](#) was moving slowly up the coast off Savannah Georgia on 31 August. I remember that while we were at Ft Monmouth the expectation was that the hurricane was still a couple of days away, but on late in the afternoon of 31 August it clouded up strong winds hit, and it rained hard!

“The Hurricane? No! Its not supposed to get here for two more days.”

We found out the next day that Hurricane Carol had rapidly accelerated past Cape Hatteras brushed the Jersey Shore and slammed into Long Island and Groton Connecticut all on 31 August.

In New Jersey, and nearby Pennsylvania, many people were happy that the drought was over, Swimming River Reservoir was almost full again, the lawns were green, and the tree leaves seemed greener.

Only a little over a week later Hurricane Edna took a similar path and brushed New Jersey. On 11 September, “In coastal New Jersey, northwesterly winds reached 65 mph (105 km/h), and Long Branch received around 4 in (100 mm) of rainfall.” [according to Wikipedia.](#)

The two hurricanes brought significant rainfall. The first ended the drought, saturated the soil, and brought things “back to normal.” The second brought significant flooding because the rain brought by Edna all ran off the already saturated soil.

There was a TV special on the flooding on the Delaware River, especially hard-hit was Stroudsburg PA. Peter, you might remember the Summer of 1954. Do you?

Peter, did humans cause the one-two hits of Hurricanes Carol and Edna to the Tri-State and New England areas in the Summer of 1954?

It is important for you to answer this question!

Now, to your column of 18 Sep 2022 in the Las Cruces Sun News, <https://www.lcsun-news.com/story/opinion/2022/09/19/goodman-americas-large-footprint-hope-endures-in-ukraine/69497475007/>

Here is some of what you say:

“If I were a Pakistani villager or a Central American refugee, I might hate us.

Pakistan is inundated by floods that have unhoused more than 33 million people and may not fully recede for three to six months. Experts say climate weirdness was a factor in Pakistan’s worst flooding ever...”

“...our gas and oil companies make obscene profits; and we elect congressfolk, and even presidents, who play to the economically powerful by denying that our conduct could affect something as big as Earth’s climate. Scientists think otherwise. Events are teaching us those scientists are onto something.”

Peter, which “scientists” say this? And please, Exactly What are they onto?

Just to let you know, I am a scientist, I have a bachelor’s in Geology from Rutgers, A Basic Meteorology completion at Texas A&M University, and a master’s in meteorology from Penn State, and 49 years’ experience as a meteorologist in Thailand, Viet Nam, Guam, Montana, New Mexico, Arizona, and Germany, and I don’t see what you claim to see.

Please be specific in your reply.

More soon. Thank you.

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