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Meteorologist

Ben Gelber,

NBC4

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6\_

# **Extreme Weather!**

One headline read: "At least 122 people were killed in a tornado outbreak on May 22, bringing the year's total to nearly 500 and making it the deadliest year since 1953, when 519 people were killed. "

### The National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration had this report: Spring 2011 U.S. Climate Extremes The spring (March-May) of 2011, particularly April, brought extreme weather and climate events to many parts of the United States. Tornadoes, flooding, drought, and wildfires ravaged many parts of the country during the period, and each of these extremes broke long-standing records and have been compared to the worst such cases' in history. While similar extremes have occurred throughout modern American history, never before have they occurred in a single month. According to the Storm Prediction Center (SPC), there were 875 preliminary tornado reports during April alone, and the confirmed number of tornadoes will approach the all-time monthly record of 542 tornadoes set in May 2003. Record rainfall along the Ohio River Valley, punctuated with snowmelt across the upper Midwest, caused record flooding along the mid and lower Mississippi River, with water levels surpassing the historic floods of 1927 and 1937.

A May 20 Reuters headline asks, "Is Extreme Weather the New Normal?" The story goes on: "It's a new normal and I really do think that global weirding is the

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Dr. Jay Hobgood, Director, Atmospheric Sciences Program, The Ohio State University

best way to describe what we're seeing," climate scientist Katharine Hayhoe of Texas Tech University said.

An upsurge in heavy rainstorms in the United States has coincided with prolonged drought, sometimes in the same location, she said, noting that west Texas has seen a record-length dry period over the last five years, even as there have been two 100-year rain events.' (excerpted from Reuters, May 20, 2011, by Deborah Zabarenko)

Regarding the March 11 magnitude-9.0 earthquake that devastated Japan scientists say: "It will take probably a decade before this aftershock sequence is over. The watchword in Tokyo should be long-term vigilance. Nobody should think this should go away in a few weeks or a few months

The earthquake was so violent that the northern portion of the main island of Honshu lurched more than three feet to the east. Global Positioning System





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Pete Lore, Associate V.P. **Property Techincal** Claims, Nationwide Insurance

columnist The Columbus Dispatch

measurements showed places where the surface moved more than 16 feet. There have been more than 200 aftershocks. (excerpted from The Washington Post, April 11, 2011)

Is this really the new normal? Are earthquakes "weather?" How are forest fires related to weather? And how will the new normal extreme weather affect insurance companies' ability to predict and manage risk?

Our panelists are qualified to ponder these questions and more. Dr. Jay Hobgood, Director, Atmospheric Sciences Program, and Associate Professor of Geology, The Ohio State University.

Ben Gelber, Meteorologist at NBC4, holds the American Meteorological Society's Seal of Approval, which is only awarded to those forecasters who exhibit a significant knowledge of meteorology and the ability to present weather-related information in a clear, concise manner.

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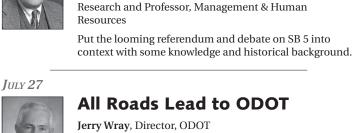


journalist, television Pat Wynn Brown personality **Angela Pace** 

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Jay Hobgood, Director, Atmospheric Sciences Program, The Ohio State

University, Meteorologist Ben Gelber, NBC4 and Pete Lore, Nationwide

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John M. Bridgeland, President & CEO of Civic Enterprises, a public policy development firm

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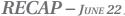
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# Mark Kvamme: **Gung-ho on O-hi-Oh**

Mark Kvamme, Director of Job Creation with The Ohio Department of Development

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