WRATHERMAN TAKES A HOLLDAY

It's June in January as winter gets its signals crossed and gives America's east coast a record-breaking warm spell.

In New York's Central Park, spring is bursting out all over.

This freak weather takes the opposite turn further west. Icy storms paralyse the city of Memphis, in Tennessee. Power lines are down, phones and lights out, schools and shops closed.

The weather makes its bid for fame early in the year. It's a bid of contrasts, as over at Honolulu's lovely Waikiki beach, Hawaii takes to the surf. Some of the riders don't even bother about a board. With the water temperature around 70 and a light rolling surf, it's a perfect day for riding the breakers. It's pretty crowded out there, too, and the order is "standing-room" only!

Getting onto one of these rollers isn't as easy as it looks - and when you do, there's no telling when Father Neptune will decide it's the end of the line - and then it's "everybedy off!"