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Ever wonder why man can walk earth, say two meteorologists at on the moon but cannot predict the weather three days from now? Or "We don't have adequate techwhy, during the winter of 1978, the East Coast is buried in snow while parts of California lay in a sea of

The answer is that space is somewhat more stable than the earth's much-improved two-month forevolatile atmosphere that shifts

hourly in high speed wind currents.

Technology has yet to match the global scope of the raging rivers of air known as the jet streams. Scientists, in fact, cannot explain why jet

One key to man's weather prediction lies in understanding the jet streams that glide far above the

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niques to generate a bad 30-day forecast now, much less a good one," explains Dr. Jim McGuirk. "If we knew where the jet streams were going to run, then we would have a

There are several jet streams, but the primary one affecting the United States is called the Polar Jet Stream. This one takes a winding course at about 35,000 feet above the earth. At its center the stream is 100 miles wide and 10,000 feet high As it flows around the globe its wind speeds may exceed 225 mph. In

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speed is about 100 mph.

For the sake of imagination, the jet stream can be pictured as a long, flattened river flowing around the earth, he said. The jet stream will meander back and forth across the country throughout the year.

All one has to do is imagine the river flowing above the earth, McGuirk said, except it is a river sometimes stabilizes in one with no boundaries. Where the jet for a month or more. And where the stabilizes in one provides the stabilizes the stabilizes in one provides the stabilizes the stabilizes the stabilizes in one provides the stabilizes the stabilize stream flows before entering the ords and maps will give its United States and how it crosses the today, it does not help for country has a direct effect on surface predict anything about its p weather patterns, he added.

'The reason we are interested in the jet stream is because most of the a few days," says McGuirl severe weather occurring in the country is related to the jet stream, where it has been and what it is doing," explained W.K. Henry, an assmall skill at time periods of an or less, but nothing substantial transfer of the country is related to the jet stream, predict the weather. We just for each of the weather. We show a small skill at time periods of an or less, but nothing substantial to the weather. We just for each of the weather we just for each of the weather. We just for each of the weather we just for each of the weather we just for each of the weather. We just for each of the weather w severe weather occurring in the over a month we don't ev

Henry said the position of the jet stream indicates areas where storms could develop. Exact location of the jet stream is very important to fore-

It is called the Polar Jet Stream because it is usually associated with polar fronts.

"If we know the general trend of the stream, then we have a start in determining the specific forecast of the weather." Henry said.

"Everything depends on where the jet stream is like in the jet stream shifts," added Henry quipped. It has a McGuirk. "It is not so bad if the jet theme, but there are many stream moves and changes position iations on a theme. after a few days, but if it stays in one place very long you can have a drought, as in California last year, or a very cold winter on the East

In the winter of 1977, polar air entering the United States along the jet stream dropped snow from Texas to Florida. McGuirk said that type of winter occurs only about once every 10 or 15 years.

We can't even explain completely why it (the jet stream) claws; Pacific Coast lobsten

some of the processes involve maintenance, but we are no how each individual storm mospheric disturbance affer position and strength. It's impossible to get detailed in tion on exactly what the jet stre

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longer periods. The information network ply not adequate for deter the jet stream's total McGuirk observed that in 'we must live with the surements we have." The ty formation needed usually the research realm, and the enough money currently a to monitor the jet stream worldwide scale.

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