

Weather Report

Temperatures for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today: Maximum, 89; minimum 53.

Monterey Bay Area — Partly cloudy through Friday; little temperature change; west wind 10 to 15 mph.

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Tide Of Dead Birds At Beach

Thousands of dead birds have washed ashore at Seacliff state beach yesterday and today. A beach official said the tide of dead sooty shearwaters was slowing or stopped late this morning, after one truckload was swept up last night and another load this morning.

Mysteriously, the birds are not washing ashore on any other beaches, although they fly off shore here by the millions at this time of year.

A biologist from the state fish and game department was on his way here this morning to examine the birds and determine what killed them.

One rumor had it that the birds had been entangled in nets cast by fishing boats in the bay.

Four years ago, the mid-county area was deluged with shearwaters by the thousands when the birds blundered inland in a flight through fog at night. The rain of birds pelted down at 3 in the morning, leaving dead and stunned shearwaters littered from Pleasure Point to Rio del Mar.

According to a zoologist, the birds probably became confused in the fog and flew inland toward lights on shore. Many of the birds were picked up by residents next day and dumped back into the sea, where they seemed to get their bearings back and recover.

This area is "winter" nesting grounds for the shearwaters, which migrate from New Zealand.

B52 Bombers Smash Area Used By Cong

Saigon, Viet Nam (AP) — Guam-based B52 jet bombers of the U.S. Strategic Air Command struck today at a suspected Viet Cong installation 30 miles northeast of Saigon in the D-zone jungle, a U.S. military spokesman announced.

This was the 11th raid of the war by the big eight-engine craft. The spokesman said it was their third strike within the D-zone, a Communist-infested territory of about 600 square miles stretching from a point north of Saigon eastward toward the South China Sea.

Under new security regulations, no further details were released.