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Gottesman, Blake

From: Cossiboom, Brian S.
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2005 4:13 PM
To: Gottesman, Blake
Subject: The highlight of my day/week/month/year
Importance: High

(Dina Powell's assistant)

Please let him know how thankful we are that he came up here!!!

Brian S. Cossiboom
Office of Presidential Personnel
(202) 456-7060

*(This is an example of
many which we've recvd)*

5/23/2005

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May 23, 2005

Sir,

A review of your Slideshow from the gossip column of *The DC Examiner*, a inside-the-beltway tabloid-ish rag:

HEADLINE: "Scarborough comedy falls flat at awards"

EXCERPT: "Joe Scarborough ... should hire a speech writer, or maybe he should fire the one he has ... while his delivery was lively his humor fell flat like a thud ...

Meanwhile, **[the President] took to the microphone and hit a homer. America's own George W. Bush could have a second career in standup once his term is over."**

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**5 DAY WEATHER FORECAST
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Wednesday, 25 May 2005

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WASHINGTON, DC

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers ending in the late afternoon. Winds north at 8 to 12 knots becoming northwest by midnight. Low 50°F. High 57°F.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy becoming partly cloudy by noon. Winds northwest at 8 to 12 knots. Low 52°F. High 75°F.

Friday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy in the afternoon with isolated evening rain showers and thunderstorms. Winds west at 8 to 12 knots. Low 59°F. High 79°F.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy. Winds west at 8 to 12 knots. Low 56°F. High 76°F.

Sunday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy after sunset. Winds northwest at 10 to 15 knots. Low 54°F. High 74°F.

CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND

Friday: Partly cloudy becoming cloudy in the afternoon with isolated rain showers and thunderstorms beginning by sunset. Winds west at 10 to 15 knots. Low 53°F. High 74°F.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with isolated afternoon rain showers. Winds west at 10 to 15 knots. Low 50°F. High 69°F.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy becoming partly cloudy by midday. Winds northeast at 10 to 15 knots. Low 49°F. High 70°F.

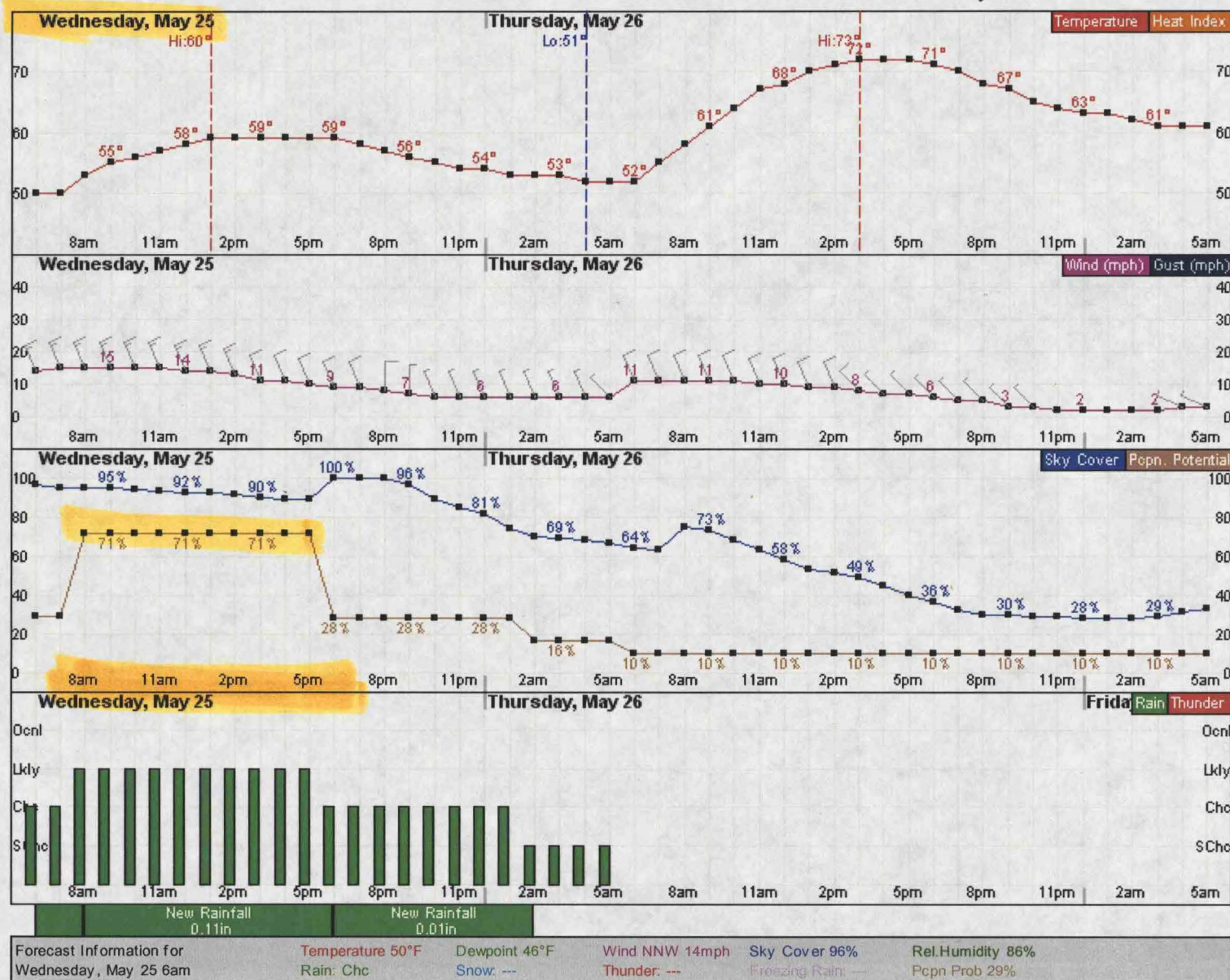
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

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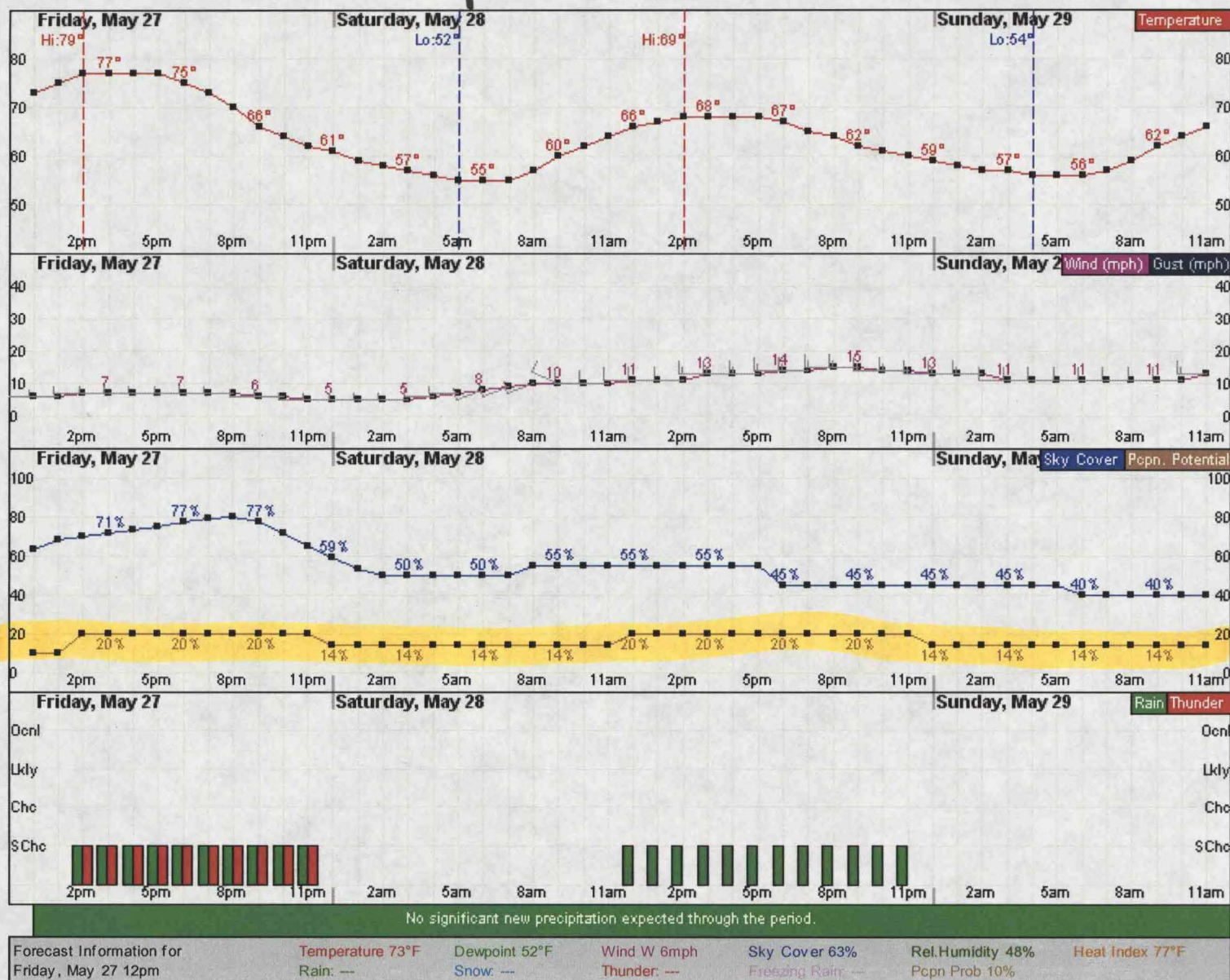
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DoD Report as of Tuesday, May 24, 2005
(last updated report)

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U.S. Service Member Deaths

Operation Iraqi Freedom	1632
Operation Enduring Freedom	186
Total	1818

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Crawford, TX 15-Day Forecast

Currently at 1:25 PM

[More Details]



Partly Sunny

Temp: 72° F

RealFeel®: 80° F

Thursday, May 26

[Details/AccuPOP]



Mostly cloudy with a couple of thunderstorms. Winds from the NE at 6 mph.

High: 85° F

RealFeel®: 84° F



Thursday Night: Widely-separated thunderstorms this evening; mostly cloudy. Winds from the NNE at 2 mph.

Low: 65° F

RealFeel: 64° F

Friday, May 27

[Details/AccuPOP]



Mainly cloudy with a thunderstorm in parts of the area. Winds from the SE at 3 mph.

High: 86° F

RealFeel: 93° F



Friday Night: Mostly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm. Winds from the NNE at 2 mph.

Low: 66° F

RealFeel: 65° F

Saturday, May 28

[Details/AccuPOP]



Clouds and breaks of sun and a couple of thunderstorms. Winds from the SE at 4 mph.

High: 83° F

RealFeel: 90° F



Saturday Night: A thunderstorm in a couple of spots in the evening; cloudy most of the time. Winds from the S at 5 mph.

Low: 67° F

RealFeel: 66° F

Sunday, May 29

[Details/AccuPOP]



Mostly cloudy and humid with a thunderstorm in parts of the area, becoming breezy in the afternoon. Winds from the SSE at 13 mph.

High: 81° F

RealFeel: 81° F



Sunday Night: Considerable cloudiness with thundershowers; humid. Winds from the SW at 14 mph.

Low: 66° F

RealFeel: 64° F

Monday, May 30

[Details/AccuPOP]



Clouds and sunshine with a thunderstorm possible. Winds from the NNW at 17 mph.

High: 83° F

RealFeel: 81° F



Monday Night: Mostly cloudy. Winds from the NNW at 13 mph.

Low: 60° F

RealFeel: 56° F

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			High / Low (°F)	Precip. %
Today				
May 26		T-Storms	79°/65°	80 %
Fri May 27		PM T-Storms	83°/64°	50 %
Sat May 28		T-Storms	81°/66°	80 %
Sun May 29		Scattered T-Storms	80°/66°	40 %
Mon May 30		Scattered T-Storms	84°/62°	30 %
Tue May 31		Partly Cloudy	83°/64°	20 %
Wed Jun 01		Partly Cloudy	84°/66°	20 %
Thu Jun 02		Scattered T-Storms	82°/65°	40 %
Fri Jun 03		Scattered T-Storms	88°/67°	60 %
Sat Jun 04		Mostly Sunny	90°/68°	0 %

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Central Texas Radar

Short Range Base Reflectivity

Local forecast by "City, St" or zip code

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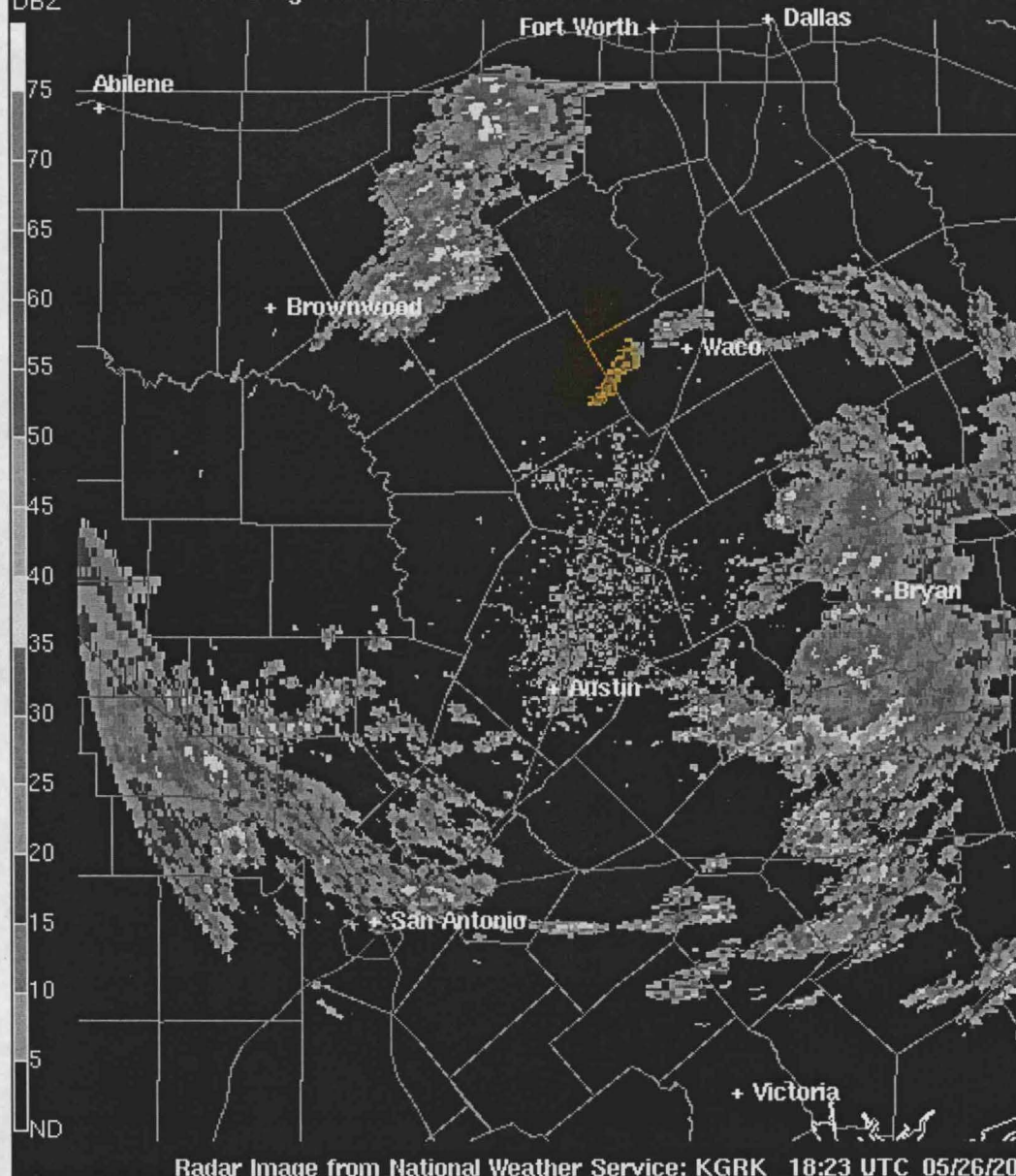
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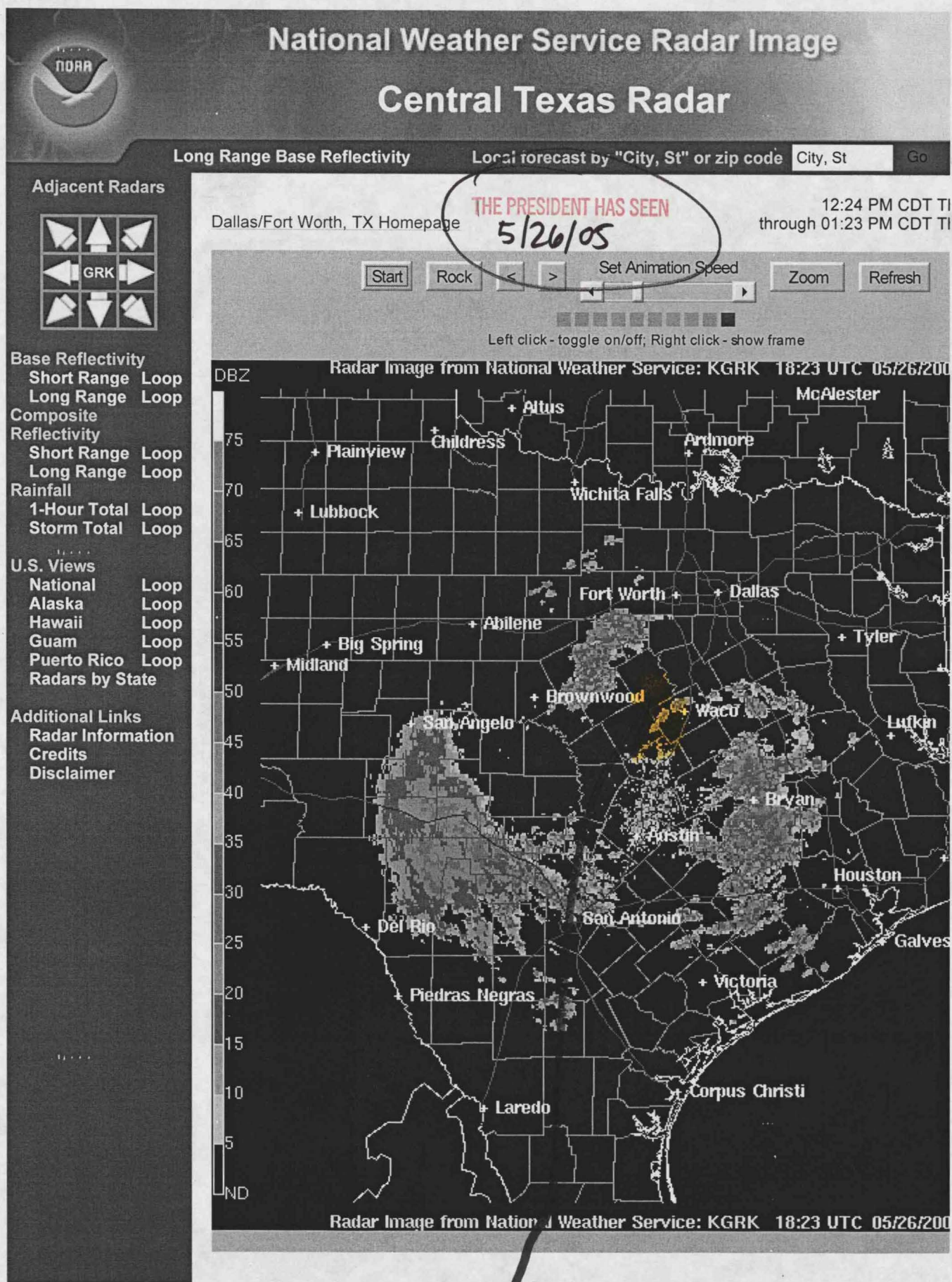
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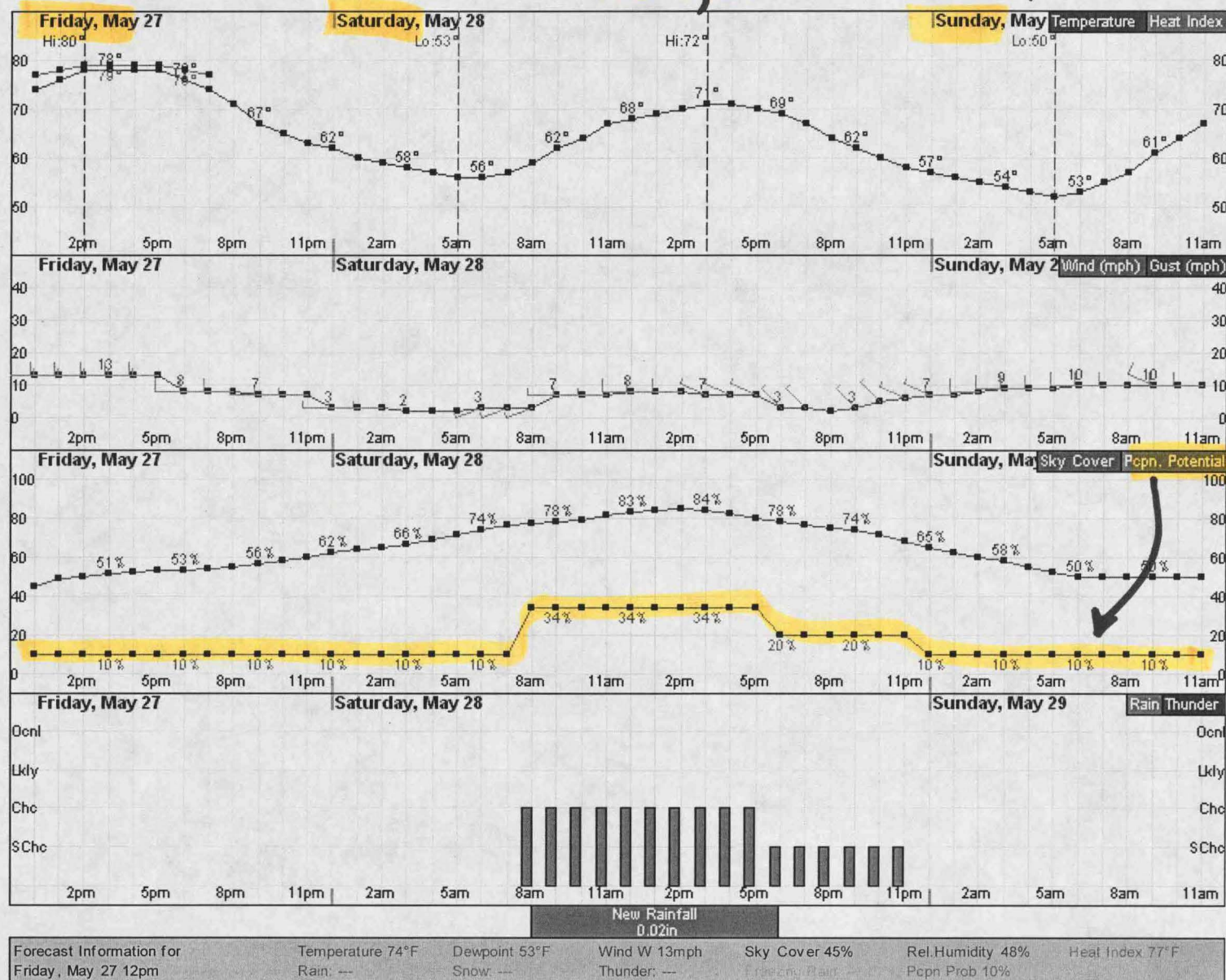


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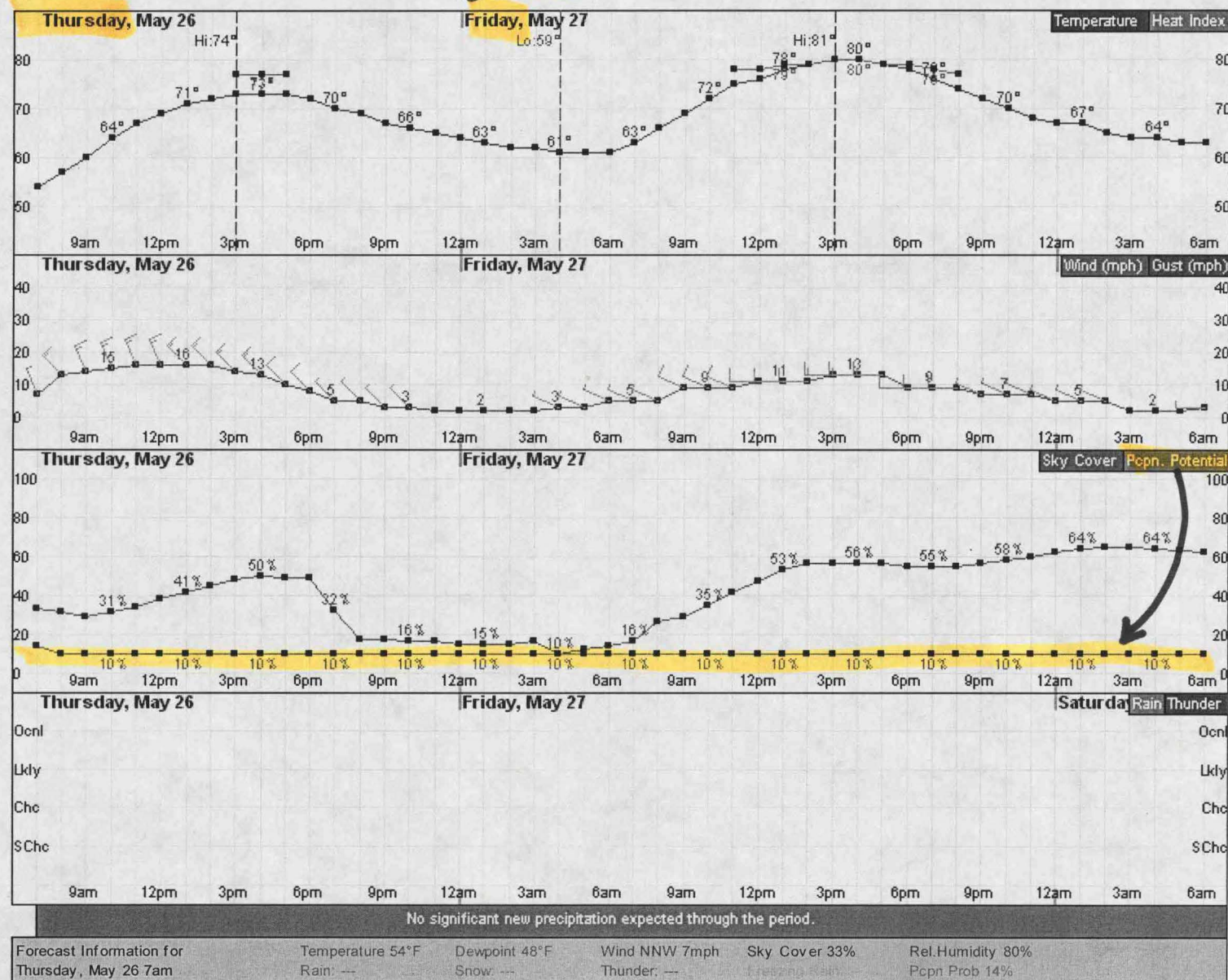
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Q Mrs. Bush, some of the opposition groups in Egypt were not happy when you made your comments yesterday. They think you're giving cover to Mubarak to take half-steps. What do you say to them?

MRS. BUSH: Well, I said exactly what I meant, which is he has taken a first step, a very, very important first step. And what we all have to see is whether or not — how this works. As you know, there's still several steps — they have an amendment, they have a constitutional vote that their parliament will vote on. And so there are a number of steps between what he first said and what will happen with an election.

[President Bush has asked that election monitors be allowed to come in to make sure it's a free election. But that — when you think about where you start and where you end up, every part of it is a step, and every step is important. And to act like you can just go from here to there overnight is naïve, for one thing. And especially I don't want Americans trying to tell people how you're going to go from here to here in no time, because we know that that's not easy and we know that it's, in many cases, not even possible. So I applaud President Mubarak for taking the first step.]

Q What message will you take home to your husband? Is there anything that you've learned that you'll ask him to take additional steps?

MRS. BUSH: I'll talk to him about a number of these things, but I'll also take home other requests that I've heard from a lot of different people. I don't know that you know that most of the schools we visited were USAID-funded or partially funded by USAID. There is a lot of work that we do as a government, the United States government does, in Israel and Jordan and Egypt that we've done for a number of years to fund education, particularly girls' education, and to fund civil society work and certainly work in building democracies. And that's really important and I want him to know that.

The Governor of Alexandria, who rode with me to the event and back, thanked me again for the aid that comes from the United States, USAID funding, particularly for schools. And I think that's important, and I think it's important for the President to know that. I think it's important for the American people to know that, that we are spending their money, taxpayers' money, in a good and wise way in these countries to make sure particularly girls are educated but that all people are educated.

Q Mrs. Bush, you said that the people you talked to, they said it was very important for the U.S. to get involved in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process —

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Friday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy in the late afternoon. Winds west at 8 to 12 knots. Low 59°F. High 80°F.

Saturday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy by midday with isolated evening rain showers and thunderstorms. Winds west at 8 to 12 knots. Low 56°F. High 76°F.

Sunday: Partly cloudy. Winds northwest at 6 to 10 knots. Low 54°F. High 77°F.

Monday: Mostly cloudy with widely isolated afternoon rain showers. Winds southwest at 4 to 8 knots becoming northwest by sunset. Low 57°F. High 77°F.

CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND

Thursday: Partly cloudy. Winds northwest at 8 to 12 knots. Low 52°F. High 72°F.

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Saturday: Mostly cloudy with isolated afternoon and evening rain showers and thunderstorms. Winds west at 10 to 15 knots. Low 52°F. High 71°F.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy becoming partly cloudy by midday. Winds northeast at 10 to 15 knots. Low 49°F. High 73°F.

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ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

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lot of groups like the Muslim Brotherhood and other pro-democratic groups cannot participate. Does that --

MRS. BUSH: I would say that President Mubarak has taken a very bold step. He's taking the first step to open up the elections, and I think that's very, very important. As you know, every -- you have to be slow as you do each of these steps. When you look at our country and see how long it took in our country, we had a great document but we still had slavery for 100 years after our founding. You know that each step is a small step, that you can't be quick. It's not always really wise to be, but I'm very, very happy with the idea of an election here in -- a presidential election, and I think he's been very bold and wise to take the first step.

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Movies of the Week

Movies Available as of May 26, 2005

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THE GAME OF THEIR LIVES PG 95 Min.
Adaptation, Drama, Sports (Rated PG for some mild language and thematic elements.)
Starring Wes Bentley, Gerard Butler, Zachery Ty Bryan, Louis Mandylor *A IFC FILMS
RELEASE

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN R 145 Min.
Historical Drama (Rated R for strong violence and epic warfare.)
Starring Orlando Bloom, Eva Green, Jeremy Irons, David Thewlis *A FOX RELEASE

KICKING AND SCREAMING PG 96 Min.
Comedy, Sports (Rated PG for thematic elements, language and some crude humor.)
Starring Will Ferrell, Robert Duvall, Kate Walsh, Mike Ditka *UNIVERSAL

MELINDA AND MELINDA PG-13 99 Min.
Comedy (Rated PG-13 for adult situations involving sexuality, and some substance
abuse material.)
Starring Will Ferrell, Johnny Lee Miller, Radha Mitchell, Chloe Sevigny *FOX
SEARCHLIGHT

The following movies are due to arrive here Friday, May 27th.

MADISON PG 94 Min.
Drama (Rated PG for some mild language and sport peril.)
Starring Jim Caviezel, Jake Lloyd, Mary McCormack, Bruce Dern *MGM

MAD HOT BALLROOM PG 110 Min.
Documentary (Rated PG for some thematic elements.)
Directed by Marilyn, Written By Amy Sewell *PARAMOUNT
CLASSICS

THE GAME OF THEIR LIVES

Starring Wes Bentley , Gerard Butler , Zachery Ty Bryan , Louis Mandylor , Costas Mandylor , Gavin Rossdale and Gerard Butler. Directed by David Anspaugh and Johnny E Jensen. Adaptation, Drama, Sports. An IFC Films release. Rated PG for some mild language and thematic elements. Running time: 95 min.

In the spring of 1950, the United States was extended an invitation to compete in the World Cup in Brazil. Faced with budgetary restrictions and no official soccer team to call their own, the U.S. set out to recruit players in the soccer hotbed of St. Louis, Missouri, where they found a group of young friends with no professional or international playing experience, only an unabashed love of the game. Leaving behind their wives, girlfriends and families for New York, Frank Borghi, Harry Keough, Gino Pariani, Frank 'Pee Wee' Wallace and Charles "Gloves" Colombo joined Philadelphian Walter Bahr, Haitian-born New Yorker Joe Gatjeans and additional East Coasters for a short 10-day training period in which these young men from different races, religions and backgrounds were forced to see past one another's differences and become a full-fledged team. With the odds considerably against them both abroad and at home, the U.S. team arrived in Rio with little training and even less fanfare. After a crushing defeat by Spain in the World Cup opener, the Americans expected more of the same when they arrived to play England's highest-ranked team, which indicated such all-time soccer legends as Stan Mortensen and Billy Wright, on June 19, 1950. But then something remarkable happened: the Brazilian fans' lack of support for England, the pre-tournament favorite, buoyed the Americans on and this team of underdog athletes, who never knew real victory and true glory in all their humble lives, clung to their patriotism and their love of a sport, and scored a victory that did more than just provide an upset defeat--it opened the door for soccer in the United States. The American World Cup of 1950 would soon quietly return to their families and jobs, treasuring this historic victory, which would forever be known to them as The Game of Their Lives.

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

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Starring Orlando Bloom, Eva Green, Jeremy Irons, David Thewlis, Brendan Gleeson, Marton Csokas and Liam Neeson. Directed and produced by Ridley Scott. Written by William Monahan. A Fox release. Historical drama. Rated R for strong violence and epic warfare. Running time: 145 min.

The Crusades were a series of religious wars in which the Christians tried to reclaim Jerusalem from the Muslims, who had conquered the Middle East in the 7th century. With the battle cry of "God wills it!," thousands of Europeans answered the call and were able to retake the fabled Holy City in the 11th century. Kingdom of Heaven begins in 1186, between the Second and Third Crusades. A fragile peace prevails, mostly through the efforts of Jerusalem's enlightened Christian king, Baldwin IV (Edward Norton), and the military restraint of the legendary Muslim leader Saladin (Ghassan Massoud). But it's difficult to maintain the peace. There are extremists within the Christian brigades--known as the Knights Templar--who want to wipe every Muslim off the face of the Earth. On top of that, King Baldwin's health is failing. Once he's gone, war is sure to follow. If ever there was a need for a hero, this is the time. Enter the young French blacksmith Balian (Orlando Bloom), who is in deep despair over the loss of his family. He joins the Crusades after the father he never knew, Godfrey (Liam Neeson), comes back from Jerusalem and convinces him it's a quest worth fighting for. As Godfrey passes his sword to his son, he also passes on that sacred knightly oath: to protect the helpless, safeguard the peace, and work toward harmony between religions and cultures, so that a kingdom of heaven can flourish on earth. No pressure or anything, though.

KICKING AND SCREAMING

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Starring Will Ferrell , Robert Duvall , Kate Walsh , Mike Ditka , Musetta Vander and Dylan McLaughlin. Directed by Jesse Dylan , Donald E Thorin and Marco Schnabel. Produced by Jimmy Miller , Lata Ryan , Charles Roven , Mia Apatow and Judd Apatow. A Universal release. Comedy / Sports. Rated PG for thematic elements, language and some crude humor. Running time: 96 min.

Phil Weston is an average Joe who's had to put up all his life with his overly competitive father, Buck. When Phil decides to coach his 10-year-old son's soccer team, he goes head-to-head for the league championship against Buck, who coaches his own young son on the preeminent team of the league. Old scores come into play as Phil and Buck find themselves going to extreme measures to win the championship trophy.

MELINDA AND MELINDA

Starring Will Ferrell, Johnny Lee Miller, Radha Mitchell, Chloe Sevigny, Amanda Peet, Wallace Shawn, Josh Brolin, Gene Saks, Vinessa Shaw and Chiwetel Ejiofor. Directed and written by Woody Allen. Produced by Letty Aronson. A Fox Searchlight release. Comedy. Rated PG-13 for adult situations involving sexuality, and some substance material. Running time: 99 min.

The combination of Woody Allen and Will Ferrell and the familiar Manhattan locales would be enough in itself to make "Melinda and Melinda" a very appealing proposition on paper. Together with an astute ensemble cast and a witty premise, "Melinda and Melinda" in practice makes for one of Allen's most accomplished and enjoyable films in years. The story starts in a Chinese restaurant with a group of arty types (including the inimitable Wallace Shawn) discussing the relative merits of comedy versus tragedy. Then we cut to twin narratives, each of which begins with the same incident, but which develop along different lines--one tragic, one comic.

The cast sparkles under Allen's aegis and the challenge of making it all work, in particular Rhada Mitchell in the double female role of a distressed woman trying to sort out her life. Johnny Lee Miller, Chloe Sevigny, Amanda Peet and British actor Chiwetel Ejiofor also confront all those classic Allen themes about the fragility of love, marital infidelity, sophisticated romance, and the inability to communicate. There is a feeling of mischievously pushing the boundaries, which hasn't been present in Allen's work for a long time, and gently he teases the characters toward the obvious denouement that comedy is funniest when it is underpinned with tragedy, and that tragedy frequently has a ridiculous edge. That may not be an earth-shattering conclusion, but it makes for a wonderfully vibrant ride, set to the usual jazz-based score.

MADISON

Starring Jim Caviezel, Jake Lloyd, Mary McCormack, Bruce Dern, Paul Dooley and Brent Briscoe. Directed by William Bindley. Written by William Bindley and Scott Bindley. Produced by Martin Wiley and William Bindley. An MGM release. Drama. Rated PG for some mild language and sports peril. Running time: 94 min.

Based on a true story, "Madison" is a charming if cliched celebration of small-town America. Set in the early '70s in Madison, Ind., where hydroplane boat racing isn't just a weekend pastime but a way of life, the slick production is told through the eyes of 10-year-old Mike McCormick ("Star Wars: Episode I--The Phantom Menace's" Jake Lloyd), whose dad Jim ("Frequency's" Jim Caviezel) was injured competing in the sport a decade before. No longer able to race, Jim heads the engineering team prepping the Miss Madison, the townspeople-owned hydroplane, for the racing circuit. The Miss Madison hasn't won a race in years, out-financed by teams with deep-pocketed sponsors like Budweiser, but Jim and his buddies keep traveling the country with her out of loyalty to the people of Madison.

At one such event, Jim overhears that the city of San Diego wants in on the circuit but is demanding Labor Day weekend--the dates that Madison traditionally hosts the races. Determined that Madison will not be bullied out of the sport, he accepts an invitation to host the biggest race of the year, hustling the \$50,000 deposit.

But with the closure of Woolworth's and Midwest Barge and Coal, Madison's largest employer, Jim realizes that the town needs a bigger shot in the arm: Miss Madison needs to win the race, and when the hotshot driver they hire dies in a boat-race accident just days before, Jim takes him it upon himself to restore Madison's confidence in her team and in herself.

MAD HOT BALLROOM

Directed by Marilyn Agrelo. Written by Amy Sewell. Produced by Marilyn Agrelo and Amy Sewell. A Paramount Classics release. Documentary. Rated PG for some thematic elements. Running time: 110 min.

The iconoclastic Slamdance Festival, a mutation of the Sundance approach formulated as a trendier and more extreme alternative to the alternative, defied expectations by launching its 2005 slate with an evening of gentility and grace. "Mad Hot Ballroom," a new documentary and the Slamdance opener, walks (or rather meringues, tangos and swings) in the footsteps of "Spellbound" with a riveting and extremely entertaining look at a citywide dance competition for adolescents sponsored by New York's public school system.

Imagine schools where the teachers care so much about their students that they burst into tears when they talk about their hopes for the children's future. Director Marilyn Agrelo and writer Amy Sewell gained the access and the trust to tell the story of that kind of dedication, and are smart enough as filmmakers to recognize that the real drama faced by these extraordinarily expressive and articulate kids isn't about the dancing itself, but about experiencing puberty and other adolescent challenges in the context of some of the most romantic patterns of movement ever devised for the human body. Focusing on three New York schools featuring a mix of racial and ethnic types, filmmaker Agrelo is always where the action is, whether lingering over the forms of awkward young dancers struggling toward moments of ecstasy and grace or focusing in on the intimate private conversations that girls and boys hold about each other.

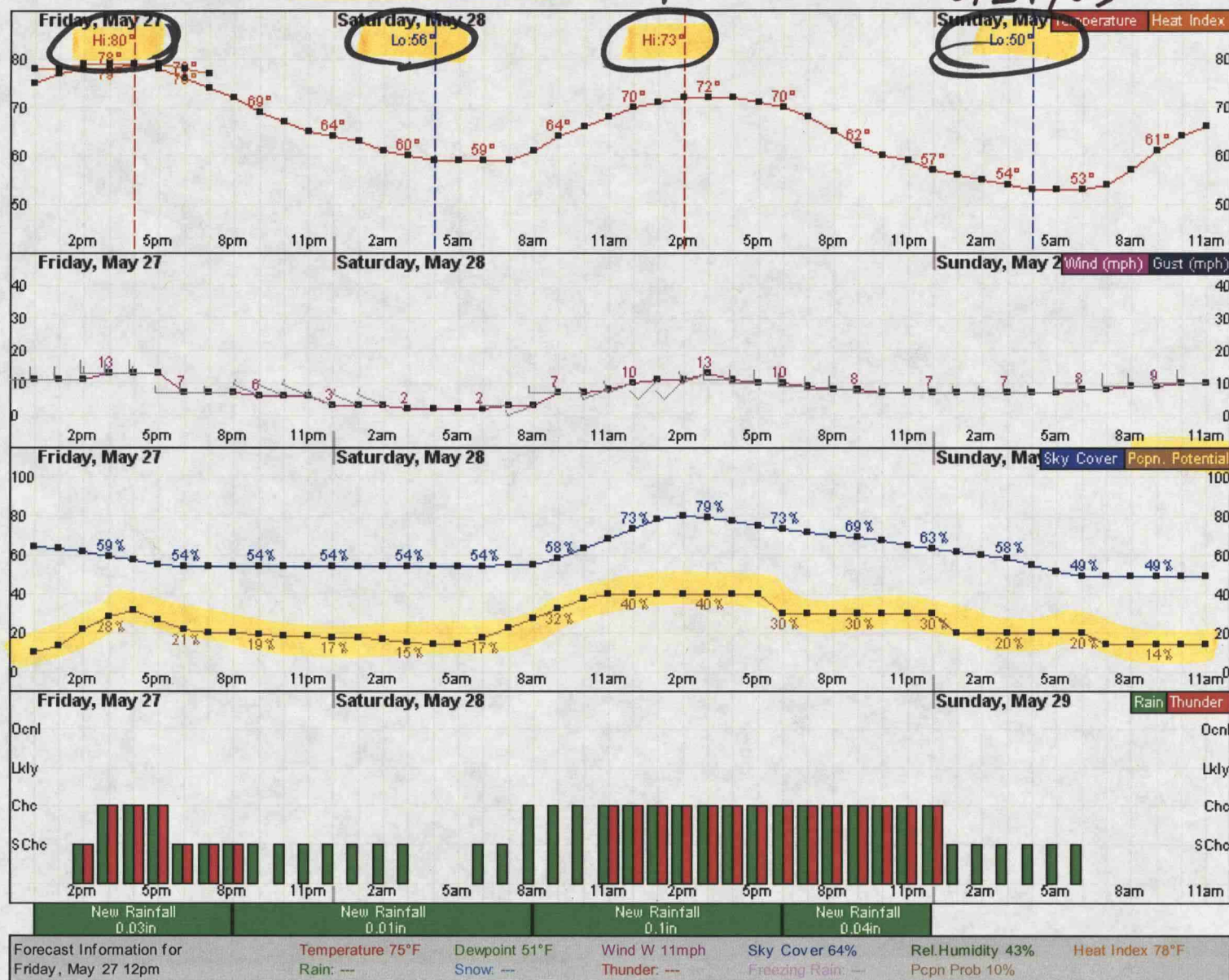
When one of the featured teams fails to make it past an elimination round in the first stage of the city competition and dissolves in its entirety into tears, Agrelo's camera caresses both the children and the teacher who tries to console them only to begin weeping herself. In tragicomic moments like this, "Mad Hot Ballroom" becomes a paean to the essential goodness of so many unsung heroes of American education, and to the frailty of the innocence all children carry with them.

The presumably edgy Slamdance crowd broke into spontaneous applause at least seven times during this film's inaugural screening, which says a lot about the movie's crossover appeal. The "Spellbound" comparison is inevitable (and, like that earlier work, "Mad Hot Ballroom" could use to lose around 20 minutes--it's a film with a few too many climaxes for its own good). But "Mad Hot Ballroom" is its own film, itself an act of love and dedication as well as a film about love and dedication. *-Ray Greene*

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Friday: Sunny becoming partly cloudy with widely isolated afternoon rain showers and thunderstorms. Winds northwest at 8 to 12 knots. Low 64°F. High 82°F.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with widely isolated evening rain showers and thunderstorms. Winds southwest at 5 to 10 knots. Low 65°F. High 78°F.

Sunday: Partly cloudy becoming clear overnight. Winds northwest at 6 to 10 knots. Low 58°F. High 75°F.

Monday: Sunny becoming partly cloudy with isolated evening rain showers. Winds west at 5 to 10 knots. Low 60°F. High 78°F.

Tuesday: Cloudy with rain showers and isolated afternoon thunderstorms. Winds southwest at 10 to 15 knots. Low 63°F. High 70°F.

CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND

Friday: Sunny becoming partly cloudy with widely isolated afternoon rain showers and thunderstorms. Winds northwest at 10 to 15 knots. Low 55°F. High 78°F.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with widely isolated evening rain showers and thunderstorms. Winds southwest at 12 to 18 knots. Low 56°F. High 75°F.

Sunday: Partly cloudy with decreasing clouds overnight. Winds northwest at 10 to 15 knots. Low 52°F. High 70°F.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

5/28/05

Mr. President —

A possible further
effort by President Arria
to respond to the concerns
you expressed to him.

Steve Hadley

cc: The Vice President
The Chief of Staff

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Nablus after he was discovered to be carrying two pipe bombs in an explosive belt. The boy was acting for Al Aksa Martyrs Brigades, a militant group affiliated with Al Fatah, the main Palestinian movement, the army said.

Two days before that, on May 22, a 14-year-old was stopped at the same Hawara checkpoint and discovered to be wearing an explosive belt with two pipe bombs, and carrying a lighter to ignite it, the army said.

In the last two months, there have been 15 attempts by Palestinians under the age of 18 either to detonate explosives at Israeli checkpoints in the West Bank or to smuggle explosives through them, the army said.

The Palestinians, the World Bank and the United Nations all contend that the network of Israeli checkpoints, border closings and permit requirements throughout the West Bank, although reduced somewhat since February, constitute a major obstacle to free travel, employment and business activity, and help to keep Palestinians in poverty. Israel insists that it must keep the checkpoints and restrictions in place so long as efforts continue to attack Israeli civilians.

In a report released in Geneva on Friday, the International Labor Organization, a United Nations agency, said unemployment among Palestinians worsened last year, with the number of unemployed actively seeking work reaching 224,000, up from 203,000 a year earlier.

In 2004, according the report, fewer than 50 percent of Palestinian men in the West Bank and Gaza were actively employed, and fewer than 10 percent of the women.

Some 40 percent of Palestinian youths ages 15 to 24 are unemployed, the report said. "Idleness among young people faced with military occupation makes a fertile breeding ground for extremism and violence," it said.

"Any economy is dependent on movement," Philippe Egger, an author of the report, said in an interview with The Associated Press. "The Palestinians basically cannot move their goods or export."

International agencies are raising similar concerns about the ability of Palestinians to work in Israel and to export agricultural and other products from the Gaza Strip after Israel pulls out of region later this summer. They say that the economy of Gaza cannot grow if Israel does not markedly improve the speed at which it inspects goods and people leaving Gaza.

NEW YORK TIMES

Putin Pledges to Improve Russia's Human Rights Record

By C. J. CHIVERS

MOSCOW, May 27 - Speaking calmly about a subject that has sometimes drawn his anger, President Vladimir V. Putin on Friday acknowledged that Russia had lingering problems with human rights, and said his administration would work actively in the next two years to make improvements.

Mr. Putin's made his remarks on national television to Álvaro Gil-Robles, the commissioner for human rights at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, who in April completed a finely detailed report on human rights conditions in Russia.

The report identified pervasive problems, but in measured language it also noted that the nation's positive changes since Soviet times had been widespread and remarkable.

It served in many ways as a fresh and meticulous catalog of civic problems here, including low salaries for judges, which leaves them vulnerable to corruption, as well as malnutrition in penal colonies, poor living conditions for millions of Russians, institutionalized hazing in the military and the intractable war and patterns of crime in Chechnya.

The report also expressed concern that Russia risked losing momentum in some important areas of change and backsliding in others - a refrain often voiced outside the Kremlin's circle of influence, since Mr. Putin and his clique tightened control over many aspects of public life.

✓ But Mr. Gil-Robles's message was nuanced. He noted that while many of Russia's problems were part of an institutional culture and mentality, a result of years of Soviet rule, others were practical. To recast Russia from its Soviet ruins in less than 15 years, he suggested, almost everything would have to be done at once.

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✓ Mr. Putin, who in the past has often rebuffed criticism on human rights, said on national television on Friday that he had studied the entire Council of Europe report, and he appeared taken by its depth and even tone. "According to our estimate, it is not just a big document, but in some parts it is quite a strict document, in my view quite objective," he said.

His appearance indicated for the moment a distinctly more relaxed posture than he has shown when the subject has been brought up in the past. But it still managed to be laden with self-evident inconsistencies, occurring as it did on the 10th day of the stultifying reading of the verdict against Mikhail B. Khodorkovsky, once Russia's richest man, who is nearing the end of a fraud and embezzlement trial widely regarded as Kremlin-rigged.

Mr. Putin also said his administration would carry out the recommendations made by the report, although he did not publicly specify which ones. How extensively he can actually follow the recommendations is an open question.

The report is both descriptive and prescriptive, and includes a lengthy list of proposals for reforms, including improvements of conditions in pretrial detention centers, combating police violence and corruption, respecting minorities and asylum seekers, guaranteeing media freedoms and exposing and prosecuting those responsible for the organized kidnappings and disappearances in Chechnya.

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enforcement bodies they work with. This has been widely recognized here for years, but the Kremlin has been loath to address it.

Still, Ella Pamfilova, head of the president's human rights commission, said on televised news that the report had been analyzed and its suggestions sent to the proper ministries to be put in place. "We will be doing it with great enthusiasm," she said. ✓

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Memorial Day: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high near 83. Calm wind becoming north northeast between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 86. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low near 68. East northeast wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 86. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind around 5 mph.

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Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South wind around 15 mph.

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Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 72.

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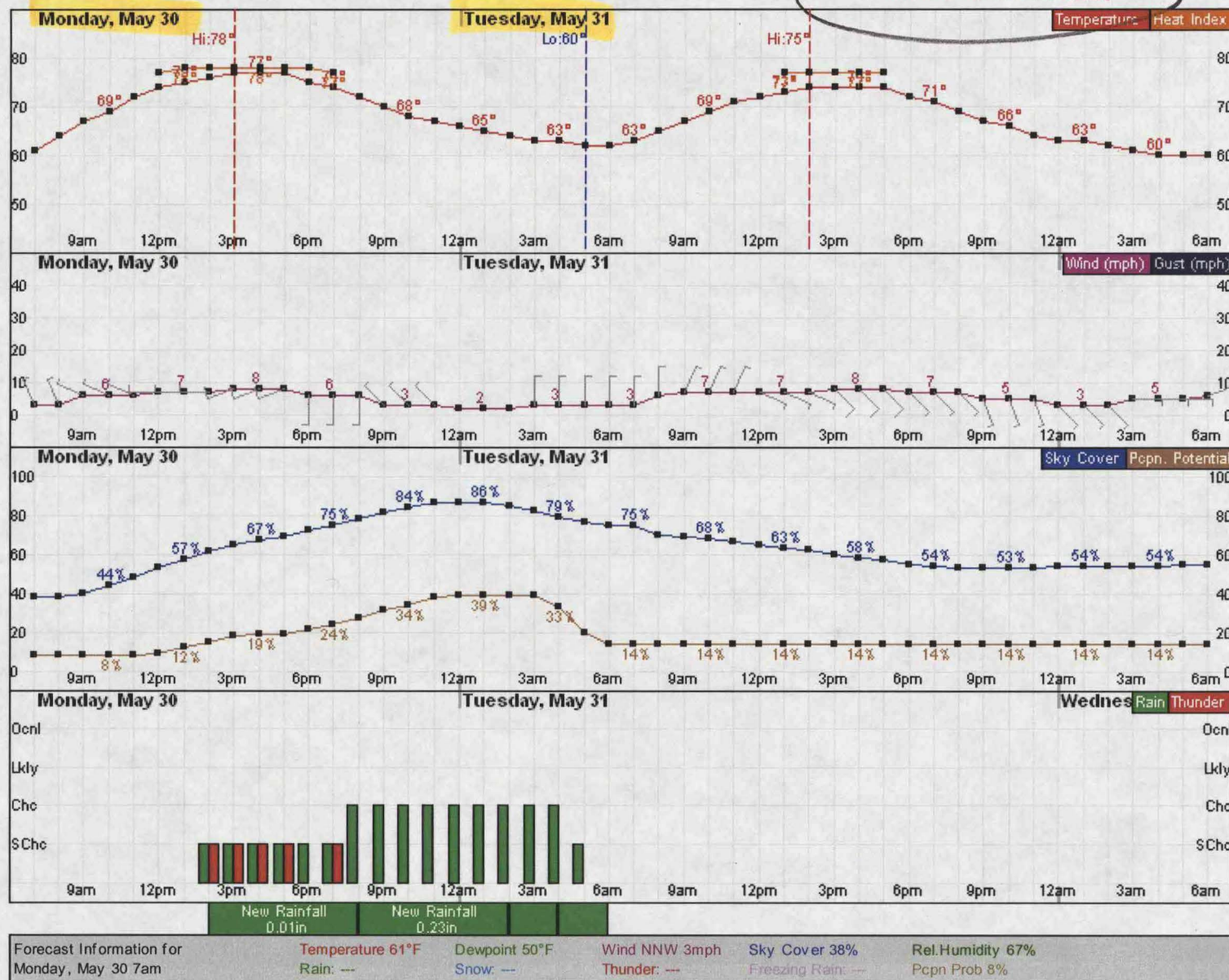
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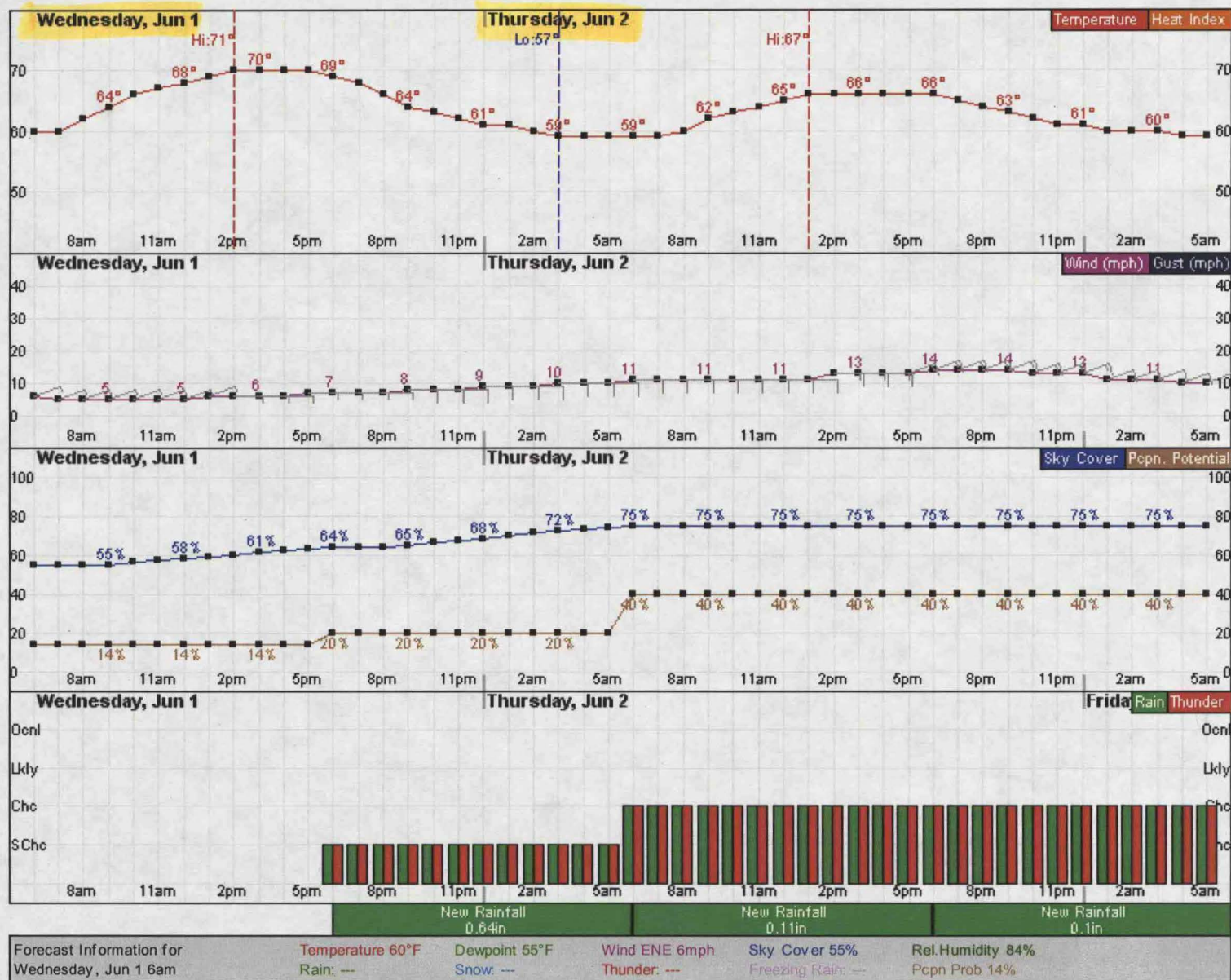
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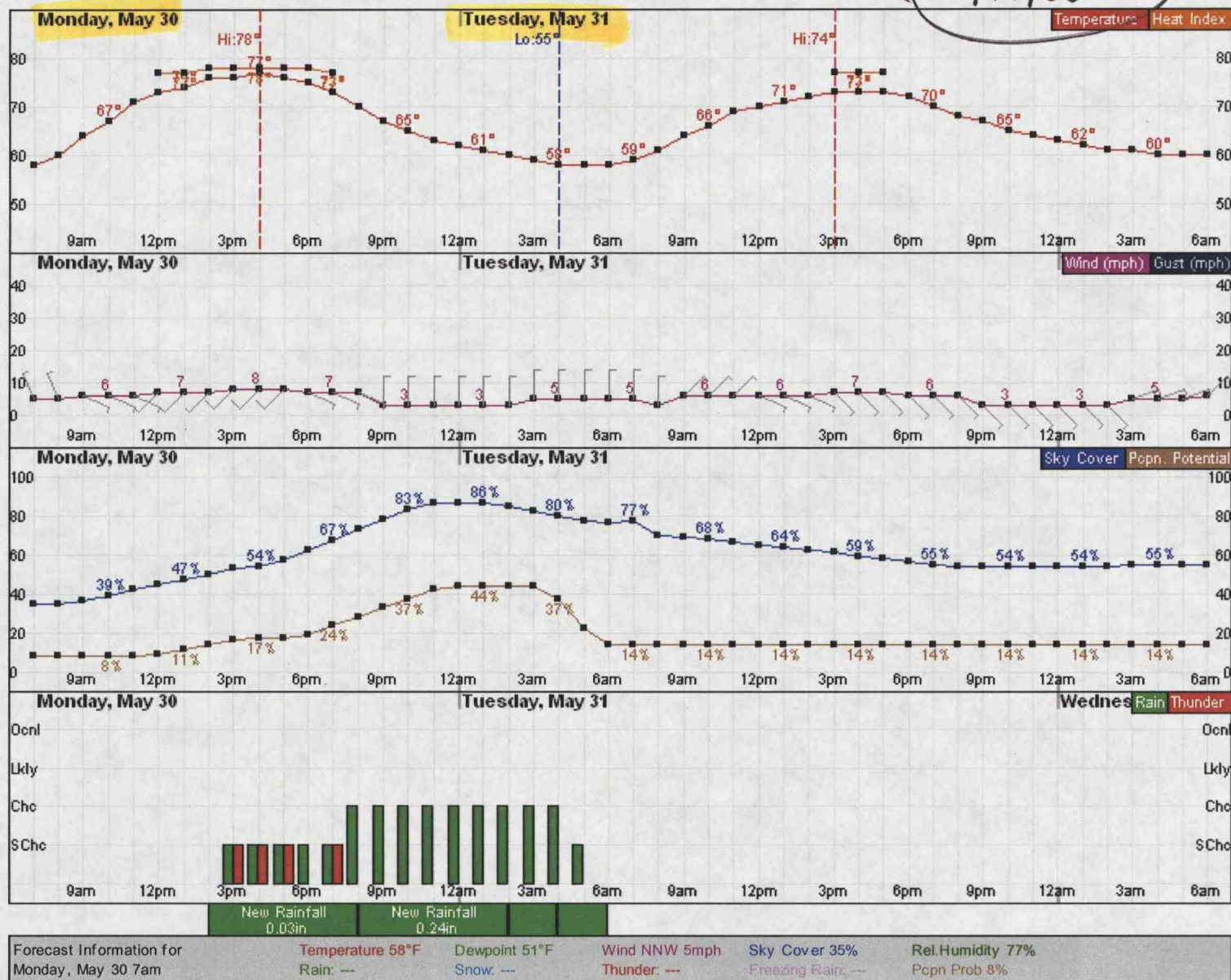
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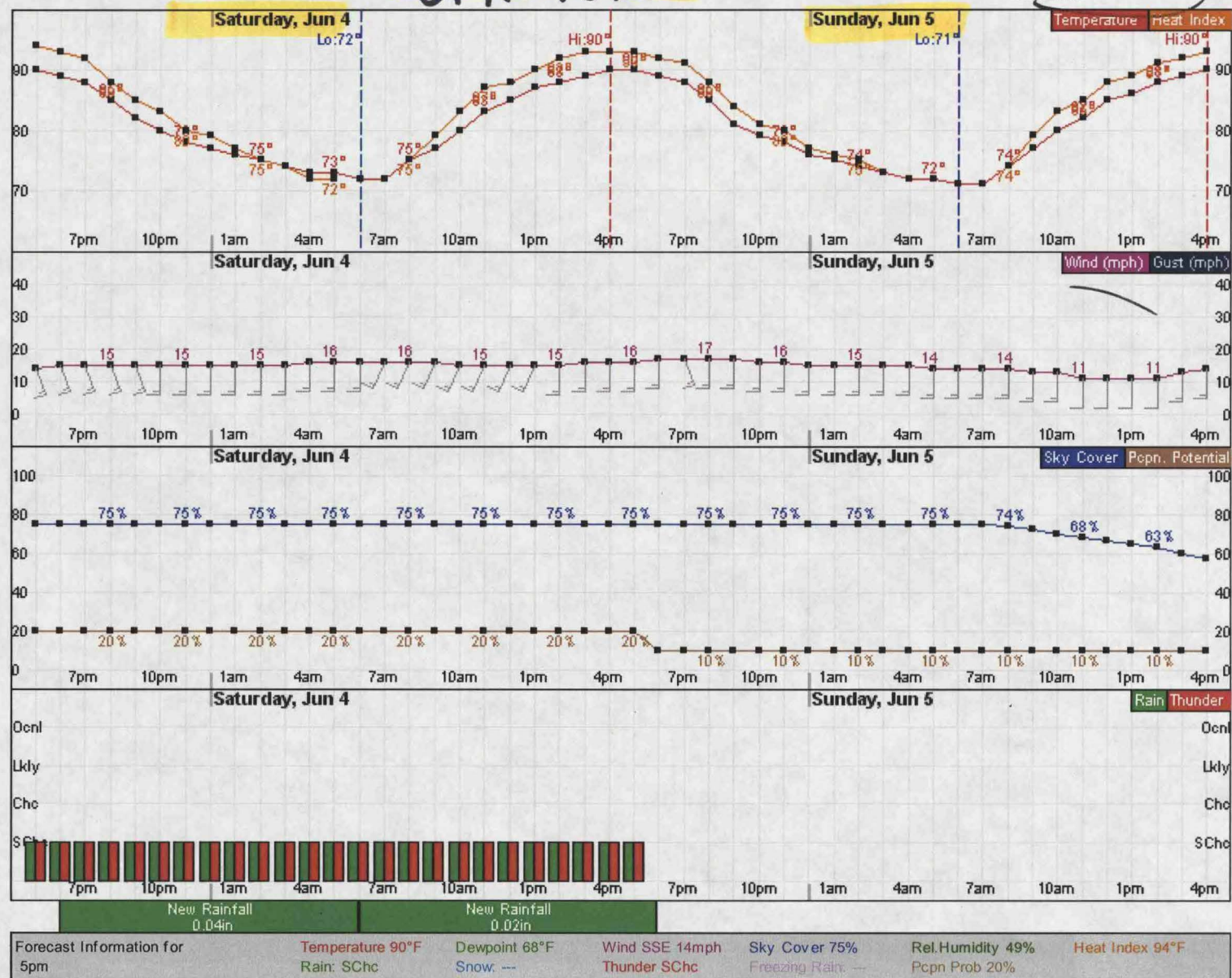


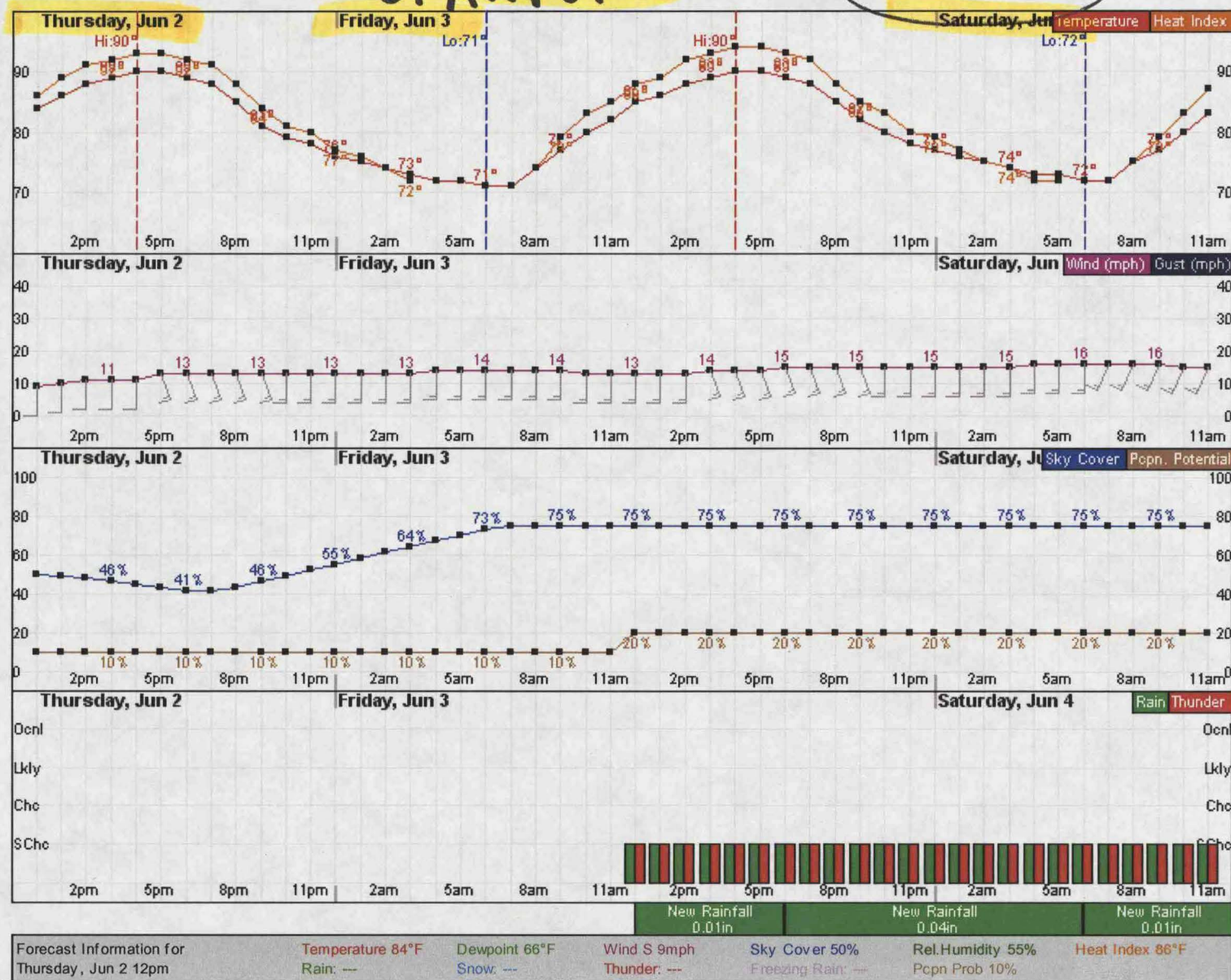
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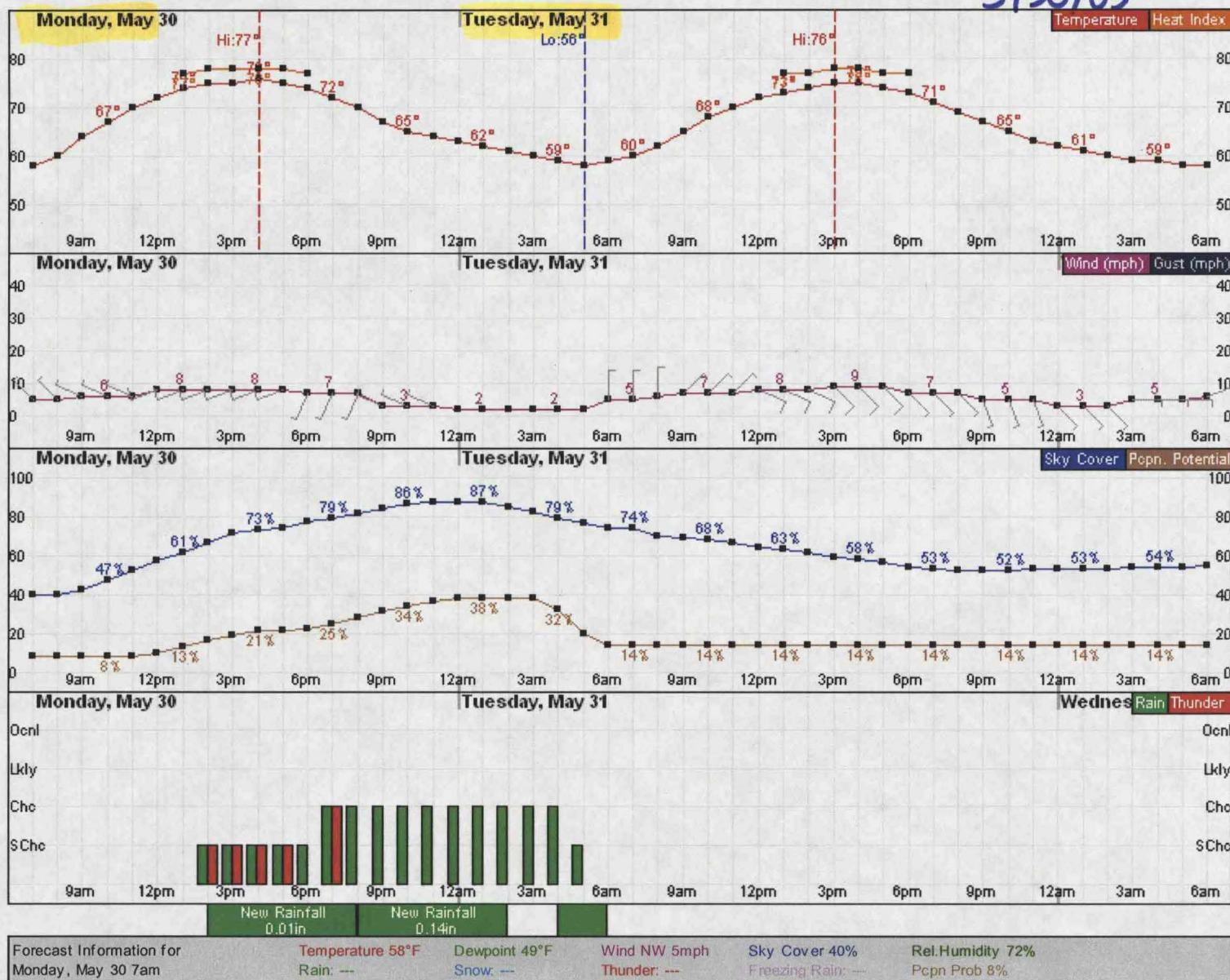
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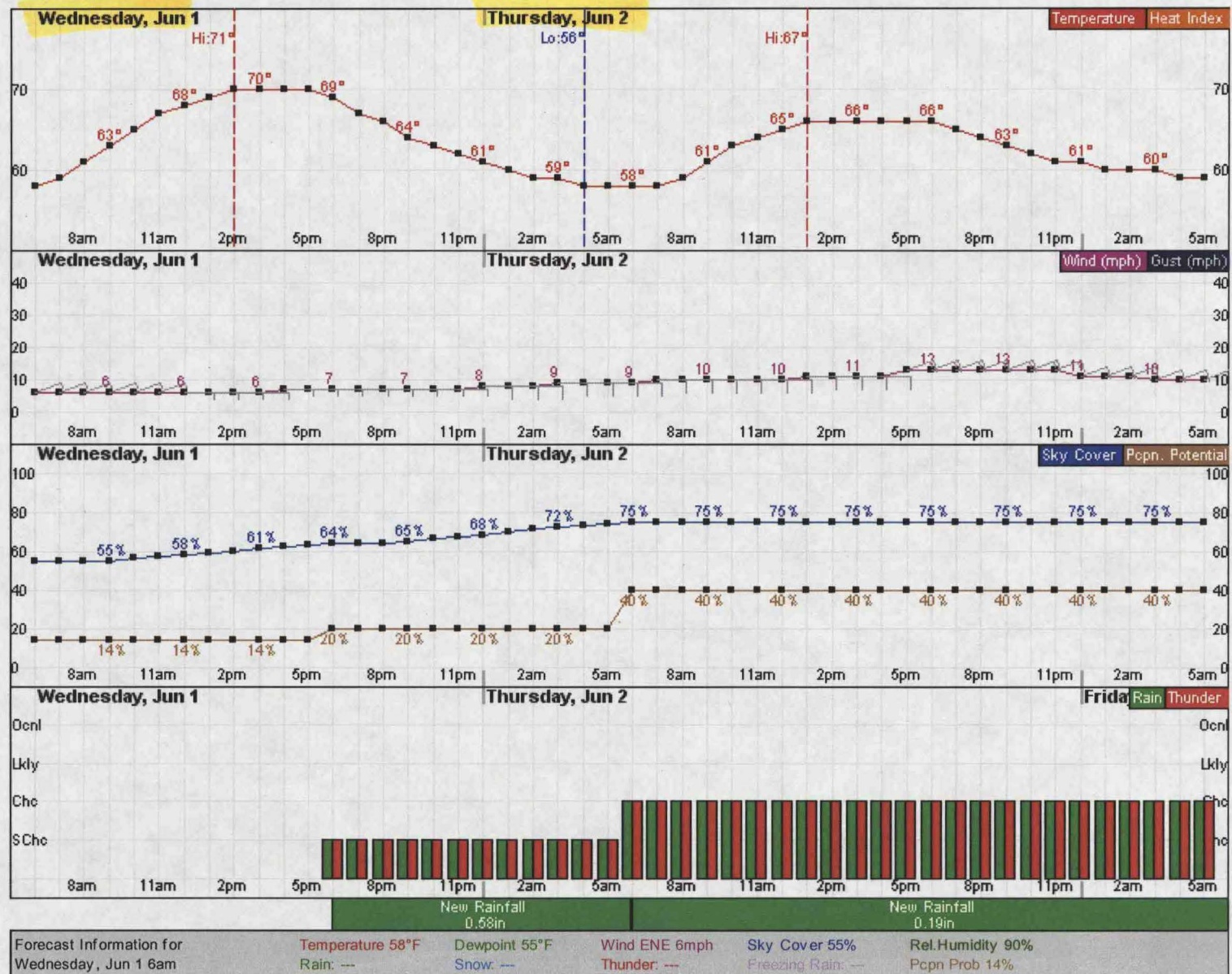
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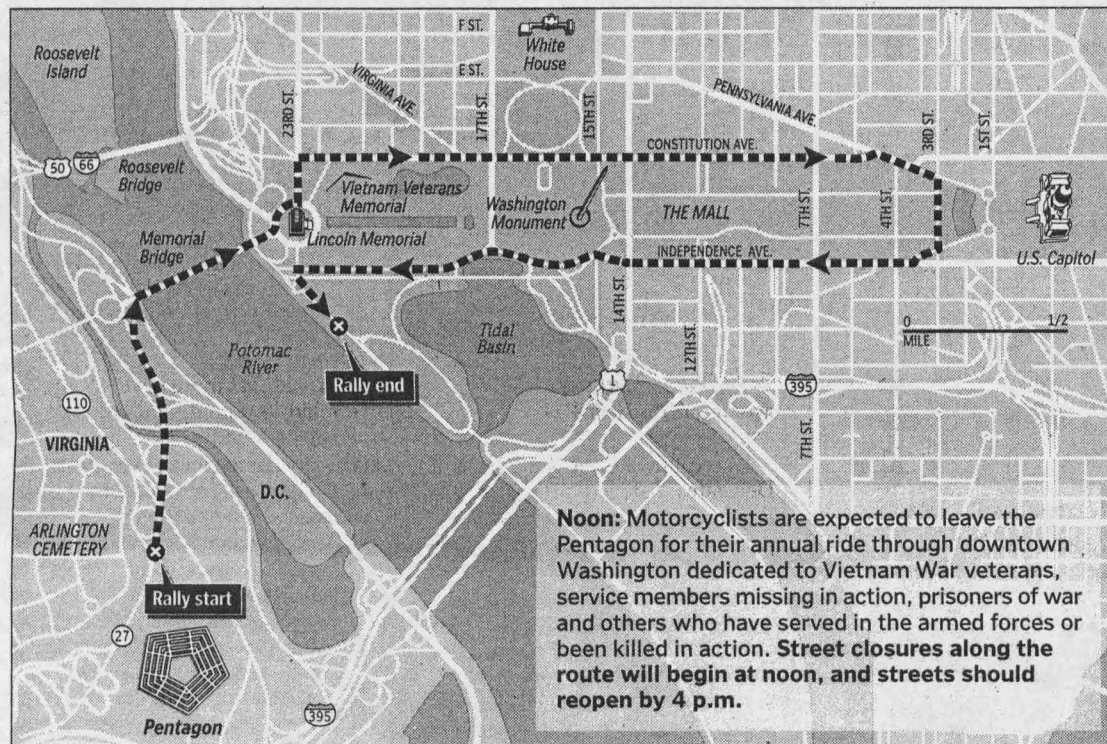
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Rolling Thunder

The Rolling Thunder motorcycle rally will begin at noon today. Participants will leave from the north Pentagon parking lot. About 100,000 riders are expected.

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BY GENE THORP — THE WASHINGTON POST



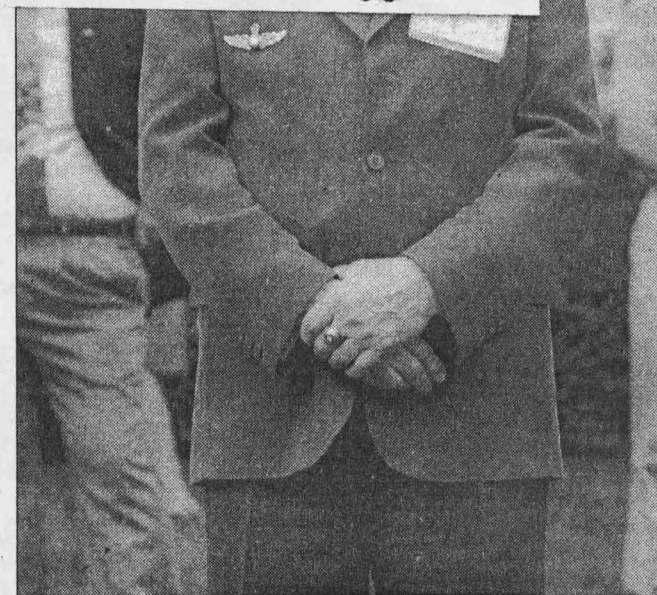
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PHOTOS BY ANDREA BRUCE WOODALL — THE WASHINGTON POST

Wayne Johnson, above, prays with other members of the "Flying Tigers," a World War II fighter squadron that operated in China. At top, Murrel Legg, 83, of Lakewood, Wash., and Bob Pierce, 84, of Lakewood, Colo., reminisce. At right, Mary



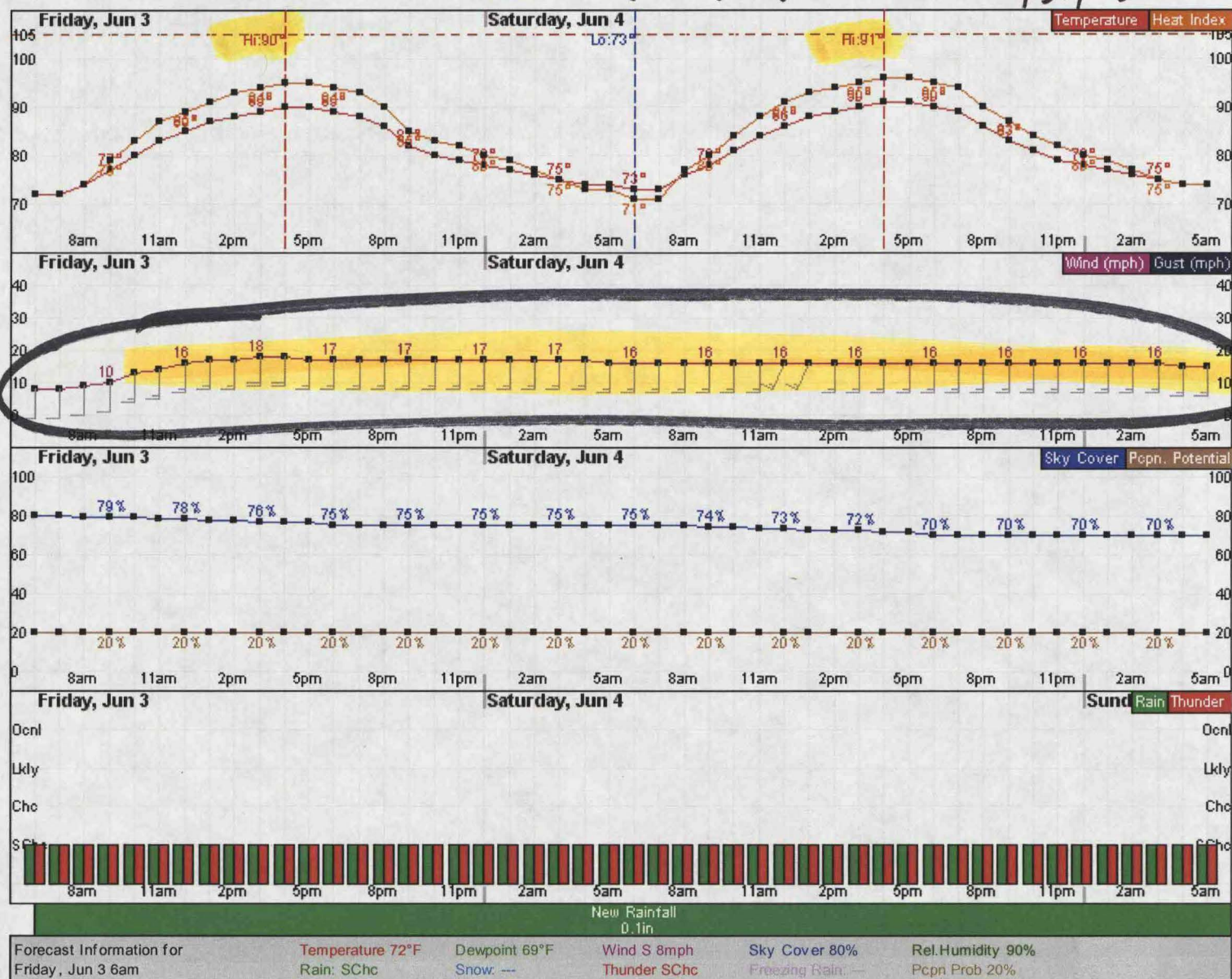
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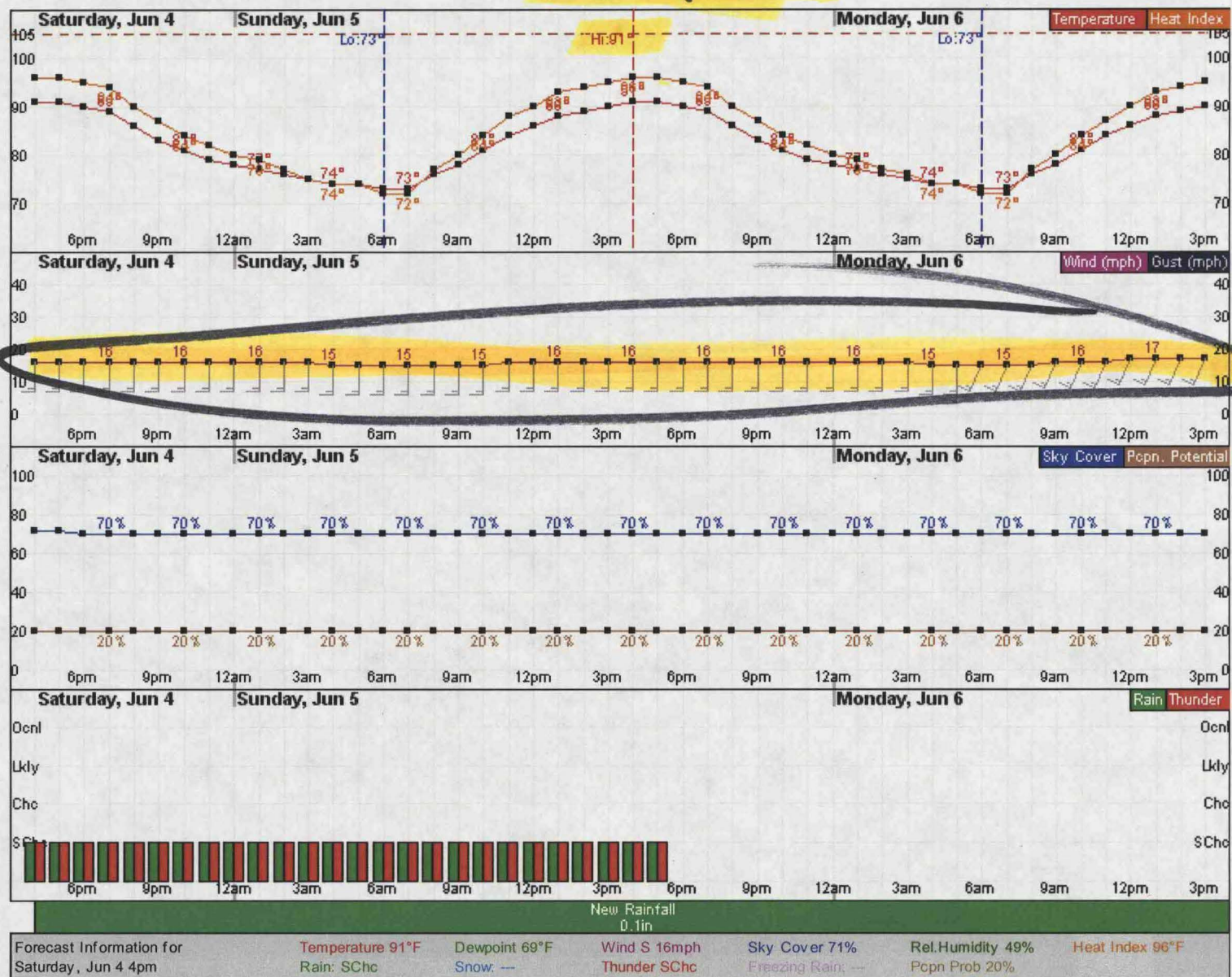
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Schools	Closed.	Closed.	Closed.
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NWS Forecast for: Crawford, TX

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Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 87. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 87. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 68. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 89. Calm wind becoming south southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 72. South wind around 10 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 90. South wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 73. South wind around 15 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 91. South southwest wind around 15 mph.

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Sir:

Dan and Scott are working on q's and a's this afternoon. I will send them up to you this evening (probably at about 6:30 pm).

Brett Kavanaugh

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However, it is incumbent on China to address
 concerns before the mounting pressures world-
 wide to restrict trade harm the openness of the
 international trading system.

Mr. Snow is the Treasury Secretary.

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Confront North Korea

By Brent Scowcroft
 And Daniel Poneman

If North Korea tests a nuclear weapon, the
 reverberations will circle the globe. A test would
 provoke other nations to reconsider their nuclear
 options, and could disrupt political and economic
 stability in Asia and beyond. While the precise
 consequences cannot be confidently predicted,
 they will certainly be harmful. Their prospect
 should galvanize international efforts to arrest
 the North Korean nuclear program.

The six-party talks designed to deal with the
 North Korean challenge have stalled. Pyong-
 yang has gained effective control and pacing of
 the crisis, boycotting the talks and cranking up
 its nuclear program. The world is powerless to
 assess the accuracy of its escalating assertions
 of nuclear weapons capability, as North Korea
 has kicked out all international inspectors
 and monitoring equipment. From the
 North Korean perspective, why
 hurry back to negotiations that will
 only bring increased diplomatic
 pressure? Each day they advance
 their nuclear options, enhanc-
 ing their military capability
 and increasing the price
 they can demand at the ne-
 gotiating table. As the vice
 president has said, time is
 not on our side in the
 case of North Korea.

That is why it is vital to
 force the issue now. We must
 not wait for Pyongyang to decide whether and
 when it is ready to negotiate, for such delay
 could be fatal to our interests and to those of the
 world. Even if not fatal, to permit North Korea to
 taunt the world with its nuclear claims with im-
 punity invites others to follow suit. The U.S.
 therefore has enormous stakes in breaking the
 logjam. How can we prevent North Korea from
 lulling the world into accepting it as a de facto
 nuclear power? To fall back to missile defenses
 to block North Korean nuclear-tipped missiles
 and naval interdiction to block nuclear weapon
 exports is inadequate. The world cannot weave a
 net so fine as to guarantee capture of a single
 bomb before it falls into the hands of terrorists
 or into the heart of a major city.

Instead, the U.S. should articulate a vision of
 a future where no North Korean nuclear weap-
 ons threaten the world and no governments
 threaten North Korea's security. Condoleezza
 Rice began this process with her Tokyo acknowl-
 edgment of North Korea's sovereignty. The U.S.
 vision should be painted with bold, clear strokes—
 including security assurances, economic cooper-

ation, and diplomatic recognition—in exchange
 for North Korea's complete and verifiable elimi-
 nation of its nuclear weapons program.

The next step would be to take that vision to
 our partners in the six-party talks, to incorpo-
 rate their elements into this vision, and to forge
 a consensus that could be presented to North
 Korea. Faced by a comprehensive proposal that,
 in the eyes of the world, provides a reasonable
 yet compelling rationale to give up its dangerous
 nuclear program, Pyongyang would then be
 given a specific deadline to respond. This would
 reassert control over our own diplomacy, and
 present an attractive pathway to resolve this
 crisis peacefully, before Pyongyang's nuclear ac-
 tions cause irrevocable harm. Critically, a North
 Korean rejection of this offer would leave all of
 the other four parties siding with the U.S. That
 solidarity would be essential to establishing the
 political basis for a U.N. Security Coun-
 cil resolution imposing sanc-
 tions on Pyongyang.

Only then could the in-
 ternational community suc-
 ceed in forcing Kim Jong Il to
 choose between nuclear weap-
 ons and perhaps the only
 thing he values more
 highly: regime survival.
 Today he may well view
 nuclear weapons as an in-
 valuable asset to perpetu-
 ate his regime; our job is to
 turn them into a liability.

This new approach should not
 be muddled by the debate over multilateral ver-
 sus bilateral talks. Disputes over the format for
 negotiation should be managed, not raised to
 the level of principle. And this approach is not
 a policy of regime change. To the contrary, it
 proposes actions to undermine North Korea's
 stability as a last resort, rather than as a first
 choice. A policy of regime change could not
 gain South Korean and Chinese support. With-
 out that, it would be irresponsible to rely on
 Kim Jong Il's demise as the solution, and a
 mistake to call that a policy rather than a wa-
 ger based on uncertain odds. Besides, any suc-
 cessor to Kim would likely harbor similar nu-
 clear ambitions.

In dismissing North Korea's nuclear postur-
 ing, some have asked, "What are they going to
 do with their nuclear weapons, anyway?" The
 world cannot afford to wait for an empirical
 answer to that question.

Gen. Scowcroft was national security adviser
 under Presidents Ford and George H.W. Bush.
 Mr. Poneman served on the NSC under Presidents
 George H.W. Bush and Clinton.



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It has been a great honor and a true learning experience to serve you and the Vice President as an intern. Thank you again for staying to talk with us last Thursday. It was a unique experience I will always cherish. I will miss this place tremendously!

Keep up the great work and God Bless. ☺

Thank you,
Lindsay Shore

Dear Mr. President,

May 05, 2005

I am an intern finishing up my Spring 2005 service in the Vice President's Scheduling Office. I would like to thank you for your time and candor you gave to all of us last Thursday afternoon in the Q+A session following our photograph. I was in the front row in a gray suit, and I asked you about your most memorable experience in office. You answered with a story about your recent speech in Bucharest, Romania. It sent chills down my spine!

You were right when you said that the presidency in itself can bring joy to people regardless of the person in office. However, after having the fantastic opportunity to hear you speak candidly on issues both personal and professional, my respect for you and for the office has only deepened. I see how principled and passionate you and your staff are, and I am proud to have this administration leading my country to its highest potential.

Lindsay Shore
Intern, VP Scheduling

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The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States

Thank You

Mr. President,
Thank you for speaking with our intern
class today. I speak for us all when I
say we support you and we enjoyed you.
Today you made a History students dream
come true by describing the defining
moments of your Presidency.

Thank you for having us, it has
been our pleasure to serve during
your administration.

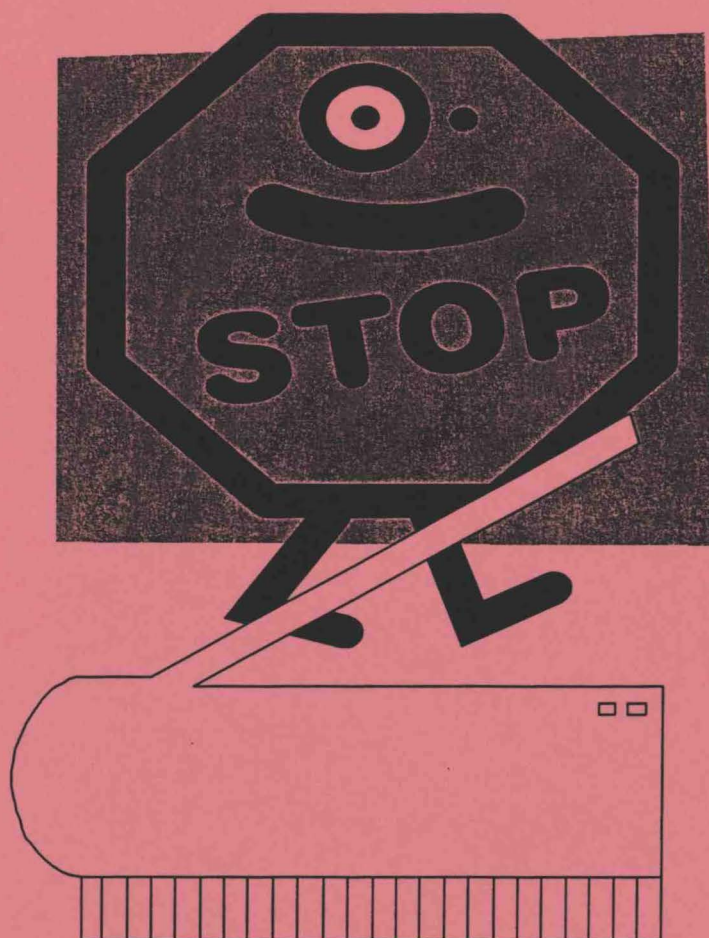
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Syria Heralds Reforms, But Many Have Doubts

Party Weighs Gradual Moves Toward Democracy

By ANTHONY SHADID
Washington Post Foreign Service

DAMASCUS, Syria, May 17 — Beset by U.S. attempts to isolate his country and facing popular expectations of change, Syrian President Bashar Assad will move to begin legalizing political parties, purge the ruling Baath Party, sponsor free municipal elections in 2007 and formally endorse a market economy, according to officials, diplomats and analysts.

Assad's five-year-old government is heralding the reforms as a turning point in a long-promised campaign of liberalizing a state that, while far less dictatorial than Iraq under Saddam Hussein, remains one of the region's most repressive. His officials see the moves, however tentative and drawn out, as the start of a transitional period that will lead to a more liberal, democratic Syria.

Emboldened opposition leaders, many of whom openly support pressure by the United States even if they mistrust its intentions, said the measures were the last gasp of a government staggering after its hasty and embarrassing troop withdrawal last month from neighboring Lebanon.

The debate over the changes comes during a remarkable surge in what constitutes dissent in this country of 18 million. For the first time in years, opposition figures and even government allies are openly speculating on the fate of a party that, in some fashion, has ruled Syria since 1963 in the name of Arab nationalism, and today faces perhaps its greatest crisis. The debate points to the most pressing questions in the country today: Can Syria truly reform itself and what might follow?

"We understand that democracy is a process — a historical and political process — but we are on the right track, and we have begun the mechanisms that will take us forward," said Imad Shueibi, who directs the Data and Strategic Studies Center in Damascus and says he is aligned with reformers within Assad's government. "This will be the first step."

Dissidents are dismissive of the government's capacity to sincerely reform. They see similarities between government moves here and in Egypt, the Arab world's most populous country, where President Hosni Mubarak has sought to introduce measured but controlled change.

"We have an archaic authoritarian re-
gime which is now a burden on itself

over from the current leadership. It would mark another step in Assad's consolidation of power and could open the way for the inclusion of powerful relatives like his brother, who heads the elite Republican Guard, and brother-in-law, who heads the feared military intelligence.

Debate continues over other steps, analysts say: an amnesty for political crimes; the granting of citizenship to at least 100,000 members of the Kurdish minority; and suspension of Law 49. That 25-year-old decree stipulates the death penalty for membership in the Muslim Brotherhood, an Islamic group that once posed the greatest threats to the Baath Party's hold on power.

Less publicly, the government has permitted the return of some political exiles, including Amin Hafez, the former head of state, and Jassim Alwan, another former officer who led a coup attempt against the Baath Party in 1963.

"It's a step forward," said Sami Moubayed, a Syrian analyst and writer. But he added: "It's minimal change. The steps should have been much more courageous."

The changes will almost certainly fail to mollify the United States, which has effectively ended engagement with Damascus over what U.S. officials say is Syria's lack of aggressiveness in closing its border with Iraq to prevent infiltration by insurgents. Many of the government's critics — and a substantial current within the ruling party — will likely be disappointed as well, viewing the steps taken at the congress more as an attempt to ensure the government's survival than the start of real change.

"Unless the party comes out in favor of significant, deep political and economic reforms, it's going to leave a lot of disappointment and frustration," said Nabil Sukkar, an influential businessman and former World Bank economist. "If it's wishy-washy and comes out with only compromises, it's not going to meet expectations."

Damascus is a far different capital from it was 10 years ago, when fear and dreary Stalinist architecture cast a pall over life. The endemic iconography of Assad's father — building-size portraits and pictures pasted every few feet — are gone, making way for advertisements for Chanel, BMW and Syria's mobile phone network. Free-wheeling Beirut radiates its influence on the Syrian capital, evident in fashion, taste and restaurants and bars that vie for space in the once-neglected cobblestoned Old



A total of 75,800 Iraqi army troops.

A Repo.

Applying New System

By BRADLEY GRAHAM
Washington Post Staff Writer

HILLA, Iraq, May 17 — The Iraqi had just finished telling Arr George W. Casey, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, about the successful raids gade had carried out, the suspected insurgents captured and the weapons ed up.

Then, on a screen at the far end row, cramped conference room w sey was sitting, the colonel flashe rating his brigade according to just devised by the U.S. military. showed a nearly complete sea squares — red for staffing levels training, red for equipment an

measured change.

"We have an archaic authoritarian regime, which is now a burden on itself. They want to streamline it and make it more attractive," said Yassin Hajj Saleh, a leftist dissident imprisoned for 16 years and freed in 1996. He calls the moves "the modernization of authoritarianism."

"The old model has ended, it is outdated, its age has passed," he said, "and they want to renew it."

Assad, who seems to remain popular in Syria, has pointed to next month's congress of the Baath Party as the centerpiece of the promised reforms. The congress, which has become the talk of the capital, was last convened in 2000 after Assad inherited power from his father, Hafez Assad. In the wake of the withdrawal from Lebanon, expectations were high that the congress might inaugurate a Syrian equivalent of glasnost. In past weeks, through the state media, those hopes have been steadily ratcheted down.

Most prominent among the reforms will be a recommendation for a new party law, said the officials, analysts and diplomats. It would envision the formation of parties as long as they are not explicitly based on ethnicity, religion or region. While this is potentially a dramatic step, analysts caution that even if the Baath Party recommends the change, enacting a law could take a year or more. Also, the party is not expected to surrender its constitutionally enshrined position as "the leading party of both the society and the state."

Emergency law allowing indefinite detention of suspects may be suspended, except in cases of national security, and the government will likely ease rules that require approval from the security services for a host of activities — among them opening a hair salon.

As part of the reforms, the government is expected to enact a law providing for free elections of 15,000 members of municipal councils in 2007. The congress is also expected to endorse the free market as the country's economic orientation — a break from the party's slogan of "unity, freedom and socialism." The move would formalize economic changes underway for more than a decade.

The Baath Party's 21-member leadership, still including many septuagenarian colleagues of Assad's father, will likely be purged, analysts and officials said. The number may be reduced to 15, with only a handful — perhaps three or four — carried

the Syrian capital, evident in fashion, taste and restaurants and bars that vie for space in the once-neglected, cobblestoned Old City.

While the heavy-handed state media remain unchanged, Arab satellite stations such as al-Jazeera and pan-Arab newspapers enter freely. For those with English skills and enough money for a subscription, the Internet offers a sometimes startling window on Syrian politics written from inside the country. Nearly all Web sites are accessible, except for those that end in ".il," the domain for Israel.

"There's no fear. People are not afraid to talk, and this is a tremendous change," Sukkar said.

Assad exudes a far different style from his father, a former air force officer and committed Baathist who ruled Syria for 30 years. The younger Assad, a 39-year-old ophthalmologist, is seen as lacking his father's political guile, but well-intentioned and eager to curry acceptance rather than generate fear.

This year, some Syrians distributed a video clip via cell phone of a smiling Assad riding a bumper car with his oldest son, Hafez, at a popular park. (Those in other bumper cars noticeably kept their distance.) How far that style will intrude on the government's grip, though, remains a subject of fierce debate, with the June 6-9 meeting of the congress seen as perhaps the greatest indicator yet of the government's vision.

The diplomats and analysts said the Syrian government appeared divided on how to cope with the U.S. threat — will Syria remain a potential player in regional politics, giving it relevance to American policy, or is its very survival threatened, whatever policies it adopts? Under either scenario, some analysts say, the political reforms unveiled at the congress become less pressing for a party intent on maintaining its grip and a president who still relies on that party for his legitimacy and strength.

"I believe we are looking [at] a very, very dismal future for this country," said Ammar Abdulhamid, who runs a publishing house and related organization trying to foster civic awareness. "The Syrian regime is simply at a loss in how to play its cards or what it's going to do." The government, he said, is still trying to pull "a rabbit out of a hat."

"But the hat is bottomless, the rabbit is long dead, and the president is not a magician," Abdulhamid said.

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Iraq Plan

New Laws Would

By JONATHAN FINER
Washington Post Staff Writer

BAGHDAD, May 17 — The Iraqi government said Tuesday that it would new laws to punish people who provide logistical support for networks of insurgents aiming to toughen its stance after violence that has claimed 450 Iraqis in two weeks.

The new laws would also make it more difficult to share information about networks with the government.

"People who keep information from authorities, who give material support to terrorists, they will be punished," said Laith Kubba, a spokesman for Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jawfi, saying that punishments would include longer-term imprisonment and seizure of private assets.

"If people know there will be consequences, they will stop. We must take the terrorists' cover away so that no one can hide with them anymore," he said. Kubba said the new measures — an emergency powers the government wielded since November — would be unveiled in the next few weeks.

U.S. military commanders here encouraged the government to take action in confronting insurgents as violence has continued across the country. Execution-style killings targeting Shiite Muslims and Sunni Arabs, the assassination of religious leaders from both branches of Islam, have heightened concern about an emerging sectarian conflict.

Asked for examples of those who might be targeted by the Shiite-led government, Kubba suggested people who knowingly rent property to insurgents, "petty criminals" who help fund operations through robberies.

He said such policies were in line with security measures implemented in the United States after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and steps taken during the sectarian conflict in Northern Ireland.

"It is the duty of any state that faces a challenge to confront such danger."

At least three more religious leaders — one Shiite and two from the country's largest minority — were slain or found dead in Baghdad.

In the Shaab neighborhood, where more than a dozen corpses were found in the bullet-riddled bodies of two Sunnis were discovered, according to Haidar al-Rajji, a spokesman for the Association of Muslim Scholars, an influential Sunni group.

In response, the Sunni-led Iraqi government issued a statement saying the government is either "colluding or failing to achieve security" and that "this situation cannot leave groups or individuals a free hand to pick up arms in self-defense."

The party also accused Interior



BY JACK DABAGHIAN — REUTERS

Syrian soldiers flash victory signs from behind a poster of President Bashar Assad after pulling out of Lebanon. Many hoped the withdrawal would help usher in reform.

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Bush today, I will ask him
of two sovereign, viable,
ving side-by-side in peace
still convinced and commit-
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Sharon is pressed to aban-
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e in the Middle East.

resident of the Palestinian

As China is now a larger participant in the
global economy, its currency practices become a
larger concern for its trading partners and for
the international financial system. China's rigid
currency regime is highly distortionary and
poses risks to China's economy—sowing the
seeds for excess liquidity creation; asset price
inflation; large speculative capital flows; and
over-investment. It also limits the ability of Chi-
na's neighbors to follow independent, anti-infla-
tionary monetary policies because of competi-
tiveness considerations relative to China. Sus-
tained, non-inflationary growth in China is im-
portant for maintaining strong global growth
and a more flexible and market-based renminbi

...with immediate reform. The current system
poses a risk to China's economy, its trading part-
ners, and global economic growth.

It is critical that we address the issues of
imbalances aggressively and in a cooperative
spirit with the goal of raising global growth.
Nothing would do more damage to the prospects
of increasing living standards throughout the
world than efforts to inhibit the flow of trade.
However, it is incumbent on China to address
concerns before the mounting pressures world-
wide to restrict trade harm the openness of the
international trading system.

Mr. Snow is the Treasury secretary.

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Confront North Korea

By Brent Scowcroft
And Daniel Poneman

If North Korea tests a nuclear weapon, the
reverberations will circle the globe. A test would
provoke other nations to reconsider their nuclear
options, and could disrupt political and economic
stability in Asia and beyond. While the precise
consequences cannot be confidently predicted,
they will certainly be harmful. Their prospect
should galvanize international efforts to arrest
the North Korean nuclear program.

The six-party talks designed to deal with the
North Korean challenge have stalled. Pyong-
yang has gained effective control and pacing of
the crisis, boycotting the talks and cranking up
its nuclear program. The world is powerless to
assess the accuracy of its escalating assertions
of nuclear weapons capability, as North Korea
has kicked out all international inspectors
and monitoring equipment. From the
North Korean perspective, why
hurry back to negotiations that will
only bring increased diplomatic
pressure? Each day they advance
their nuclear options, enhanc-
ing their military capability
and increasing the price
they can demand at the ne-
gotiating table. As the vice
president has said, time is
not on our side in the
case of North Korea.

That is why it is vital to
force the issue now. We must
not wait for Pyongyang to decide whether and
when it is ready to negotiate, for such delay
could be fatal to our interests and to those of the
world. Even if not fatal, to permit North Korea to
taunt the world with its nuclear claims with im-
punity invites others to follow suit. The U.S.
therefore has enormous stakes in breaking the
logjam. How can we prevent North Korea from
lulling the world into accepting it as a de facto
nuclear power? To fall back to missile defenses
to block North Korean nuclear-tipped missiles
and naval interdiction to block nuclear weapon
exports is inadequate. The world cannot weave a
net so fine as to guarantee capture of a single
bomb before it falls into the hands of terrorists
or into the heart of a major city.

Instead, the U.S. should articulate a vision of
a future where no North Korean nuclear weap-
ons threaten the world and no governments
threaten North Korea's security. Condoleezza
Rice began this process with her Tokyo acknowl-
edgment of North Korea's sovereignty. The U.S.
vision should be painted with bold, clear strokes—
including security assurances, economic cooper-

ation, and diplomatic recognition—in exchange
for North Korea's complete and verifiable elimi-
nation of its nuclear weapons program.

The next step would be to take that vision to
our partners in the six-party talks, to incorpo-
rate their elements into this vision, and to forge
a consensus that could be presented to North
Korea. Faced by a comprehensive proposal that,
in the eyes of the world, provides a reasonable
yet compelling rationale to give up its dangerous
nuclear program, Pyongyang would then be
given a specific deadline to respond. This would
reassert control over our own diplomacy, and
present an attractive pathway to resolve this
crisis peacefully, before Pyongyang's nuclear ac-
tions cause irrevocable harm. Critically, a North
Korean rejection of this offer would leave all of
the other four parties siding with the U.S. That
solidarity would be essential to establishing the
political basis for a U.N. Security Council
resolution imposing sanc-
tions on Pyongyang.

Only then could the in-
ternational community suc-
ceed in forcing Kim Jong Il to
choose between nuclear weap-
ons and perhaps the only
thing he values more
highly: regime survival.
Today he may well view
nuclear weapons as an in-
valuable asset to perpetu-
ate his regime; our job is to
turn them into a liability.

This new approach should not
be muddled by the debate over multilateral ver-
sus bilateral talks. Disputes over the format for
negotiation should be managed, not raised to
the level of principle. And this approach is not
a policy of regime change. To the contrary, it
proposes actions to undermine North Korea's
stability as a last resort, rather than as a first
choice. A policy of regime change could not
gain South Korean and Chinese support. With-
out that, it would be irresponsible to rely on
Kim Jong Il's demise as the solution, and a
mistake to call that a policy rather than a wa-
ger based on uncertain odds. Besides, any suc-
cessor to Kim would likely harbor similar nu-
clear ambitions.

In dismissing North Korea's nuclear postur-
ing, some have asked, "What are they going to
do with their nuclear weapons, anyway?" The
world cannot afford to wait for an empirical
answer to that question.

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George H.W. Bush and Clinton.



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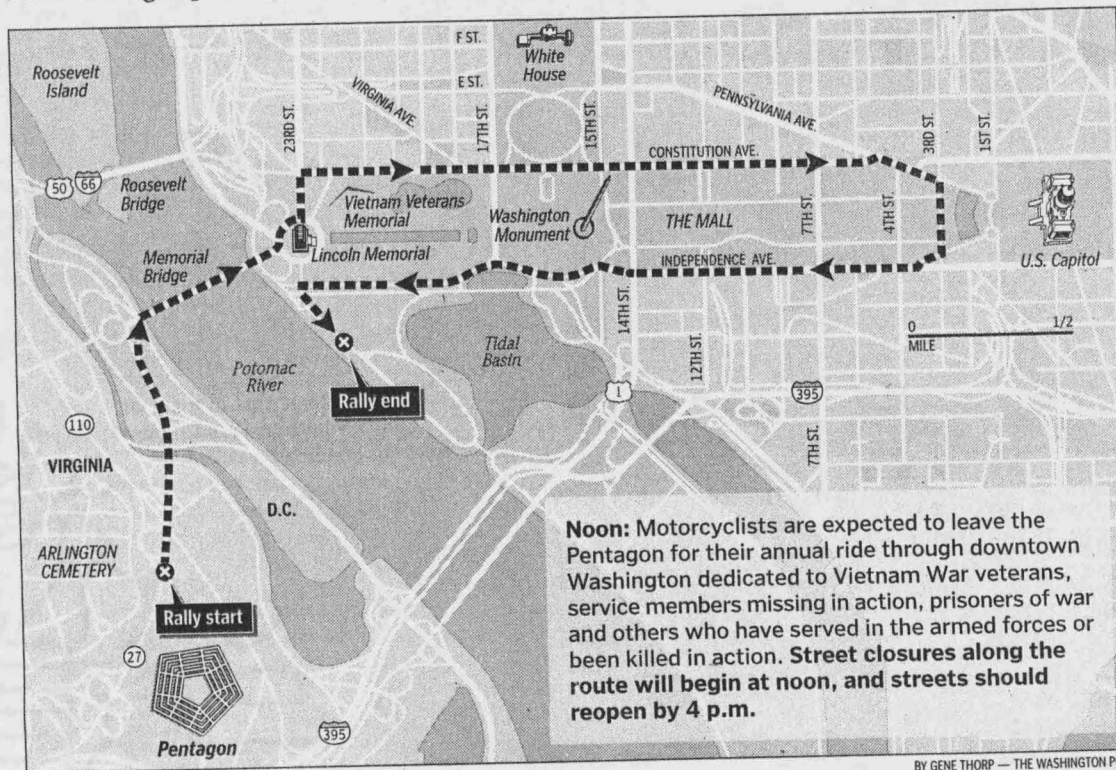
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Rolling Thunder

The Rolling Thunder motorcycle rally will begin at noon today. Participants will leave from the north Pentagon parking lot. About 100,000 riders are expected.

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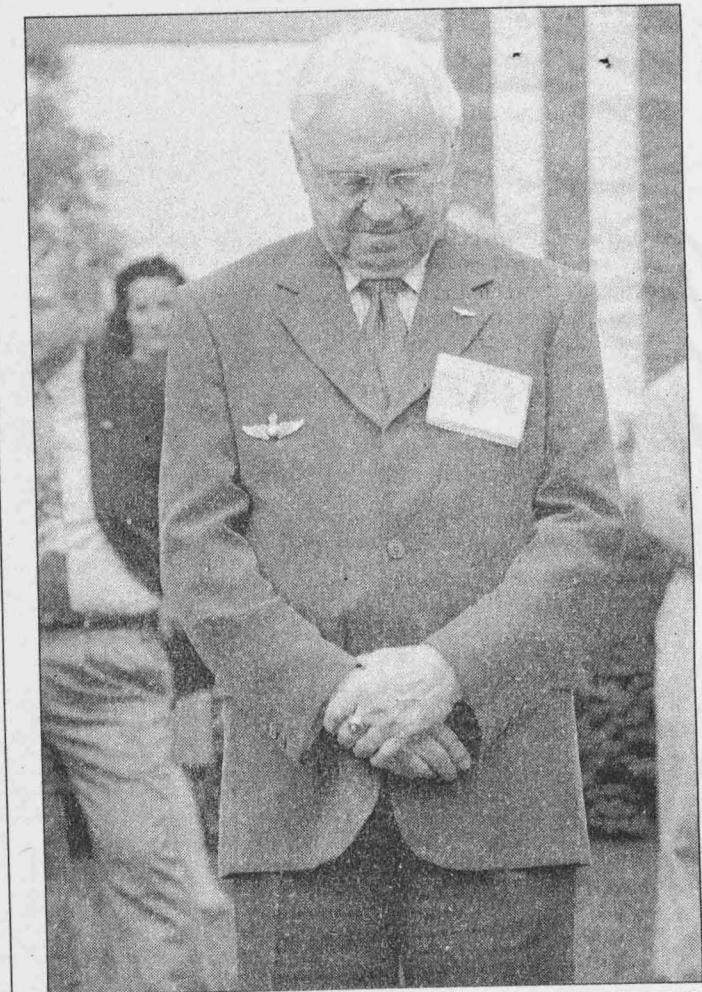
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Memorial Day Closings

	DISTRICT	MARYLAND	VIRGINIA
Banks	Most closed.	Most closed.	Most closed.
Courts	Closed, except for adult arraignments and juvenile new referrals.	Closed.	Closed.
Local government offices	Closed, except for emergency and essential services.	Closed.	Closed.
Schools	Closed.	Closed.	Closed.
Libraries	Closed.	Closed.	Closed.
Traffic	Sunday traffic	No parking fees in	HOV restrictions lifted;



WWII Unit Survivors Regroup At Arlington



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Wayne Johnson, above, prays with other members of the "Flying Tigers," a World War II fighter squadron that operated in China. At top, Murrel Legg, 83, of Lakewood, Wash., and Bob Pierce, 84, of Lakewood, Colo., reminisce. At right, Marv

