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bridget k. call

2006 West Virginia Teacher of the Year

Box 88
North Matewan, WV 25688

May 17, 2006

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

As 2006 West Virginia Teacher of the Year, I recently was honored and privileged to have met you, the First Lady, and Secretary of Education Spellings at the National Teacher of the Year recognition ceremony. Your continued participation in this program brings dignity and respect to our profession and lends strength to the voices of teachers everywhere who daily rise to the important task of teaching our precious children.

After seeing the picture taken in the Oval Office, my oh-so-sophisticated juniors and seniors expressed genuine admiration and awe. Each one demanded details about everything from the color of your eyes to the color of grass on the South Lawn. In addition, they were quite intrigued by the fact that we had spent time in the Roosevelt Room and had engaged in conversation with two delightful members of Mrs. Bush's staff.

Although the demands of your office are overwhelming, I thank you, Mrs. Bush, and Secretary Spellings once again for taking time to recognize the importance of the teaching profession.

Sincerely yours,

Bridget K. Call

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Matewan/Magnolia High School, 100 Tiger Lane, Matewan, WV 25678

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May 29, 2006

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for honoring both Nancy and me by your participation in the Coast Guard's Change of Command ceremony last Thursday. The presentation of the Presidential Unit Citation was truly special and will further motivate Coast Guard men and women to do extraordinary things for our great nation.

It has been a great privilege to serve America for over 38 years and to lead the Coast Guard during these challenging times. We have accomplished much since 9/11 to enhance our security ... especially in the maritime. There is more left to do but I know you can rely on Coast Guard men and women to deliver great results.

Mr. President, thank you for your courageous leadership and for your steadfastness in doing the right things for our nation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Collins".

Tom Collins
Admiral, USCG (ret.)

MITT ROMNEY

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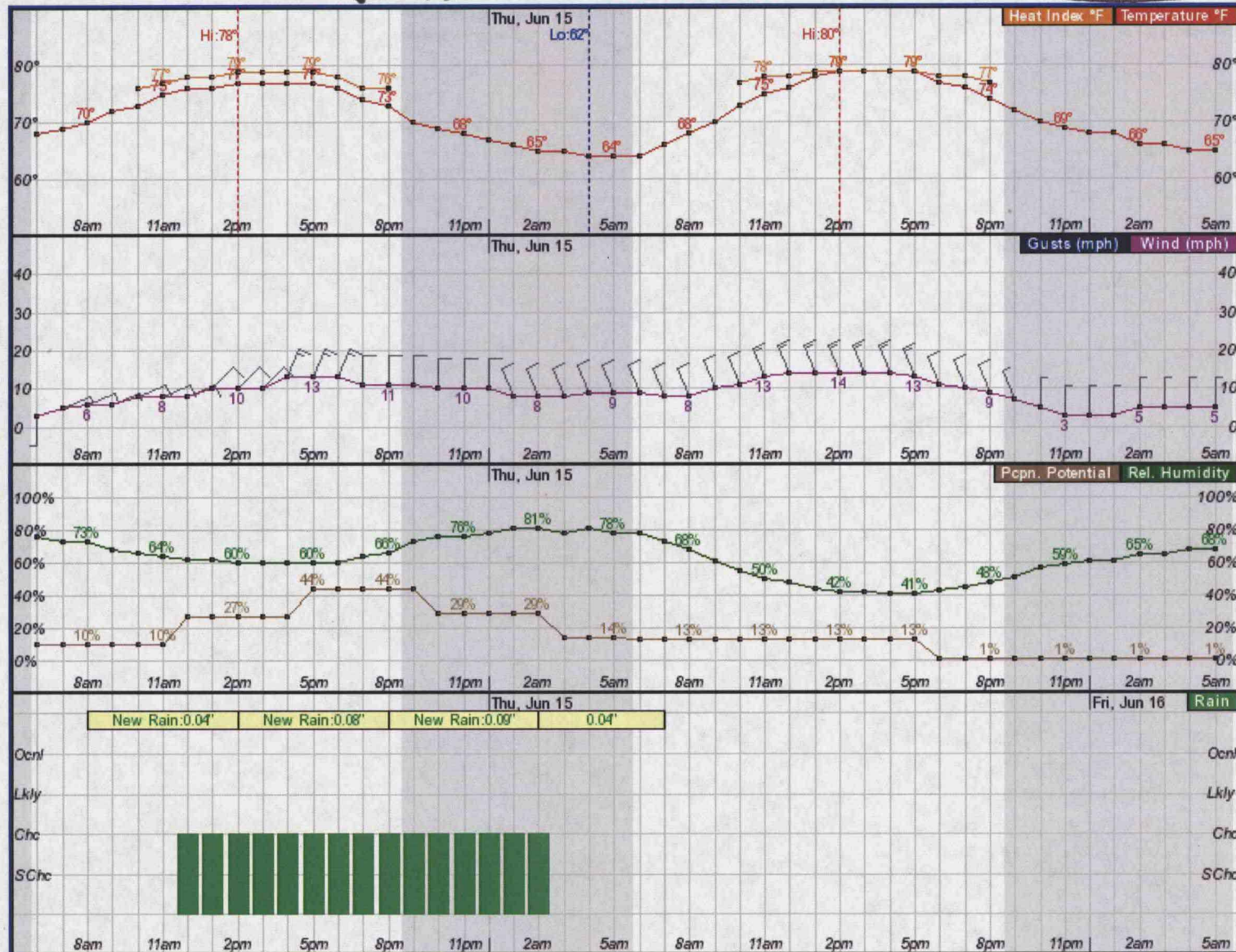
Mr. President,

Thank you very much for stopping
by to say hello. Your counsel and
perspectives were most helpful. I
particularly appreciated your encouragement—
coming from your vantage point, it
carries real significance. Your
generosity and friendship mean a
great deal to Ann & me. Best, Mitt



WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Thursday, June 15 at 5pm

Temperature: 79°F Heat Index: 79°F Wind: NNW 13mph

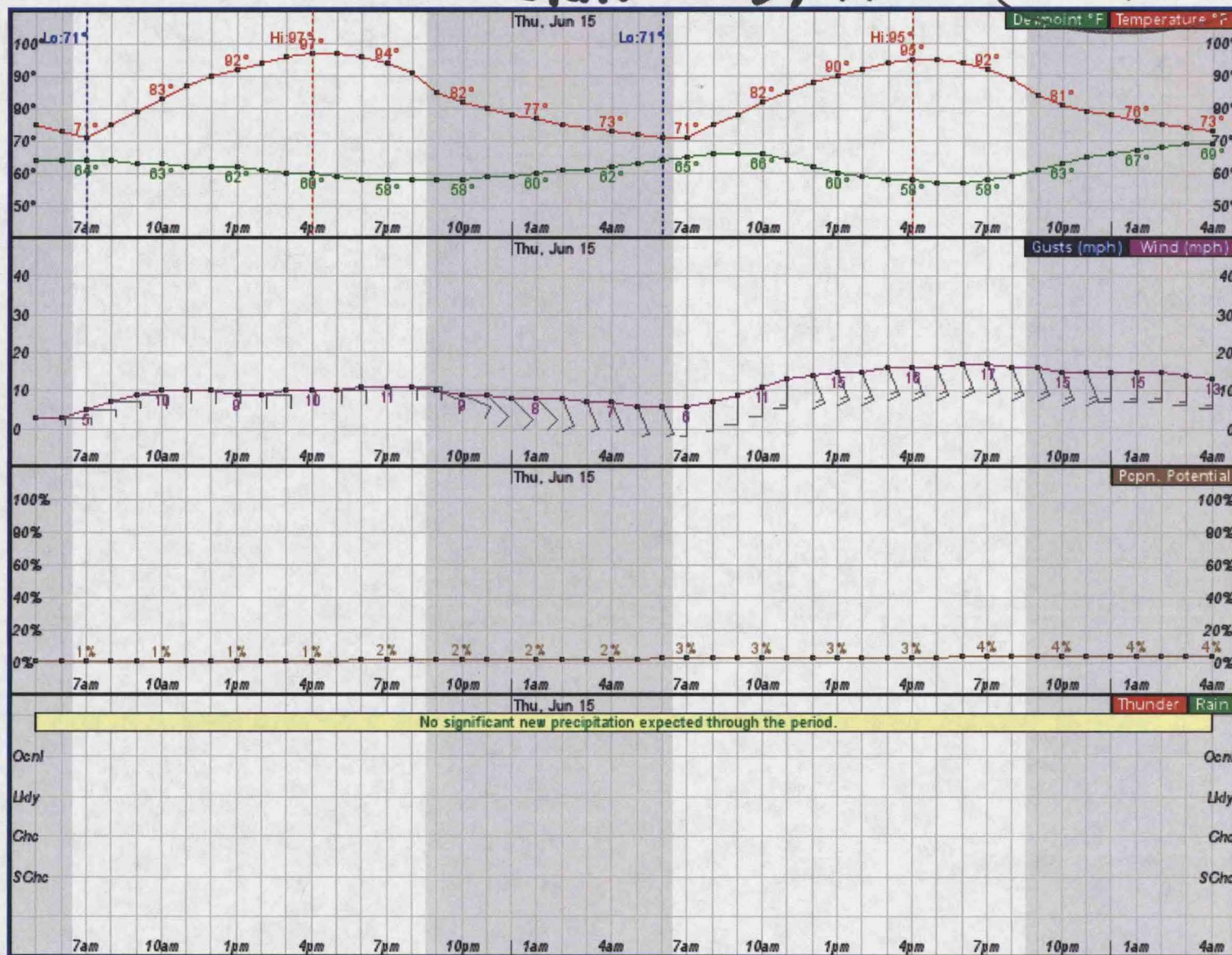
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Rain: <10%

CRAWFORD, TX

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Thursday, June 15 at 12pm

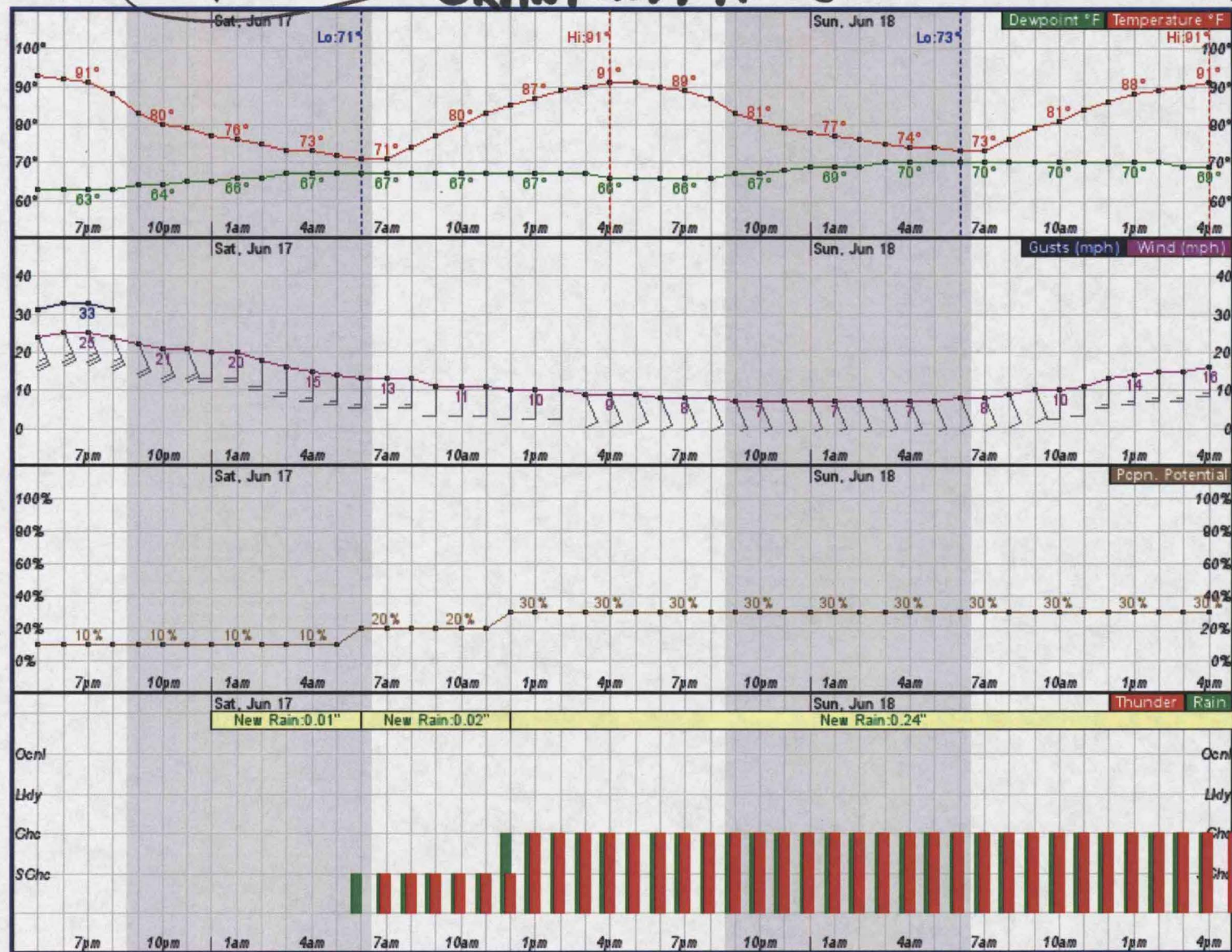
Temperature: 88°F Dewpoint: 62°F Wind: SSE 14mph

Precipitation Potential: 3%

Rain: <10% Thunder: <10%

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CRAWFORD, TX (THIS WEEKEND)



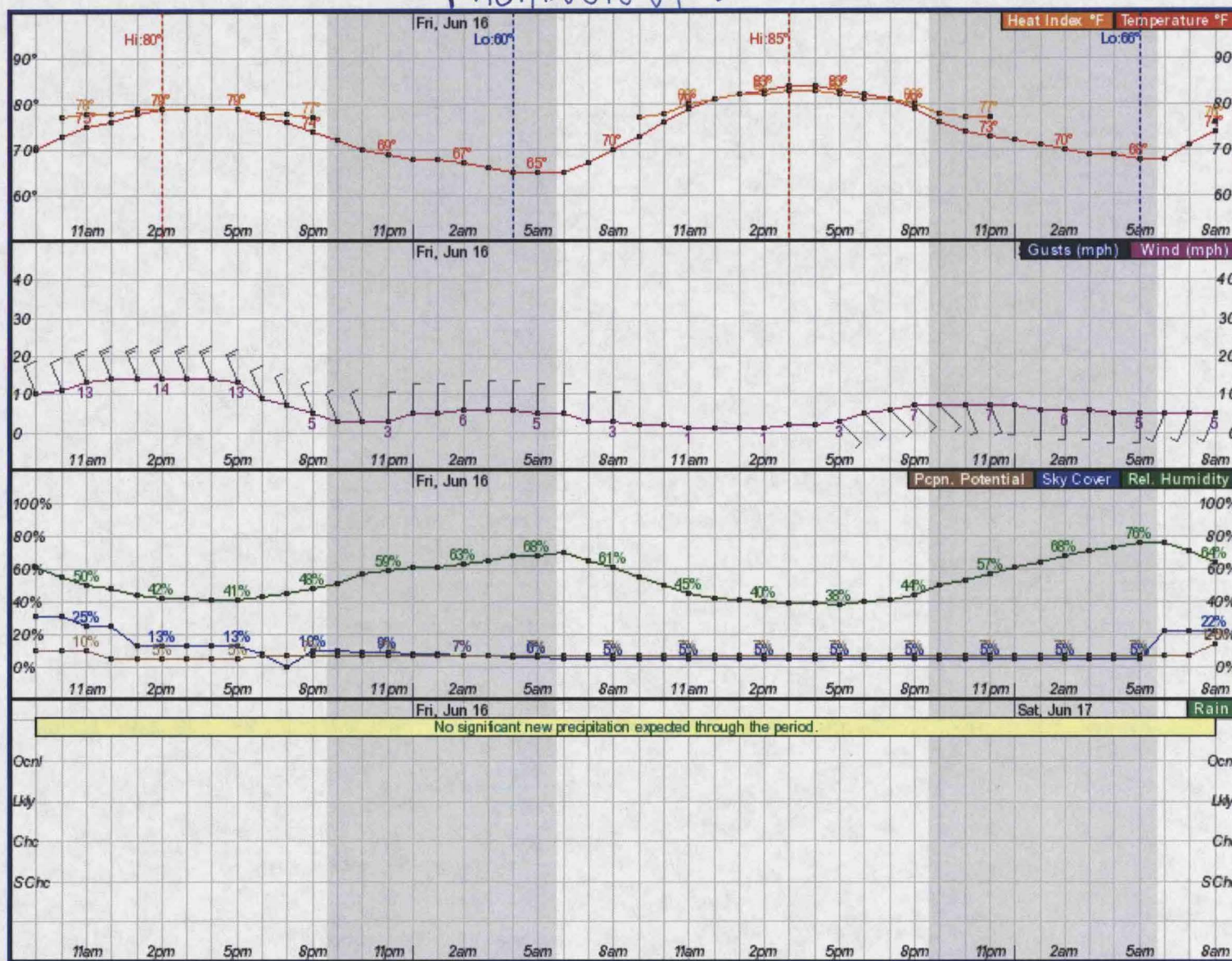
Saturday, June 17 at 9pm

Temperature: 83°F Dewpoint: 67°F Wind: SSE 7mph

Precipitation Potential: 30%

Rain: Chance (30%-50%) Thunder: Chance (30%-50%)

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Thursday, June 15 at 10pm

Temperature: 70°F Heat Index: N/A Wind: NNW 3mph

Precipitation Potential: 7% Sky Cover: 9% Relative Humidity: 57%

Rain: <10%

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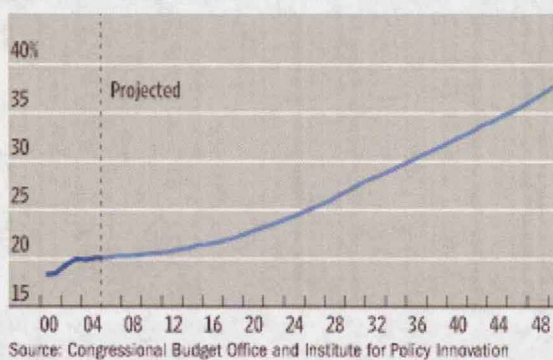


June 12, 2006

COMMENTARY

Ballooning Budget

Projected federal spending as a percentage of GDP



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Al Hubbard wanted
you to see this article.

Raul Yanes

*Supply Side***Don't Know Much About History ...**

By STEPHEN MOORE
June 12, 2006; Page A12

WASHINGTON -- Back in 1982, President Reagan got snookered into a grand bipartisan deficit reduction deal known as the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act. He "reluctantly" agreed to what was then one of the largest tax increases in American history - only because he was assured there would be \$3 of federal spending cuts for every dollar of higher taxes. For the remainder of his presidency, whenever new taxes were proposed, the Gipper huffed: "I'm still waiting for those \$3 of spending cuts the Democrats promised me."

Like moths attracted to a bug zapper, the White House and many congressional Republicans now want to negotiate a blockbuster budget deal to tackle the stampeding cost of entitlements. Meanwhile, Democrats and left-leaning think tanks are already laying the groundwork to build a Washington tax-hike consensus. As Robert Rubin, the Democrat's economic guru and one of the architects of the 1993 Clinton tax hike, recently said of the proposed commission, "It only makes sense substantively, in my judgment, to get together around this if everything is on the table, including the tax cuts."

Republicans are sounding receptive. Asked about entitlement reform at a meeting with a group of journalists a few weeks ago, the president's chief economic advisor, Al Hubbard,

told a group of reporters that everything can be "on the table" -- an unmistakable code phrase for saying new taxes won't be ruled out. Last week the legislation introduced by Virginia's Republican Rep. Frank Wolf to create the commission explicitly allows for "tax policy changes."

The rules of Mr. Wolf's commission would require Congress to vote up or down on the entire package of recommendations -- meaning that any tax increases would be imbedded like a computer virus into the final deal. Few Democrats in Congress have spoken publicly in favor of the commission other than Tennessee's John Tanner; on the other hand, Mr. Wolf's Senate sponsor, George Voinovich, is very much in favor of higher taxes.

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Some conservative leaders are starting to feel paranoid. Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, a front row participant in several such events in the past, calls bipartisan budget deals a "a functional invitation to raise taxes" and notes that "the end result is spending cuts always prove to be phony and government always grows bigger."

One case in point was the 1983 commission to close the Social Security funding gap, which "fixed" the financing crisis by scheduling a series of economically damaging payroll tax increases while dismissing personal retirement accounts. The head of that commission was Alan Greenspan, who some are touting as the ideal chairman of this one.

The White House is understandably concerned by the multitrillion dollar funding gap in the old-age entitlement programs. According to the latest projections by the Congressional Budget Office, if we leave Social Security and Medicare spending on auto-pilot, federal expenditures will climb inexorably from 21% of national output today to 30% in 2030 and then 37% by 2050.

Would Democrats cooperate in curtailing these runaway costs? Earlier this year, when the Republicans enacted microscopic cuts of 1% off the double-digit growth rate of mandatory spending programs, the Senate Democratic Policy Committee screamed that Republicans were ripping gaping holes in the social safety net by slashing "key programs that help mothers provide basic needs for their children . . . bring aid to widows and orphans and provide Social Security death benefits for families who need assistance in order to bury their loved ones with dignity."

Meanwhile, Mr. Bush has already proposed a series of measures to fix the finances of entitlement programs. Last year, he proposed reducing the long-term liabilities of Social Security by hundreds of billions of dollars through a combination of shifting to voluntary personal accounts and cutting the growth rate of future benefits for upper-income retirees. This year he proposed massive changes to the financing of medical care through a shift in payments from conventional third-party health insurance to health savings accounts. The Democrats lined up solidly against both plans.

Stuart Butler, an economist at the conservative Heritage Foundation, says that budget experts at liberal think tanks like the Brookings Institution and the Urban Institute know that something must be done. "Most liberals," he says, "are now aware of the fiscal reality that relentlessly rising middle-class entitlement costs will eventually deplete the last drop

of available funding for every other program in the budget they care about, from the Department of Education, to programs for needy children, to low-income housing assistance." Perhaps they are; but does anyone imagine that this dawning perception -- of a mass government program famine -- will accomplish anything other than persuade Democrats that tax increases are instrumental to liberalism's very survival?

If the White House is concerned with Mr. Bush's legacy, it might ponder a meltdown of his one unarguable domestic policy triumph. "This compromise gambit," warns budget expert Peter Ferrara of the Free Enterprise Fund, "could lead to an effective reversal of the Bush tax cuts. If federal spending is slated to rise to 35% of GDP, where is a political compromise with the liberals going to leave taxes and spending? Probably even above the all-time high 25% of GDP."

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Herein lies the dead-end of raising revenues to cover runaway costs. Tax increases anywhere near 25% of GDP would cripple the rate of economic growth and slow the rate of capital accumulation and the build-up of national wealth -- leaving future generations worse off.

Reflecting what has become the mantra of the entitlement Chicken Littles, David Walker, head of the Government Accountability Office, states that there is "no way we can grow our way out of the entitlement funding crisis." Not so.

Just in the three years since the Bush capital gains and dividend tax cuts, the net worth of American households has soared by more than \$12 trillion -- and asset growth of that magnitude makes the imposing long term debts all the more manageable. If productivity, GDP and asset values continue to grow over the next 25 years at the pace they have over the past quarter century, the economy will be twice as large, and our net wealth will be well over \$100 trillion. The Republicans' best strategy to get there is by maintaining pro-growth economic policies while pressing the case for sweeping, market-based reforms for Social Security and Medicare that are attractive to the younger and ever-expanding owner-society voter base. And the first step in that strategy is to remain resolute in its opposition to new taxes.

For 25 years, virtually every bipartisan budget deal has meant higher taxes, higher spending and political carnage for the GOP. The most notorious of these budget deals, forged at Andrews Air Force Base in 1990, led George H.W. Bush to repudiate his "read my lips, no new taxes" pledge, and to lose his presidency to Bill Clinton. Republicans forget this lesson of history at their own peril.

Mr. Moore is senior economics writer and a member of The Wall Street Journal's editorial board.

today's papers
Bush is Trippin'

By Eric Umansky

Posted Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at 3:15 AM ET

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
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The *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*'s world-wide newsbox, and *Washington Post* all lead with President Bush's [hush-hush visit to Baghdad](#) where he met with Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki—amid [many cameras](#)—and declared that "America will keep its commitment" and also "the fate and future of Iraq is in your hands." The *Los Angeles Times*' lead emphasizes Maliki's announcement of [big security sweep for Baghdad](#). The paper says soldiers will "flood the streets." Sounds impressive, except the *WP* cites Iraqi officials acknowledging the deployment "[does not involve an increase in troops in the city](#)." Instead, there will be a nighttime curfew, a mid-day traffic ban and, says the *Post*, efforts to "[beautify the city](#)."

USA Today leads with a congressional watchdog report concluding that FEMA paid about a \$1 billion in sketchy Gulf Coast relief claims. Among the lucky recipients, says *USAT*, "more than 1,000 people who used names and Social Security numbers of inmates in prisons."

The *NYT* notes that Bush told Maliki that he had come "to look you in the eye," a line he later repeated. The president declared he was pleased by what he saw. Maliki, meanwhile, "[appeared uneasy at times during the visit](#)." As one aide told the *NYT*, hanging with the president doesn't particularly play well for Maliki's base.

One thing TP didn't see in the papers: How much time did Maliki actually spend talking with Bush, that is, apart from the sundry [photo-ops](#)?

Everybody, of course, flags the beaucoup secrecy that accompanied the trip. The White House said only six administration officials knew of the plan. Until a few minutes before the meeting, Maliki thought he was going to have a videoconference meeting with the president. The *WP* notices part of the security involved, well, let's call it a lie: The White House issued "[a false press statement](#) Monday night saying the president would be having a press availability in the Rose Garden on Tuesday."

About 16 bodies were found in Baghdad, many "[handcuffed, blindfolded and shot in the head](#)."

The *Post* goes across-the-top and everybody else fronts [Karl Rove's non-indictment](#). Rove's lawyer said the special prosecutor sent a letter saying he "does not anticipate seeking charges" against Rove. The *WP*, citing a "source briefed on the case," concludes that with Rove's clearing, the "broader leak investigation is probably over." The *NYT* comes to the same conclusion, saying the decision not to indict Rove "[effectively ends the active investigative phase](#)" of the probe.

Of course, Rove did talk to reporters about former CIA operative Valerie Plame, something then White House spokesman Scott McClellan originally assured the press didn't happen. The *WP* says the episode "[left McClellan and a few other White House aides upset that they were initially misled by Rove](#), according to several administration sources." Don't expect the full story anytime soon. The prosecutor isn't required to file a public report. And his office declined to comment on the decision to not go after Rove.

The *NYT* alone fronts 10 Palestinians—two militants and eight civilians—killed and about 40 wounded by an [Israeli missile strike](#) on a van that was apparently carrying rockets. A well-known militant was killed, and the eight civilians died when a second missile hit [seven minutes later](#) as a crowd gathered.

Israel said the van was carrying long-range Katyusha rockets. President Mahmoud Abbas, called the Israeli actions "state terrorism."

Israel also said an internal investigation concluded that a Palestinian mine was to blame for an explosion last week on a Gaza beach that killed seven Palestinians. Human Rights Watch happened to have a military expert in the area who investigated and concluded the [evidence suggests otherwise](#).

The papers mention the latest installment of an annual "global attitudes" survey, this one showing [opinions of the U.S. dropping again](#).

The *NYT* goes inside with "Pentagon and Senate" officials saying the military is [backing away from including a secret annex](#) to the new Army field manual, an annex that apparently included abusive interrogation techniques. As the *Times* notes, the story was first broken by the A.P.

The *WP* fronts a few states trying to raise cash by [leasing toll roads](#) to private—sometimes foreign—companies. *USAT* flagged some of the leasing last week.

A former Gitmo detainee, since released to France (where he's now facing charges), has an [op-ed in the NYT](#):

I remember once an interrogator warming me up during several sessions for a polygraph test I was going to take, that was, according to him, infallible. After I took the test, I was left alone in the interrogation room; an hour later, the interrogator returned. "Congratulations," he said grimly. "You have passed the test." And he gave me a box of candy.

In the outside world, I thought, the difference between telling the truth and lying, between committing a crime and not committing it, is the difference between being in jail and being free. In Guantánamo, it is a box of candy.

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To President
Date 6/15/06 Time _____ ☐ AM ☐ PM

WHILE YOU WERE OUT
M Amb. Paul Bremmer

of _____

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Area Code _____ Number _____ Ext. _____
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- ☐ Telephoned
☐ Please call
☐ Returned your call
☐ Called to see you
☐ Wants to see you
☐ Will call again
☐ URGENT

Message
Trip to Iraq was a 10-
strike and the
Press conference was
right on target.
Congratulations - he send
his best wishes.



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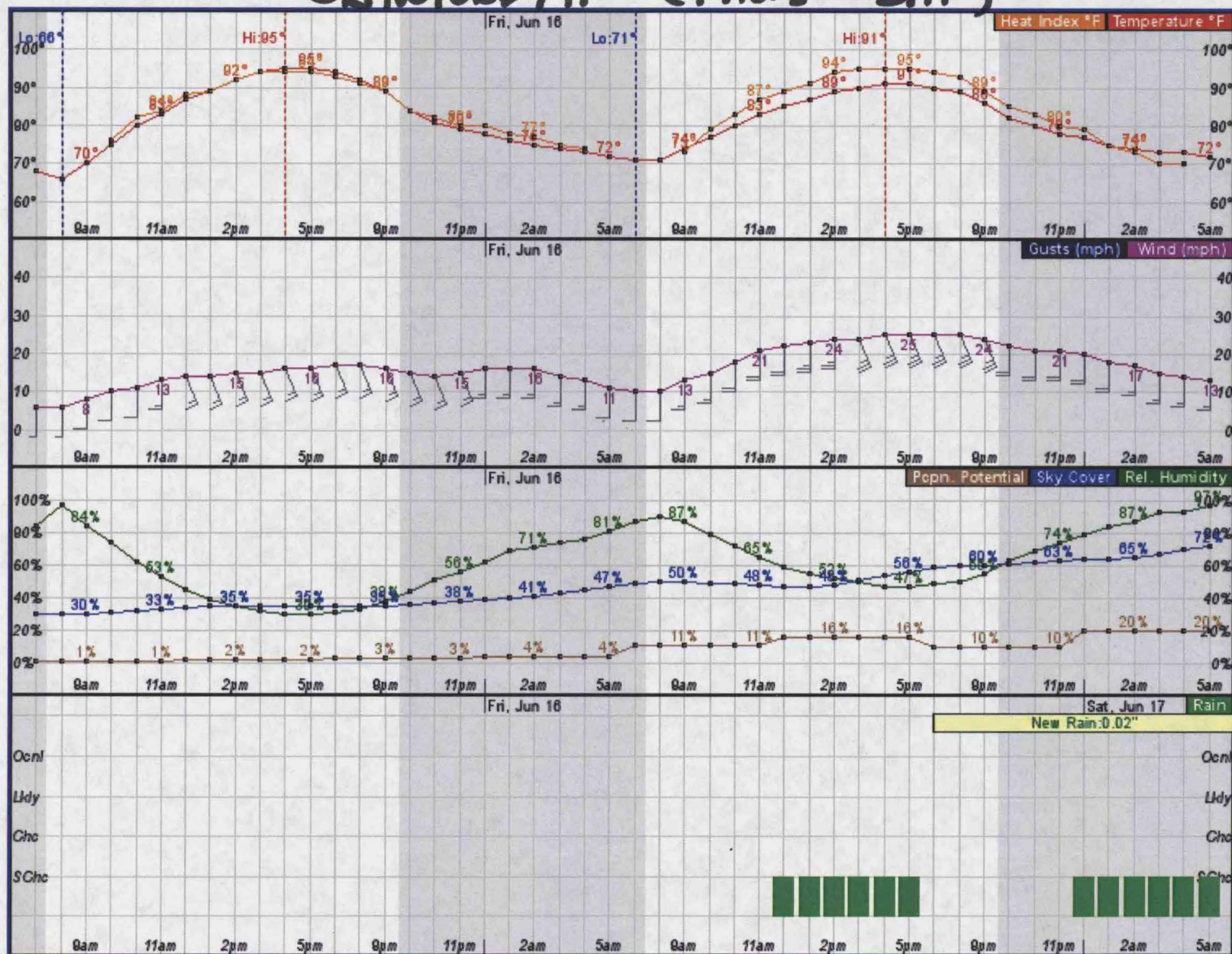
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CRAWFORD, TX (Thurs - SAT)



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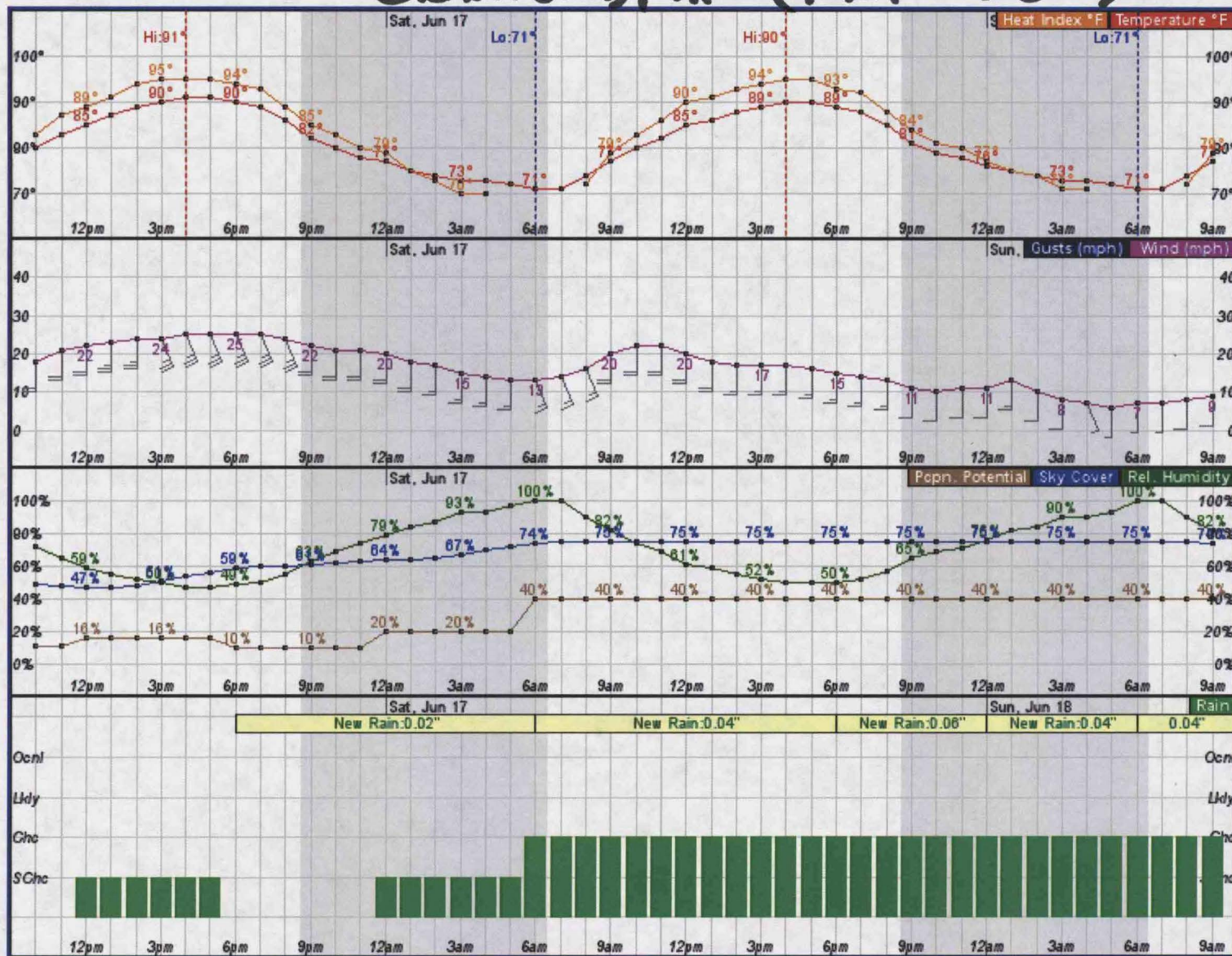
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Rain: <10%

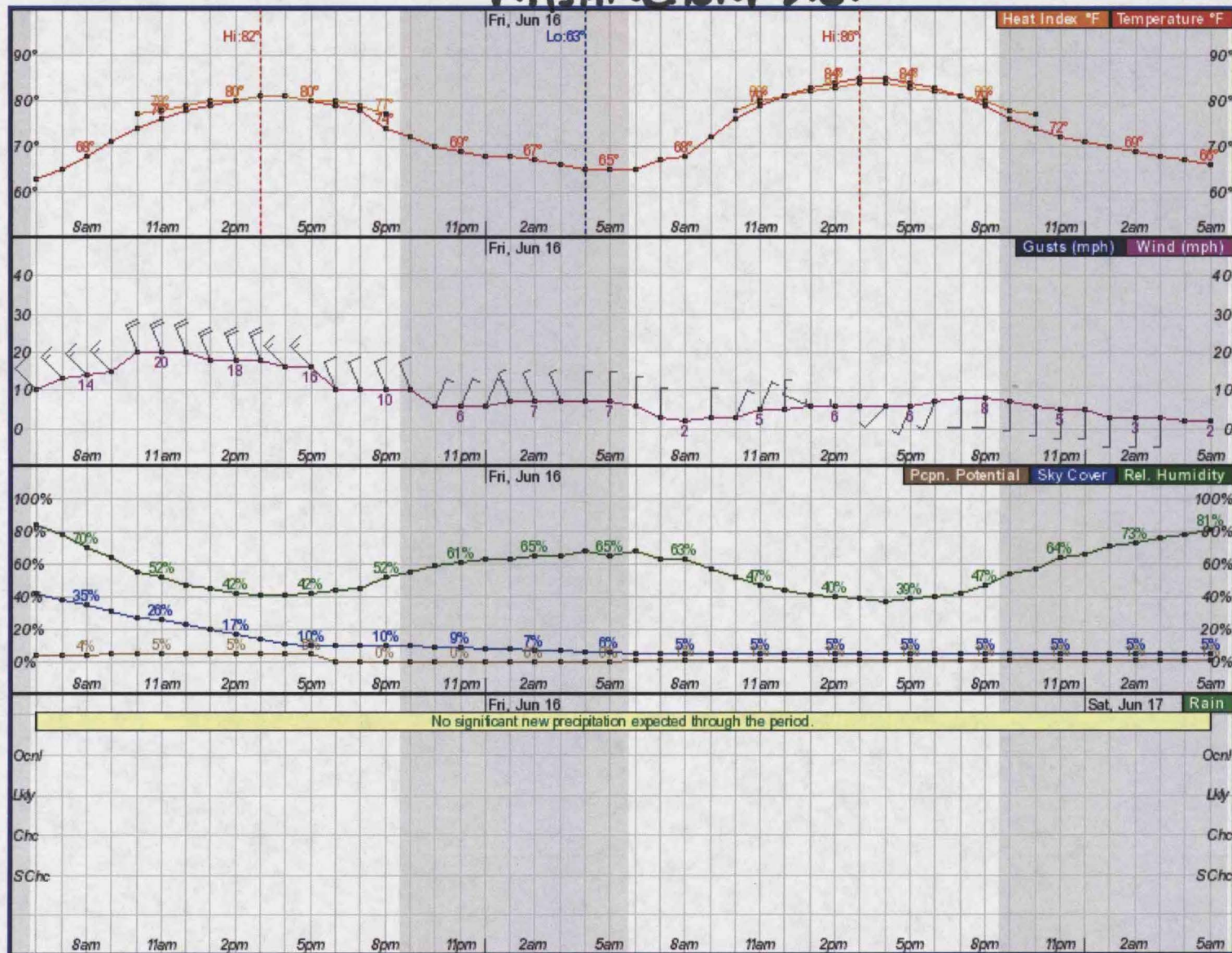
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Public Remarks (June 16-June 23)

Friday, June 16

Tape Radio Address (Iraq)

Remarks at Friends of Dave Reichert and Washington State GOP Party Reception

- Medina, Washington
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June 6, 2006

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to express my appreciation for the discussion we had yesterday in the Roosevelt Room to discuss the critical issue of the threat to our society's cornerstone institution of marriage. It was indeed an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to be one of the community leaders present.

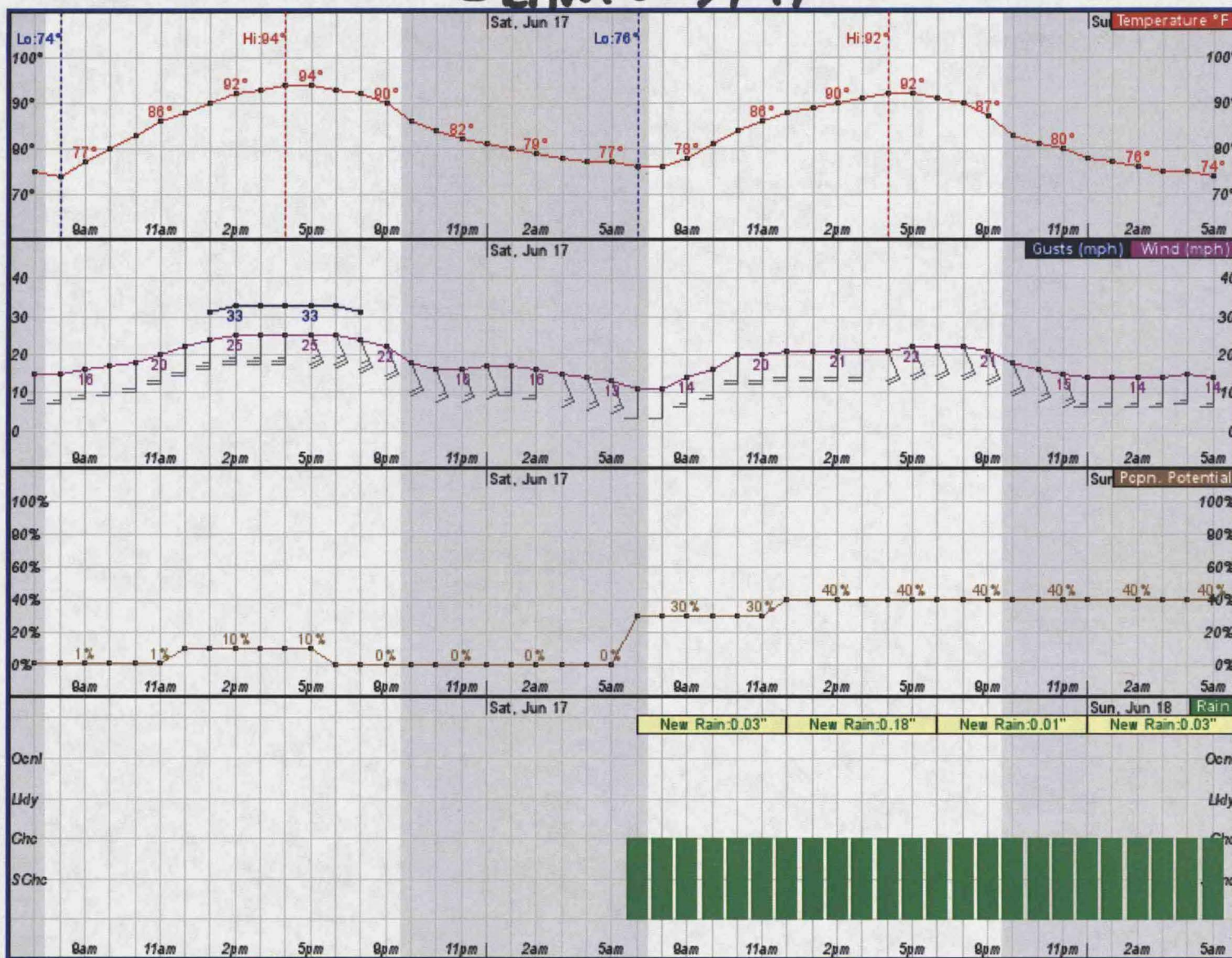
If I may say, the fact that you are committed to this issue based on principle – not political gamesmanship – was something you did not need to say explicitly (even though you chose to).

While the vote in the U.S. Senate today was disappointing, it is good to know that on this, like so many other issues, we have a President who is leading on the basis of his principles and deeply held beliefs.

Sincerely,

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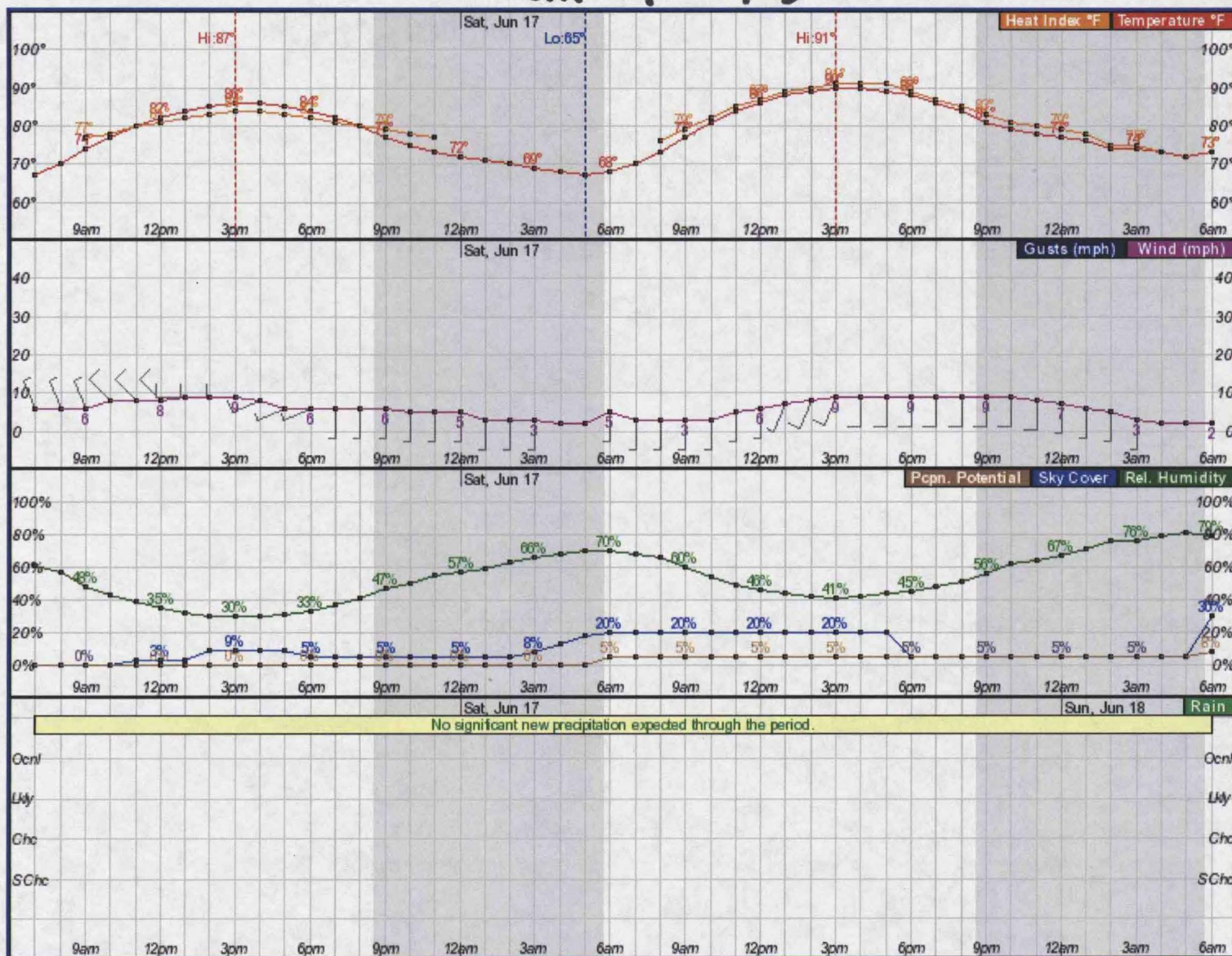
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Saturday, June 17 at 9pm

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TO PRESIDENT BUSH,

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The members of the 322nd Troop Carrier Squadron, 14th Air Force, WW II, (Senator Steven's unit) who met with you in the oval office May 25, 2006, thank you for your time and kind words at that memorable event in the lives of Old Flying Tigers and their family members.



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Special Abuse

By Daniel Politi

Posted Saturday, June 17, 2006, at 6:11 AM ET

The [New York Times](#) leads with, and the [Washington Post](#) reefer, the release of a Pentagon report revealing that Special Operations forces in Iraq used unauthorized [interrogation](#) techniques between February and May of 2004, after the use of these tactics had been banned. The troops apparently received an outdated policy from commanders and that's why those who carried out the investigation said it was not deliberate abuse. Most of the papers chose to lead with the debates in the House and the Senate over the Iraq war yesterday, but today, only the [Los Angeles Times](#) leads with the latest [developments](#), while the *WP* and *NYT* reefer the news. The House of Representatives approved a resolution that vows to finish the Iraq mission, and rejected imposing a deadline for any kind of U.S. troop withdrawal. The *Wall Street Journal* tops its worldwide newsbox with a catch-all about Iraq, including the vote in the House of Representatives. The *Journal* emphasizes that support for President Bush's Iraq policies was not as strong as it was in 2002. The *WP* leads locally and off-leads with a piece that says [Karl Rove](#) has a lot riding on the upcoming elections. Rove has seen his influence and reputation diminish, partly because of the CIA leak investigation, but also as a result of his failed Social Security plans. Now Republicans are counting on him to help maintain a GOP majority in Congress.

Although the report about the interrogation techniques had been completed more than a year and a half ago, the Pentagon only released a heavily redacted version yesterday in response to a Freedom of Information Act request from the ACLU. The abusive tactics used by Special Operations troops included feeding only bread and water to uncooperative prisoners and carrying out interrogations in heavily air-conditioned rooms after detainees were soaked with water, among others. Army Brig. Gen. Richard P. Formica, who led the investigation, said the actions of these troops were "regrettable," but emphasized that "inadequate policy guidelines" were to blame.

The nonbinding resolution in the House passed 256 to 153, with 42 Democrats joining most Republicans to vote in favor of what many classify as simply an election-year stunt. The Republicans wasted no time and issued news releases [criticizing](#) two democrats who voted against the bill and, coincidentally, are candidates for the Senate.

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The *WSJ* includes in its newsbox, and the *NYT* reefer, word that one American soldier was killed and two others went [missing](#) on Friday in Iraq. It's possible the soldiers were captured. The rest of the papers also report that a suicide bomber killed 11 people (the *LAT* says 12, the *WSJ* 13) in a Shiite mosque in Baghdad. Although the *LAT*, *NYT*, and *WSJ* agree that the bomber hid explosives in his [shoes](#), the *WP* says he was wearing an explosive [belt](#).

The investigation into whether U.S. Marines tried to cover up the Haditha killings was delivered yesterday to a top military commander in Iraq. According to a spokeswoman, Army Lt. Gen. Peter Chiarelli will "thoroughly review the voluminous report as quickly as possible." An unnamed official tells the *LAT* that, according to the report, there was no [deliberate](#) plot to hide the events but that Marine officers failed to demand "a thorough explanation" of what exactly took place in Haditha.

The report, which could be publicly released as early as next week, has put the administration in a [difficult position](#), says the *WSJ*. Although the White House is receiving pressures to condemn the killings, they say they cannot comment and risk influencing the investigation and any trials that might take place. Meanwhile, the *NYT* fronts a good overview piece that chronologically goes through what is already known about the events in [Haditha](#), including the discrepancies between different versions of what exactly happened on Nov. 19, 2005.

All the papers mention that Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said his government is seriously considering the proposal to continue negotiations over his country's [nuclear](#) programs and he characterized it as a "step forward."

The *NYT* goes inside with news that the Bush administration will support a proposal put forward by the European Union to transfer badly needed money to some Palestinians through the [World Bank](#). Although the details still need to be worked out, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said they are close to reaching a "substantial agreement."

The *LAT* fronts a look into the [Red Cross International Tracing Service](#) that houses approximately 50 million documents from the Nazi concentration and slave labor camps. In April, Germany agreed to open the files, which had been under restricted access because of privacy concerns. The Nazis were meticulous in their paperwork and some hope that the opening of the files can give the world a better understanding of life inside the camps.

Everybody mentions the House voted to remove Rep. William J. Jefferson, D-La., from the powerful [Ways and Means Committee](#). Jefferson is currently under federal investigation for bribery. This is apparently the first time such a harsh step has been taken against a member who has not been charged with a crime. The Congressional Black Caucus opposed the move and said Jefferson was being

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unfairly punished.

All the papers go inside with a report issued by the Department of Homeland Security that says the majority of states and cities are [not prepared](#) for a disaster. DHS called on cities and states to carry out a "fundamental modernization" of their plans.

The *WP* and *LAT* front [dispatches](#) from Mogadishu, Somalia where violence has stopped and residents seem to be relieved they can once again walk around the streets without carrying guns. Although some fear the Islamic militia that took control of the city could turn Somalia into a fundamentalist state and a haven for terrorists, that concern seems to be taking a backseat at the moment for the city's residents.

Almost 40 years after the Beatles recorded "When I'm Sixty-Four," the *NYT* points out that [Paul McCartney](#), who wrote the song, is turning 64 on Sunday.

Cristal [no longer] forever ... Rapper and record executive Jay-Z has vowed to [boycott](#) Cristal, according to an AP story published inside the *Post*. The move comes after Frederic Rouzaud, the managing director of the company that produces the famous champagne, said in an interview that his firm views the attention from rappers with "curiosity and serenity." When asked if he thought this association could be detrimental to the company, the executive replied: "That's a good question, but what can we do? We can't forbid people from buying it." Jay-Z called the comments racist, vowed to stop mentioning the champagne, and said he will no longer sell it in his chain of sports lounges.

Daniel Politi is a writer living in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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Today: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could be severe. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 83. South wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Tonight: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 73. South wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Sunday: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 90. Heat index values as high as 99. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Sunday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 72. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 91. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 71. South southeast wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 90. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 92. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 72.

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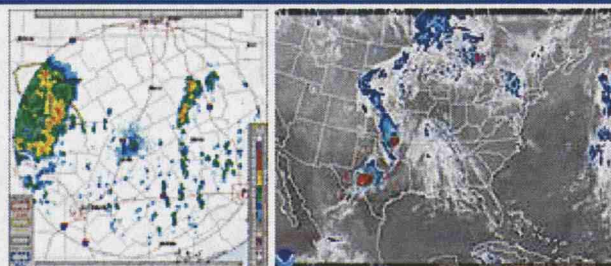
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Partly Cloudy

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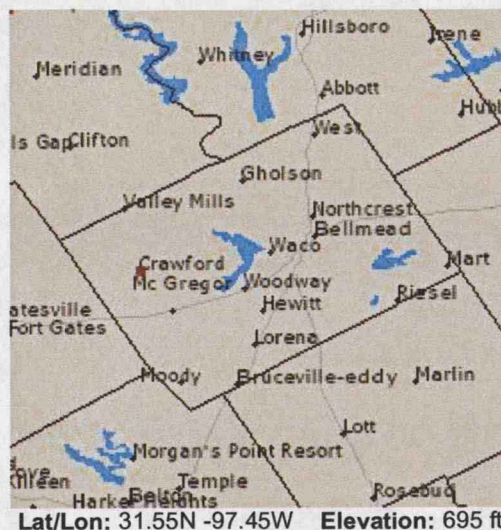
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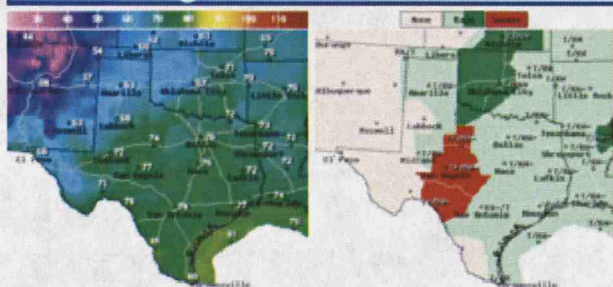
Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 93.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 73.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 94.



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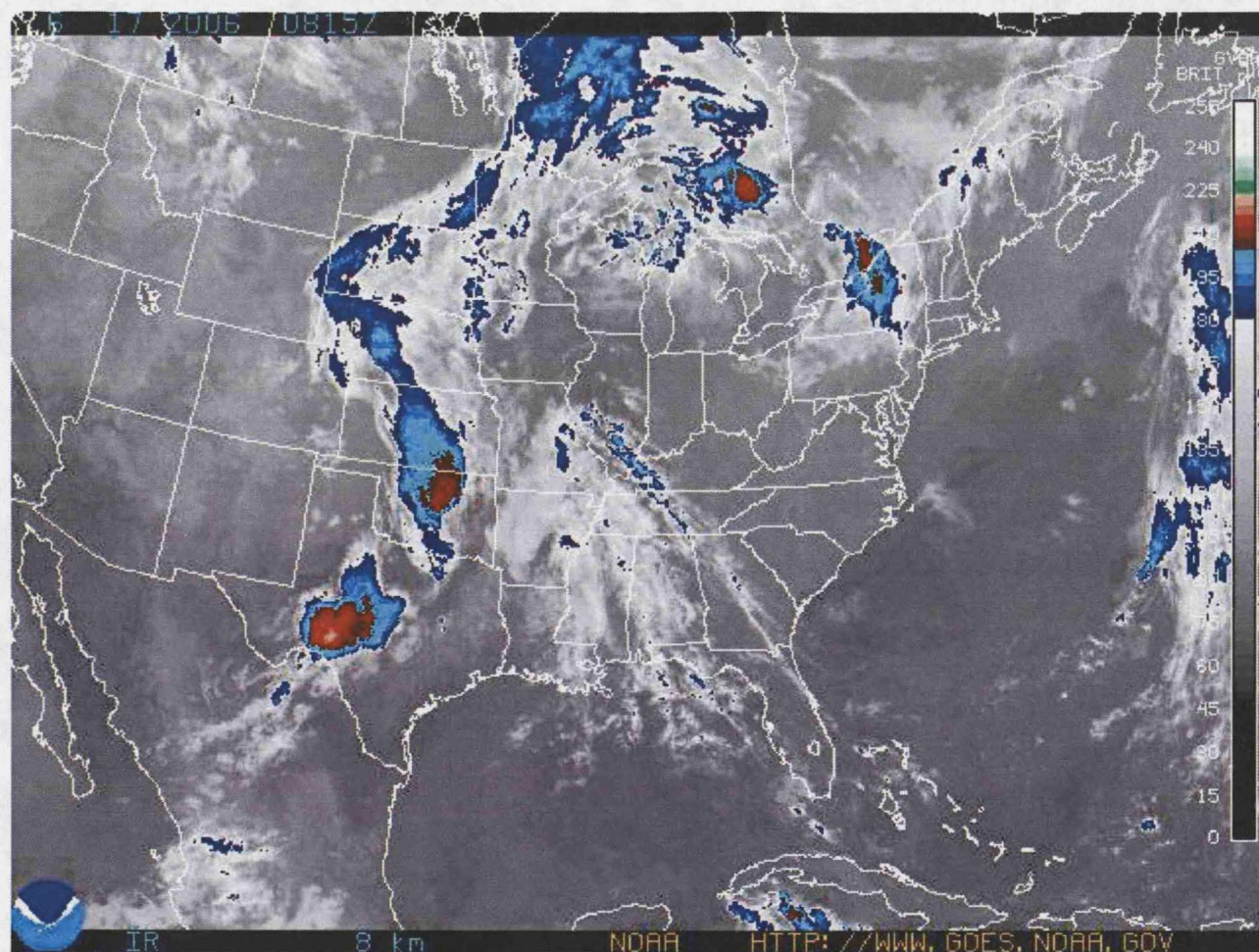
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Forecast at a Glance

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
								
Sunny	Clear	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Slight Chc Tstms	Slight Chc Tstms	Chance Tstms	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
Hi 91°F	Lo 70°F	Hi 92°F	Lo 71°F	Hi 89°F	Lo 70°F	Hi 88°F	Lo 69°F	Hi 89°F

Detailed 7-day Forecast

Today: Sunny, with a high around 91. South wind between 5 and 13 mph.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 70. South wind between 7 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. South wind between 3 and 9 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 71. South wind between 8 and 10 mph.

Monday: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Partly cloudy, with a high around 89. Southwest wind between 7 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Monday Night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Tuesday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 88. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 70.

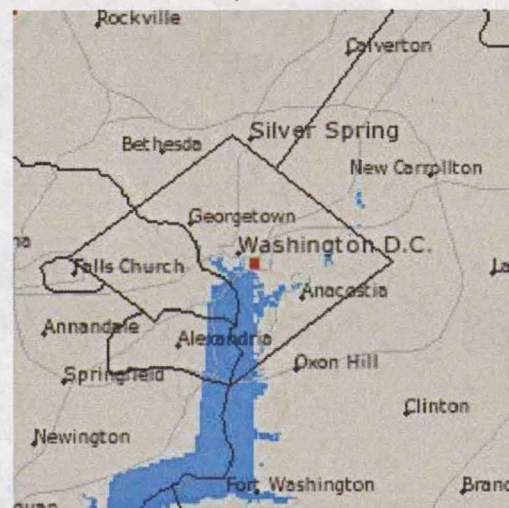
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 90.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 70.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87.

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Fair**66°F
(19°C)**

Humidity: 65 %

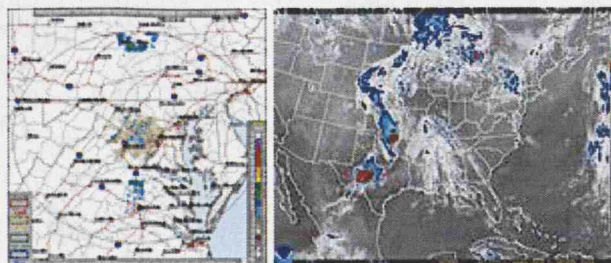
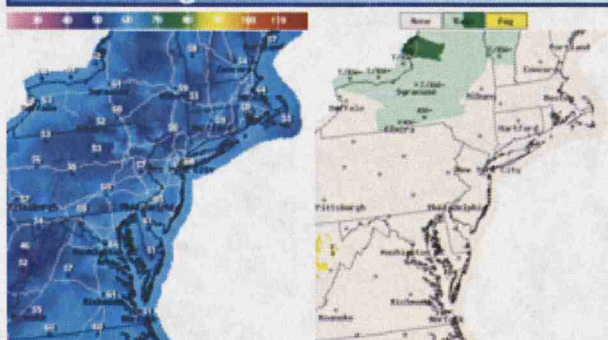
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Knocks Off

By Eric Umansky

Posted Friday, June 16, 2006, at 3:32 AM ET

[USA Today](#) leads with and [others front](#) the Supreme Court's 5-4 decision that prosecutors [don't have to exclude evidence that police got via unconstitutional searches](#) where they didn't knock before entering a home. The [New York Times](#), [Wall Street Journal's](#) world-wide newsbox, [Los Angeles Times](#), and [Washington Post](#) all lead with the [full-throated Iraq debates](#) in the House and Senate that centered around, at least in the House's case, a basically bogus bill.

As the *Post* puts it, the Supremes' decision "[broke with the court's modern tradition](#) of enforcing constitutional limitations on police investigations" by excluding illegally obtained evidence. *USAT* says the decision "[undercuts a nearly century-old rule](#)."

Justice Scalia wrote the majority opinion and said the "social cost" of potentially letting criminals go free was too high a price to pay for the oh-so-silly "right not to be intruded upon in one's nightclothes." Instead, he suggested no-knock searches be dealt with through lawsuits and administrative punishments.

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Justice Breyer was not impressed. "The majority's 'substantial social costs' argument is an argument against the Fourth Amendment's exclusionary principle itself," he wrote in dissent. "And it is an argument that this Court, until now, has consistently rejected."

Everybody notes that former Justice O'Connor was still on the clock when the case was first argued, and she worried about respecting the "the sanctity of the home." The justices were deadlocked after she left. So, the case was reargued last month. That's when newbie Justice Alito sided with the now-majority.

Given the significance of the SCOTUS switcheroo—and the Kabuki-ness of the congressional debates—TP is surprised only *USAT* leads with the former. More surprising: The *NYT* doesn't even front it. In about a month, or even a week, which will look like the more significant story?

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The House and Senate war debates were, as the *Post* puts it, "[carefully engineered by the Republicans in charge](#)." There was real debate; what there wasn't was the possibility of any substantive upshot.

The Senate bill—actually based on a resolution by Sen. Kerry—called for troops to leave Iraq by the end of the year. It was tabled by a vote of 93 to 6. The House resolution, which hasn't been voted on yet, inveighs against an "arbitrary date for withdrawal."

"Many, but not all, on the other side of the aisle lack the will to win," said Republican Rep. Charlie Norwood of Georgia. "The American people need to know precisely who they are. [It is time to stand up and vote. Is it Al Qaeda, or is it America?](#)"

The House is scheduled to vote on the resolution today. Neither it nor the Senate one can be amended.

The *WP* fronts an interview with Iraq's deputy justice minister, who said the [country's jails are virtually controlled by Shiite militiamen](#) who torture and execute Sunnis. "Our jails are infiltrated by the militias from top to bottom, from Basra to Baghdad," he said. The official asked the U.S. to *not* transfer prisoners from American to Iraqi control. "You can't even talk to the militias, because they are the government," he said. "They have ministers on their side." The official is Kurdish and isn't part of the Interior Ministry, where the militias are running free.

The *NYT* alone fronts American [officials saying they've ID'd Zargawi's successor](#), Abu Ayyub al-Masri, an Egyptian who, and this could be key, is supposedly tight with fellow Egyptian and al-Qaida No. 2 man, Ayman al-Zawahiri. If that's all true, it could be a harbinger of a bigger change for foreign jihadists in Iraq. As the *NYT* notes, in a letter last year, Zawahiri castigated Zargawi for going after Shiites.

But there's still the "if it's true" part. One well-regarded—and widely quoted—counterterrorism researcher said the [Pentagon may have ID'd the wrong guy](#); he spoke with some government analysts who agree.

Meanwhile, the *New York Sun* reported two days ago that U.S. commanders had [recently concluded that Zargawi's influence was waning](#) (though of course that could have been part of the recent PR effort to knock him down).

The *Post* stuffs word that Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki [backed away from talk of an amnesty](#) for insurgents who've attacked U.S. troops. Maliki accepted the resignation of the aide who had floated the idea. A second aide, though, seemed to suggest it was still on the table. Yesterday's *WP* led with the [proposed amnesty](#).

USAT fronts the tens of thousands of low-income seniors who, forced to change from Medicaid to Medicare under the new drug plan, are still facing a monthlong gap in coverage.

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away from day-to-day involvement in Microsoft by July 2008.

The *NYT*'s op-ed page has the latest installment of the "[The State of Iraq](#)," which lists assorted indicators for the country. "There's ways to determine whether or not this government's plans are succeeding," said President Bush the other day. "We agree," said the op-ed authors. "Unfortunately, according to [our latest tally of metrics](#) (compiled from a variety of government and news media sources), Iraq has a long way to go. ... Overall, it is increasingly hard to describe Iraq as a glass half-full." In fairness, the metrics can't account for the latest news: Zarqawi, and probably more important, a new government.

Worst Headline of the Day Award ... Congrats to the *Journal*: "STUDIO HOPES HISPANICS FIND 'NACHO' TASTY."

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