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FOR HOSTING THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS AUG 01 06 --
LETTER FROM ...**

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¿Adios Andrés?

By Eric Umansky

Posted Friday, July 7, 2006, at 3:07 AM ET

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7/7/06

The Los Angeles Times and Washington Post lead with the official results in Mexico showing conservative Felipe Calderón eking out a win by half a percent. Lefty Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador says *he's* the winner and says he's going to court to get a full recount. The New York Times leads with New York's top court ruling that there is no right to gay marriage. The court said the state's definition of marriage is indeed limited to the union of a man and a woman, and what's more, having a mommy and a daddy is good for children. Also yesterday, Georgia's Supreme Court reinstated a ban on gay marriage. The Wall Street Journal tops its world-wide newssheet with China and now South Korea saying they're not interested in getting tough with Pyongyang, thank you. USA Today leads with a heart-warmer noting that applications to service organizations such as the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps have gone way up the past few years. (Not mentioned: The White House has proposed to close down part of AmeriCorps.)

Citing "witnesses and news reports," the LAT says recounts at some polling stations have indeed found "significant discrepancies between the polling sheet reports and the ballots inside." On the other hand, Mexico's independent elections agency is well-regarded. Obrador is going to take his beefs to a special elections court which has the power to order a recount or even a revote. Obrador, who was demonized by his opponent as a firebrand lefty, has also called for a big public protest tomorrow in the capital.

The WP and NYT front heavy fighting in northern Gaza as Israeli armor and troops pushed into populated areas. One Israeli soldier and about 20 Palestinians—mostly militants—were killed. Israel said it's creating a buffer zone to try to stop rocket attacks.

The Palestinian Interior Minister—a Hamas guy—call on security forces to counter Israel's offensive. The Post calls it "effectively...a declaration of war."

The NYT fronts an interview with a man—a fundamentalist Muslim—who was taken off the streets of Tanzania three years ago and "rendered" to a secret U.S. jail in Afghanistan where he says guards "suspended me by my arms and attached my feet to the floor. They beat me and threw cold water on me, spat at me and sometimes gave me dirty water to drink." He was held at a "dark prison" and his recollections jibe with what of others who've been held there. "The American man told me I would die there," he said. Sixteen months after he was taken he was released without charges or an explanation.

The WP fronts Russia pushing domestic radio stations to dump U.S.-funded Voice of America and Radio Liberty, which happen to offer a bit of independent journalism.

In a NYT op-ed, former Clinton State Department flack Jamie Rubin says Democrats should stop talking about sending the troops home and instead "should call for transferring forces and resources from Iraq to Afghanistan." That way "Democrats can avoid the trap of allowing Republicans to claim they are weak." Plus, it's actually good policy: "American forces are no longer the crucial factor in stabilizing Iraq. That will come only through politics, when Shiites and Sunnis commit to sharing power. But in Afghanistan, our efforts could still be decisive."

The NYT reviews President Bush's tetchy interview with the "least contentious journalist in the land."

The LAT fronts, Journal flags, and NYT briefly mentions a study concluding toastier temperatures in the western U.S. are fueling a big uptick in forest fires. "I see this as one of the first big indicators of climate

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change impacts in the continental United States," said one of the researchers.

Thankfully, President Bush is on the case: "I think we have a problem on global warming," he boldly told *People*. "I think there is a debate about whether it's caused by mankind or whether it's caused naturally, but it's a worthy debate. It's a debate, actually, that I'm in the process of solving by advancing new technologies."

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Special Olympics

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

7/28/06

July 21, 2006

The President and Mrs. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington DC 20500

*Please send to
Mrs. Bush
done 8-7-06*

Dear President and Mrs. Bush,

What a glorious evening you hosted to honor all the dedicated, hopeful, and loving human beings around the world with intellectual disabilities who so deserve the chance to be welcomed and recognized. I know you receive requests by the thousands for your time and hospitality, so I am extremely grateful that you chose to pay tribute to Special Olympics and to do so on my birthday! Both Sargent and I had a wonderful time. I will never be able to describe fully the honor of being with both of you in the home that is the center of our nation's life. I am forever grateful.

Thousands of parents, special persons, and I thank you for honoring Special Olympics. When our world speaks of change, you both will be honored for being part of that significant connection in human relationships that offer hope and peace.

In the months and years ahead, I hope to continue to work on behalf of people with intellectual disabilities, both at home and around the world. As I do so, I will not fail to mention your extraordinary leadership and the example you have set for leaders everywhere. Our special friends, parents, and volunteers will be forever grateful for the way in which you have been champions of hope and justice for all people.

Sincerely,

*and with enormous
gratitude.*

Eunice

Eunice Kennedy Shriver

cc: Staff Secy.

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FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: July 26, 2006

TO: Joshua B. Bolton
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FROM: Eunice Kennedy Shriver

FAX NUMBER: 202-624-9450

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 202-824-0244

RE: Letter to the President

Number of Pages (Including Cover Sheet): 2

Please share with the President. The original letter will follow via regular mail.

Sandra Andrus Normant

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7/29/06

✓ Please send to
Mrs. Bush
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SLA

July 20, 2006

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Bush.

Thank you, both, so very much for the beautiful dinner last Tuesday evening. It was a magnificent tribute to the Cardinal and the Archbishops. and a great gift for those of us who were included.

There are difficult times and

I would like to thank you for
your moral leadership and the
sacrifices you are making for
the people of this country. You are
both held in very high esteem,
by me, and so many others.
My family and I will continue
to keep you in our prayers -

Sincerely,

Sandy N. Muntue

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Welcome, Mr. President,
we are delighted to have
you back in Miami and
wish you a restful stay.

Respectfully,


Ignacio Gomez-Tobar
Regional Vice President
and General Manager

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THE WHITE HOUSE

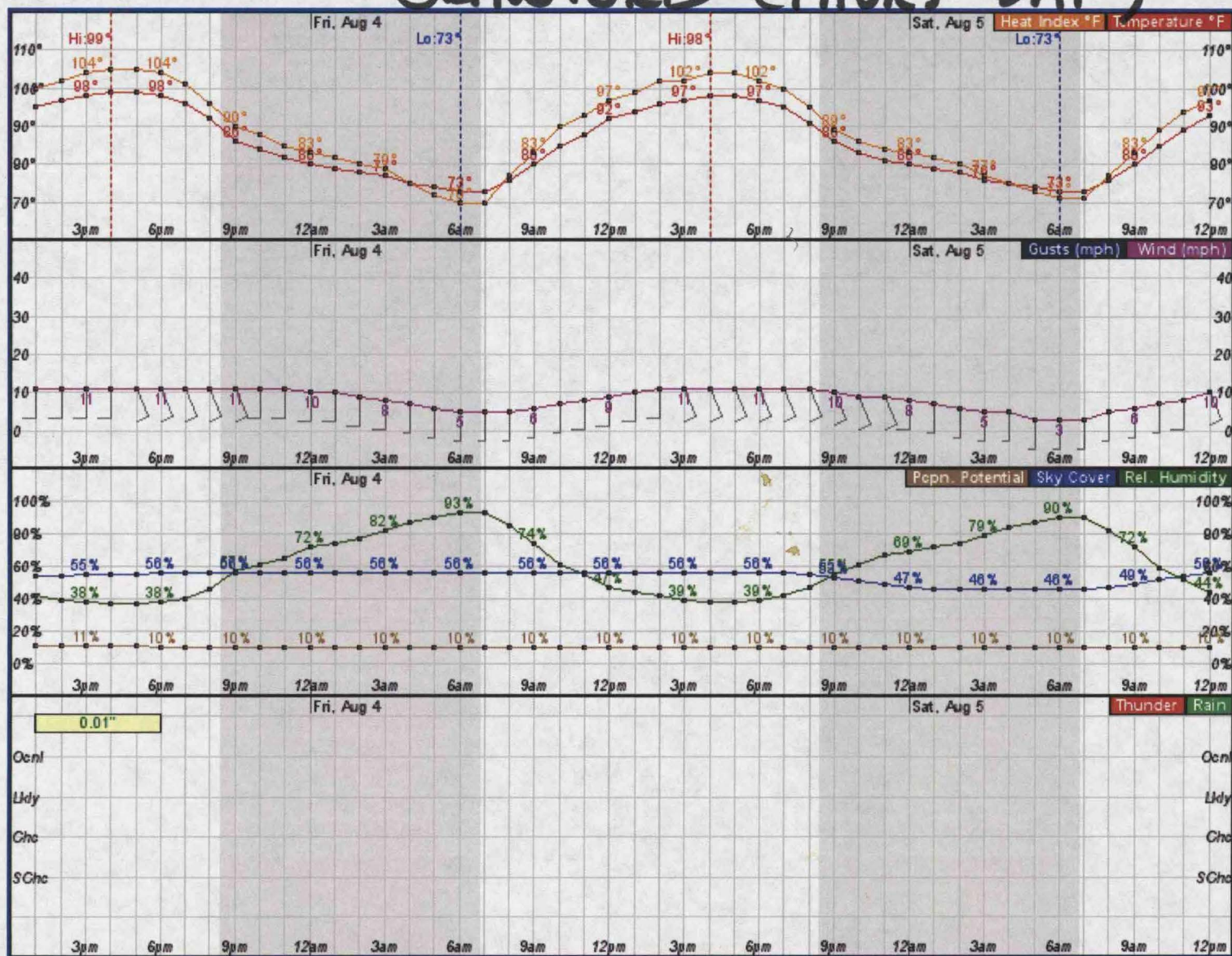
TOUR OF PORT OF MIAMI

- For providing tour, thanks to: Admiral Thad Allen; Tom Winkowski, Dir. of Field Ops, CPB; Jesus Torres, Special Agent In-Charge, ICE; Bill Johnson, Acting Seaport Dir., Port of Miami.
- For transportation on the Cutter Gannet, thanks to: Rear Admiral David Kunkel; Senior Chief Mark Mello; the crew of ship.
- Port security improved since 9/11
- 07 Budget provides over \$2 billion for port security. Provided nearly \$25 million for Port of Miami security since 9/11. Used to purchase patrol boats, surveillance equipment; physical enhancements to port.
- By end of 06, 80% of all containers entering our seaports will be screened by radiation detectors. By the end of 07, we project that figure will increase to 98%.

CRAWFORD (THURS-SAT)

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.8/1/06

**Thursday, August 3 at 6pm**

Temperature: 98°F Heat Index: 104°F Wind: SSE 11mph
 Precipitation Potential: 10% Sky Cover: 56% Relative Humidity: 38%
 Rain: <10% Thunder: <10%

5 DAY WEATHER FORECAST
PROVIDED BY THE JOINT PRESIDENTIAL WEATHER SUPPORT UNIT

Tuesday, 1 August 2006

WASHINGTON, DC

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Tuesday: Mostly sunny with haze. Winds southwest at 5 to 10 knots. Low 79°F. High 100°F.
Heat Index: 110°F.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny with haze. Winds southwest at 5 to 10 knots. Low 82°F. High 101°F.
Heat Index: 112°F.

Thursday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy with widely isolated overnight rain showers and thunderstorms. Winds southwest at 5 to 10 knots shifting north after sunset. Low 80°F. High 99°F.

Friday: Mostly cloudy with isolated afternoon rain showers and thunderstorms becoming partly cloudy overnight. Winds north at 5 to 10 knots. Low 77°F. High 91°F.

Saturday: Partly cloudy. Winds north at 4 to 8 knots. Low 74°F. High 89°F.

KIRTLAND HILLS, OHIO

Wednesday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy with isolated overnight rain showers and thunderstorms. Winds southwest at 10 to 15 knots. Low 76°F. High 95°F. **Heat Index: 103°F.**

McALLEN, TEXAS

Thursday: Partly cloudy with widely isolated afternoon thunderstorms. Winds southeast at 8 to 13 knots. Low 78°F. High 98°F.

CRAWFORD, TEXAS

Tuesday: Partly cloudy. Winds south at 10 to 15 knots gusting to 20 knots in the afternoon. Low 78°F. High 99°F. **Heat Index: 106°F.**

Wednesday: Mostly sunny. Winds south at 10 to 15 knots. Low 78°F. High 98°F. **Heat Index: 105°F.**

Thursday: Partly cloudy. Winds south at 8 to 12 knots. Low 77°F. High 97°F.

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today's papers **Fidel's Finale?**

By Eric Umansky

Posted Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2006, at 3:55 AM ET

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The [Los Angeles Times](#), [New York Times](#), [Wall Street Journal](#)'s world-wide newsbox, and [Washington Post](#) all lead with Israel's cabinet approving an expanded ground offensive while Prime Minister Olmert said, "There is no cease-fire. [There will not be any cease-fire in the coming days.](#)" [USA Today](#) fronts the war but leads with, and others front, the FDA [suggesting it now wants to approve the Plan B "morning-after" pill](#) for over-the-counter sales, as the FDA's own expert panel recommended three years ago. The agency didn't commit to the approval, but said it hoped to wrap it up "in a matter of weeks." No doubt coincidentally, the acting head of the FDA is scheduled for Senate confirmation hearings, oh, today.

Israel said it was limiting airstrikes to only support for ground troops and to "immediate threats" such as rocket launchers. And indeed, as the *LAT* puts it, ["airstrikes diminished considerably"](#) yesterday. The *Post* agrees. Meanwhile, the *NYT* glides past that point: "ISRAEL PUSHES ON DESPITE AGREEING TO AIRSTRIKE LULL." The *Times* gets to the slowdown in airstrikes in the 10th paragraph.

Everybody agrees [Hezbollah largely held its fire](#). No rockets hit Israel yesterday.

Some aid was able to make it into southern Lebanon, but—slowed by busted roads, the lack of fuel, and the still occasional airstrike—it wasn't a whole lot. "As the day unfolded we discovered that conditions weren't much different than they were before," [said](#) one aid worker. Lebanese officials also said the country is about two days away from [running out of fuel for its power plants](#).

The *WP* and *NYT* both visit Bint Jbeil, scene of last week's heaviest fighting. The *Post*'s Anthony Shadid describes the town center as "a forsaken [panorama of destruction and devastation, nothing untouched](#)." What's most haunting, though, is the accompanying [photograph](#).

Israel launched another apparently small thrust into Lebanon. The *NYT* notes that now nearly three weeks into the offensive "much of the fighting still took place within sight of the border."

As the *Journal* says, in Israel "the national mood is increasingly belligerent." And as the *LAT* notes, Olmert's "no-ceasefire" [comments were made in a particularly domestic context](#). He was speaking in front of a group of mayors from the north whose towns have been targeted by rockets. The mayors ["responded with rousing applause."](#)

The *WSJ* says the ["U.S. and Israel are diverging"](#) over how much longer to keep up the offensive. The *Post* meanwhile sees ["fissures"](#) between the U.S. and its European allies: The U.S. and France have floated competing Security Council resolutions on a ceasefire, with France pushing for an "immediate" one.

The *NYT* [mentions](#) that a top Israeli columnist criticized Israel's defense minister for "proudly [telling] how he relieved the army of restrictions on harming civilian population that lives alongside Hezbollah operatives." If that's true—that Israel military's rules of engagement have been loosened, TP would like to hear details.

As the *LAT* fronts—and others catch wire reports of—[Fidel Castro has "temporarily" handed power to his brother](#), Raul, after undergoing surgery. In a letter purportedly written by Fidel and read last night on Cuban TV, Castro's secretary said "a sharp intestinal crisis with sustained bleeding obligated me to

undergo a complicated surgical procedure."

Fidel said handing over power for now to his bro was the only wise path since Cuba, of course, is "under threat from the U.S. government." The 75-year-old Raul has long been the head of Cuba's military and [considered a shoe-in](#) as at least a short-term successor to Castro. (When Fidel fainted a few years ago, a top official quickly stepped up the podium and bellowed, "[Viva Fidel! Viva Raul!](#)")

The *NYT* reefers the [U.S. formally handing NATO command of coalition forces](#) in southern Afghanistan where the Taliban are centered. The *Times* says that in "anticipation of the transfer," the insurgency has kicked up its offensive. Eight people were killed by a car bomb in one province yesterday.

Twenty-six Iraqis in a popular shopping district in Baghdad were abducted yesterday, including workers from the Iraqi-American chamber of commerce, by what at least looked like Iraqi security forces. "They looked very professional," a shop-owner told the *LAT*. "We did not interfere," added one cop. "[We thought that they were security forces on a security mission.](#)"

The *NYT* [flags](#) Iraqi leaders inveighing against Israel's offensive, but the *Times* doesn't notice what might be the most foreboding comment: Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani railed against Israel, then said, in what sure seems to be a finger pointed at the U.S., "Islamic nations will not forgive the [entities that hinder a cease-fire.](#)"

The *WP* goes inside with two independent surveys showing most seniors are [actually happy with the Medicare drug benefit](#). "There have definitely been bumps in the road in the implementation of the law, but it hasn't been the catastrophe that critics had predicted," said the head of the foundation behind one of the surveys.

The *Post* fronts, "[HILL DEMOCRATS UNITE TO URGE BUSH TO BEGIN IRAQ PULLOUT.](#)" The new Page-One-worthy stance was detailed in a letter to President Bush from the House and Senate minority leaders and other top Democrats—a dozen total. They all agreed on...not a whole lot. As the *WP* notes, the letter had "no specifics about how many troops should be withdrawn or how rapidly." Turns out, it's basically the [same stance](#) most Senate Democrats took last month. Why again is it frontpage news?

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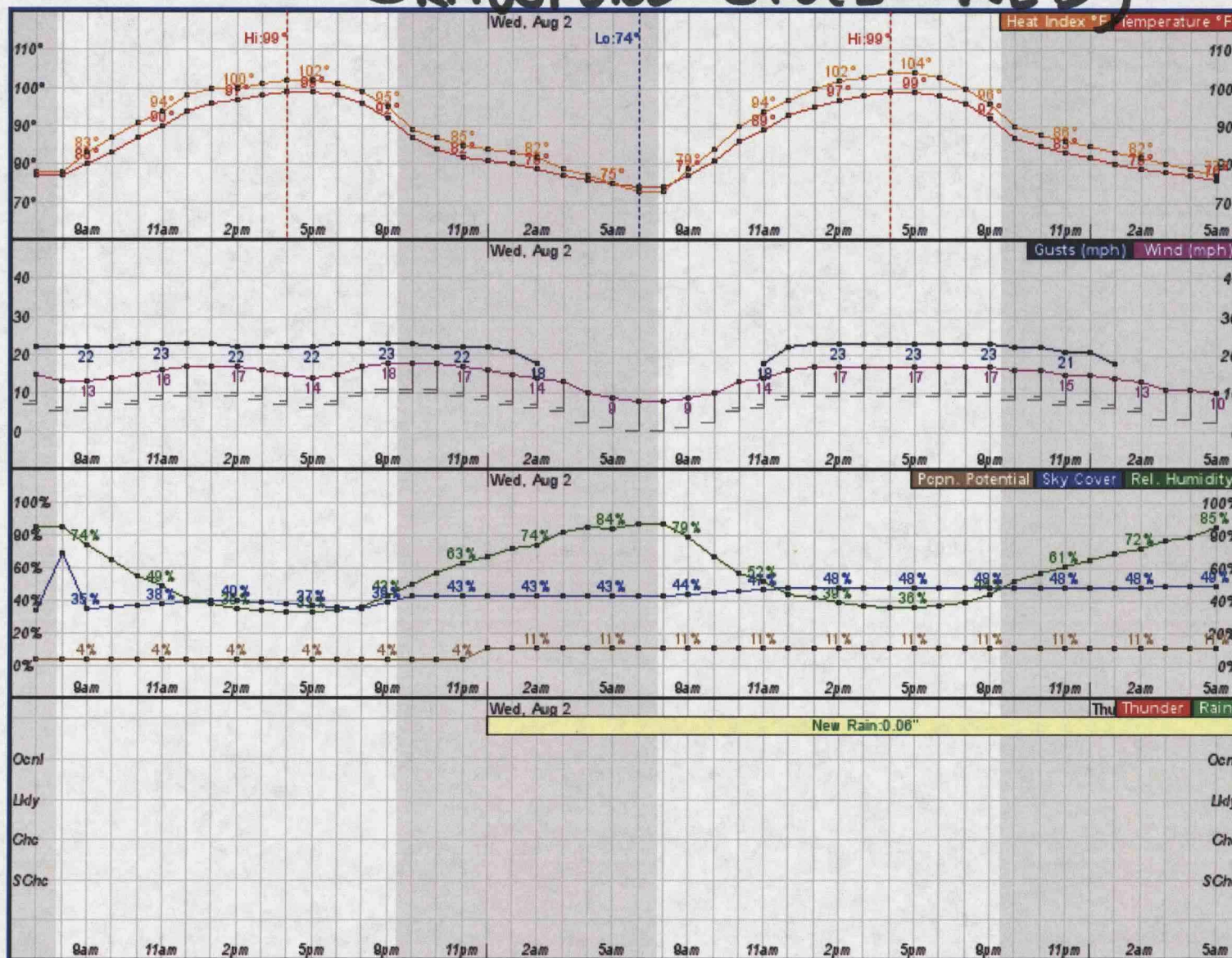
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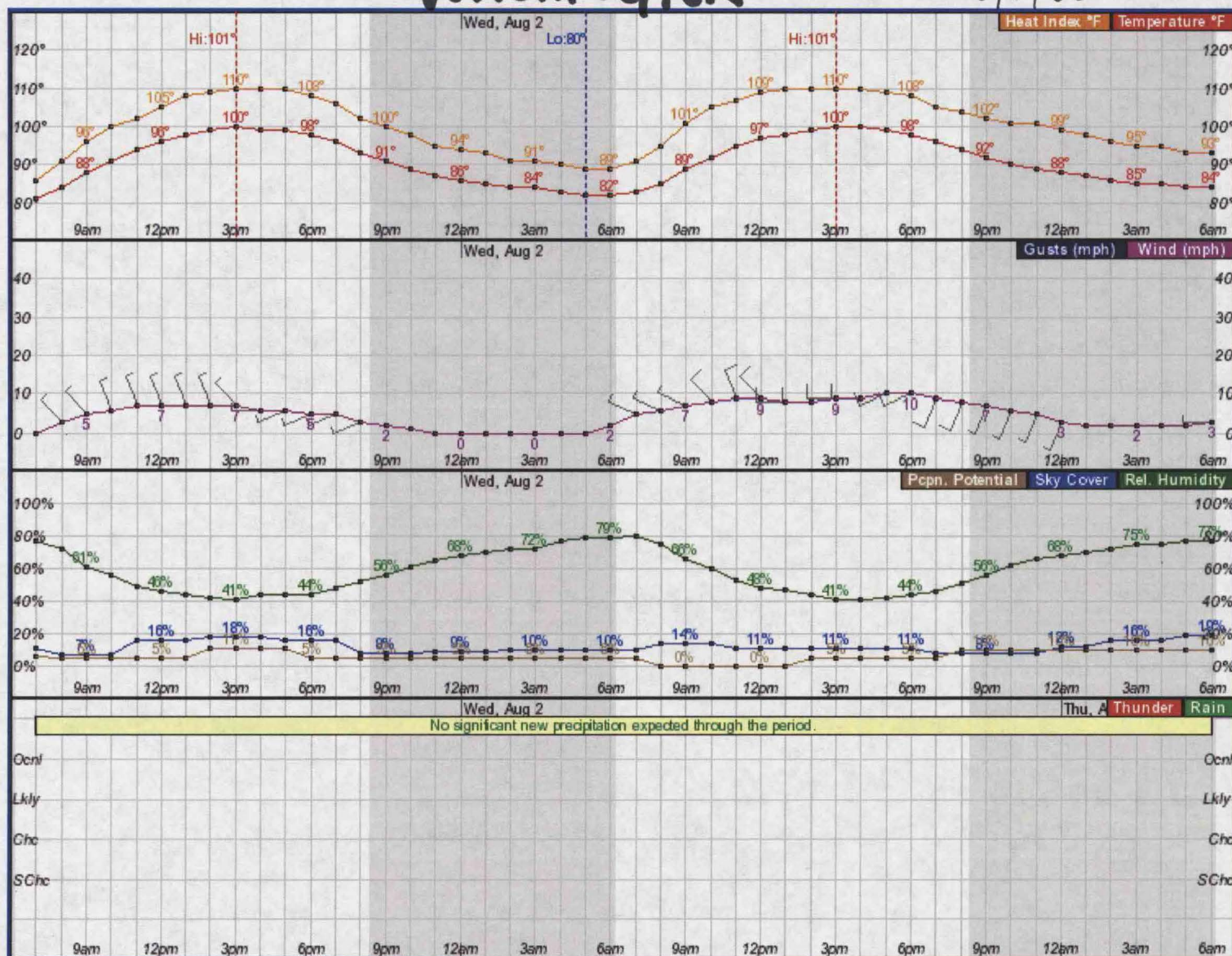
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WASHINGTON

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MARIA SHRIVER

July 13, 2006

President George Bush and First Lady Laura Bush
The White House
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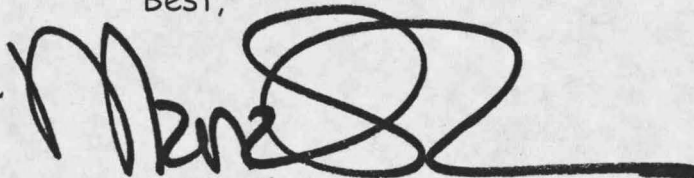
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Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Bush,

What a thrill it was to see my mother receive recognition for her work and to be honored by you both at the White House. It was an extraordinary evening for all of us, and such a great compliment to my mother. There is no greater honor than to be recognized by you for her work, and she was so full of pride and humbled by your generosity. You gave us all an evening that we will never forget, particularly one with so many distinguished guests.

Thank you once again for the kindness and graciousness you showed to us all and for making us feel so welcome in your great home.

Best,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maria Shriver'.

Maria Shriver

Please send
to Mrs. Bush
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THE WHITE HOUSE

08/22/06

**BRIEFING AT LAKE COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
AGENCY**

- Larry Greene, Executive Director, Lake County Emergency Management Agency (conducted the briefing)
- Jesse F. Munoz, Federal Coordinating Officer, FEMA
- Approved a major disaster declaration for the State of Ohio yesterday.
- Individuals and business owners affected by the flooding can rest assured the Federal government understands their needs.
- We are providing temporary housing assistance and helping to pay for home repairs.
- FEMA personnel are on the scene to assist in recovery efforts.
- The local first responders performed heroically.

ROBERT A. ANDERSON

(b)(6)

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8/2/06

original letter
given to
Mrs. Bush's
office

July 19, 2006

Dear Laura and George,

(b)(6)

I'm also so pleased and flattered that you have invited me to paint George's portrait for the National Portrait Gallery. Thank you for the gift of your confidence in my work. I'm not a Texan, but I have over thirty years of oil in my veins. I welcome this challenge and opportunity and look forward to working with you both as we prepare to get underway.

Margot and I visited the Gallery the day after the party and spent some time in the "America's Presidents" exhibition. I came away with some thoughts and questions pertinent to decisions we will have to make together. I don't know how easy this might be for you, but I would very much like to spend some time in the President's exhibition with both of you as a first step. There are, among others, issues of style and scale that are best addressed in the context and company of the other portraits. Is that possible?

I will be away until July 28, but can clear the decks after that. I look forward to hearing from you.

With thanks and warmest wishes,

Bob

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Strategic Economic Dialogue with China

Overview

We propose the establishment of a new high level Strategic Economic Dialogue with China to reflect the growing importance of our overall bilateral relationship. Economics, in its broadest sense, forms an underpinning of ties between our two countries and plays an increasing role in our national security interests. Positive economic relations with the United States are critical to China's ability to grow its economy. This dialogue will help us strategically approach our economic relations while creating areas of maximum leverage with China.

In addition to trade, finance and currency, the economic relationship is expanding to encompass issues such as China's role in economic development of Africa and Latin America, China's quest for natural resources, research and development, agriculture, transportation and health care. Current economic dialogues between the U.S. and China have been successful and include mechanisms for resolving the most pressing and immediate trade and economic issues. The efforts include the Joint Economic and Trade Commission, led by Commerce and USTR, the Joint Economic Commission, headed by Treasury, and the Health Care Forum, under HHS and Commerce. These mechanisms are in danger, however, of becoming siloed. The strategic economic dialogue would not seek to replace these efforts, but rather support them by providing a strategic framework to coordinate and tie them together.

Structure

To demonstrate the seriousness and commitment that both sides place on progress, the dialogue should be launched as a result of agreement between The Presidents of the United States and China. The Secretary of Treasury should be designated Co-Chair of the Dialogue, along with the Chinese Premier. The Secretary of Treasury will work closely with the NEC and NSC and Cabinet colleagues to coordinate existing economic exchanges under the framework and ensure that all efforts are effective and complementary to expanding the bilateral relationship.

We propose that the Secretary of Treasury announce this dialogue on his upcoming visit to China. Formal sessions of the Dialogue would be held at least twice annually in alternate countries, with the first meeting in Beijing. All the related U.S. Departments would be included in this dialogue.

Objectives

Strategic Economic Dialogue would:

- Provide a strategic framework to coordinate the way that we address our on-going economic initiatives to maximize our leverage.
- Biannual Forums and on-going discussions add a discipline to the process maintaining pressure for results and capitalizing on the top down nature of the Chinese system.
- Create leverage with China through expanding the current dialogue to develop new areas of economic cooperation which may be of interest to China.
- Establish with China a framework for addressing sensitive issues such as the resources in third world countries.

Given to
POUS by
Sec. Paulson(?)

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The UK Times

August 02, 2006

This is just the start of a showdown between the West and The Rest

Amir Taheri

MANY IN THE WEST see the mini-war between Israel and Hezbollah, now in its fourth week, as another episode in a tedious saga of an Arab-Jewish conflict that began with the creation of the state of Israel in 1948, a political version of the "original sin". The conventional wisdom in the West is that the whole tale would end if Israel were to return the occupied territories to the Palestinians, allowing them to create a state of their own.

But that analysis does not reflect the Middle East's new realities. All the wars in that region of the past century, including the one between Iran and Iraq in the 1980s, revolved around secular issues — border disputes, the control of territory and water resources, security and diplomatic relations. Although fought in the name of nationalism or pan-Arab aspirations, none had a messianic dimension.

The first two wars of the new century in the Middle East, however, were ideological ones. The United States toppled the Taleban in Afghanistan and the Saddamites in Iraq not in pursuit of territory but in the name of an idea: democracy.

Since 2001 the region has been turned into an ideological battleground between two rival camps with global ambitions. One camp, led by the United States, claims to represent the modern global system of open markets, free elections, religious freedoms and sexual equality. The other camp is represented by radical Islam, which regards the Western model as not only decadent but dangerous for the future of mankind. It hopes to unite the world under the banner of Islam, which it holds to be "The Only True Faith".

In the Lebanese conflict, Israel and Hezbollah are the junior proxies for the rival camps. Israel is not fighting to hold or win more land; nor is Hezbollah. But both realise that they cannot live in security and prosper as long as the other is in a position to threaten their existence. A Middle East dominated by Islamism could, in time, spell the death of Israel as a nation-state. A westernised, democratic Lebanon, on the other hand, could become the graveyard of Hezbollah and its messianic ideology. And if the US succeeds in fulfilling George W. Bush's promise of a "new Middle East" there will be no place for regimes such as the Islamic Republic in Iran and Syria's Baathist dictatorship.

The present rupture in Lebanon has much to do with who will lead the fightback against the West. For almost a quarter of a century there has been intense competition within the Islamist camp over who could claim leadership. For much of that period Sunni Salafist movements, backed by oil money, were in the ascendancy. They began to decline after the 9/11 attacks that deprived them of much of the support they received from Arab governments and charities. In the past five years Tehran has tried to seize the opportunity to advance its own leadership claims.

The problem, however, is that Iran is a Shia power and thus regarded by Sunni Salafists as "heretical". To compensate for that weakness, Iran's President, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has made the destruction of Israel a priority for his regime. The war triggered by Hezbollah is in part designed to show that President Ahmadinejad is not bluffing when he promises to wipe Israel off the map as the first step towards defeating the "infidel" West.

The broader aspects of the Lebanon crisis are better understood in the Middle East than in the West. For the first time, Israel is under attack from Islamist and Arab secular radicals as "an American proxy". Writing in Asharq Alawsat, a pan-Arab daily, a Syrian Cabinet minister, makes it clear that the war in Lebanon today is between "the forces of Islam and America, with Israel acting as an American proxy".

Iran's "supreme guide", Ali Khamenei, expressed a similar view this week during an audience he granted in Tehran to Hugo Chavez, the Venezuelan President. "What we see in Lebanon today represents the revolt of Muslim nations against America," he said. "Hezbollah is backed (by Iran and others) because it is fighting America." President Chávez endorsed that analysis by calling on Muslims and non-Muslim revolutionaries to unite to "save the human race by finishing the US Empire". Iran's state-controlled media has said that Lebanon would become "the graveyard of the Bush plan for a new Middle East".

Tehran believes that a victory for Hezbollah in Lebanon will strengthen President Ahmadinejad's bid for the leadership of radical Islam. A number of recent events have made his attempt to wrest control more likely. This week several leading Sunni theologians at the Al-Azhar seminary in Cairo issued fatwas that allow Sunnis to fight alongside and under the command of Shia Muslims. The fatwas came in response to a Saudi fatwa that had declared any association with and support for Hezbollah to be haram (forbidden).

More significant was a message from Ayman al-Zawahiri, al-Qaeda's number two. The Salafist radical tried to get hold of Hezbollah's tailcoats in the hope of winning a share of the expected spoils of victory. He endorsed the idea of a global campaign against the "infidel", thus abandoning his previous strategy of focusing the jihad on countries such as Afghanistan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Iraq. More significantly, he dropped the al-Qaeda claim of fighting a defensive war against the infidel by designating a vast area of jihad from Spain to India.

All that is good news for President Ahmadinejad, who claims that Sunni radicalism has reached the limits of its capabilities in the fight against the global system led by the US and that it is now the turn of the Shia, led by Iran, to be in the driving seat.

"Hezbollah has fought Israel longer than all the major Arab armies combined ever did," President Ahmadinejad told a crowd in Tehran this week. He also promised that Muslims would soon hear "very good news" about the jihad against the United States.

The idea of Shia leadership for the jihad was further boosted this year when Iran took Hamas under its wings. As a branch of the global Muslim Brotherhood movement, a Sunni outfit, Hamas has exerted its influence to win wider support for Iranian leadership at least as a tactical choice.

Many in the Middle East are alarmed by these shifts of power and dread the prospect of the region entering a new dark age under radical Islamist regimes. For this reason, there seems to be much less hostility towards Israel in the wider Arab world than we might expect in the West. There may be no sympathy for Israel as such but many Arabs realise that the current war is over something bigger than a Jewish state with a tiny territory of 10,000 square miles, less than 1 per cent of Saudi Arabia's land mass.

This war is one of many battles to be fought between those who wish to join the modern world, warts and all, and those who think they have an alternative. This is a war between the West and what one might describe as "The Rest", this time represented by radical Islamism. All the talk of a ceasefire, all the diplomatic gesticulations may ultimately mean little in what is an existential conflict.

8/2/06

today's papers

Ground Control

By Eric Umansky

Posted Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2006, at 3:29 AM ET

The papers all lead with Israel sending "[thousands](#)" of troops into Lebanon. There have been firefights in a half-dozen towns near border and Israeli commandos raided a town north of Beirut ([map](#)) and reportedly tried to snatch a top Hezbollah commander from a hospital.

The raid, which was in a Hezbollah stronghold in the Bekaa Valley, happened late last night, so the U.S. papers have few details. *Haaretz* says Israel captured [five or six low-level militants](#). Lebanese police said [about a dozen civilians were killed](#) in airstrikes connected to the raid. No Israeli soldiers were reported wounded.

Three Israeli soldiers were killed near the border and Hezbollah acknowledged a handful of fighters died yesterday. [Just eight rockets](#) landed in Israel yesterday.

The *New York Times* says "[up to 7,000 troops](#)" crossed into Lebanon. The *Los Angeles Times* counts "[as many as 10,000](#)" The *Washington Post* says there "could be more than 18,000" Israeli soldiers in Lebanon now, and citing "military officials" says the number "[could soon triple](#)."

The *LAT* gives a glimpse of Israel's latest strategy, saying some troops have [gone 12-miles in](#), past the strategic Litani River and "sped past settled areas...in a bid to prevent Hezbollah from bringing in new fighters and arms."

Israel said its 48-hour slowdown in air attacks is over, while the *LAT* says "humanitarian aid failed to reach many devastated Lebanese towns."

A U.N. spokesman said Israel had [tightened requirements for the travel of relief convoys](#). One convoy was cleared to head south. "They denied us the green light for the other convoys," said a U.N. spokesman. Israel did OK the delivery of fuel for Lebanon's power plants.

Secretary of State Rice said she sees a ceasefire coming in "[days, not weeks](#)." Except as the *NYT* puts it there's a "[widening gap between the European and the American positions](#)," with the White House wanting troops ASAP but saying any ceasefire [still has to wait](#) for a plan to disarm Hezbollah.

France has led the push for a ceasefire first and foremost, a position E.U. members yesterday endorsed. "Bush can say, 'Boys, let's go,' " one European official told the *NYT*. "[The only problem is that the boys are other countries' boys](#)."

The *NYT* notices that in Lebanon the war has had the effect of "[marginalizing the democratic forces](#)" while "empowering President Émil Lahoud, a staunch ally of Syria." The *WP* says the war has created a "national mood" in which speaking out against Hezbollah "[seems impolitic and unpatriotic](#)."

Everybody fronts the [confusion in Cuba](#), where another statement came out last night—again, purportedly written by Fidel—saying the surgery went, well, it went. "The most I can say is that the situation will remain stable for many days before a verdict can be given," said the statement. Castro's brother Raul, who Fidel reportedly handed power to "temporarily" has yet to make a public appearance.

The *LAT* announces, "CASTRO PRONOUNCES CONDITION STABLE." The story echoes that,

saying "[Castro proclaimed himself](#)" to be recovering. Of course, Castro didn't "proclaim" squat. A statement supposedly by him was read by somebody else. Sure, it could've been Castro's writing—or not. Does the *LAT* know something we don't?

The White House said it won't take a breather if Fidel is finally expired—it will still push for regime change. "We are actively working for change in Cuba," [said](#) President Bush, "not simply waiting for change."

If you haven't seen it yet, last week's *New Yorker* included a fascinating—and well-timed—piece on [Castro's twilight](#) and what might happen once he's gone.

Everybody goes inside with about 70 Iraqis killed—including about 45 soldiers in two big bombings. One Marine and one British soldier were also reported killed in separate attacks.

According to the A.P. about 45 Shiite were kidnapped from [buses near Ramadi](#) while trying to leave the country.

The *WP* files from Ramadi where the insurgency controls much of the town—there were 600 guerilla attacks in the past month—but GIs along with Iraqi troops are trying to take it back a bit at a time. A sign in the U.S.'s local HQ reads, "[Be polite, be professional, and have a plan to kill everyone you meet.](#)" The *Post* mentions far down that "every one of a dozen Ramadi residents interviewed" said they want GIs to leave the city.

The *Post* front and others go inside with a government auditors' report concluding that as the U.S. is preparing to hand over reconstruction responsibilities to Iraq, the [U.S. has no plan in place to do so](#). "The Iraqis are going to have to develop their own system," said the chief auditor. The *Journal* notices that corruption is so bad inside Iraq that U.S. officials said it constituted a "second insurgency."

[Three British soldiers were killed](#) in southern Afghanistan—one day after the U.S. handed NATO control for security in the region.

The *Post* says inside that [Pentagon officials seem to have lied to the 9/11 commission](#) about whether fighter planes scrambled in time to chase any of the hijacked planes. (They didn't: The military didn't even know about Flight 93 until after it crashed.) Some commission staff members were so ticked off about the whole thing they wanted to refer it to the Justice Department for potential prosecutions. "We to this day don't know why [the military] told us what they told us," said the Republican chair of the commission. "It was just so far from the truth."

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5 DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday, 2 August 2006

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Heat Index: 110°F.

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Heat Index: 109°F.

Friday: Mostly cloudy with isolated evening and overnight rain showers and thunderstorms. Winds north at 5 to 10 knots. Low 77°F. High 89°F.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Winds northeast at 4 to 8 knots shifting southeast after noon. Low 71°F. High 87°F.

Sunday: Mostly sunny. Winds southeast at 5 to 10 knots. Low 70°F. High 88°F.

KIRTLAND HILLS, OHIO

Wednesday: Mostly sunny becoming partly cloudy after noon. Winds southwest at 10 to 15 knots. Low 78°F. High 96°F. **Heat Index:** 106°F.

McALLEN, TEXAS

Thursday: Partly cloudy with widely isolated afternoon thunderstorms. Winds southeast at 10 to 15 knots. Low 77°F. High 97°F. **Heat Index:** 107°F.

CRAWFORD, TEXAS

Wednesday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly sunny after noon. Winds south at 10 to 15 knots. Low 77°F. High 98°F. **Heat Index:** 104°F.

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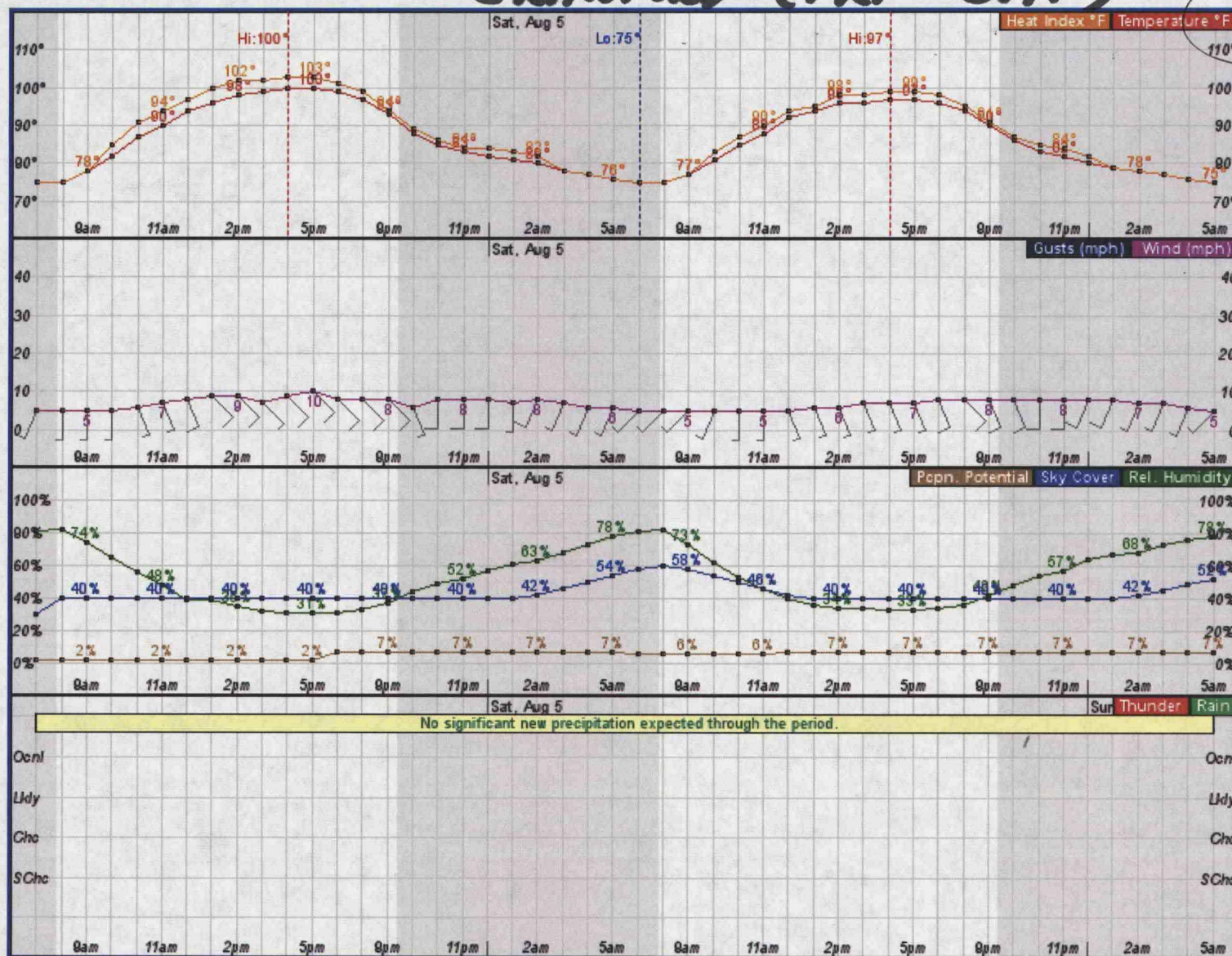
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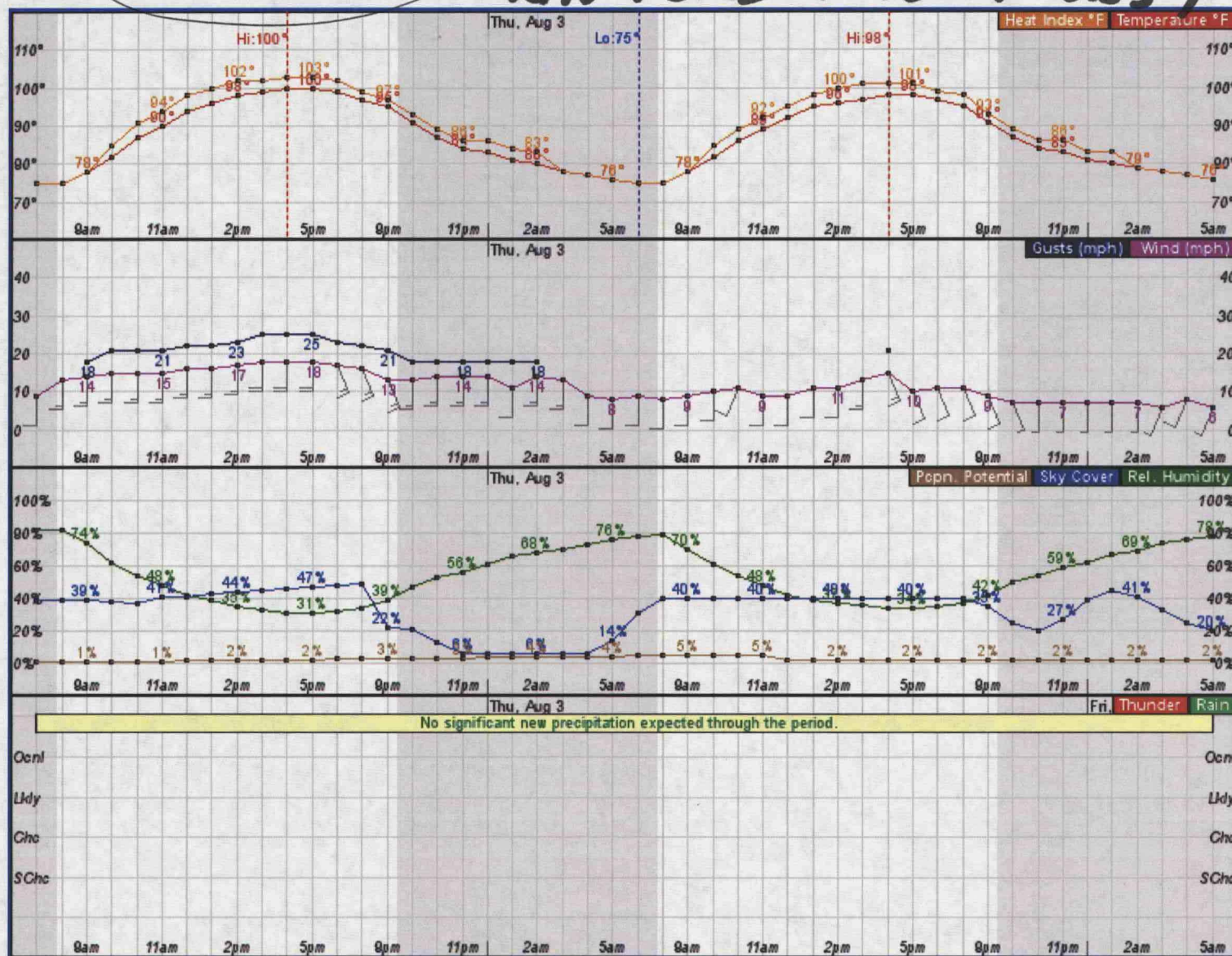
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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**BRIEFING AT LAKE COUNTY
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AGENCY**

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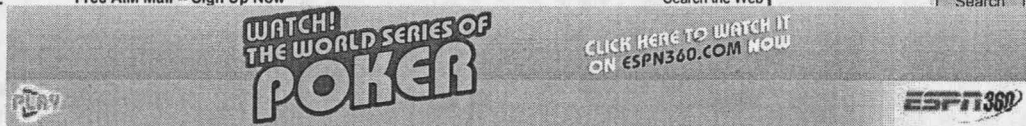
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For Williams College swimmer, leukemia is more water under the bridge

By JIMMY GOLEN

AP Sports

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass. (AP) - Lindsay Payne's scars are invisible when she swims, concealed by the water as she glides through an otherwise empty pool, the silence broken only by the splash of her flips.

There are no more college meets to train for, no team to train with. But Payne is in the water six days a week, two hours at a time, twice a day every other day, rebuilding the athlete's body that once was ravaged by cancer and chemotherapy.

Breaststroke. Backstroke. Crawl. Fly.

"She has a lot of drive," said Brad Brecher, a captain of the Williams men's swimming team. "You can see right now, Lindsay's trucking away and she's been doing it since spring break.

"It's different when you have a team to push you and share your misery. When you swim alone like this, there's a lot of time to think."

And plenty to think about.

The board on the pool wall struggles to keep up with Payne's records; three she set this year aren't even up there yet. But Mary Payne tracked her daughter's times and victories in a purple scrapbook she gave Lindsay as a graduation present, inscribing the cover with the team's rally cry: "Bring on the Payne."

"I try not to acknowledge it," Lindsay said, rolling her eyes in a post-adolescent, but good-natured, pique. "She can do whatever she wants."

Mary Payne has another scrapbook, this one a hospital white, three-ring binder stuffed full of medical handouts accumulated over Lindsay's two years in leukemia treatment. Tucked inside are the graphs Mary made to chart her daughter's blood counts; she realizes now - and probably did then, too - that it was busy work.

"That kind of record-keeping is more to the benefit of the parents," she said. "You feel so hopeless. This gives you something to do as you're sitting in the doctor's office."

The medical records are packed away in storage now, and mom's other scrapbook is likely destined for the back of a drawer with most of Lindsay's swimming prizes. She isn't much for personal victories; of all she's won, she keeps but two trophies on display in her room at home - both of them from team events.

On Sunday, though, Payne will accept an individual honor with pride: The Honda Inspiration Award recognizes an athlete who overcame adversity to excel at her sport, and Payne will be saluted at the Collegiate Women Sports Awards ceremony in New York.

Nancy Donaldson, a friend since third grade, heard about that the same way she heard Payne had leukemia: when Lindsay's mom told her mom.

"We never find out about any of her accomplishments except through her parents," she said. "She doesn't seek out that kind of attention."

In fact, Payne was reluctant to be nominated, relenting only in the hope that it would call attention to children's cancer research.

"It was such a huge chunk of her life, and who she became as a person because of it," said Anne Warren, another childhood friend. "It was important for her to let people know that after going through all that, it doesn't hold you back from anything."

Payne always has taken more pride in her team's performance than her own. So what worried her family after the North Carolina state swim meet in the summer of 1995 was not Lindsay's disappointing finish, but that she did not have the energy to stand and cheer for her teammates.

Must be the flu, her mother thought. Maybe mono.

Dr. Jerome Maisel saw the lethargic girl with little red dots around her waist and he knew right away. Her blood vessels, lacking platelets, were popping from the mere pressure of her underwear rubbing against her skin.

Not three hours later, Lindsay was hospitalized and, the next day, she was receiving chemotherapy for acute lymphocytic leukemia.

"The guy was really on target," Payne said.

Her parents remained positive, but the onslaught of cards, candy and flowers told their 12-year-old daughter something serious was afoot.

"I think I knew it was a big deal because they made a big deal about it," she said. "But I don't remember being that scared. In the beginning, I don't think I had any idea what I'd be in for two years."

Mary Payne remembers Lindsay's chances of survival at better than 50-50 - good odds for a Vegas casino, but a gamble no parent would take willingly.

"The last thing in the whole world I would have ever imagined," she said, "was that I'd be sitting at swim meets 10 years later and she would be winning national titles."

Lindsay went through intensive chemotherapy and radiation for the first 30 days to kill off the leukemia. To keep it from coming back, she went to Winston-Salem, N.C. - about 90 miles from her home in Charlotte - for a major chemo dose every three weeks.

"I didn't really deal with it when I was in treatment. I never talked to anybody," she said. "I just wanted to be a teenager."

She missed the first six weeks of seventh grade and, when she returned, missed more classes for chemo shots in the nurse's office. She was allowed to sleep through gym when she felt weak, but played soccer and basketball in short stints; competitive swimming would have to wait.

"She said, 'I was 12, I did what my parents told me,'" Mary Payne said. "I don't know if she was afraid, but she never expressed fear.

"We didn't want our fears to be the roadblock. We encouraged her to go back to school, to keep focusing on all the things she focused on before."

When her treatments ended, Payne went back to being 14. She kept her illness a secret when she climbed the Grand Tetons and went to sleepaway camp. She started swimming again, but her muscles essentially were starting from scratch.

Lindsay's friends at Charlotte Country Day organized a charity walk and met every week in a group they cheerfully called The Fluffy Clouds.

But she needed to get out.

"It's just," she paused, "I just felt like 'that girl.' Even though the rest of the kids were supportive. My hair started growing back. I wanted to go where people didn't know.

"Psychologically, I just wanted to go where that wasn't who I was."

For her sophomore year in high school, one year out of treatment, she decided to go to boarding school in Delaware. Mary Payne hadn't seen Lindsay break down when she was diagnosed with cancer or through chemotherapy, but when she wrote her friends to say she was leaving, she was crying.

"She just wanted to be Lindsay, and a swimmer, and she didn't want the whole cancer thing to be brought up," Mary Payne said. "In one sense, she was leaving the people that had been incredibly important. But she said, 'I want a fresh start, and I feel like if I stay in Charlotte, the focus will always be on my leukemia.'

"At that point, 15, all you want is to be one of the crowd. And there's nothing like leukemia to make you stick out."

If Payne wanted to blend in, swimming was a poor choice.

On the pool deck, her school-issue swimsuit strains to cover the scars from the spinal taps and the bone marrow harvest and the portacath she had installed to make it easier for the chemotherapy injections to find her veins. Sometimes, teammates or competitors would notice them and ask; other times they would whisper, many times, they already knew.

But it's inside the pool that she has been a true standout: Captain of the Williams swim team. Seven individual NCAA titles and four more in relays. Division III records in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard individual medley. Swimmer of the meet at the D-III national championships as a junior and again as a senior, when she won three events - all in record time - including an unprecedented fourth 100-yard breaststroke title. The 2004 Olympic trials in the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke.

Payne has created quite a splash at this small liberal arts school nestled in the northwestern corner of Massachusetts, better known outside the Berkshire hills for its top-rated academics than its athletics.

There are no athletic scholarships at Williams, no athletic dorms, no charter flights. "There is no Division IV," longtime football coach Dick Farley was fond of saying. "If you can't play here, you can't play anywhere."

But what the school lacks in moneymaking sports it reaps in softball and soccer and, yes, swimming. Retired Williams swimming coach Carl Samuelson, for whom the college pool is named, coached Payne in the summers on Long Island and sold her on the Purple Valley.

Current coach Steve Kuster knew Payne started swimming late and missed more than two years of training as a teen, but he liked her potential and still does.

"What she has done, had she been perfectly healthy all her life, is impressive," he said. "I've got to believe everyone has swum year-round more than she has. Based on that, you'd think there's still a lot of room there. That's what the next two years are about. She can really focus and see how she can improve."

Lindsay Payne lived 12 years ignoring cancer, two years making it go away and five years trying to forget about it again. Now she is ready to confront it.

Working with high school cancer survivors as an intern, as a guest at a local charity walk and now as the Inspiration Award winner, Payne is talking about the disease that stole two of her teenage years and almost dry-docked her swimming career.

"I think it took me a while to get where I was ready to deal with it," she said last month as she looked ahead to her graduation. "It took me some perspective and some time to figure out what place I want it to be in my life."

Six years after fleeing the Fluffy Clouds, she accepted an internship at the CureSearch National Childhood Cancer Foundation, bringing teenage cancer survivors to Washington to learn about the democratic process. The kids made a presentation to Congress, and made their point with Payne as well.

Payne found herself comparing treatments with the high schoolers. "Things like, 'Oh, you had that kind of needle,'" she said. "It was just so eye-opening being able to talk to them."

It worked both ways.

"She was an example of the survivor who could be healthy again, be athletic again," said Kelly Cotter, Payne's supervisor at CureSearch. "It was a learning experience for her to see how having cancer really doesn't end on the day that treatment ends. It's something that continues."

Payne is thinking about putting her experience to use in cancer research, or working with a cancer foundation, while she considers whether to give the Olympics another try in 2008.

Sometimes, she realizes now, being "that girl" isn't all bad.

"Being able to hear a story like Lindsay's that has a kind of optimism about your future, that's really what made her agree to this," Mary Payne said.

"I didn't have any of those stories. I know how wonderful it would have been if I could have told her: 'There was a story of a young girl who was just in your situation, and she's in college and a great swimmer.

"You can come back as strong - or stronger - than you ever were."

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July 18, 2006

The Honorable George W. Bush and Mrs. Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Bush,

It was a pleasure to attend the
Arrival Ceremony and dinner at the
White House in Honor of His Excellency
Junichiro Koizumi, Prime Minister of Japan.
It was special to be there and espec-
ially so to honor such a supportive
friend to America.

It was a lovely day, and we
enjoyed being with you for these
events. Thank you so much for
including us.

Very truly yours,

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Ward

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

MARK E. UDALL
2ND DISTRICT, COLORADO

June 30

Dear Mr. President

Thank you for your
acknowledgment of my
role in the House
action on the line

item veto. Now it's

on to the Senate.

I thought you would

appreciate my remarks

about R. Portman and

helmets in my home

town newspaper.

All the best

Mark

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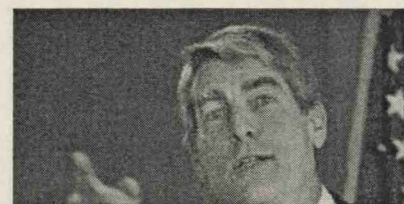
[FROM DC](#)



Udall keeps company with Bush

By Anne C. Mulkern

Washington – Rep. Mark Udall sat in a hotel ballroom Tuesday morning waiting for President Bush to arrive for a speech. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., arrived first, and issued an unusual



"What's a Democrat like you doing here?" McCain quipped to Udall.

But Mark Udall did stand out as one of the few Democrats at the event, where Bush talked about the need for a new-fangled presidential line-item veto.

Legislation granting that line item veto just passed the House, with Udall joining 33 other Democrats voting for it. Udall tried to get more Democrats on board last fall, he said, but party leaders said they weren't interested.

Dressed in a dark suit and brown cowboy boots, Udall said he supported the line item veto because of the need to cut spending.

"Fiscal responsibility has always been a watchword," he said. "It's important to Colorado voters. If that helps me win a statewide race, great."

The line item veto is not a veto so much as a chance for the president to highlight what he thinks is questionable spending. That often is in the form of what's called earmarks, narrowly tailored spending for one congressional district or one state, put into large spending bills usually at the last minute. The president could send those highlighted items back to Congress which then has to vote to approve it or not.

After the speech, Bush came over to the group of lawmakers that also included Rep. Marilyn Musgrave, R-Fort Morgan. Udall and Bush shook hands and Udall took the opportunity to indirectly remind Bush of his agreement that they go bike riding together.

During the speech Bush had praised his Director of Office of Management and Budget, Rob Portman, who apparently also rides bikes.

"I told him that given all the nice things he said about Rob Portman, that when we go mountain biking, Rob Portman ought to wear a helmet, but that he and I didn't need one because we're more dispensable than Rob Portman is."

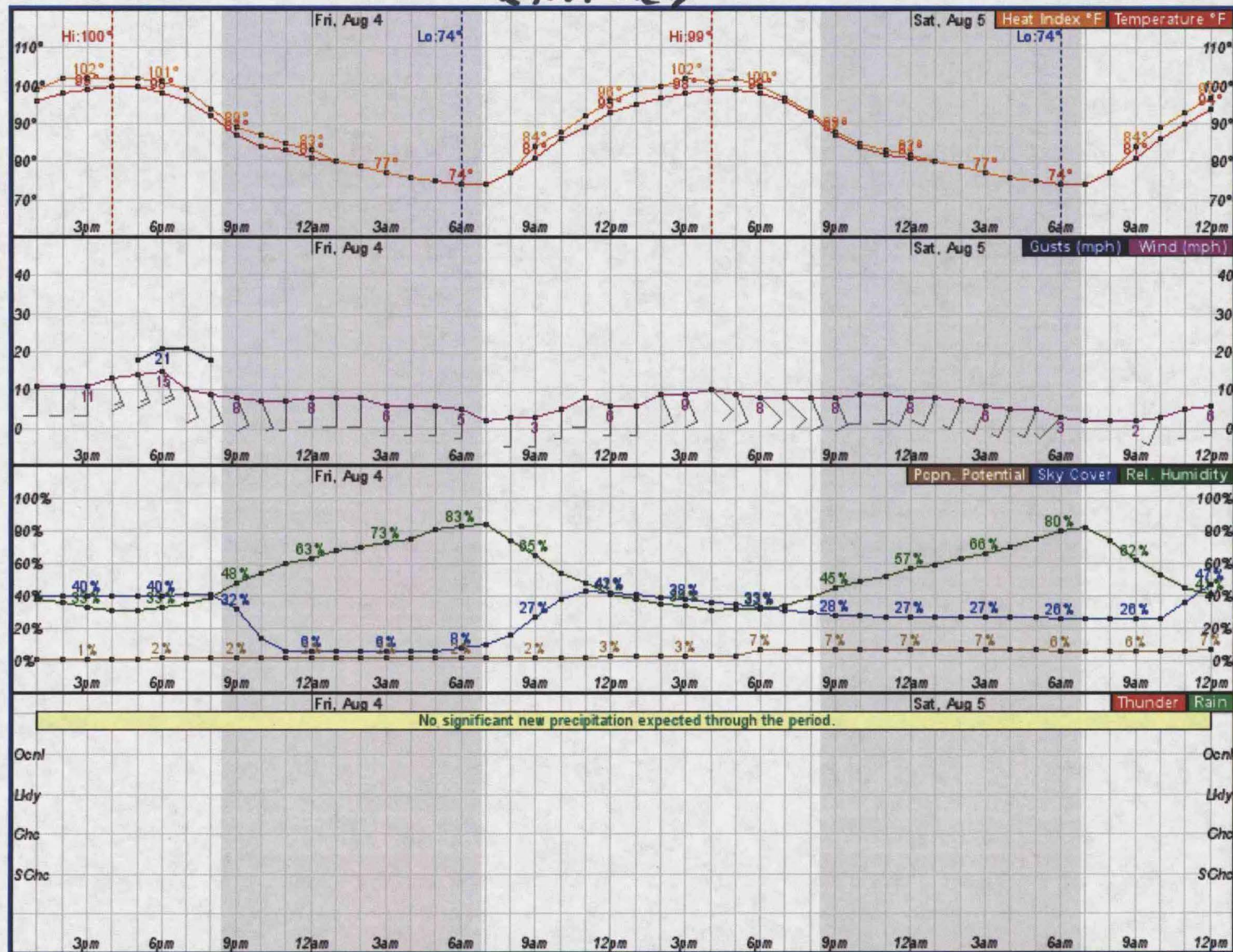
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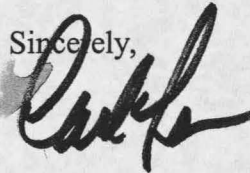
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Thank you so much for your thoughtful birthday
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It was good of you both to remember me.

All the best.

Sincerely,



Carl Levin

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The Leachman Family
Jimmy, Holly, Josh, Tucker
& Eugenia + Brad.

President Bush,
Happy Birthday!
May the LORD
continue to give you
His strength & His
wisdom as you lead
our country.
Blessings
& Prayers

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Happy Birthday
We are all so thankful

for you! May the LORD
bless you & keep you close to His
heart.

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By Eric Umansky

Posted Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006, at 3:36 AM ET

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The *Wall Street Journal's* world-wide newsbox and *New York Times* lead with the Mideast war, where [around 200 rockets hit Israel—a record](#). One person—an Israel-American man—was killed and about 20 people were wounded. One of the rockets landed inside the West Bank, the farthest distance yet. The *Los Angeles Times* leads with an [in-house poll](#) in which [just 13 percent of respondents](#) said the U.S. should push for an immediate ceasefire while forty-five percent said the U.S. should work "toward both sides accepting an international peacekeeping force." (TP isn't sure why those options were presented as mutually exclusive.) Most of the remaining respondents, 38 percent, said the U.S. simply shouldn't get involved. The *Washington Post* and *USA Today* lead with the East Coast's big heat wave. The temperature midnight Wednesday at New York's La Guardia airport was 92 degrees.

Israel continued its ground offensive, with one commander asserting that Israel controlled about a third of the land south of the Litani River. One Israeli soldier was reported killed.

The *WP* and *LAT* cite what seems to be the same "[Lebanese source](#)" saying about 200 Hezbollah guerillas have been killed overall. As for the rockets: "There is a big amount that was destroyed," [said](#) the source. "But there is a big amount that is still buried under the ground and difficult to get." Citing Lebanese "intelligence sources," the *LAT* says Israel has "[destroyed much of Hezbollah's infrastructure](#)," including military sites, social service offices and medical facilities."

One long-time Hezbollah expert was unimpressed, telling the *NYT*, "[The command structure of Hezbollah — show me one](#)." He added, "They don't work that way. There are three regional commands that have full autonomy. Their uniforms, their weapons are in a cave somewhere. They do their jobs and then they're home watching television."

The *Post's* Anthony Shadid hangs out with a few Hezbollah fighters near the border who [talked tough](#) and said they're winning.

The *NYT* says unnamed diplomats from the U.S. and Europe told the paper "they had [converged on a two-resolution approach](#)" to end the war. The *Times* says the first resolution would call for an immediate stop to fighting and would—in the *Times'* vague phrasing—"lay out a political framework for the future" while the second one resolution would authorize an international force.

But the *WP* says "[some key differences remained](#)," and points out that Lebanon's foreign minister says his government [might not agree to an international force](#). The *LAT* also waxes pessimistic, concluding that "[diplomacy continued to founder](#)": France, which is expected to lead whatever intervention force, is skipping a meeting meant to discuss the makeup of the force, saying there's no point in discussing that unless a ceasefire is on the way.

USAT fronts [complaints](#) from relief agencies that Israel isn't giving them enough access to southern Lebanon. "We, like most agencies, have supplies and staff backed up," said a rep for a Christian aid group.

Everybody has details on Israel's recent commando raid in the Bekaa Valley. The soldiers attacked [what had been a hospital](#) and, locals told the *Post*, Hezbollah had turned into a base. About 20 civilians were killed by airstrikes on nearby roads and villages.

Israel said it killed 10 guerillas in the raid and captured five low-level fighters. Asked whether any big fish were captured, Prime Minister Olmert said, "[They are tasty fishes.](#)" The *NYT* [files from the area](#) and says Israeli soldiers actually captured the men during a raid on a second town.

The *LAT* has a frontpage piece on an American brigade in Iraq where the commander appears to have issued an order during one operation to "[kill all military-age males](#)" who didn't immediately surrender. A few GIs in the unit are now facing charges for murdering some detainees during the operation. As the *NYT* stuffs, during a hearing yesterday other soldiers [testified to the kill orders](#). Meanwhile, the *LAT* emphasizes just how gung-ho the unit was. "Commanders encouraged soldiers to compete to rack up 'enemy' kills," recalled one soldier.

The *NYT* says a dozen Iraqis, mostly children, were killed by [two bombs that targeted a neighborhood soccer match](#) in a Shiite area of Baghdad. About 15 bodies were found elsewhere in the capital.

A frontpage *USAT* piece reminds that Congress has set some [particularly fuzzy accounting rules](#) and when more realistic number-crunching is done the federal deficit is—depending how you count it—twice the amount publicly reported or ten-times so.

The *WP* goes inside with the military's top uniformed lawyers saying in Senate hearings that the president's preferred [procedures for Gitmo tribunals stink](#). "The United States should be an example to the world," said the Army's top JAG. The *Post* declares it a "rare, open disagreement with civilian officials." (The mini-mutiny has been going on for a few weeks now—though TP doesn't recall it hitting the front pages.)

The *NYT* goes inside with another Senate hearing where Attorney General Gonzales pressed legislators to—as the *Times* politely puts it—"[refine](#)" [the definition of what constitutes a war crime](#). Last week, the *Post* was a bit clearer about the [goal of the lobbying](#). But the *Times* does include a fine exchange:

The differences between the administration and the Senate were most pronounced when Mr. McCain asked Mr. Gonzales whether statements obtained through "illegal and inhumane treatment" should be admissible.

Mr. Gonzales paused for almost a minute before responding.

"The concern that I would have about such a prohibition is, what does it mean?" he said.

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Thursday: Partly cloudy with widely isolated afternoon rain showers and thunderstorms. Winds southeast at 10 to 15 knots. Low 77°F. High 97°F. Heat Index: 106°F.

CRAWFORD, TEXAS

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Friday: Mostly sunny. Winds south at 8 to 12 knots. Low 74°F. High 100°F. Heat Index: 104°F.

Saturday: Partly cloudy. Winds southeast at 5 to 10 knots. Low 75°F. High 99°F.

Sunday: Partly cloudy with widely isolated evening and overnight rain showers and thunderstorms. Winds southeast at 5 to 10 knots. Low 75°F. High 97°F.

Monday: Mostly cloudy with isolated afternoon and evening rain showers and thunderstorms. Winds southeast at 3 to 8 knots. Low 74°F. High 96°F.

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Today: A chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly between 11am and 5pm. Mostly cloudy through mid morning, then becoming mostly sunny, with a high around 94. Heat index values as high as 100. North wind between 7 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. North wind between 10 and 13 mph becoming light.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high around 88. North wind around 8 mph becoming east.

Saturday Night: Clear, with a low near 70. East wind between 4 and 7 mph becoming calm.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. South wind between 3 and 11 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 74.

Monday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 92. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Monday Night: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 88.

Tuesday Night: Clear, with a low near 66.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 84.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 66.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 85.

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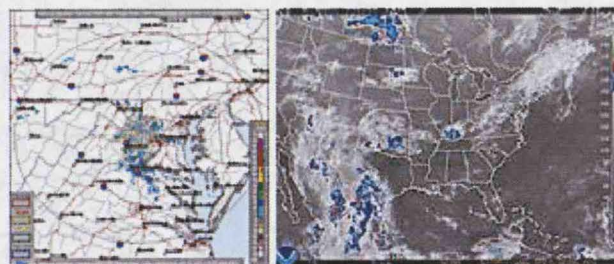
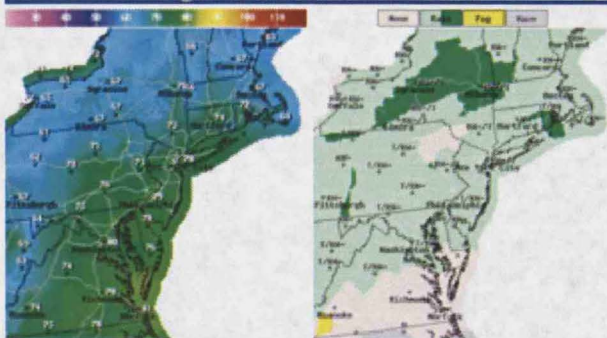
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Forecast at a Glance

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
Hot	Decreasing Clouds	Hot	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Chance Tstms	Slight Chc Tstms	Mostly Cloudy	Slight Chc Tstms
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Detailed 7-day Forecast

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Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 77. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

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Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 73. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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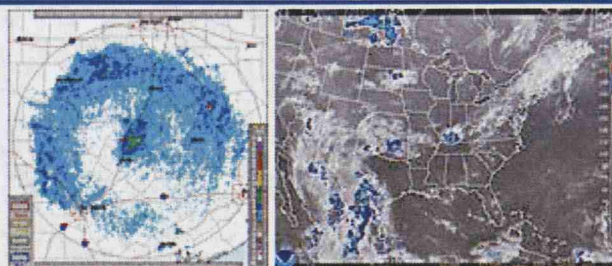
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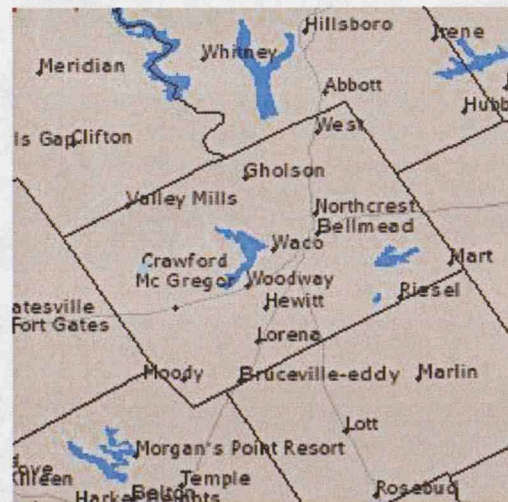


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Thursday: Partly cloudy and hot, with a high near 99.



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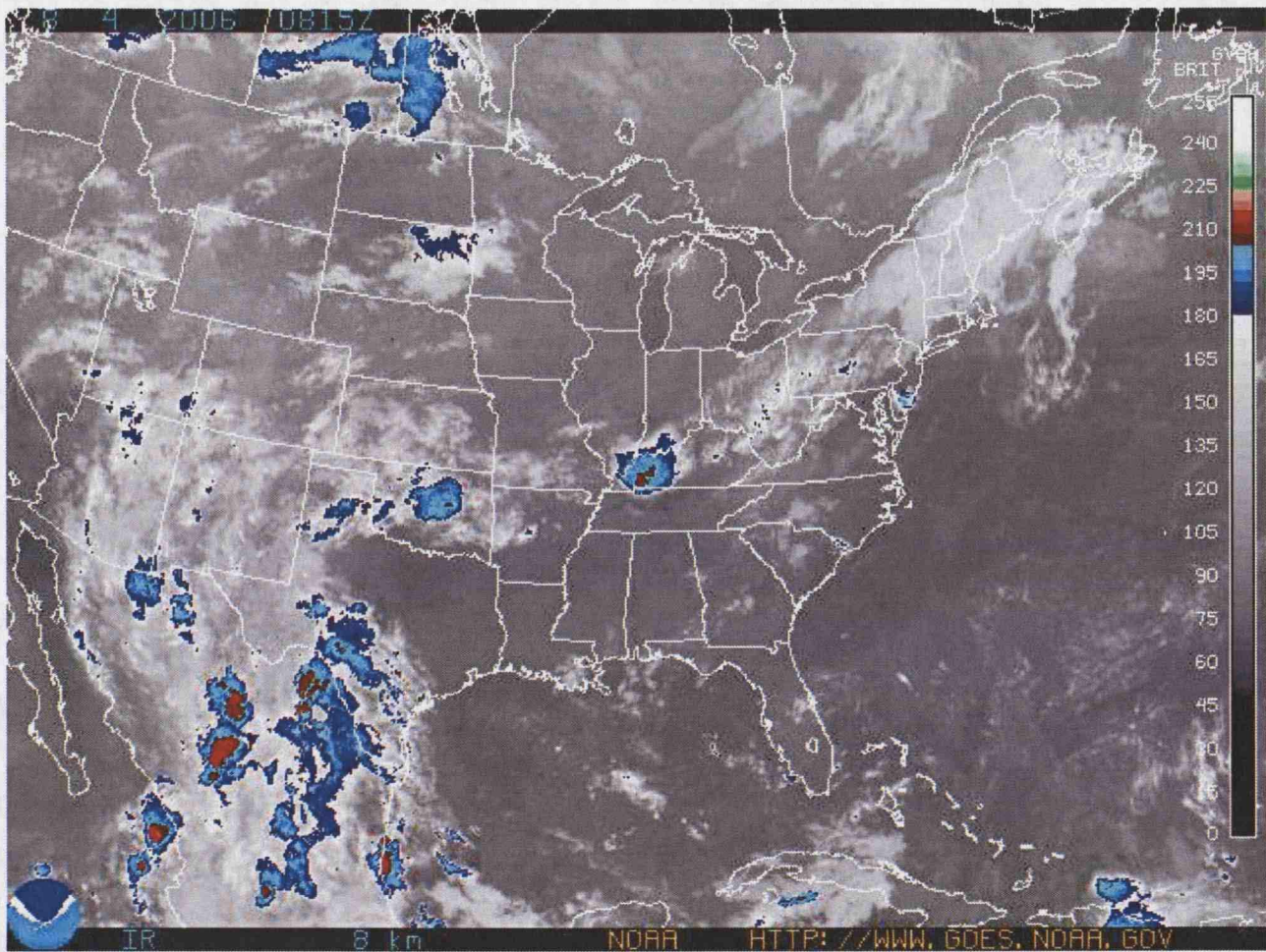
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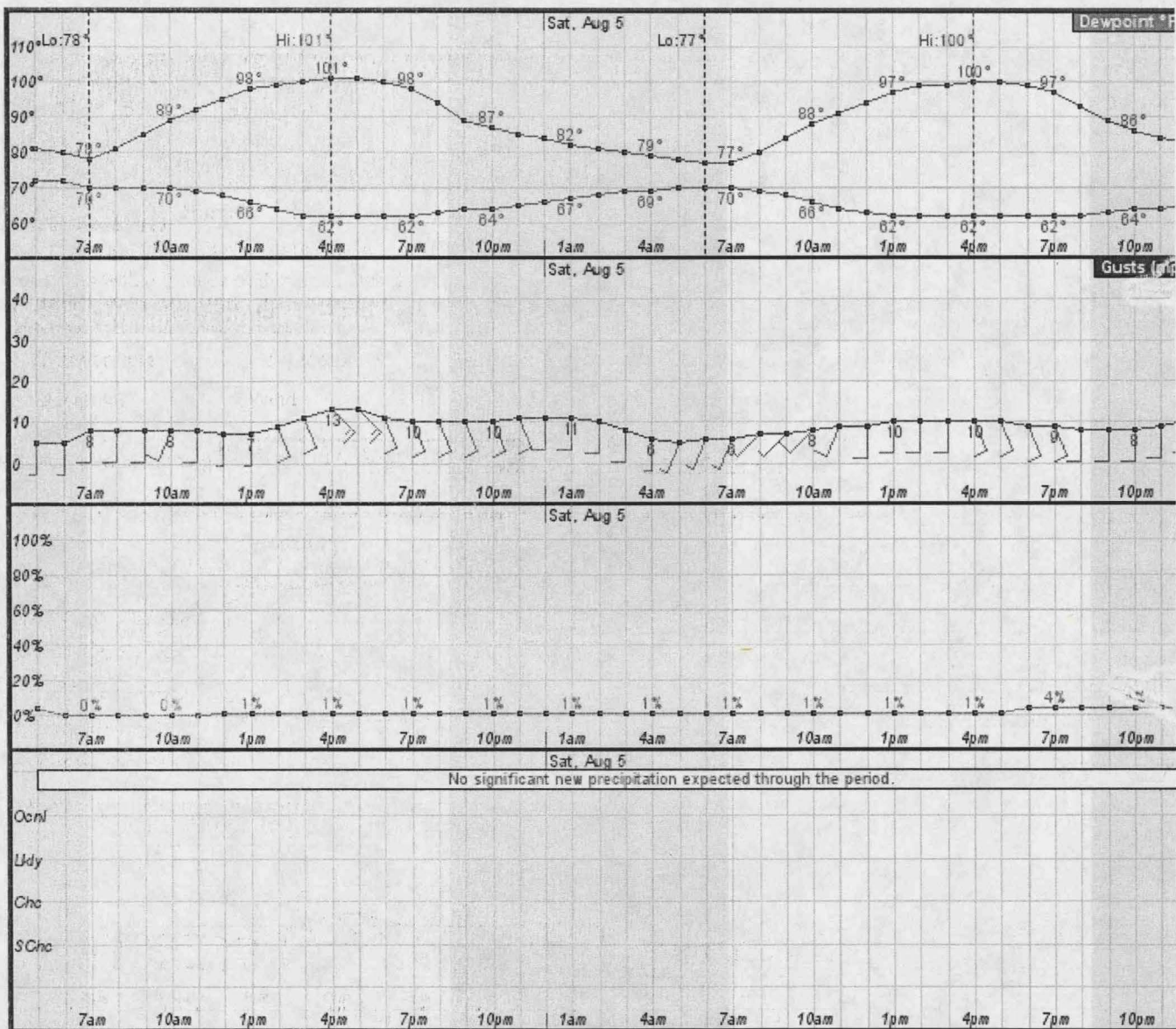
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Hourly Weather Forecast Graph

☒ Temperature ☐ Heat Index ☐ Rel.Humidity ☒ Rain ☒ Pcpn.Potential
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48-hour period starting: 5am Friday, August 4

Ahead 2 Days



Friday, August 4 at 10am

Temperature: 89°F Dewpoint: 70°F Wind: SSW 8mph

Precipitation Potential: 0%

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August 3, 2006

The Honorable George W. Bush
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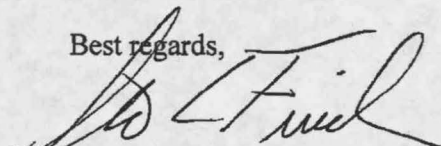
Dear Mr. President:

I wanted to personally express to you my gratitude and extreme pride in your extraordinary support of the State of Israel in its time of great peril and need in the past several weeks. You have shown your typical courage and vision in calling the outrageous terrorist attacks on the State of Israel by Hezbollah in Southern Lebanon and Hamas terrorist forces in the Gaza Strip for what they are – irredeemable, unmitigated efforts to destroy the State of Israel. As a personal friend and supporter, I express my personal gratitude. As a member and leader of the Jewish community, I express it on behalf of Jews everywhere in the United States, Israel and throughout the world who are so appreciative of your leadership, moral clarity and purpose in responding to these vicious attacks on the State of Israel.

You and members of your administration have also well articulated for the world that these attacks are clearly part of the larger Islamic fascist war against Israel, the United States and the West. If this scrimmage or battle by Hezbollah is not resolved against them with overwhelming military force and a positive military outcome for Israel, this will be a disaster in terms of that larger war that Israel is waging and has waged for decades, and which the United States is now waging in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Again, Mr. President, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for your moral courage, your vision and great leadership.

Best regards,



Steven L. Friedman

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Bloody Hell

By Justin Peters

Posted Monday, Aug. 7, 2006, at 5:31 AM ET

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Everyone leads the latest escalation of hostilities in the Israeli-Hezbollah war. Hezbollah launched its deadliest rocket attacks since fighting commenced last month, killing approximately 15 Israelis, three of whom were civilians. Israeli bombs killed about a dozen Lebanese while inflicting further damage on Lebanon's shattered road system. The attacks came one day after the United States and France sponsored a U.N. draft resolution calling for a cease fire.

Up to three ball bearing-packed rockets (the *New York Times* thinks there was only one) targeting reservists resting at one of Israel's oldest kibbutzim caused "the most horrific carnage [witnesses] had ever seen," the *NYT* reports. The ball bearings were expelled from the rockets in dense and horrific clouds; "Each new rocket attack was punctuated by the screams of peacocks from the kibbutz's zoo," notes the *Los Angeles Times* in a literary flourish. Rockets also hit parts of downtown Haifa, killing and wounding civilians.

The *Washington Post* stuffs the kibbutz scene, pegging much of its front-page coverage to an unremarkable interview with Lebanese prime minister Fouad Sinoria, who dismisses the current Security Council resolution as "impractical." The resolution would keep Israeli forces in Lebanon until a international peacekeeping force could be raised—terms deemed unacceptable by Hezbollah, which demands a total Israeli withdrawal before a cease fire. "All Lebanon, all Lebanese, all the communities of Lebanon reject this draft resolution," Hezbollah's contact in the Lebanese parliament said, decisively.

Condoleezza Rice is pressing for quick passage of the resolution, seeing it as an imperfect but necessary step towards reestablishing peace in the region. Its passage will determine "who's for peace and who isn't," Rice said. But does the resolution amount to anything more than gamesmanship when Rice tacitly acknowledges that Hezbollah won't comply with its terms?

The *Post* features the best coverage of the scene inside Lebanon, noting that Israeli rockets narrowly missed a U.N. humanitarian convoy and wondering why the IDF was targeting Lebanese soldiers. *Haaretz* reports that, in a reversal of policy, the IDF plans to "hit strategic civilian infrastructure" in Lebanon. Early dispatches indicate that Israeli jets bombed parts of suburban Beirut.

The *NYT* profiles charismatic, steadfast Hezbollah leader Sheik Hassan Nazrallah—a political savant and skilled orator who, as one expert said, "built this circus on a foundation of pageantry, lies, fear, crazy hopes and unreal dreams." Is that why the *NYT* says he has the "Disney touch"? Another *NYT* piece says we can thank Syria and Iran for Hezbollah's formidable arsenal and well-trained militia.

A good *USAT* piece profiles Al-Manar, Hezbollah's underground broadcast news network, which, despite blatant propagandizing and a tendency to program numerous "videos set to martial music," has scooped other media outlets on at least two key stories during the war.

With his senatorial primary tomorrow, everybody notes that a beleaguered Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., tried to explain away his position on the Iraq war in a last-ditch attempt to close the double-digit gap that separates him and challenger Ned Lamont in the latest polls. "I want to get our troops home as fast as anyone, probably more than most," said Lieberman, who also denied that he was George W. Bush's "best friend and enabler."

Meanwhile, Rep. Cynthia McKinney, D-Ga., hopes that a recently-released movie about her life will make voters focus on her progressive credentials instead of her penchant for fisticuffs.

The *Wall Street Journal* stuffs and *USAT* reeters news that Google and MTV parent Viacom will partner to syndicate video content out to independent Web sites that are part of Google's ad network. The content will be free but ad-supported. It's an entirely new revenue model for online video, and an answer to sites like YouTube that often feature pirated content. But don't count your money too fast, fat cats: An *LAT* piece says that, despite the proliferation of new media, 12-to 24-year-olds are more bored than ever with their entertainment options. "I feel bored like all the time, 'cause there is like nothing to do," said one survey respondent.

The *LAT* goes inside with a story examining Congress' inadequacies in understanding and legislating high-tech issues. Primary among these: its members often don't understand the intricacies and implications of futuristic devices like computers, or the Internet. But with major telecommunications legislation coming up this year, this legislative Luddism might not turn out to be as funny as Jon Stewart would have you believe.

The *Post* off-loads news of how federal welfare reform efforts are imposing tighter controls on how states can dole out funds, in an effort to insure that welfare recipients are working. Revised definitions of "work" may prohibit welfare recipients from attending school or going to drug rehab. "We expected the [rules] to be bad," said a Washington state welfare official. "They are worse than that."

Everybody notes the start of the U.S. military hearing into the alleged rape and murder of Iraqi civilians by five GIs in March. The hearing's outcome will determine whether the soldiers will stand trial. The *NYT* also reports on a hearing into a May confrontation that left three Iraqi civilians dead at Army hands, one of whom was shot in a so-called "mercy killing."

The *WP* fronts news that the Afghani secular government, under pressure from Islamist groups, is looking to repress its citizens' access to "imported vices", such as alcohol, or fun. Shades of the Taliban? Not according to one official: "They used Islam for political purposes. We only want to stop people from committing bad acts...." Well then.

Energy giant BP will temporarily shutter the Prudhoe Bay oil field in Alaska after inspection revealed corroded pipelines and a small leak, the *Journal* reports.

Motivated Seller: *USAT*'s cover story answers the question that we've all been dying to ask: Why doesn't anybody want to buy the house where JonBenét Ramsey was murdered? "Buyers have plenty of reasons to shun such properties," the article notes, foremost among these presumably being, um, the murder thing.

Justin Peters is a writer in Washington D.C. and the editor of Polite.

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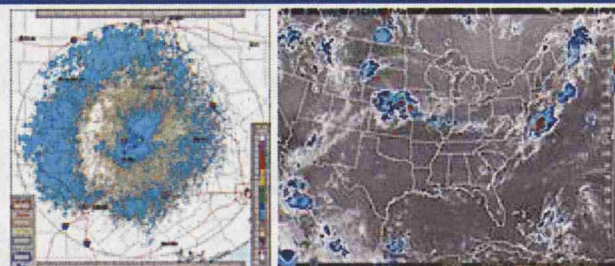
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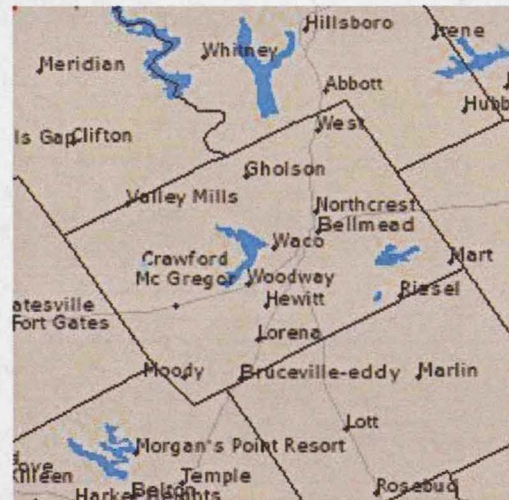


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Dear President Bush, July 25, 2006

I want to express how delighted I am to have received your appointment to the Council of Service and Civic Participation. I echo your belief that volunteerism and active citizenship are the cornerstone of our Country. It will be my honor to promote these principles.

Sincerely, Janine Turner

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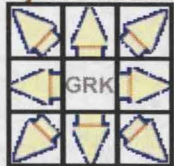
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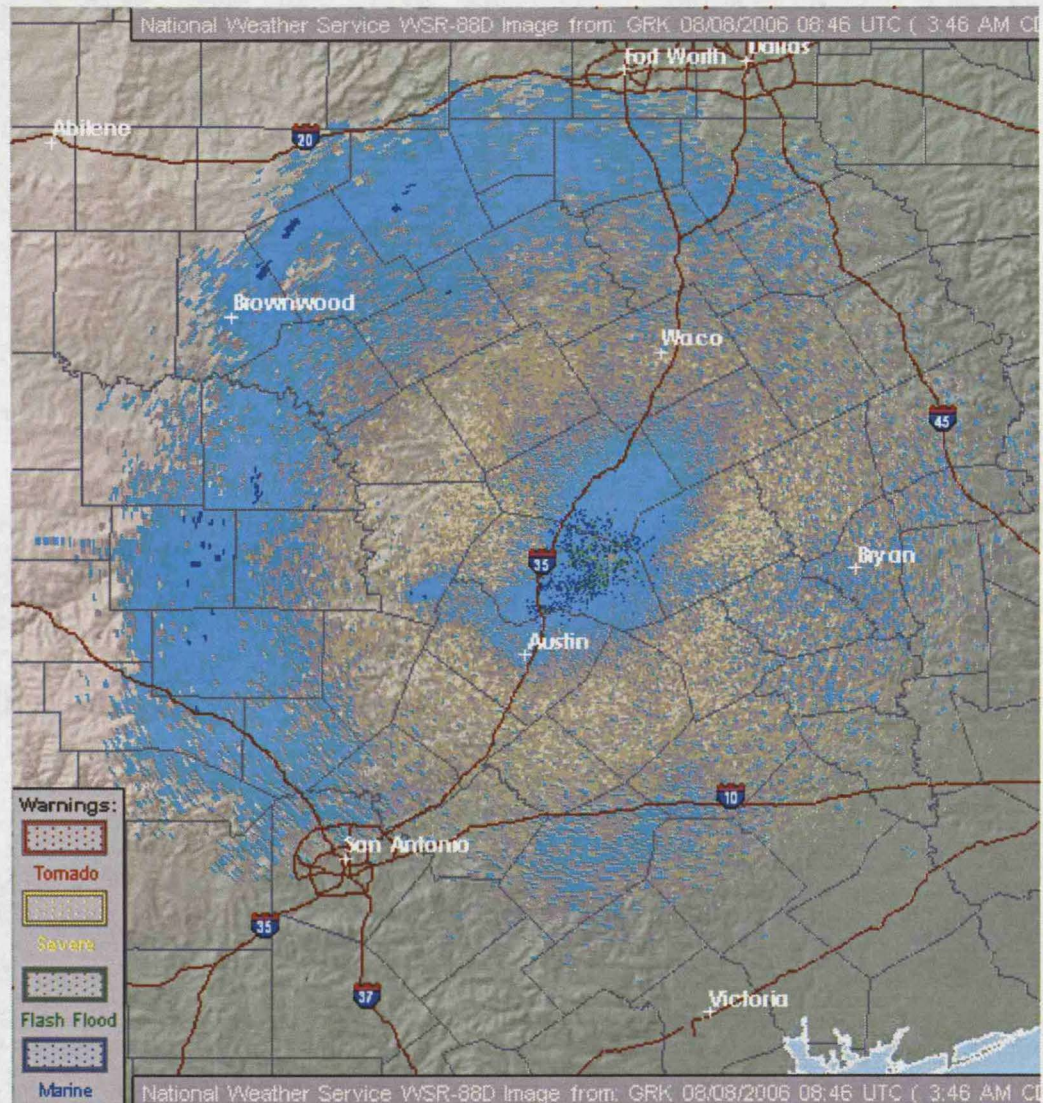
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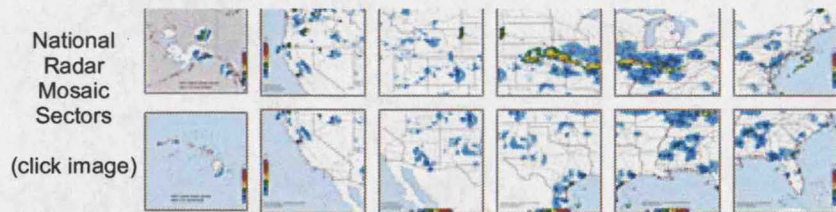


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Forecast at a Glance

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
								
20% Slight Chc Tstms Hi 90°F	Decreasing Clouds Lo 61°F	Partly Sunny Hi 85°F	Partly Cloudy Lo 69°F	Partly Cloudy Hi 87°F	20% Isolated Tstms Lo 70°F	30% Chance Tstms Hi 87°F	30% Chance Tstms Lo 69°F	Partly Cloudy Hi 82°F

Detailed 7-day Forecast

Today: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 10am. Partly cloudy, with a high near 90. North wind between 7 and 11 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, then gradually becoming clear, with a low around 61. North wind between 5 and 11 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny through mid morning, then becoming partly sunny, with a high near 85. North wind 5 to 8 mph becoming east.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. East wind around 5 mph becoming south.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 87. South wind between 5 and 9 mph.

Thursday Night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Friday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 87. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Friday Night: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 82.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 83.

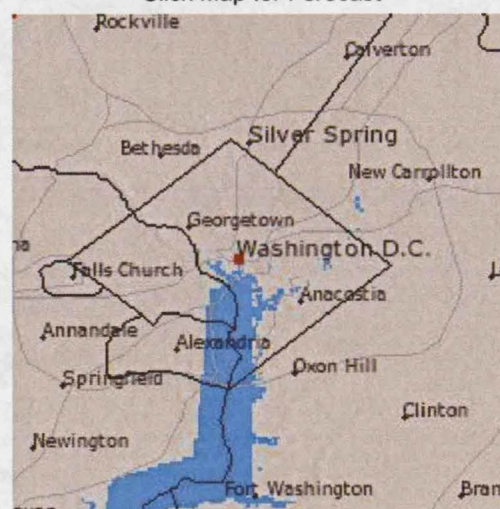
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 86.

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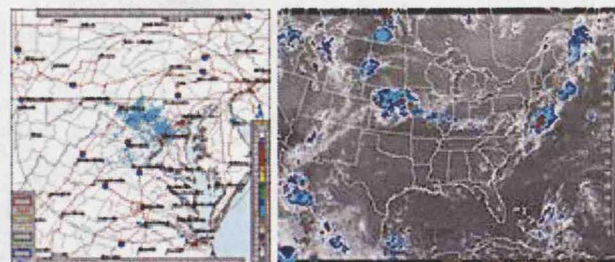
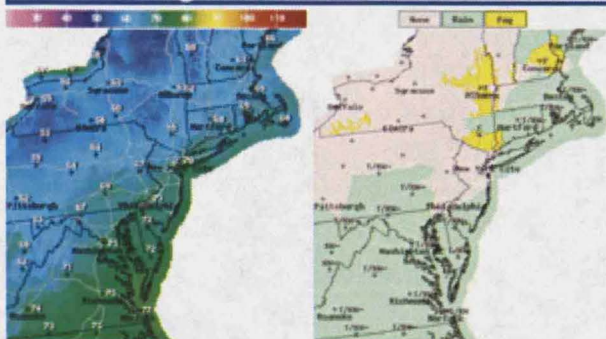
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**A Few Clouds
 with Haze**

**79°F
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Humidity: 82 %
 Wind Speed: NW 3 MPH
 Barometer: 29.99" (1015.4 mb)
 Dewpoint: 73°F (23°C)
 Heat Index: 82°F (28°C)
 Visibility: 6.00 mi.
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