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MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

Oct 16 06 THROUGH Oct 31 06

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

Monday, 16 October 2006

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
10/16/06

WASHINGTON, DC

Monday: Mostly sunny becoming cloudy in the late evening. Winds northeast at 4 to 8 knots turning southeast in the late afternoon. Low 45°F. High 65°F.

Tuesday: Cloudy with fog and rain. Winds southeast at 10 to 15 knots. Low 52°F. High 59°F.

Wednesday: Cloudy with morning fog and rain showers becoming partly cloudy in the late afternoon. Winds southwest at 3 to 8 knots turning north in the afternoon. Low 55°F. High 72°F.

Thursday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy overnight. Winds northeast at 5 to 10 knots turning southeast overnight. Low 56°F. High 75°F.

Friday: Mostly cloudy with morning fog and rain showers becoming partly cloudy in the late afternoon. Winds southeast at 8 to 12 knots turning northwest 15 to 20 knots in the afternoon.
Low 53°F. High 65°F.

CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND

Friday: Mostly cloudy with early morning fog and rain showers becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Winds south at 14 to 18 knots turning northwest 18 to 22 knots after noon.
Low 49°F. High 58°F.

GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

Wednesday: Cloudy with morning fog becoming partly cloudy in the evening. Winds north at 5 to 10 knots turning south overnight. Low 54°F. High 75°F.

LA PLUME, PENNSYLVANIA

Thursday: Mostly cloudy becoming partly cloudy after noon. Winds northeast at 5 to 10 knots turning southeast overnight. Low 45°F. High 66°F.

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Thursday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy with overnight rain showers. Winds north at 4 to 8 knots turning southeast after midnight. Low 60°F. High 77°F.

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The GOP Quits DeWine-ing

By Jesse Stanchak
Posted Monday, Oct. 16, 2006, at 5:13 AM ET

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The *New York Times* leads with the GOP's decision to refocus campaign resources from Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, to Senate races with rosier prospects, leaving DeWine to fend for himself and, in the paper's view, effectively conceding the seat. The *Washington Post* leads with the involvement of government-allied Shiite militias in escalating violence in Northern Iraq which left more than 80 people dead as of Sunday. *USA TODAY* leads with the Iraqi Prime Minister saying he's not going to disarm those militias, at least not this year, and that American reliance on force in securing the country is the "wrong approach." The *Los Angeles Times* leads with a Bush administration-backed panel's plan to recommend something other than 'staying the course' in Iraq. The *Wall Street Journal* tops its World-Wide newsbox with Sunday's 6.6 earthquake in Hawaii.

The GOP backing away from DeWine means two things, the NYT argues. First, it indicates DeWine's seat is unsalvageable, not because the party is withdrawing funding— DeWine has $4.5 million on hand, according to the paper, but because the party wouldn't be doing this unless the race was hopeless, as the GOP had previously called it a 'must-win' seat. Most election watchers were rating the race as wide-open— CQPolitics.com and the Cook Political Report each call it a tossup. Slate's analysts call Ohio "leaning Democratic." But according to the *NYT,* internal polls painted a bleaker picture, convincing the party brass to refocus their energies. Second, with DeWine out of the picture, the party has more money and resources to shore up another competitive seat- but where? The paper suggests that Sen. George Allen, R-Va., is a likely pick, though party officials are also polling New Jersey to see if Democrat Senator Robert Menendez might be vulnerable enough to be worth throwing big money after.

The *WP*'s reports of militia-led sectarian violence in the city of Balad are especially disheartening taken in tandem with *USAT*'s lead interview with Iraqi PM Nouri al-Maliki. The militias are tied to influential political factions in the Iraqi parliament, making dealing with their actions more than just a little ticklish. While al-Maliki agrees that the militias will have to be disbanded to curb the violence, he doesn't think it can be done just yet. The current killings stem from kidnappings in the town of Duluiyah, spawning waves of reprisals.

Along with the *WJS*, the *LAT* fronts its coverage of Sunday's 6.6 earthquake in Hawaii, while *USAT* teases its coverage. It's the biggest earthquake to hit the state in at least 20 years (the *LAT* says since 1975) but the damage seems mild so far, all things being relative. No deaths have been reported, no tsunami watch was issued and property damage appears more limited than some feared. The *NYT* does a better job of putting it in perspective, pointing out that 6.7 earthquake which hit Los Angeles in 1994 cost $26 billion in damage, adjusted for inflation. Sunday's quake may cost as little as $25 million.

The *LAT*'s decision to lead with James Baker's White House approved study group rumbling about the need for a policy shift Iraq is more than a little bewildering, given that both *NYT* and the *New York Sun* scooped them on the story last Monday. If you read those articles (or last Monday's TP…) then you already know the score, as the *LAT* has little to add to the discussion. If you missed the story last week, the gist is that Baker's group is willing to say that the U.S. has more policy options in Iraq than simply staying or running away. The two proposals the group is currently looking at call for either a phased withdrawal of troops or calling in Syria and Iran to help stabilize the country.

The *NYT* off-leads with White House Press Secretary Tony Snow's recent round of speaking at Republican fund-raising events, an unprecedented act for a sitting press secretary. The article raises the obligatory questions of what Snow's role ought to be and if partisan fund-raising violates those parameters, but the paper seems satisfied that if Snow's dual-role is a little unorthodox, its not really damaging- especially given Snow's past as a political commentator and his reputation for witty remarks. The sound bites provided from a recent Illinois rally are particularly amusing, especially his description of Bush's mental prowess: "He reminds me of one of those guys at the gym who plays about 40 chessboards at once."

The *LAT* off-leads with a piece on the efforts of social conservatives to save Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa. in the November elections. The *NYT*'s lead story depicted Santorum's seat as one the GOP is prepared to lose and despite its misleading slug, ("GOP on a Mission to Save Santorum") the *LAT* story is about a grass-roots effort to aid the ailing Senator, not a high-level move to bolster the campaign.

Below the fold, the *WP* runs a pretty by-the-numbers feature on the challenges facing House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert. The analysis of Hastert's rise to power, his accomplishments and management style are all fine. But then there's this line: "He looks like a cross between actor Wilford Brimley and Jabba the Hutt." TP would absolutely love to know what thought process led the *WP*'s editors to believe that comparing Hastert to a Star Wars villain was appropriate in what is ostensibly an evenhanded story. Yes, the man is overweight. There's a picture of him next to the article, lest you doubt it. So how does making fun of his appearance give a (no pun intended) fuller picture of the man? And in the age of partisan media, what does is it do to the credibility of the story?

USAT writes that Americans like the ideal of government-sponsored 'universal' health care coverage, but don't want to pay more taxes or give up services to get it. Also, the paper reports that Americans are confused by health care issues and unsure of who to trust regarding the latest findings.

The *NYT* fronts two business corruption stories. First, the chief of one of the nation's largest health insurers is booted in a widening probe over back-dated stock options, a practice in which options are given the lowest price of a given year, instead of the price on the day they were issued, allowing for potentially larger profits.

The *NYT* also fronts a probe into the possibility that hedge funds, an already heavily scrutinized sector of the financial market, may be integral in insider trading, leaking sensitive data provided to the funds in their capacity as lenders.

Under the fold, the *WP* investigates the vagaries of crop insurance. Crops are insured by 16 firms acting in conjunction with the federal government. The companies aren't allowed to vary their rates, competing on service instead of cost and can pass the chanciest claims off to the feds. This allowed the firms to pocket $3.1 billion in profits over the last eight years, even as the government swallowed $1.5 billion in losses.

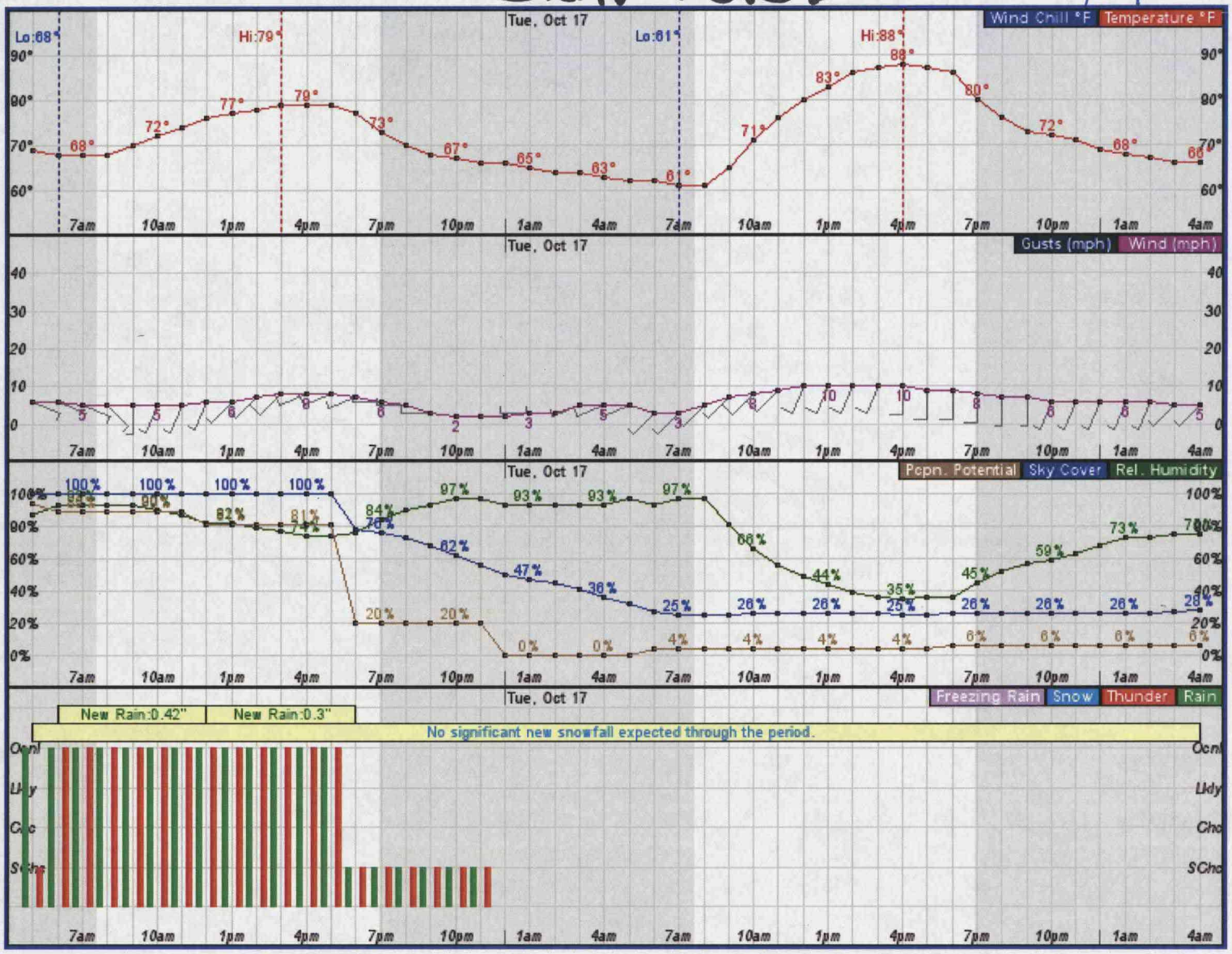
Inside, the *NYT* mentions that Israeli President Moshe Katsav may face charges of rape and sexual assault.

The *WJS* alone fronts late-breaking news that elections in Ecudor will go to a runoff on Nov. 26.

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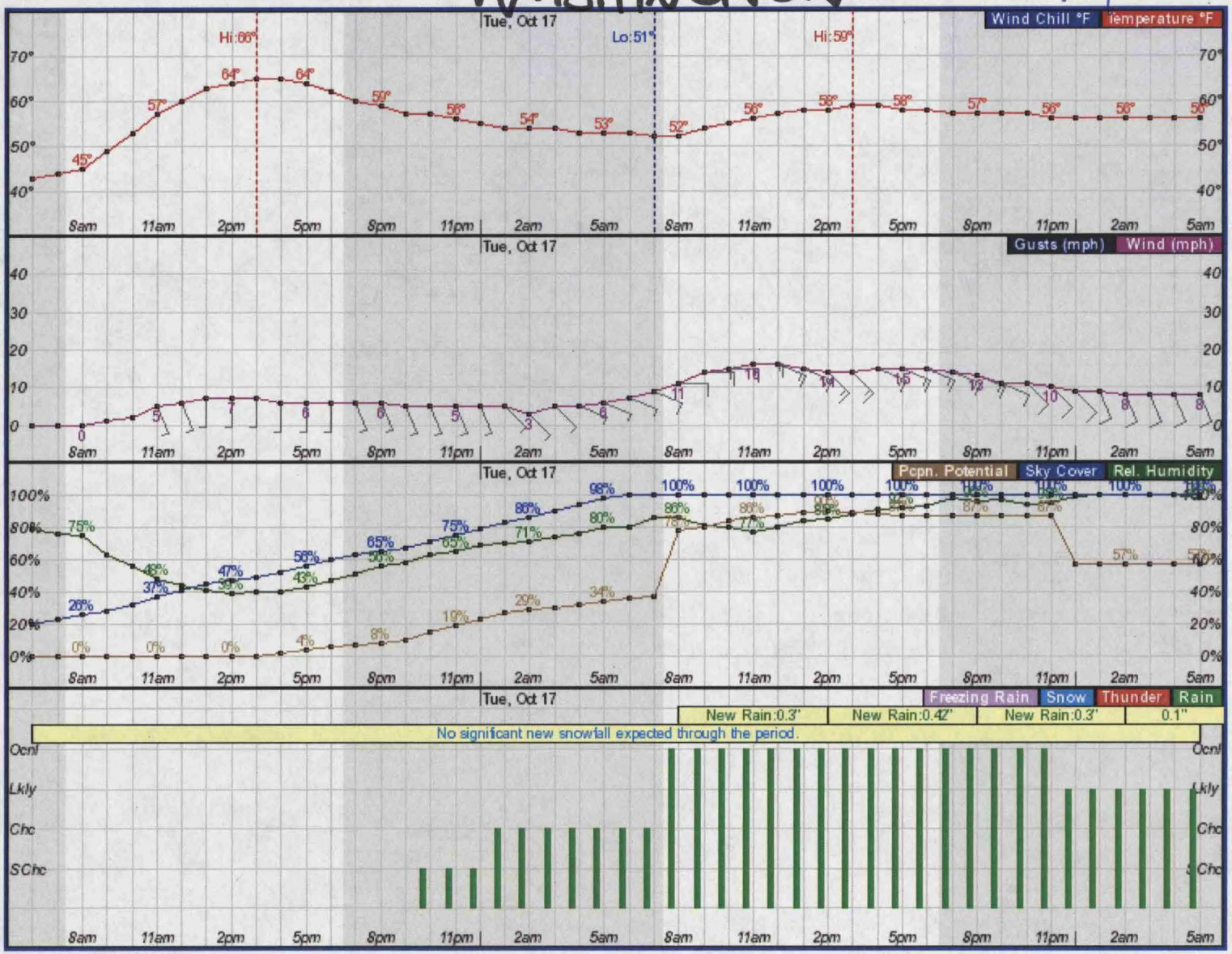
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10/16/06



Tuesday, October 17 at 1am
Temperature: 65°F Wind Chill: N/A Wind: W 3mph
Precipitation Potential: 0% Sky Cover: 47% Relative Humidity: 93%
Rain: <10% Thunder: <10% Snow: <10% Freezing Rain: <10%

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Murder Ballad

By Joshua Kucera

Posted Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006, at 4:29 AM ET

The *Washington Post* leads locally, with Virginia voters supporting a ban on gay marriage. But it goes big above the fold with an update on the bloody sectarian violence north of Baghdad. The *New York Times* leads with Wal-Mart agreeing to a $1 billion deal to buy a retailer in China; the transaction would make Wal-Mart the largest foreign chain in that country. The *Wall Street Journal* stuffs the Wal-Mart story and tops its world-wide newsbox with a political catchall. The *Los Angeles Times* front page is all either local or a feature; it reefers the Iraq story. *USA Today* leads with in-house number-crunching that shows a 20 percent increase in hit-and-run deaths in the US since 2006.

Dozens of people were killed over the weekend in Balad, about 50 miles north of Iraq, but the situation appeared to have calmed slightly Monday. The *NYT* and *LAT* report that the town was quiet save for some mortars falling, the *Post* says Shiite militia members went door-to-door telling Sunni residents they had two hours to leave town.

Each of the papers takes a different tack with the story. The *NYT* leads with people in Balad criticizing the US military for not doing enough to stop the bloodshed; apparently the GIs in that area have stood down in that area and the Iraqi police are not really standing up. The problem is that the police are dominated by Shiites, a fact that the *NYT* does not mention. The *Post* does, and quotes a Sunni police official in the area accusing the Shiite-dominated police of complicity in the attacks on Sunni citizens.

The *Post* (which illustrates its story, misleadingly, with a photo of a burning British military vehicle in Basra, in Iraq's far south) works in President Bush making a friendly call to Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki telling him to not believe "rumors" (in spokesman Tony Snow's words) that the US had privately given him a two-month timetable to shape up. Only the *LAT* mentions that this two-month deadline is not just a rumor, the US ambassador to Iraq mentioned it a couple of weeks ago on CNN.

The *LAT* also stuffs the story but takes a broader look and links the violence in Balad with political tensions over legislation that could lead to the fracturing of the country along ethnic lines and a general ratcheting up of ethnic political rhetoric in Iraq.

The *NYT* inexplicably decides that the situation in Balad is less worthy of front-page space than the plight of Christians in Iraq. The latter is a story that has been reported for years, in this case only slightly updated with flimsy evidence that the Pope's recent comments on Islam have made the situation even worse.

The *NYT* also visits a Republican fund-raiser in Kansas and finds, lo and behold, that people like Dick Cheney. And then puts it on the front page. This patronizing thumbsucker of a story is somewhat redeemed, however, by the inclusion of a six-year-old girl who is obsessed with Cheney. Kids these days…

Wal-Mart already has 66 stores in China and the purchase of Taiwanese-based Trust-Mart would give it over 100 more. Interesting tidbit: Wal-Mart in July allowed employees in China to form a union; it's fought hard to keep that from happening in its US stores.

US intelligence officials believe that North Korea's nuclear test involved a plutonium bomb rather than a uranium one, the *NYT* reports. That's good news, the paper says, because it suggests that Pyongyang is not ready to test a uranium bomb and the amount of plutonium it has is known to not be very great, enough for maybe six to ten bombs. The bad news is that it looks like North Korea might be getting ready for a second test.

The *Post* fronts, and other papers stuff, news that the feds raided the house of the lobbyist daughter of Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., who is being investigated for helping out his daughter's clients. *USA Today*, in its cover story, does a really good investigation into the larger picture of familial influence peddling and finds that 30 relatives of members of Congress lobbied for earmarks totaling $750 million in 2005. There are no laws against this brand of nepotism and the story makes a good case that there ought to be.

The *Post* fronts news that the FDA is moving towards approving the sale of meat and milk from cloned animals. Big dairy companies have been blocking the approval, afraid that "any association with cloning could harm milk's carefully honed image of wholesomeness." But two new studies, which the *Post* got hold of, suggest that there is no biochemical difference between cloned and natural meat and milk.

Also in the papers … The *NYT* fronts, and the other papers stuff, news that lefty lawyer Lynne Stewart got a relatively light sentence for shuttling messages from a convicted terrorist she was defending to his followers in Egypt. European countries take a high-and-mighty attitude towards the US prison in Guantanamo but in many cases refuse to accept detainees from their country whom the US wants to release, the *Post* finds. The Pentagon is restarting mandatory anthrax vaccinations for service members, the *Post* reports. Everyone notes that physicists have created a new element, the heaviest yet.

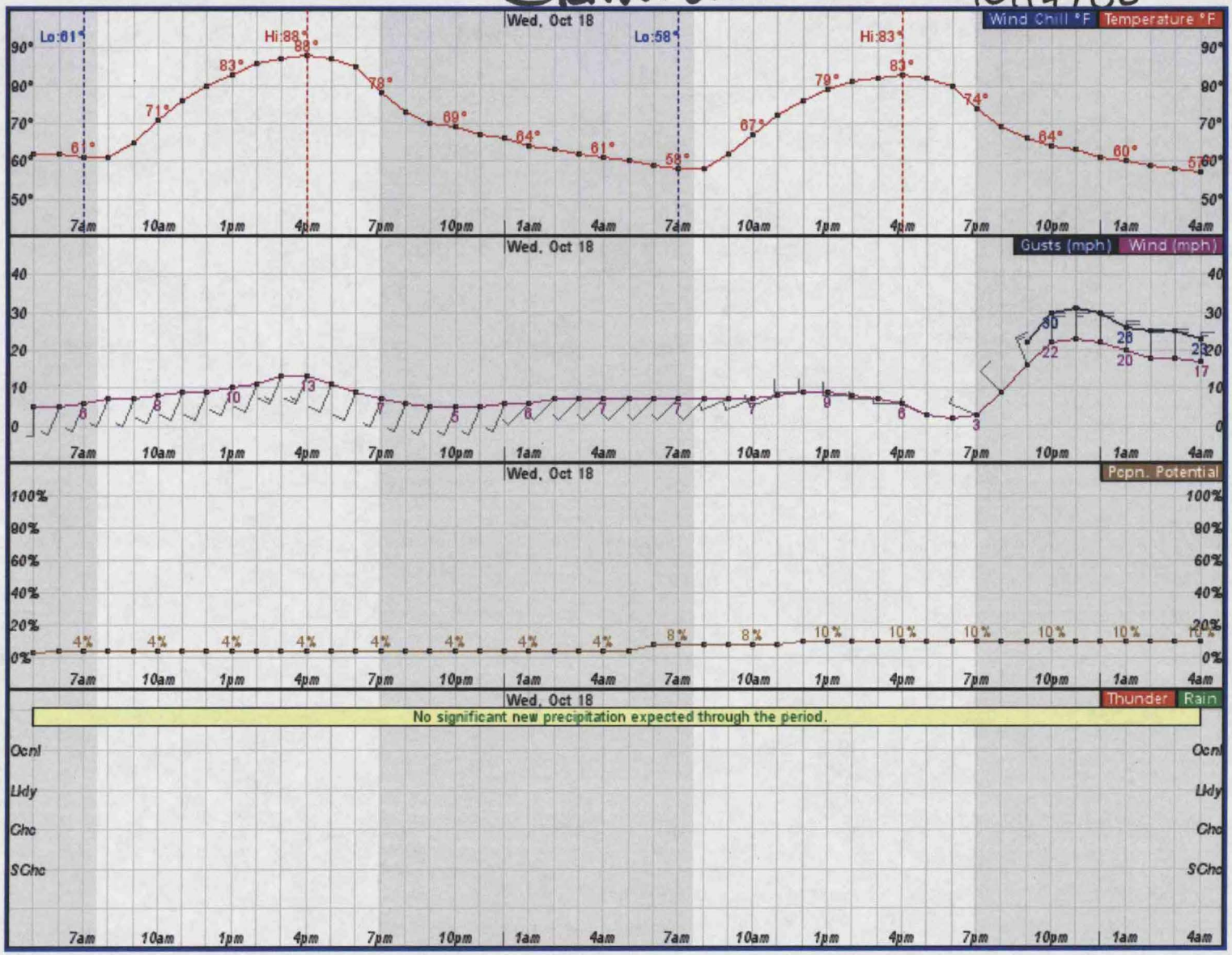
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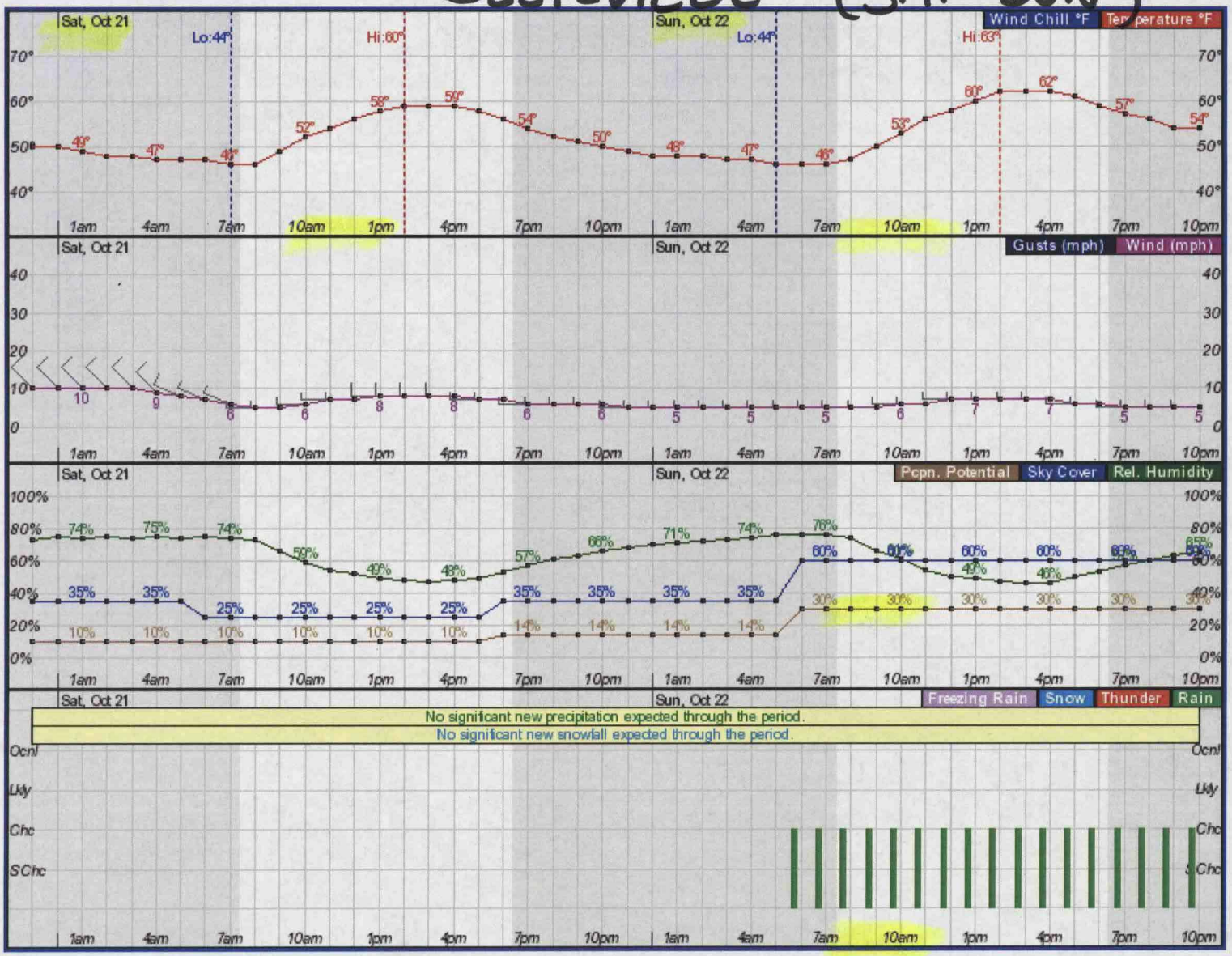
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Tuesday, October 17 at 2pm
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Precipitation Potential: 4%
Rain: <10% Thunder: <10%

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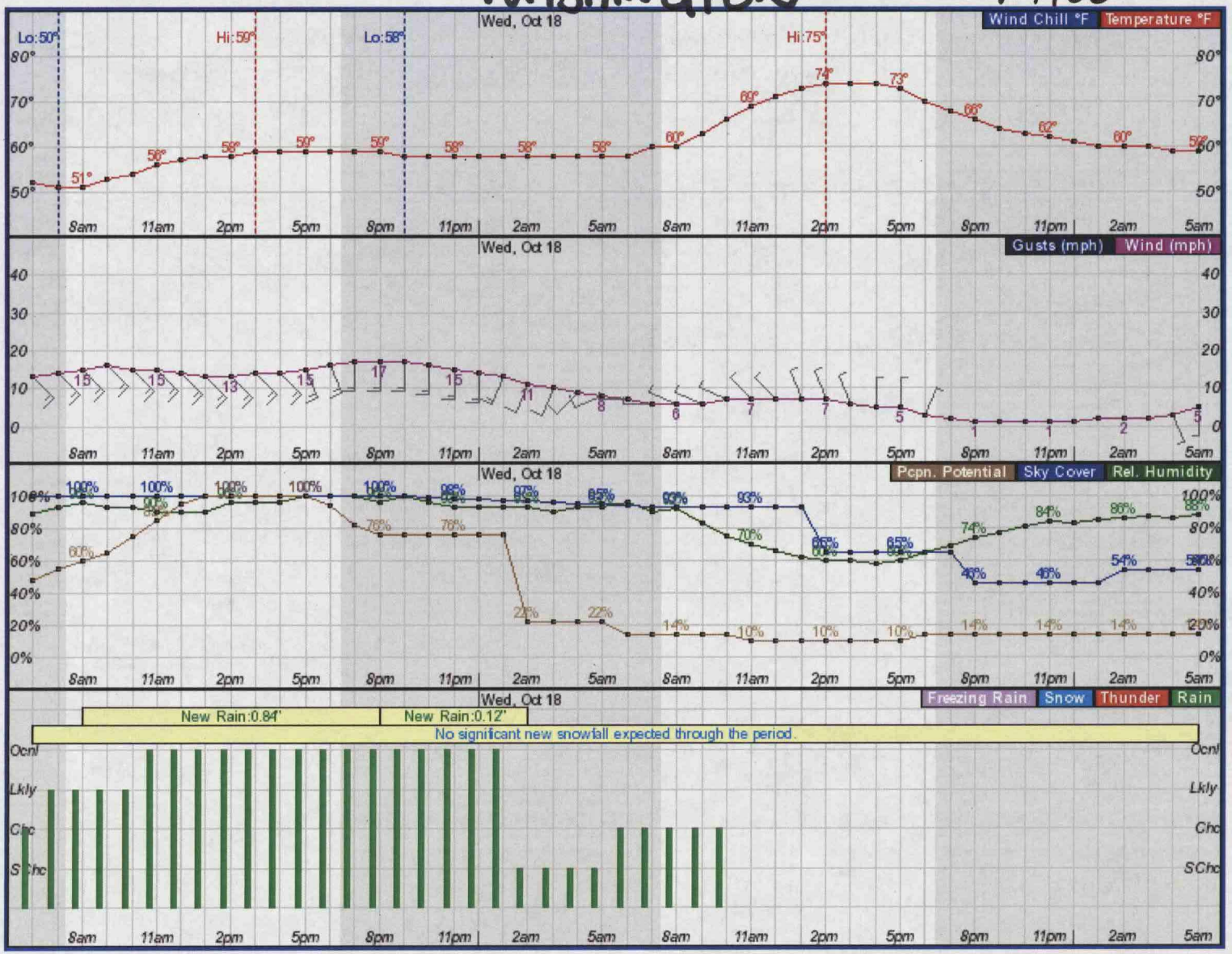
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Sunday, October 22 at 2am
Temperature: 48°F Wind Chill: N/A Wind: W 5mph
Precipitation Potential: 14% Sky Cover: 35% Relative Humidity: 72%
Rain: <10% Thunder: <10% Snow: <10% Freezing Rain: <10%

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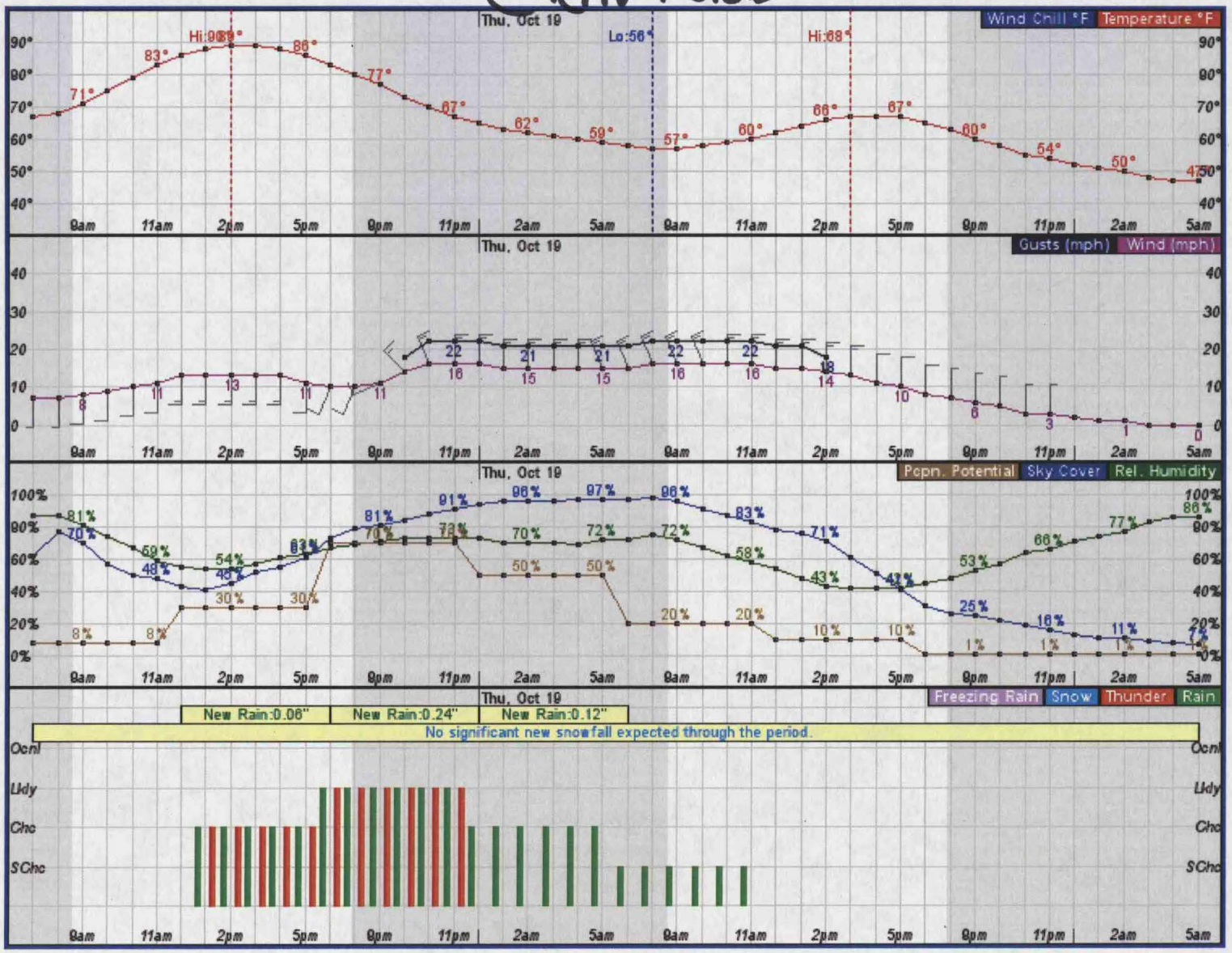
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Wednesday, October 18 at 12am
Temperature: 58°F Wind Chill: N/A Wind: S 14mph
Precipitation Potential: 76% Sky Cover: 98% Relative Humidity: 93%
Rain: Occasional (80%-100%) Thunder: <10% Snow: <10% Freezing Rain: <10%

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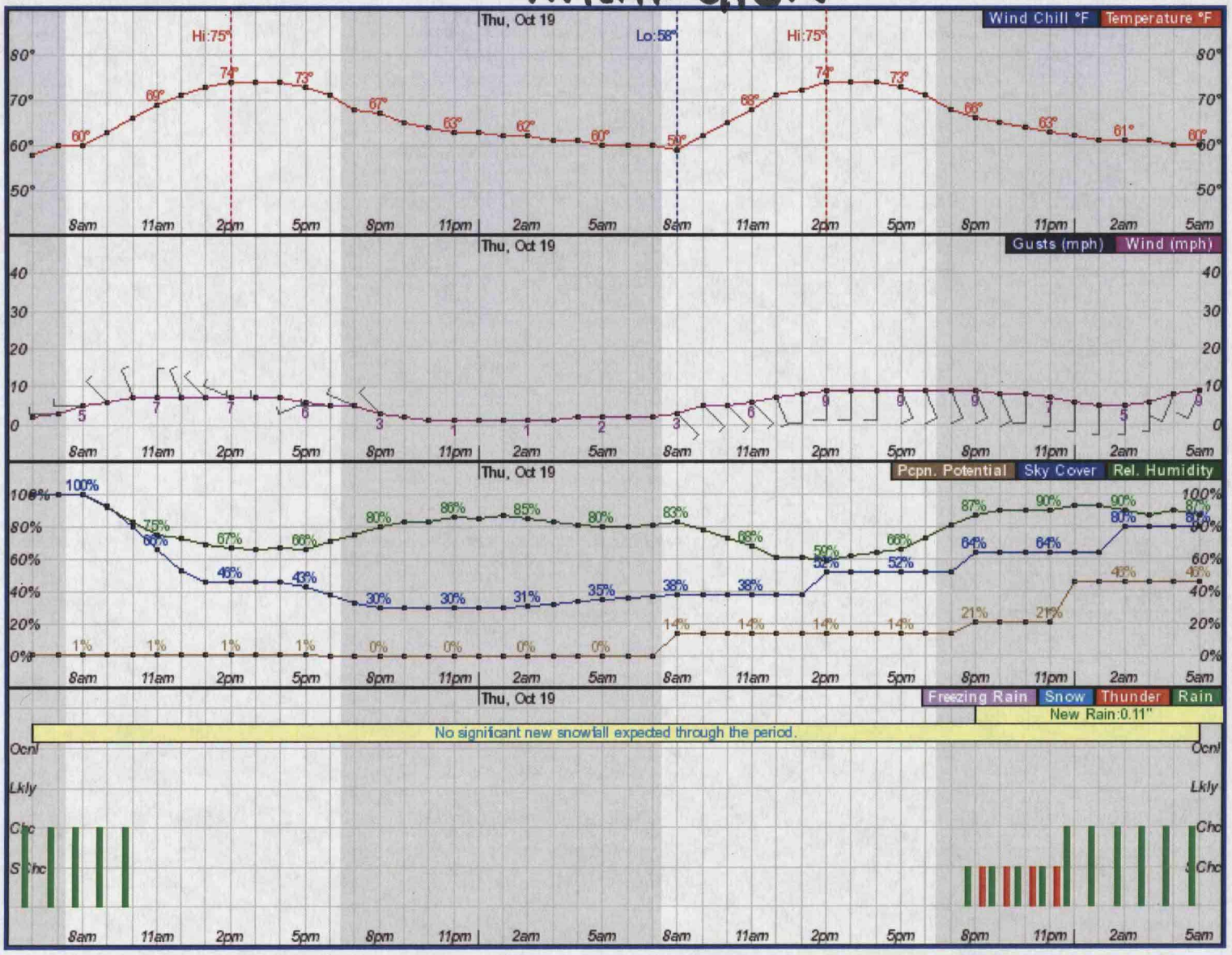
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Wednesday, October 18 at 9am
Temperature: 75°F Wind Chill: N/A Wind: S 9mph
Precipitation Potential: 8% Sky Cover: 57% Relative Humidity: 74%
Rain: <10% Thunder: <10% Snow: <10% Freezing Rain: <10%

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Wednesday, October 18 at 9am

Temperature: 63°F Wind Chill: N/A Wind: NW 6mph
Precipitation Potential: 1% Sky Cover: 93% Relative Humidity: 92%
Rain: Chance (30%-50%) Thunder: <10% Snow: <10% Freezing Rain: <10%

5 DAY WEATHER FORECAST
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Wednesday, 18 October 2006

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WASHINGTON, DC

Wednesday: Cloudy with morning fog becoming mostly cloudy in the late afternoon. Winds northwest at 5 to 10 knots shifting southeast overnight. Low 58°F. High 76°F.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with morning fog becoming cloudy with isolated overnight rain showers. Winds southwest at 5 to 10 knots. Low 58°F. High 74°F.

Friday: Cloudy with morning fog and isolated rain showers becoming partly cloudy in the early evening. Winds northwest at 8 to 12 knots. Low 57°F. High 66°F.

Saturday: Partly cloudy. Winds northwest at 5 to 10 knots shifting southeast in the evening. Low 46°F. High 62°F.

Sunday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy in the afternoon. Winds southeast at 8 to 12 knots. Low 44°F. High 61°F.

GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

Wednesday: Cloudy with morning fog and drizzle becoming partly cloudy in the evening. Winds west at 4 to 8 knots shifting southeast in the evening. Low 56°F. High 78°F.

LA PLUME, PENNSYLVANIA

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with isolated evening and overnight rain showers. Winds southwest at 5 to 10 knots. Low 51°F. High 69°F.

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with morning fog. Winds southwest at 5 to 10 knots. Low 59°F. High 75°F.

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today's papers

Space Cowboys

By Joshua Kucera

Posted Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006, at 4:26 AM ET

The *Los Angeles Times* leads with President Bush signing the new detainee legislation into law. The *New York Times* leads with the Iraqi government firing its top two police officials. The *Washington Post* leads with the Bush administration's new space policy, which emphasizes unilateralism and defense over exploration. The *Wall Street Journal* tops its world-wide newsbox with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice going to Asia to drum up support for aggressive inspections of North Korean cargo. *USA Today* leads with the Transportation Security Administration looking at buying 3-D X-ray machines that would be better at finding liquid bombs as well as more standard weapons like guns and knives.

The lawsuits were flying as the detainee law went into effect. Two hours after Bush signed the law, the Justice Department moved to throw out dozens of lawsuits filed by suspected terrorists. And lawyers for detainees filed suit asking for time to put together a case that the new law is unconstitutional. The *LAT* notes that several issues related to the law are probably headed for the Supreme Court. The *Post*, which stuffs the story, does a somewhat better job of explaining what the law actually says.

The Iraqi police are heavily infiltrated by Shiite militia members and the US is pressuring Baghdad to do something about it; thus the firings. One man is replacing the two who were let go, and he hasn't been named yet – security arrangements need to be made for his family. Also mentioned in the *NYT* story: The bloody fighting over the weekend north of Baghdad was not just the work of locals. Followers of Moqtada al-Sadr came up from the south to join in as well, one of the fighters tells the *Times*.

The *Post* reports from just outside Balad, where US troops were patrolling but both Sunnis and Shia seethed and waited for revenge. Thirteen carloads of men were kidnapped at a police checkpoint and taken to "an area known to be a Sunni insurgent dumping ground for murder victims."

The *Journal* fronts a good investigation into the shoddy, pointless training of the US troops who advise the nascent Iraqi forces – ostensibly the linchpin of US strategy there. "In my 28 years of military service I have never seen such an appalling approach to training," said one of the officers who went through the training. The story includes links to two after-action reviews from officers who went through the training, they're pretty entertaining reading. "It's a good thing that the newspapers did not get a hold of this fiasco," reads one. Oops.

The *Post* is the first of the big papers to report on the new space policy, which came out more than a week ago. It's not radically different from the last space policy, published in 1996, but it does place more emphasis on using space to aid military operations on Earth. The Post focuses on the issue of space weapons; the new policy doesn't support putting weapons in space but it also doesn't repudiate the idea.

Pre-election Republican implosion, episode 56: Social conservatives are starting to openly question the GOP's "big tent" strategy of including non-traditional, in particular gay, Republicans, reports the *LAT* on the front page. Someone has recently been circulating a list of gay Republican congressional staffers and there is talk of a "pink purge." Says one evangelical: "All a big tent strategy seems to be doing is attracting a bunch of clowns."

The *Post* fronts an analysis looking at how a Democratic victory in the midterm congressional elections would affect Bush's governance. It seems that his only option would be to adopt the sort of bipartisanship he promised before being elected in 2000, and that Arnold Schwarzenegger has successfully used in California.

Bush's wishful thinking model of policy planning appears not to be exclusive to the Iraq war, according to the *Post*, which buries this detail deep down in the story: "Bush has been preparing his post-election agenda in a series of meetings, sitting down one-on-one with nine members of his Cabinet in the past month to review ideas. Bush insists that the sessions not consider a victory by Democrats, participants said."

On the op-ed page, the *Post's* Harold Meyerson offers a look at what the Democrats themselves might do if they win the House, including "raising the minimum wage, repealing the Medicare legislation that forbids the government from negotiating with drug companies for lower prices, replenishing student loan programs, funding stem cell research and implementing those recommendations of the Sept. 11 commission that have thus far languished."

Also in the papers… Chinese automakers are stepping back from plans to start exporting to the US as soon as next year, the *NYT* reports on the front page. Morale is low among Sudanese soldiers fighting in Darfur, the *NYT* finds. The FBI is investigating ties between Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa. and a shady Serbian businessman, the *Post* reports. Everyone wants theirs to be the 300 millionth American baby.

The *NYT* fronts a dispatch from the school lunch wars in Britain, where junk food sounds a lot junkier than in the US. Among the lunches popular with schoolkids there: a "chip butty," which the Times describes as a "French-fries-and-butter sandwich doused in vinegar." But do-gooders are making schools serve healthy lunches, and kids are rebelling, enabled by parents like Julie Critchlow. "[S]he and another mother – alarmed, they said, because their children were going hungry – began selling contraband hamburgers, fries and sandwiches to as many as 50 students a day, passing the food through the school gates. The mothers closed their business after they were vilified in the national news media as 'meat pie mums.' Mrs. Critchlow now feeds her children lunch at home."

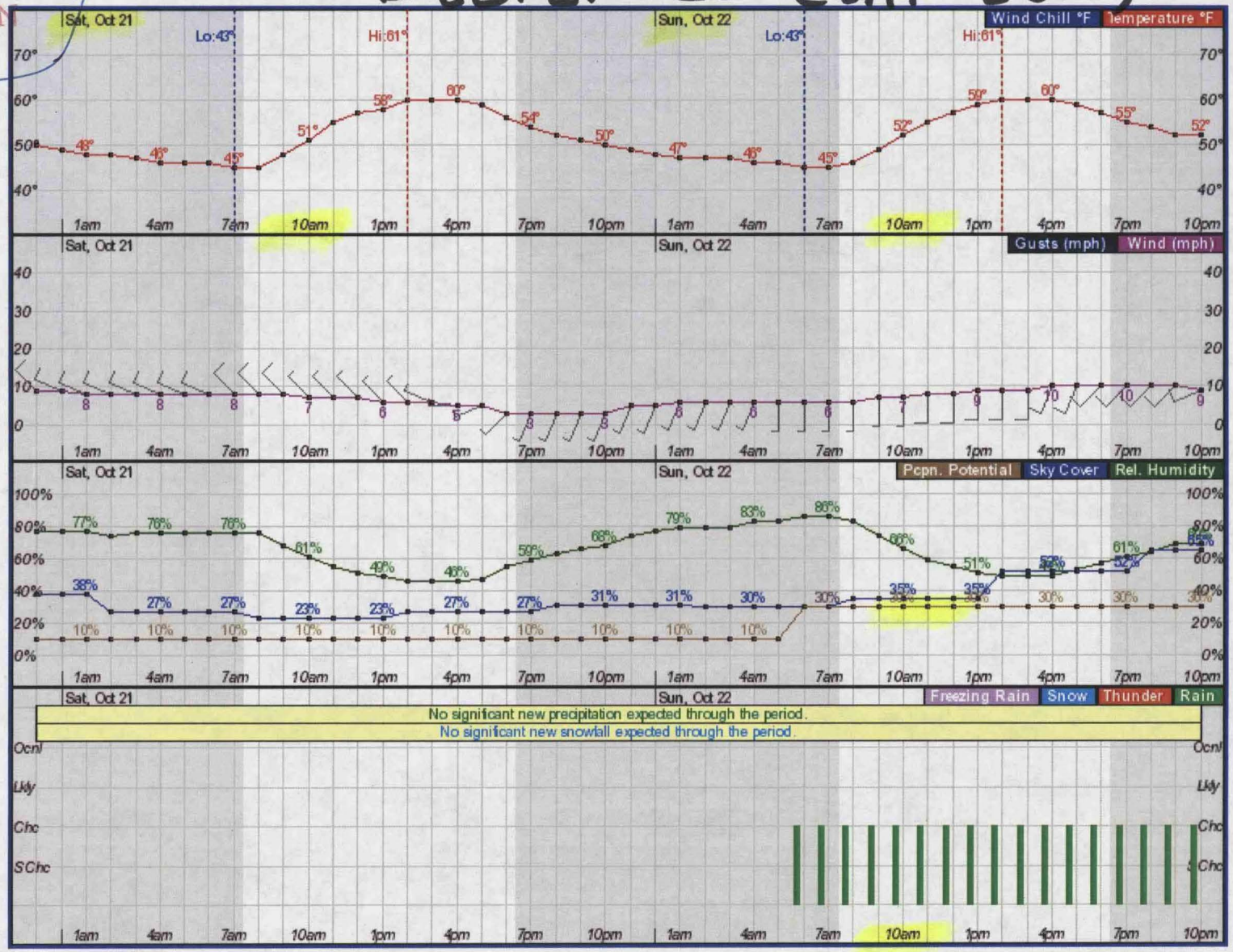
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Friday, October 20 at 11pm

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Rain: <10% Thunder: <10% Snow: <10% Freezing Rain: <10%

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Sincerely,

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LA PLUME, PENNSYLVANIA

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today's papers

The Rising Fallen

By Alexander Dryer

Posted Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006, at 5:25 AM ET

The *Los Angeles Times*, the *Washington Post*, and *USA Today* all lead with the mushrooming violence in Iraq, where 11 U.S. troops died Tuesday and a twelfth died Wednesday. The latest deaths put October on track to be the third-deadliest month of the war. The *New York Times* also leads with Iraq, but focuses on Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's efforts to stem sectarian warfare by winning over influential Shiite clerics. The *Wall Street Journal* tops its world-wide newsbox with the latest *WSJ*/NBC News poll, which shows the GOP in worse political straits than the Democrats were before losing Congress in 1994.

Digging into the details of the Iraq casualty reports reveals that the numbers are actually worse than they first appear. The two deadliest months of the war for U.S. forces were April 2004 (with 135 deaths) and November 2004 (with 137 deaths). Significantly, those months were marked by full-scale offensives in Falluja and Najaf. This month, the *NYT* notes, the "military has not conducted any major operations," and yet at the current rate, around 120 Americans will have died by November 1. In other words, day-to-day operations in Iraq are now nearly as deadly as open warfare was two years ago—and perhaps for those on the ground, there is little distinction.

The papers see some of this month's mayhem as temporary—*USAT* notes that Iraqis are observing Ramadan and "religious fervor is high." (Inside, the paper describes how the chaos in Iraq is interfering with the holy month.) Still, the violence seems to be growing exponentially; the UN estimates that 100 Iraqis face death every day, the *LAT* reports.

Of course one major change in recent months has been the explosive rise of purely sectarian fighting. As the *Post* explains in a front-page companion to its lead, that change has been accelerated by the fragmentation of the two main militias—the Badr Brigades and Muqtada Sadr's Mahdi Army. Today, dozens of smaller breakaway groups conduct brutal executions, bombings, and kidnappings across the country. The *Post* reports the fragmentation itself was prompted, at least in part, by Sadr's decision to join the political process.

If that's the case, Prime Minister Maliki will have a tough time convincing Sadr to help rein in the militias. As the *NYT* reports in its lead, Maliki flew to Najaf on Wednesday to meet with Sadr and Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's most politically powerful Shiite cleric. Maliki didn't walk away with any new plan, yet he offered a significant concession to Sadr by releasing a supporter who had been detained for his involvement in death squads. Today's *NYT* lead is worth reading alongside articles the *NYT* and the *Post* ran late last month, which reported that Maliki seems to lack both the resolve and the ability to address Iraq's problems.

Back home, the *WSJ*'s poll reveals nothing but bad news for the GOP. Less than three weeks before the election, approval of Congress has fallen to 16%, a low that matches the poll's previous record, set during the House banking scandal in 1992. Also significant is the public's 52%-37% preference for Democratic control of Congress, the widest spread the poll has ever recorded and the first time it has recorded more than half of voters favoring one party. The *WSJ*'s Republican pollster Bill McInturff now agrees with his Democratic counterpart Peter Hart that a majority of voters see the Democrats as "a marginally acceptable alternative" to the GOP (and yes, for the Dems, that's a ringing endorsement).

While the other papers don't have juicy poll numbers to report, all front updates on the fall campaign. The *LAT*, which cites the *WSJ*'s results, offers the best piece. The paper explains how Democrats have taken the fight for control of Congress deep into Republican territory. The *Post* heads to Kansas, where it finds nine former Republicans running for office as Democrats. The paper avoids embracing the argument it approaches: that the shift represents a significant trend among disenchanted GOP moderates. The *NYT* fronts an unremarkable report on Democrats' success using the Iraq war against Republicans, while *USAT* offers a somewhat bizarre examination of the political advertisements aired by a Twin Cities TV station owned by its corporate parent, Gannett.

The *WSJ* fronts one of the best stories yet written on HP's corporate spying: the personal account of reporter Pui-Wing Tam, who was a target of the company's investigators.

Also on the front page: The *LAT* reports that the border city of Dandong is where China's commitment to UN-ordered sanctions on North Korea will be tested. More than half of North Korea's foreign trade is with China, and much of it flows through Dandong, perched on the Chinese side of the Yalu River. The paper explains why China is reluctant to enforce sanctions too stringently: In addition to its strategic concerns about keeping the North Korean regime afloat, the country still resents the humiliation it has suffered at the hands of foreign powers and is thus reluctant to interfere in others' "internal affairs." The *NYT* also fronts an article on North Korea; the paper writes that, with money, those at the regime's periphery are finding it increasingly easily to escape.

The Democrats' Plans The *WSJ* notes that Majority Whip Roy Blunt, R-Mo., sent an email to the media Tuesday explaining what Democrats will do if they capture the House: "plot to establish a Department of Peace, raise your taxes and minimize penalties for crack dealers." Although his information seems to be solid, obviously he missed some of the other major initiatives planned, such as furloughing Willie Horton again and buying new pink Cadillacs for the nation's welfare queens.

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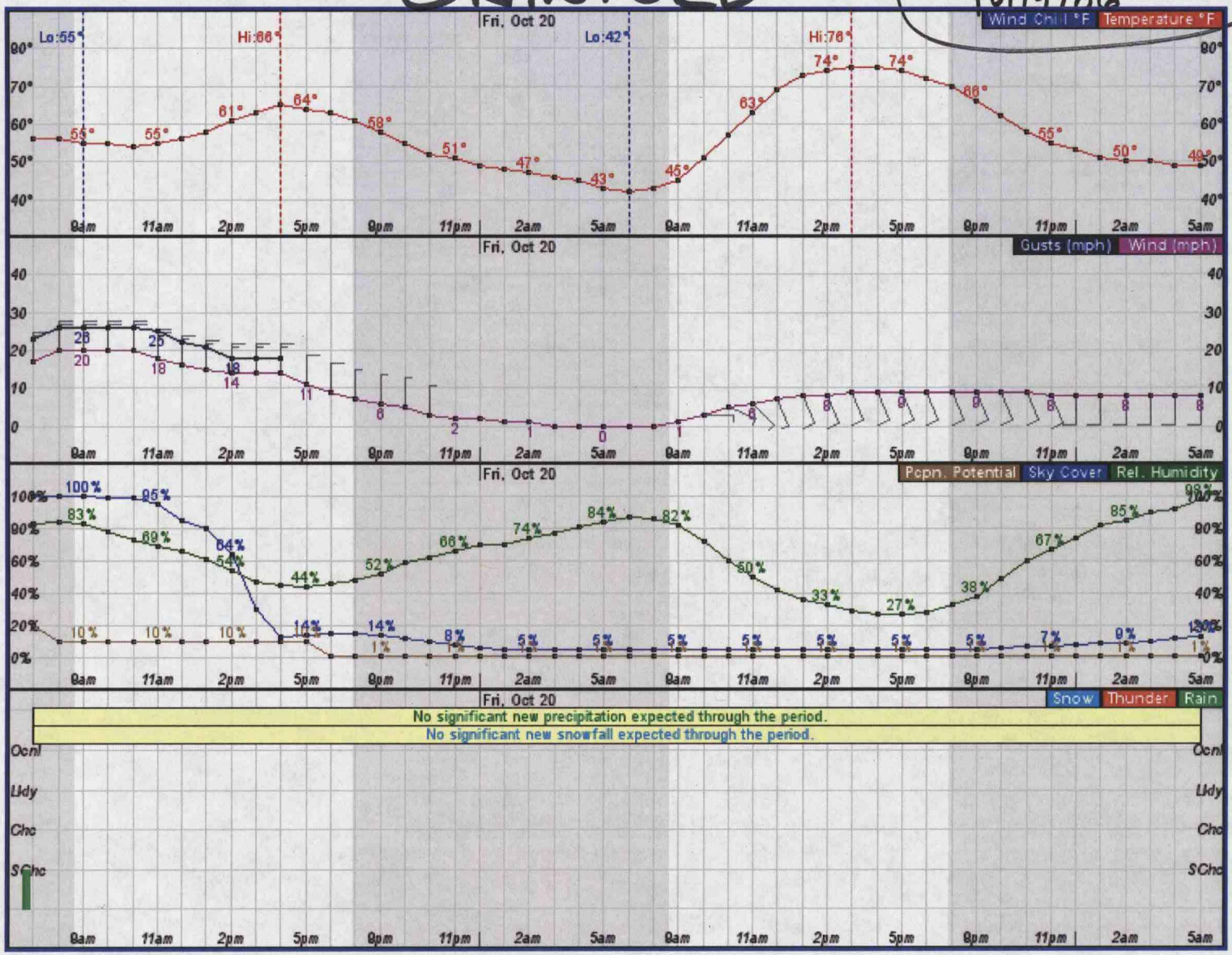
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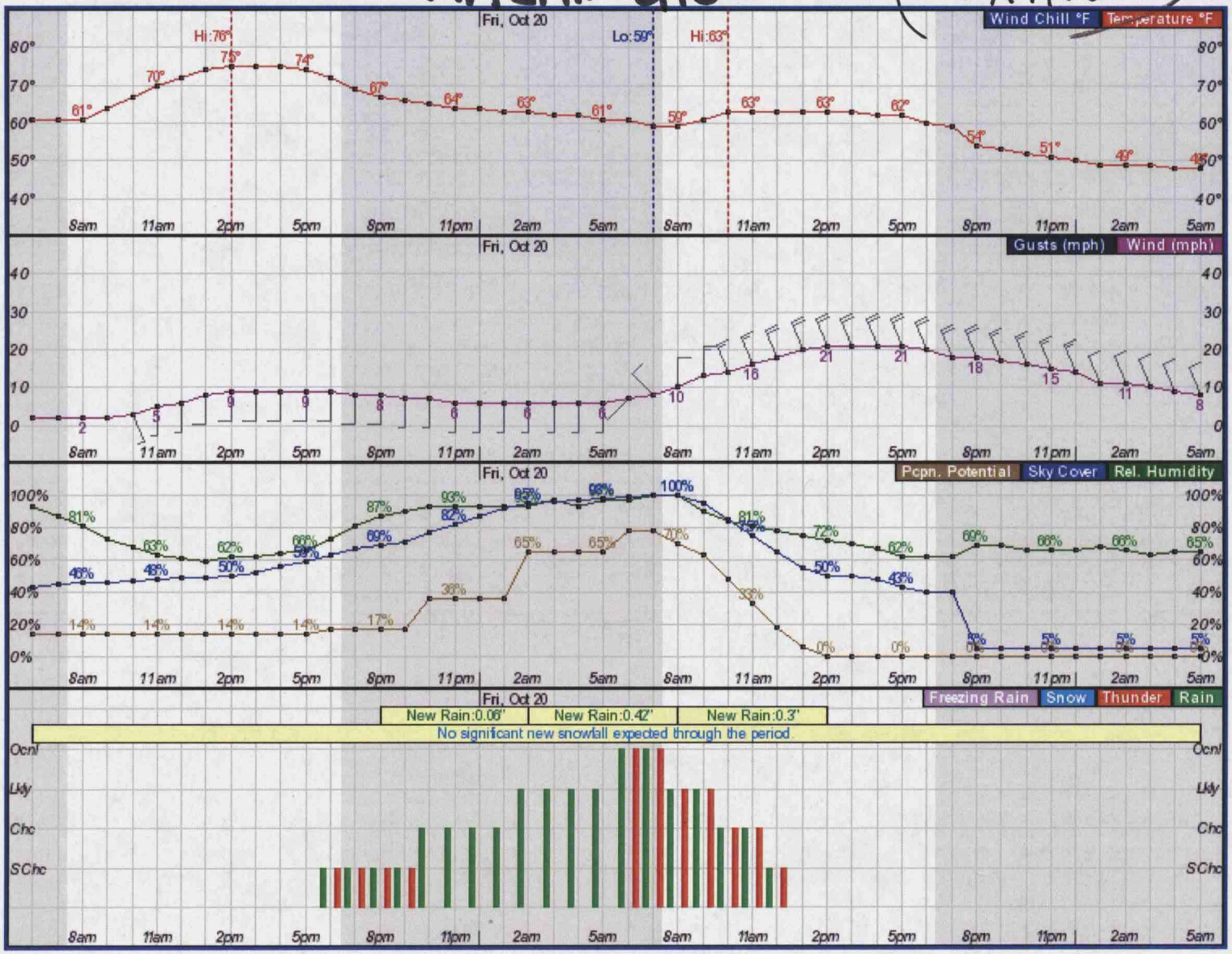
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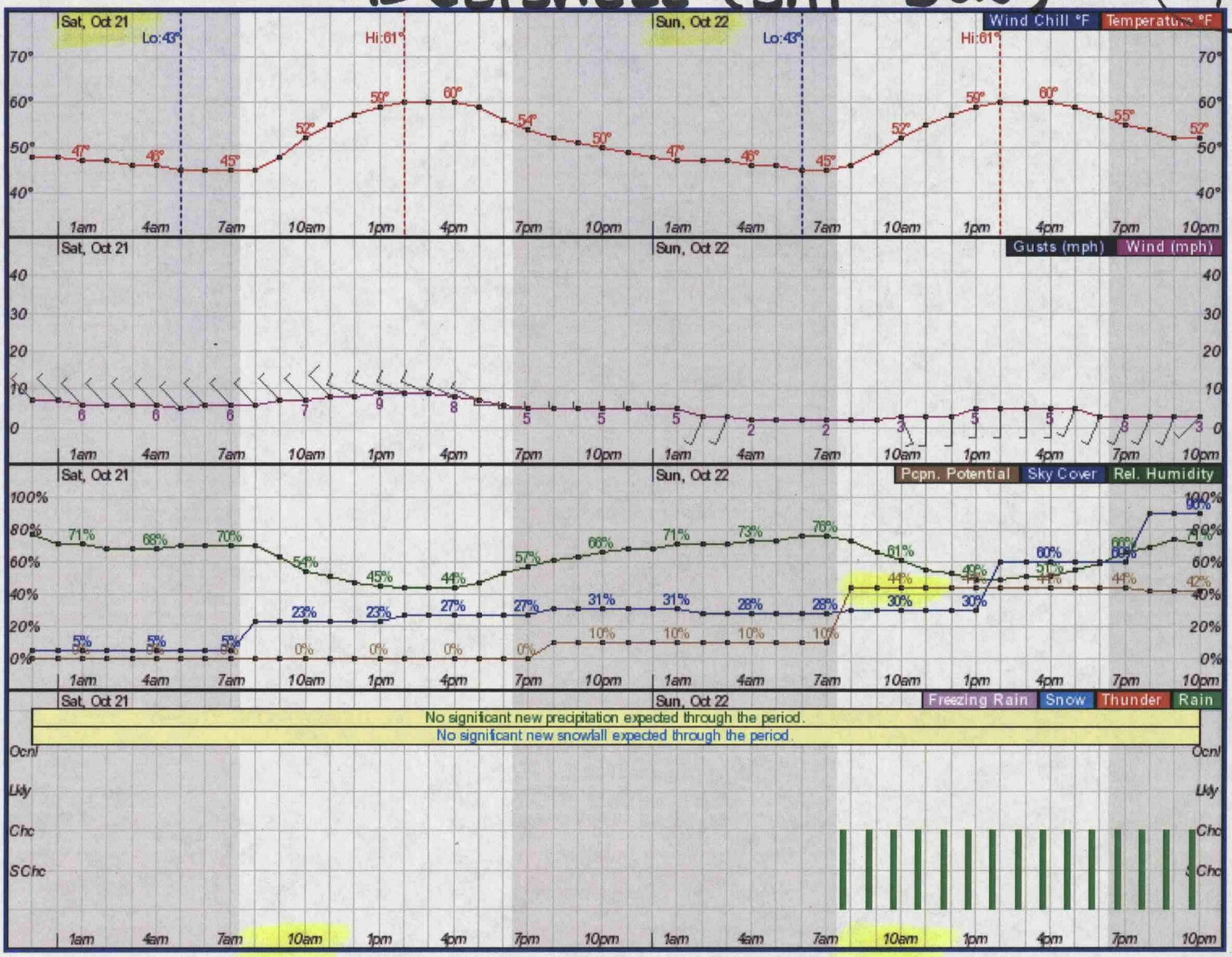
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September 27, 2006

President George W. Bush
The White House
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Dear Mr. President,

I wanted to thank you so much for the incredibly thoughtful letter you prepared for Les' birthday. Needless to say, he was very moved and we are both incredibly grateful.

With sincere appreciation,

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Bogged Down in Baghdad

By Alexander Dryer

Posted Friday, Oct. 20, 2006, at 5:44 AM ET

The *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Wall Street Journal* all lead with a top American official's admission that despite a joint U.S.-Iraqi crackdown, the military has failed to stanch the violence decimating Baghdad. Attacks in the capital are up more than 20 percent over the last three weeks alone. *USA Today* leads with a fascinating examination of state crime lab statistics. The paper discovered that states increasingly are using the national criminal DNA database to solve property crimes. Although the FBI designed the database for investigating crimes like rape and murder, these sorts of expanded uses for law enforcement tools are nothing new.

Maj. Gen. William Caldwell, the military spokesman in Iraq, acknowledged that the failure to stop insurgent attacks in the capital was "disheartening." The *NYT* offers the best account of the general's remarks, describing them as "unusual for their candor and unvarnished portrayal of bad news." Caldwell claimed insurgents hope to sway American public opinion before the election, but said that discussions had already begun on how to "refocus" military efforts. Only the *NYT* points out how futile those talks are likely to be, noting that "senior American military officials" already told reporters they have no new tactics in mind.

More fundamental changes in policy may be ahead, however. In a companion to its lead, the *Post* captures the emerging consensus in Washington that "stay the course" is untenable. A front-page analysis in the *LAT* makes clear why: even Republican congressional candidates are questioning the administration's approach. The *NYT* goes inside with a look at Bush's options, which can be summarized in a single word (bad). As the *WSJ* reports, simply maintaining current deployment levels may force the administration to revise Pentagon limits on how long National Guard and Army Reserve troops can serve.

But Iraq is only one problem the GOP faces. After six years in power, Republicans lack ideological focus, and the *NYT* fronts a look at the "pre-criminations" dividing the party. The paper finds the familiar social conservative/neoconservative/economic conservative splits have grown especially tense this fall (see the handy included chart). The infighting already has caused some bizarre developments, such as Dick Armey channelling Nancy Pelosi: "Democrats are talking about the things people care about, like how do I pay my bills?"

Despite the intra-party finger-pointing, Republicans are not going down without a fight. The *Post* previews their plan for the campaign's final weeks: accuse Democrats of planning to "raise taxes, weaken national security and liberalize social policies." Although Karl Rove believes the strategy will work, several "GOP operatives" told the paper they expect to lose at least 18 and perhaps as many as 25-30 House seats; Democrats need just 15 to take control. Meanwhile, the *WSJ* reports that Republicans' cash advantage is dwindling. Partly that's due to aggressive fundraising by Democrats, but it also reflects the GOP campaign committees' high overhead costs. The paper notes that Republicans "spend significantly more for trinkets for donors, such as lithographs and $93,500 for books about the inauguration."

Everybody but the *Post* stuffs Russia's shuttering of foreign NGOs. The government barred more than

90 organizations from doing any work in the country after they failed to register as required by a new law. Russian officials claim the groups are suffering a temporary setback that is the result of their own disorganization, but NGO employees counter that the government has made the registration process confusing and cumbersome.

The *LAT* and the *Post* front NBC's decision to save $750 million over the next two years by slashing hundreds of jobs and filling the first hour of primetime with cheap game shows and reality programs. The *LAT* offers a thorough and thoughtful analysis of the moves. But the *Post* gets caught up by the network's name for the restructuring plan, "NBC 2.0," and tries to spin a high-level think piece on staying competitive in the age of "YouTube, social networks, video games and other upstart media." (Steer clear.)

The Cardinals are headed to the World Series after a 3-1 victory over the Mets. Only the *NYT*'s city edition has the game on page one, but *USAT* fronts a great analysis of the Series' recent history. Expanded MLB revenue sharing and revamped playoff rules mean the Fall Classic is no longer dominated by dynasties. Over the last five years, the Cards are the only team to make it to the Series twice, while their opponents this year, the Tigers, are the sixth wild-card entry.

Also on the front page: The *LAT* reports that two Border Patrol agents were sentenced to 11 and 12 years in prison for shooting an unarmed drug smuggler who had crossed the Mexican border with nearly 750 pounds of marijuana. The case has become "cause celebre" among groups advocating a harder line on immigration. *USAT* writes that an invisibility cloak is one step closer to reality. Duke scientists reported Thursday that they had found a way to hide objects from microwaves with an electromagnetic "mirage." And the *WSJ* profiles East Dawning, a chain from the corporate parent of Pizza Hut and KFC that is attempting to sell Chinese fast food in China. One Shanghai resident's take: "It's authentic but it's not that good."

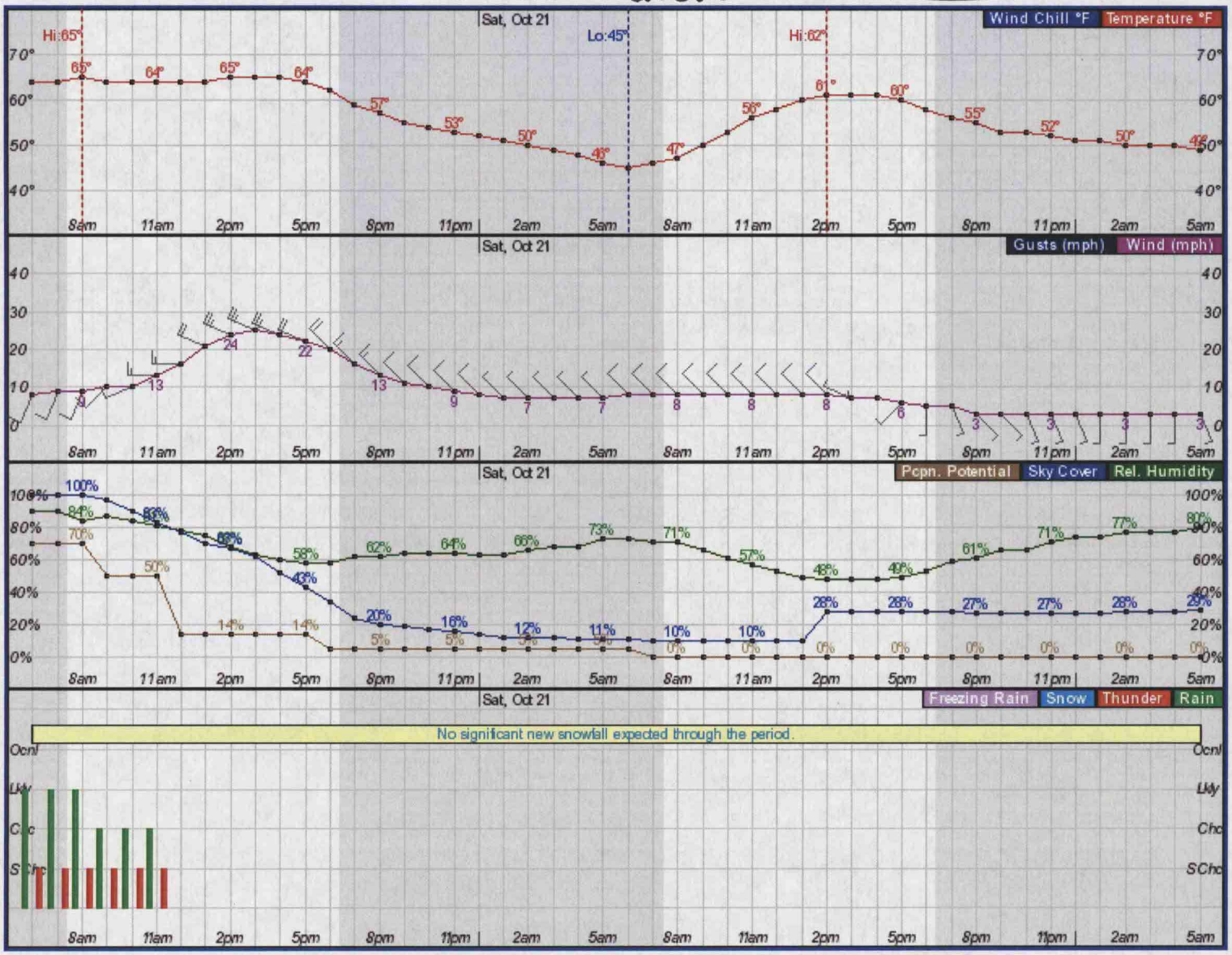
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Saturday, October 21 at 12am
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Precipitation Potential: 5% Sky Cover: 14% Relative Humidity: 63%
Rain: <10% Thunder: <10% Snow: <10% Freezing Rain: <10%

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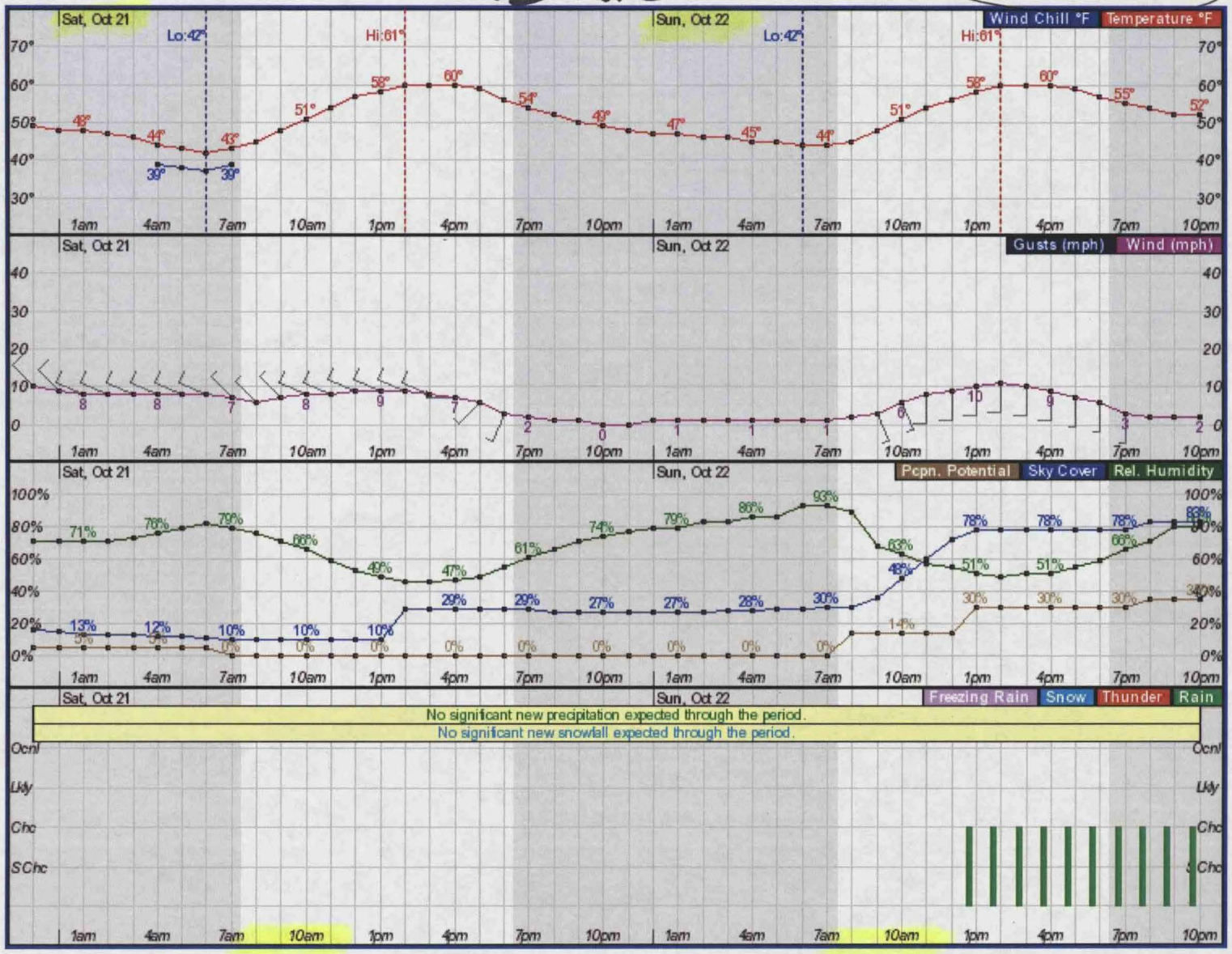
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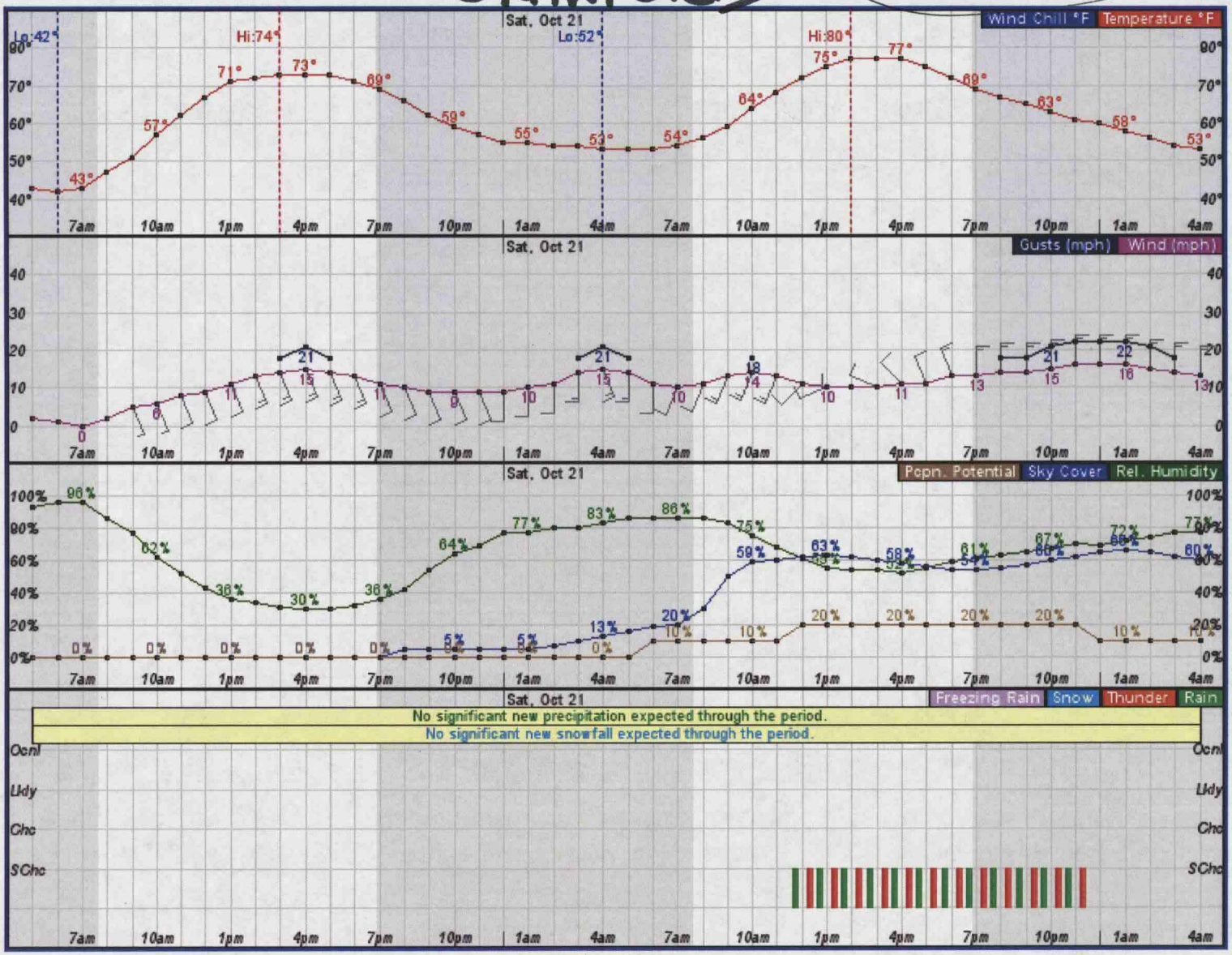


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Saturday, October 21 at 1pm
Temperature: 75°F Wind Chill: N/A Wind: WSW 10mph
Precipitation Potential: 20% Sky Cover: 63% Relative Humidity: 55%
Rain: Slight Chance (10%-20%) Thunder: Slight Chance (10%-20%) Snow: <10% Freezing Rain: <10%

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Worth reading. 10/20/06
Steve Hadley

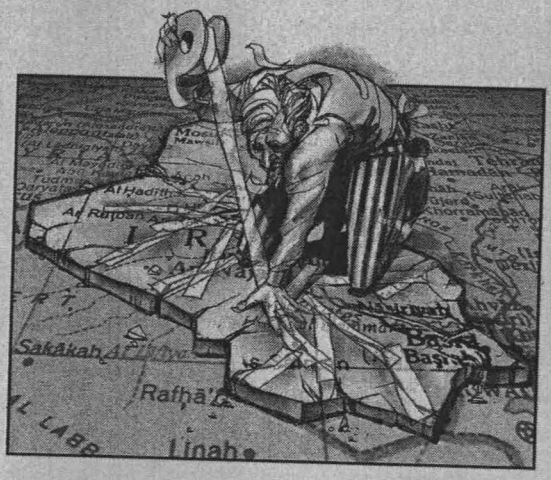
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Plan B cc: The Vice President The Chief of Staff

By Eliot A. Cohen

That the Iraq war is, if not a failure, failing, requires little demonstration. By all measures—but above all, the sheer insecurity of daily life in Baghdad—things have been getting worse, not better. Yes, there are islands of security and stability, particularly in the Kurdish north; but the communal violence between Sunni and Shia has gotten worse. The Iraqi army has improved, but the police, consigned to secondary relevance by the U.S., are penetrated by militias. Iranian influence spreads, and Iranian-designed and -manufactured improvised explosive devices inflict higher tolls on American troops. With an eye to the forthcoming American elections, the enemy is ratcheting up the violence, and successfully.

It will be important in future years to settle whether the Iraq war was the right idea badly executed, an enterprise doomed to disappoint, or simply folly. There will be individuals to be held accountable (not all of whom have been in the crosshairs of journalists and partisans), and institutions whose shortcomings require not only soul-searching but reform. That's for later. The question now is, what should we do?



David Klein

The current course—Plan A—involves an open-ended commitment of some 130,000 or 140,000 soldiers, with temporary surges during periods of crisis. Its theory of victory seems to be that American support, nagging and cajoling can eventually bring the Iraqi security forces to maturity and gradually hand over responsibility to a democratically constituted, unitary Iraqi government. It is difficult to believe that the U.S. Army and Marine Corps—filled with soldiers now doing their second or third tour in Iraq, including soldiers whose participation is enforced by "stop-loss" orders that keep them beyond their enlistments—can sustain this indefinitely. The hairline cracks in the armed forces are there, and growing for those willing to see them. Public support for the war is dwindling, and most importantly, we are not only making no progress: Things are actively getting worse. So what are the alternatives?

• *Getting by with help from your enemies.* It is bruited about in Washington that the Iraq Study Group, a collection of worthies commissioned by Congress that has spent several days in Iraq, chiefly in the Green Zone, will recommend turning to Iran and Syria to, in effect, bail out the U.S. To think that either state, with remarkable records of violence, duplicity and hostility to the U.S., will rescue us bespeaks a certain willful blindness. And to think that the Sunni states of the Arab world, much less Iraq's Sunni population, would welcome such a deal is more incredible. Christians, most notably—simply flee the country. But would there be anything left once the massacres had stopped? And would they stop?

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All of the options for Plan B are either wretched to contemplate or based on fantasy; the most plausible (the sixth option, a coup which we quietly endorse) would involve a substantial repast of crow that this administration will be deeply unwilling to eat. But it is not only the administration that can, and should, feel uncomfortable about the choices that lie ahead.

An honest debate about Iraq policy will require of all who participate

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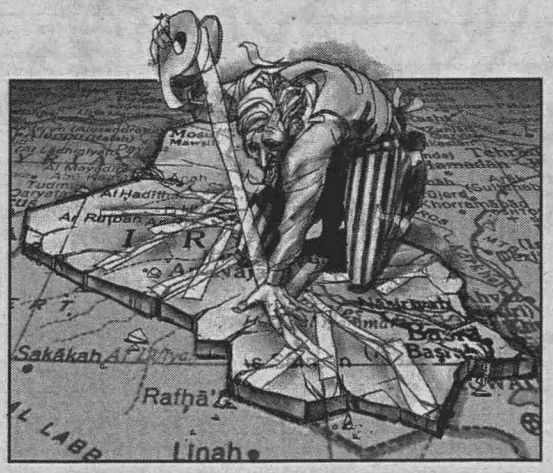
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Plan B cc: The Vice President
The Chief of Staff

By Eliot A. Cohen

That the Iraq war is, if not a failure, failing, requires little demonstration. By all measures—but above all, the sheer insecurity of daily life in Baghdad—things have been getting worse, not better. Yes, there are islands of security and stability, particularly in the Kurdish north; but the communal violence between Sunni and Shia has gotten worse. The Iraqi army has improved, but the police, consigned to secondary relevance by the U.S., are penetrated by militias. Iranian influence spreads, and Iranian-designed and -manufactured improvised explosive devices inflict higher tolls on American troops. With an eye to the forthcoming American elections, the enemy is ratcheting up the violence, and successfully.

It will be important in future years to settle whether the Iraq war was the right idea badly executed, an enterprise doomed to disappoint, or simply folly. There will be individuals to be held accountable (not all of whom have been in the crosshairs of journalists and partisans), and institutions whose shortcomings require not only soul-searching but reform. That's for later. The question now is, what should we do?



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HAVE A NICE DAY FROM...
TIBOR (TED) AND FAMILY

Dear President Bush First Lady Mrs Bush and Family:

I hope that this letter finds all of you in good health and the very best of everything. This is TIBOR (TED) RUBIN writing to you, Recipient of the "Congressional Medal of Honor" Sept 23, 2005.

There is no way that I can truly express my gratitude & appreciation for your kindness in helping me celebrate the joyous occasion upon receiving the "Medal of Honor" the Highest Medal in our beloved Country, "The United States of America"

Dear President Bush, with your help and Kindness I was honored upon receiving the "Medal of Honor" after 55-years.

The ceremony in the White House was remarkable and unforgettable. Your speech about me was beautiful! I am truly appreciative and thank you from bottom of my heart. You always be in my heart and prayers

Your Dear wife Laura, is Beautiful and kind Person. Both of you were so nice to my Family and Friends. Whenever I go somewhere, I show the DVD and the pictures from Sept 23, 200. I am invited many, many places I am booked up end of Christmas 2006 - and after because every one interested my Life story I go to Military Bases and all over they like me, only 1-problem I am 77-years old - I wish I get the Medal 30-years ago I was still alife HA-HA. People always ask me if the President talk to me I tell them he did talk to my whole family, and he made a Beautiful Speech

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about me which was out of this World.
I told tham you was very kind an outstanding man and very hard working man.

As I wrote to you here I go many Military functions, schools, I am so booked up. People enjoy watching the DVD. & hearing about you and about our Beautiful first Lady and about Sept 23, 2005 my White House Ceremony.

Mr, Dobler sent my Dear daughter Rosie a lot of pictures about both of you and the White Vice President and wife - she take it to school and I do give it a lot of places to - We could use some more every one like it very much, it is Important to student and a lot of people know about our country and our Leaders.

Dear President Bush thank you for honoring me on Sept 23, 2005 - Thank you honoring me with the "Medal of Honor"

Please give our Love to your and your Dear wife family we do think about tham a lot to - what an outstanding family we all proud about you all.

Dear Mr President Bush First Lady Bush here I enclose 4- Magnets for you two and your 2 lovely daughters I was around 21- years old when first time I was Recommended the "Medal of Honor" Sept 1950 South Korea the War was on, I am very proud of it, try to do my Best - for the Best Country in the Whole wide World "United States of America" what a Lucky man I am living in U.S.A.

Dear President Bush We want to wish you a belated "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" 60TH May the good "LORD" Bless you with good health happiness and a Long Life with your Dear

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My family and I always will remember Sept 23, 200. what a Beautiful Memory in our History standing next to you, a great President, a President who dedicated and works hard for the United States of America – We are very Lucky to have such a fine people in the White House and "GOD" Bless both of you – Thank you,

Dear President Bush – First Lady Bush Thank you again from bottom of my heart for honoring me. Thank you for your warmth towards my family and friends. Thank you for being a terrific leader!!!

Best wishes to all of you – Thank you also your personal letters to us.

Best wishes and Love to all of you. Tibor (Ted) Rubin

Yvonne, Frank and Lai and Rosie.

P.S. Please forgive me my Bad English writing but I am still Learning. HA-HA-HA.

Holocaust Survivor Awarded Medal of Honor

A Korean War veteran, who joined the Army after being freed from a concentration camp by Americans, is feted 55 years later.

By RYAN G. MURPHY
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — Tibor Rubin watched as American troops liberated the Austrian concentration camp where he labored.

He pledged to himself that one day he would join that country's Army as a measure of thanks. He did that, then he volunteered to fight in Korea.

But despite saving "his brothers" on the battlefield and in a prisoner of war camp, Tibor Rubin had to wait more than half a century for his own thanks.

On Friday, the former Army corporal was awarded the Medal of Honor.

"By repeatedly risking his own life to save others, Cpl. Rubin exemplified the highest ideals of military service," President Bush said as he presented the 76-year-old Garden Grove man with the nation's highest military honor.

Rubin's wife, Yvonne, and his children, Frank and Rosalyn, sat in the front row.

"Thank you," the president said, quietly and directly to Rubin as he fastened a blue ribbon with a five-pointed gold star around his neck.

After the ceremony, Rubin was inducted at the Pentagon into the Hall of Heroes and was given a Medal of Honor flag.

Since Congress created the honor during the Civil War, 3,461 Medals of Honor have been presented for extreme valor.

"There's no way I can describe what this means," Rubin said in an interview this week. "I waited for this for 55 years, and finally the dream came true."

Four times, Rubin's fellow soldiers and commanding officers recommended that he receive the Medal of Honor. Twice they recommended him for the Silver Star and twice for the Distinguished Service Cross.

He left the Army with two Purple Hearts.

His comrades contended that the man assigned to submit recommendations for valor awards, Rubin's sergeant, never did so because Rubin was Jewish.

"I really believe, in my heart, that [the sergeant] would have jeopardized his own safety rather than assist in any way whatsoever in the awarding of the medal to a person of Jewish descent," Cpl. Harold Speakman, who served with Rubin, wrote in a notarized affidavit.



LAWRENCE JACKSON *Associated Press*

BRAVERY: *Cpl. Tibor Rubin's award recommendations were reportedly blocked by an anti-Semitic sergeant.*

"This man did, with full knowledge of his actions, withhold the recommendations from the proper channels, therefore depriving this soldier of the medals which he so rightfully deserves," he wrote.

Rubin said the sergeant repeatedly chose him for dangerous missions.

"He used to call me such bad names that I forgot my name was Tibor Rubin," he said. "He would send me to the most difficult positions so that I would be killed. It scared the hell out of me. I couldn't even hold my rifle, but I still went."

In 2001, Congress instructed the Defense Department to review the records of Jewish and Latino war veterans who may have been denied the Medal of Honor because of discriminatory practices.

Rubin's name jumped to the top of the list.

"The evidence from the notarized documents is that [Rubin's] first sergeant did the circular trashcan on these [recommendations] and did not process them," said Maj. Elizabeth Robbins, an Army spokeswoman. "Rubin is a true American hero and deserves this honor."

In the early 1940s, Rubin and his family were forced from their hometown in Hungary and were brought with thousands of others to Dr. Josef Mengele, the notorious Nazi concentration camp physician.

"Dr. Mengele told us to go left or right," Rubin said. "If you went left, you went to a gas chamber. If you went right, you went to work in a labor camp."

Rubin was sent to the right; his mother and sister to the left. He never saw them again.

They died in a gas chamber at Auschwitz.

His father survived Auschwitz but was later killed at Buchenwald, another concentration camp.

Rubin spent 14 months in Mauthausen, an Austrian concentration camp where the overpowering stench of rotting corpses constantly reminded him of his own mortality.

In May 1945, U.S. forces liberated the camp. Three years later, Rubin immigrated to the United States.

Fulfilling a pledge he made to himself when American soldiers liberated him, he enlisted in the Army in February 1950.

Soon after, Rubin volunteered to fight in Korea, although, he said, he was told he was exempt from going to a war zone because he was not an American citizen.

"My commander told me that I didn't have to go to war," Rubin said. "So I told him, 'Well, what about the others? I cannot leave my fellow brothers.' "

During one mission, Rubin single-handedly defended a hill for more than 24 hours against hundreds of Nortl diers, allowing his retreat to safety, I his speech.

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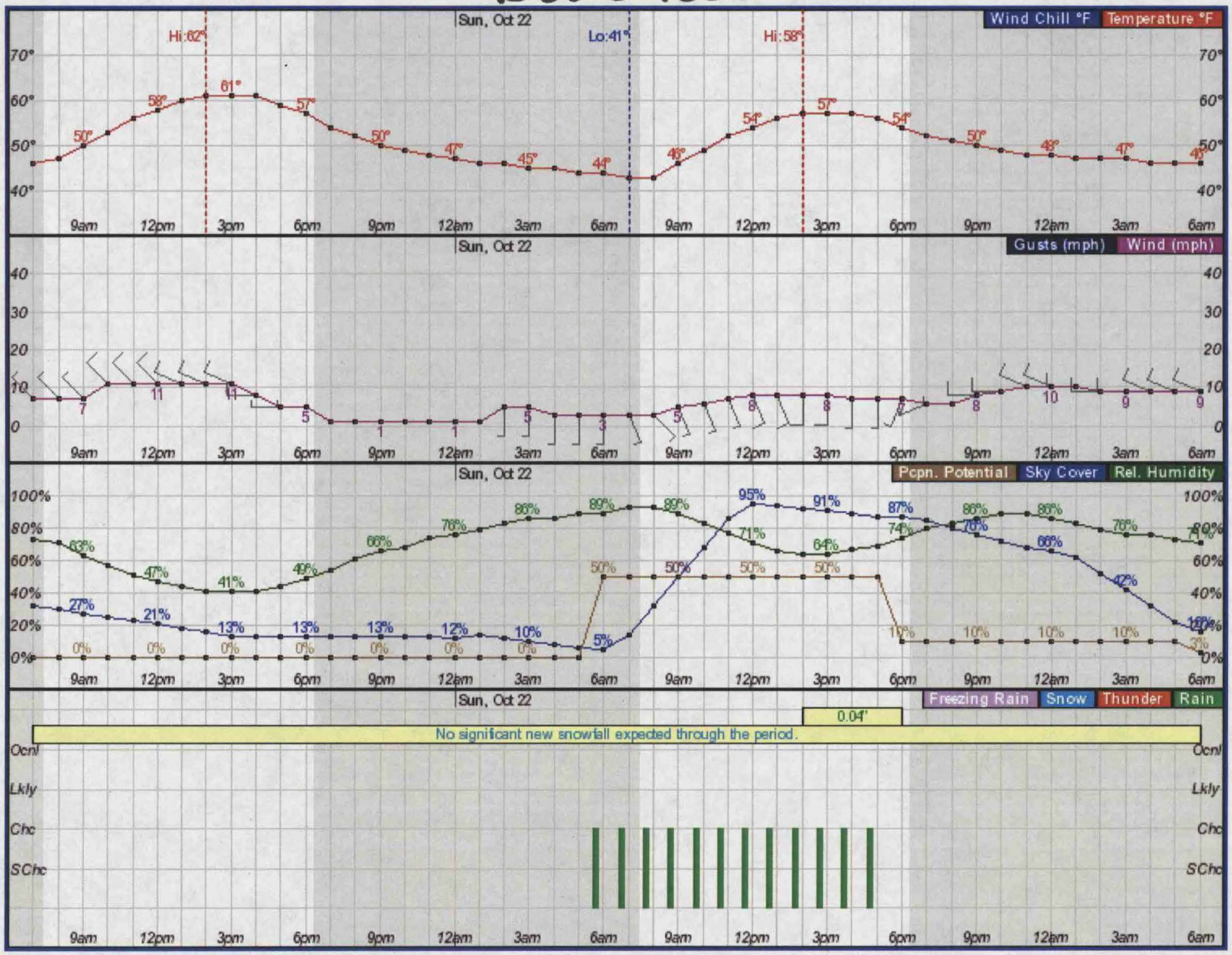
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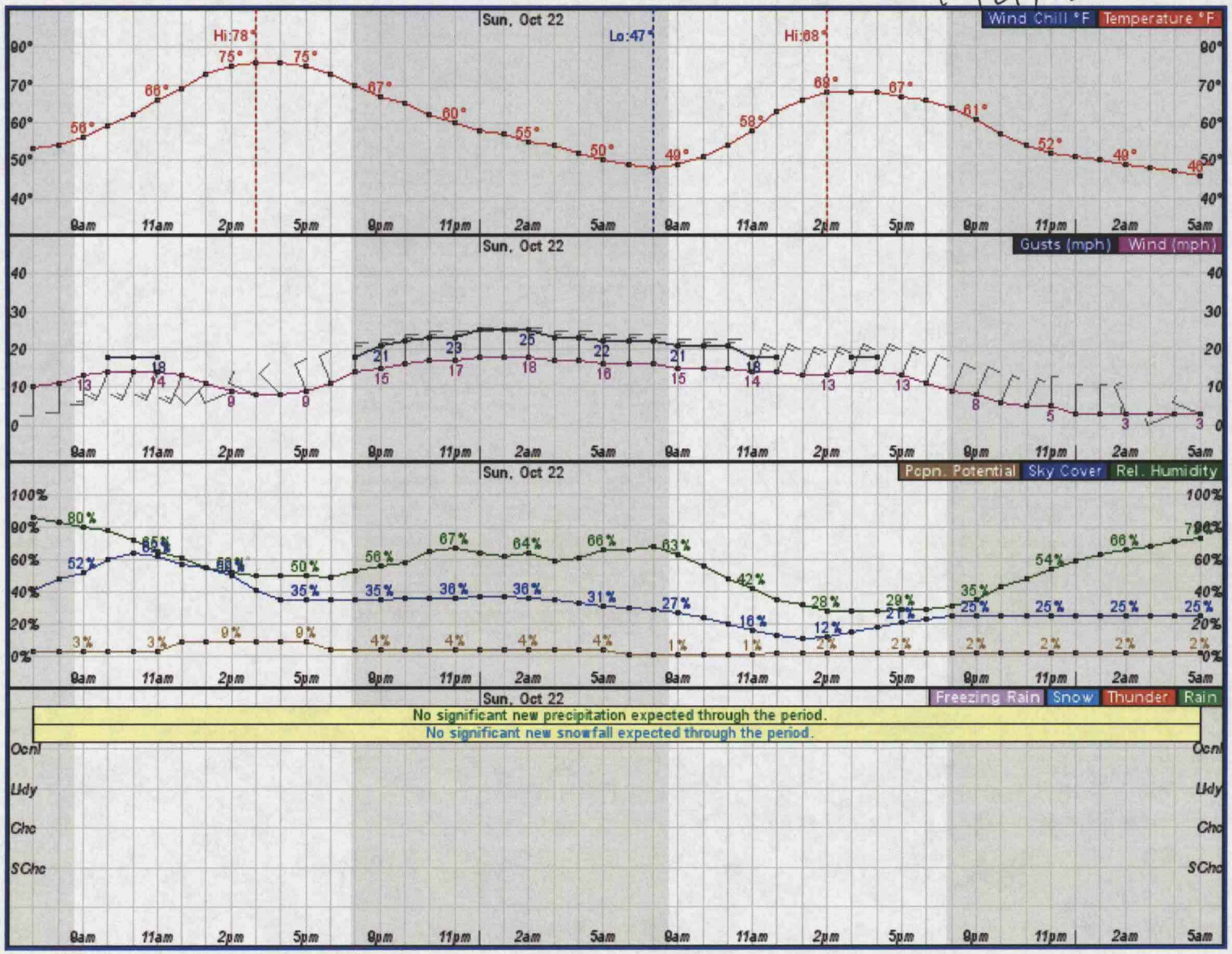
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Sunday, October 22 at 7am
Temperature: 43°F Wind Chill: N/A Wind: SSE 3mph
Precipitation Potential: 50% Sky Cover: 14% Relative Humidity: 93%
Rain: Chance (30%-50%) Thunder: <10% Snow: <10% Freezing Rain: <10%

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Saturday, October 21 at 6am
Temperature: 53°F Wind Chill: N/A Wind: S 10mph
Precipitation Potential: 3% Sky Cover: 41% Relative Humidity: 86%
Rain: <10% Thunder: <10% Snow: <10% Freezing Rain: <10%

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5 DAY WEATHER FORECAST
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Saturday, 21 October 2006

WASHINGTON, DC

Saturday: Mostly sunny. Winds northwest at 3 to 8 knots turning southwest in the evening. Low 47°F. High 63°F.

Sunday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy with isolated afternoon rain showers. Winds south at 8 to 13 knots turning northwest overnight. Low 46°F. High 61°F.

Monday: Partly cloudy. Winds northwest at 10 to 15 knots. Low 45°F. High 57°F.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy. Winds northwest at 13 to 18 knots. Low 41°F. High 56°F.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy. Winds northwest at 13 to 18 knots decreasing to 5 to 10 knots in the evening. Low 43°F. High 57°F.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Tuesday: Sunny. Winds northeast at 18 to 23 knots. Low 61°F. High 83°F.

BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

Tuesday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy in the evening. Winds north at 18 to 23 knots turning northeast at 13 to 18 knots in the late afternoon. Low 67°F. High 79°F.

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No New Strategery

By Alexander Dryer

Posted Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006, at 4:32 AM ET

The *Washington Post* leads with the administration's response to the ever-worsening situation in Iraq. Despite the military's admission on Thursday that a joint U.S.-Iraqi effort had failed to stop violence in Baghdad, President Bush and Secretary Rumsfeld insisted their goals remain unchanged. The *Los Angeles Times* goes high with the White House pushback but saves its top spot for local news: The 89-year-old man who plowed into a farmers' market in 2003, killing 10 people, was convicted of manslaughter. The *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal* also lead with Iraq, but focus on the fighting in the city of Amara, parts of which temporarily fell under the control of Shiite militamen Friday.

In defending the American effort in Iraq, Bush continues to draw a distinction between "tactics," which he is willing to change, and "strategy," which he isn't. The essential question is what this means in practical terms—what is up for reexamination? The *Post* passes on offering an answer, but the *LAT* has the sharp explanation that it's all about saving face: "By adhering to longer-term goals while allowing for tactical changes, Bush could argue that military shifts do not represent a failure of past policies." But as the *NYT* observed yesterday, those "longer-term goals" already are shifting subtly: While he still discusses a stable, self-sufficient Iraq, the president no longer waxes poetic about a flowering Middle East democracy. And at the same time, some of the "tactical changes" the *LAT* reports are under consideration—such as handing Iraq over to a strongman who can keep the country together—would amount to an outright renunciation of previous goals.

As Friday's fighting made clear, however, such radical adjustments may be necessary. The bad news from Amara was twofold: Not only did the Mahdi Army manage to seize about half the city from local police, but the militia's soldiers spent much of the day battling members of the Badr Organization, a rival Shiite militia. Although the fighters eventually withdrew, the clash portends trouble for the Iraqi government, which rests on a peace between the two militias' leaders. As the *NYT* explains in a companion to its lead, the Mahdi Army and its leader, Muqtada Sadr, have become perhaps the greatest puzzle in Iraq. Sadr controls a key bloc in parliament, yet his group is behind many attacks on the government.

On the domestic front, with less than three weeks until the midterm elections, Democrats are growing increasingly optimistic about taking control of the House. The *NYT* argues that to win, the party must convert open seats. The paper claims that grabbing such seats "has proven critical in past Congressional realignments." Yet one example the *NYT* cites, the 1994 Republican victory, seems to show just the opposite. Although the GOP flipped 22 open seats, far more important was its defeat of 34 Democratic incumbents.

Still, no matter what the exact formula for victory may be, Nancy Pelosi seems confident she is about to become the first female speaker of the House. In anticipation, the *LAT* and the *Post* both front reviews of Pelosi's work as minority leader. Both papers describe a Pelosi paradox: Behind the scenes, she is a highly effective political tactician, but in public, she is a surprisingly stiff party spokeswoman.

The *WSJ* reports that at least one prominent Republican has found a "silver lining" in all this Democratic

euphoria. John McCain is in high demand among embattled GOP candidates who cannot turn to the unpopular president. The Arizona senator is answering their calls with money and campaign appearances—work that is building the goodwill he will need for a 2008 presidential run.

Also on page one, the *Post* and the *NYT* each offer reports on European countries' difficulties with pluralism and integration. The *Post* runs through the debate in Great Britain over the full-face veil worn by some female Muslims. The veil issue reflects broader public concerns about British Muslims' role in society. The *NYT* reports that, nearly a year after riots struck the suburbs of Paris, the "unemployed, undereducated youth" behind the unrest are growing more frustrated and more violent. The French public seems to favor a harder line from the government.

Only in Hollywood The *LAT* reports that Los Angeles-area Boy Scouts—perhaps those who would rather not learn the finer points of wilderness survival—can earn a new badge being offered in conjunction with the Motion Picture Association of America, the movie industry's lobbying group. The "Respect Copyrights Activity" badge features the copyright "C" symbol, a film reel, and musical notes. A mom's take: "This one is tailor-made for the city boy in L.A." As long as the L.A. city boy is an aspiring studio hack.

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Movies of the Week

Movies Available as of October 20, 2006
This List Is Void after October 24, 2006

THE QUEEN PG-13 103 Min.
Drama (Rated PG-13 for brief strong language.)
Starring Helen Mirren, Michael Sheen, James Cromwell *MIRAMAX

THE GUARDIAN PG-13 139 Min.
Action / Adventure / Drama
(Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of action/peril, brief strong language and some sensuality.)
Starring Kevin Costner, Ashton Kutcher, Neal McDonough *BUENA VISTA

THE QUEEN
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Starring Helen Mirren, Michael Sheen, James Cromwell, Alex Jennings, Helen McCrory, Roger Allam and Sylvia Syms. Directed by Stephen Frears. Written by Peter Morgan. Produced by Andy Harries, Christine Langan and Tracey Seaward. A Miramax release. Drama. Rated PG-13 for brief strong language. Running time: 103 min.

A revealing, witty portrait of the British royal family in crisis immediately following the death of Princess Diana. The setting for this fictional account of real events is no less than the private chambers of the Royal Family and the British government in the wake of the sudden death of Princess Diana in August of 1997. In the immediate aftermath of the Princess's passing, the tightly contained, tradition-bound world of the Queen of England clashes with the slick modernity of the country's brand new, image-conscious Prime Minister, Tony Blair. The result is an intimate, yet thematically epic, battle between private and public, responsibility and emotion, custom and action - as a grieving nation waits to see what its leaders will do.

THE GUARDIAN
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Starring Kevin Costner, Ashton Kutcher, Neal McDonough, Melissa Sagemiller, Clancy Brown, Brian Geraghty and Sela Ward. Directed by Andrew Davis. Written by Ron L. Brinkerhoff. Produced by Beau Flynn and Tripp Vinson. A Buena Vista release. Drama. Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of action/peril, brief strong language and some sensuality. Running time: 139 min.

After losing his crew in a fatal crash, legendary Rescue Swimmer, Ben Randall, is sent to teach at "A" School, an elite training program for Coast Guard Rescue Swimmers. Wrestling with the loss of his crew members, he throws himself into teaching, turning the program upside down with his unorthodox training methods. While there, he encounters a young, cocky swim champ, Jake Fischer, who is driven to be the best. During training, Randall helps mold Jake's character, combining his raw talent with the heart and dedication required of a Rescue Swimmer. Upon graduation, Jake follows Randall to Kodiak, Alaska, where they face the inherent dangers of the Bering Sea. In his initial solo rescue, Jake learns firsthand from Randall, the true meaning of heroism and sacrifice, echoing the Swimmer's motto--"So Others May Live!"

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Timetable for Iraq?

By Roger McShane
Posted Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at 6:14 AM ET

The *New York Times* leads with the administration's plan to present the Iraqi government with a set of deadlines to address the country's political, economic and security challenges. The government of Nuri al-Maliki will be asked to agree to a timetable for disarming militias and "a broad set…of other benchmarks." But hold on, the *Washington Post* reports inside that White House officials have already denied the *NYT* report: "The story is not accurate," said a spokesman for the National Security Council. The *Post* goes across the top with a feature from Southern Iraq, but leads with the "significantly improved" chances of Democrats taking control of the Senate. On its redesigned front page, the *Los Angeles Times* leads with a thorough and troubling look at the organization charged with overseeing the nation's organ transplant system.

The *WP* says that if the *NYT* lead is accurate, "it would mark the first time that the administration has used deadline threats to pressure the Iraqi government." Really? Two paragraphs later the *Post* notes that "benchmarks have been part of the U.S. policy in Iraq for months." That's according to Dan Bartlett, a top Bush aide, who added, "Implicit in that is that if they are not achieving the benchmarks, we are going to have to make changes accordingly."

That sounds a lot like the plan the *NYT* lays out, except that all the benchmarks would be incorporated into a single blueprint that the Iraqi government would be asked to sign off on by the end of the year. So why the White House denial? Perhaps there is no comprehensive plan, or perhaps there is simply a lack of communication between the White House and the Pentagon, which is formulating the timetable. (It certainly wouldn't be the first time that happened.)

Whether there is or isn't an overarching plan, all parts of the administration agree that there will be consequences if the Iraqi government fails to meet certain political and military benchmarks. According to the *NYT*, officials say the administration would "consider changes in military strategy and other penalties" short of withdrawing American troops. But that sounds like a pretty hollow threat after yesterday's statements by George Bush and Donald Rumsfeld.

On the ground in Iraq, the death of three Marines in the province of Anbar means October is the deadliest month for U.S. forces in a year. That news makes nobody's front page.

On the domestic front, the *WP* says the Democrats' hope of taking back the Senate relies on three states with close races: Missouri, Tennessee and Virginia. Needing to flip six seats total, and with four already solidly in their favor, the Dems must win two out of three of these contests. The fact that Mark Foley is still front-page material should help.

On the House side, the *NYT* says Democrats are increasingly optimistic that they will retake control. This has led to some pressure on Rahm Emanuel, who is leading up the Democratic effort, to go for a big victory instead of focusing resources on close races. That strategy has annoyed some military veterans who complain that, after being recruited to run as Democrats, they have received little support.

The *LAT investigation* into the organization monitoring organ transplants is a must-read. The United

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Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) "often fails to detect or decisively fix problems at derelict hospitals—even when patients are dying at excessive rates." One hospital remained "in good standing" despite five straight years of having among the lowest survival rates in the country. Another facility turned down organs that may have saved patients because it did not have a full-time surgeon to do transplants. UNOS has never recommended the closure of an active transplant program, but the *LAT* proudly notes that its exposés have forced two shoddy facilities to close down.

Another *LAT* investigation bears less fruit. Ignite, the learning technology company headed by President Bush's brother Neil, has benefited from federal funding under the No Child Left Behind Act. Fishing for a conspiracy, the *Times* notes that "educators and legal experts were sharply divided over whether Ignite's products were worth their cost or qualified under the No Child law." But the *LAT* itself admits that the funding laws are "unclear" and the products "get generally rave reviews from Texas educators." So why is this on the front page?

For a much more satisfying look at corruption and political influence check out the *NYT* report on the scrutiny surrounding an S.E.C. hedge fund inquiry involving a well-connected Bush fund-raiser.

Stuffed quote of the day ... Deep inside the *WP*'s story on the death toll in Iraq, we learn that Alberto Fernandez, director of public diplomacy in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at the State Department, told al-Jazeera: "We tried to do our best, but I think there is much room for criticism because, undoubtedly, there was arrogance and there was stupidity from the United States in Iraq." I hope State offers a good pension plan.

Roger McShane writes for the Economist *online.*

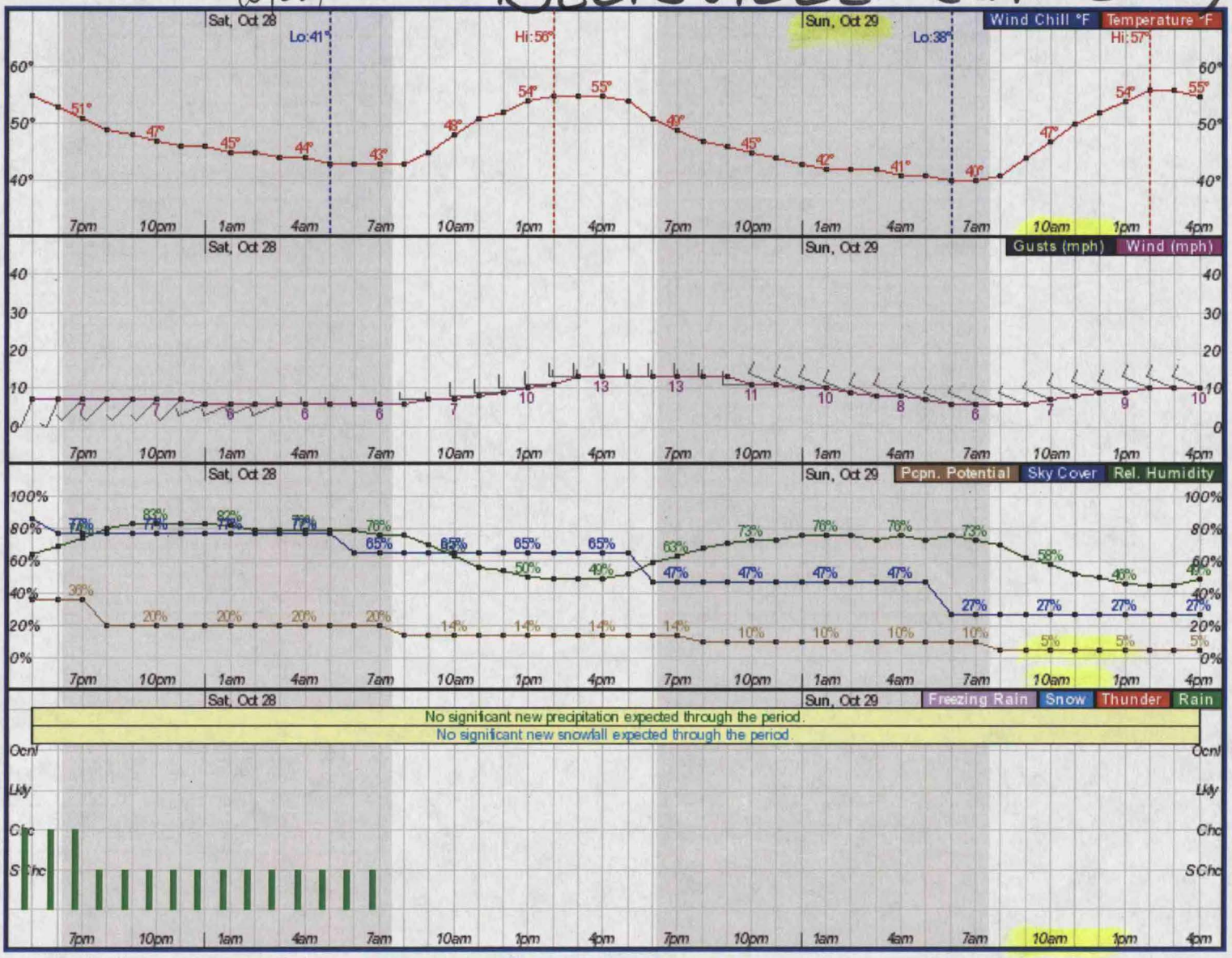
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Saturday, October 28 at 3pm

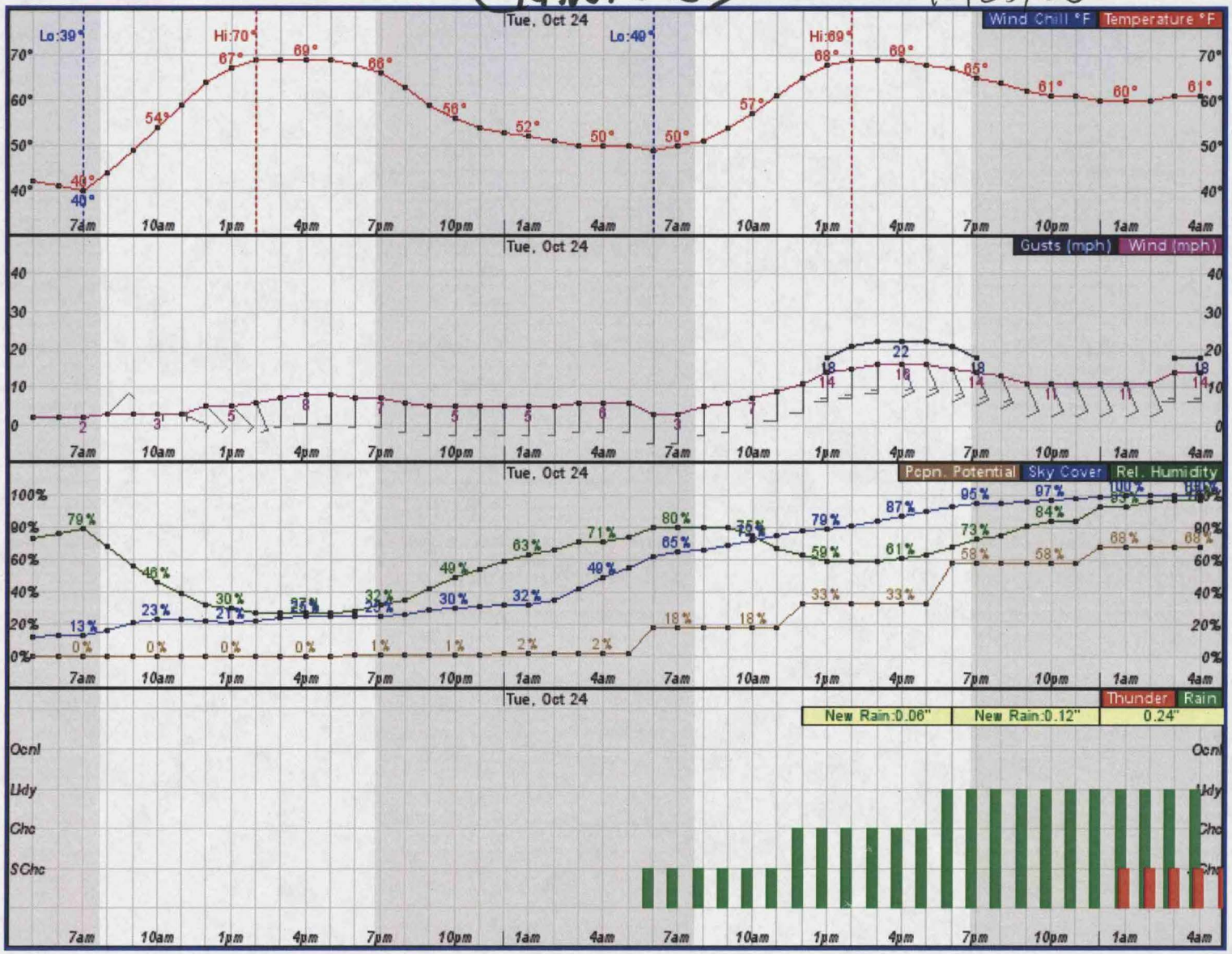
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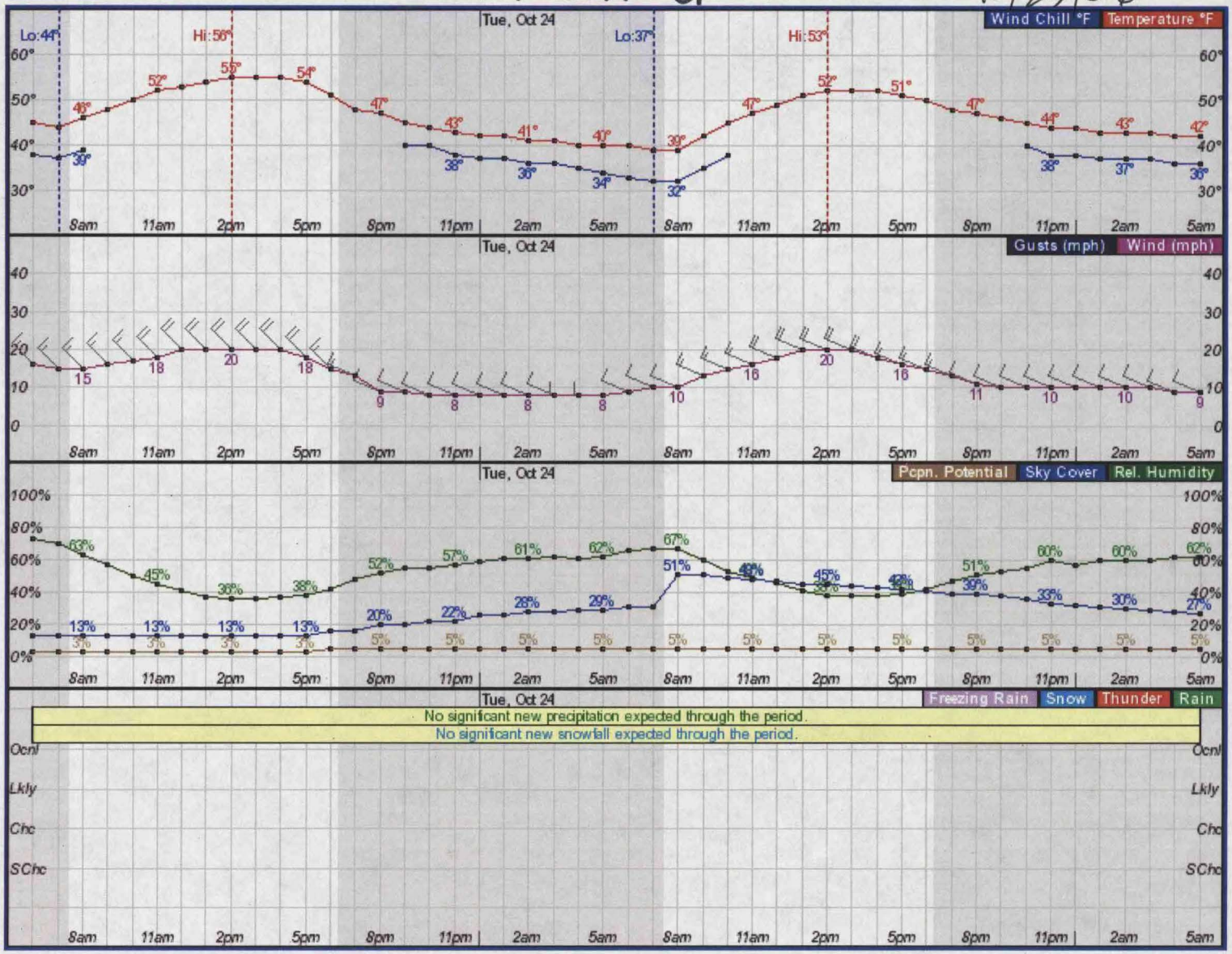
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Rain: <10% Thunder: <10%

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Tuesday, October 24 at 3am
Temperature: 41°F Wind Chill: 36°F Wind: WNW 8mph
Precipitation Potential: 5% Sky Cover: 28% Relative Humidity: 62%
Rain: <10% Thunder: <10% Snow: <10% Freezing Rain: <10%

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Monday, 23 October 2006

WASHINGTON, DC

Monday: Mostly sunny becoming mostly cloudy in the late evening. Winds northwest at 13 to 18 knots. Low 44°F. High 56°F.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy becoming partly cloudy after noon. Winds northwest at 15 to 20 knots gusting to 27 knots in the afternoon. Low 36°F. High 54°F.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy. Winds northwest at 10 to 15 knots. Low 39°F. High 57°F.

Thursday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy with isolated afternoon and evening rain showers. Winds southwest at 5 to 10 knots turning south in the afternoon. Low 38°F. High 53°F.

Friday: Mostly cloudy with widely isolated afternoon and evening rain showers. Winds west at 8 to 13 knots turning northwest in the afternoon. Low 43°F. High 59°F.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Tuesday: Sunny. Winds northeast at 13 to 18 knots. Low 52°F. High 73°F.

BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

Tuesday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly sunny after noon. Winds north at 15 to 20 knots gusting to 25 knots. Low 60°F. High 76°F.

WARREN, MICHIGAN

Thursday: Cloudy with rain and fog. Winds southeast at 8 to 12 knots. Low 36°F. High 49°F.

DES MOINES, IOWA

Thursday: Cloudy with morning fog and rain ending after noon. Winds southeast at 8 to 12 knots becoming northwest at 15 to 20 knots in the afternoon. Low 38°F. High 49°F.

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today's papers

Playing the Last Hand

By Ryan Grim

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The only clear news thread on today's front pages is the continuing slaughter in Iraq, but none of the papers lead with it. The *New York Times* goes with a story on Sudan, where the latest peace agreement is in "disarray." A photo of dead fighters in the desert covers most of the above-the-fold real estate. The *Washington Post* leads with the story of a stumbling attempt to privatize highways in Virginia. The *L.A. Times* goes with an investigative piece on rising corruption along the southern border with Mexico. *USA Today* leads with rising airline ticket prices for the Thanksgiving holiday. The *Wall Street Journal* fronts an in-depth look at Vermont's attempt to shift care for the elderly away from nursing homes and toward private homes.

In Washington, Virginia officials seem to have gotten themselves into a jam, reports the *Post.* In 2003, a private company offered to ease traffic congestion by building expensive express lanes--no state money needed. Or maybe not, says the company, now asking for public funds. It's still a good deal, says the state transportation head: "We have an opportunity to obtain a billion-dollar facility with a fraction of that put in by the public sector." That's true--as long as "public sector" doesn't include the people who'll be paying the premium tolls.

The *Post* gives Virginia another above-the-fold shout, this one about the Senate race between George Allen and Democratic challenger James Webb. Both candidates, whose "biographies exude machismo," are trying to tone it down in the homestretch to woo female voters. *WP* has Allen up 49-47.

Uncle Sam can build a wall 100 feet tall if he wants, but that won't necessarily stop a Mexican smuggler with the right amount of *pesos*, reports the *LAT*, which finds a doubling in the number of convictions of U.S. public officials for bribery since 2004. The story includes this nugget of nuance on Mexican culture: "Though America's southern border may evoke images of a poor backwater, it is alive with vast amounts of ill-gotten wealth, shadowy organizations that ply the waters of the Rio Grande, and brazen schemes that seem borrowed out of Cold War espionage."

The *LAT* also goes above the fold with a piece by Patrick J. McDonnell, who reported from Iraq for two years and then left for one. He returns to find that the chaos and violence he left a year ago looks like paradise compared to the hellish city he finds today. One of the most awfully telling details he shares: Shiite militias control major morgues and wait for Sunnis to come pick up slain relatives, then capture and kill them, too. And before McDonnell goes on patrol with a convoy, an Army commander performs an "unsettling ritual," anointing the Humvees with clear oil, "akin to last rites."

The *NYT* is above the fold with a piece of Iraq analysis that is no more optimistic. The American military is "playing its last hand: the Baghdad security plan," writes Michael Gordon. That's the good news. The bad news is, "military commanders here see no plausible alternative" to the current strategy. The U.S. has asked for an increased number of Iraqi troops to help out, but the Iraqi government hasn't provided them. Even when it did order several battalions to deploy to Baghdad, those units deserted instead, according to American military officials.

USA Today's "Cover Story" is also an Iraq analysis, this one accompanied by graphs showing U.S. and

Iraqi opinions of the conflict. Col. James Pasquarette has his own opinion: "This is the toughest thing I hope I ever do: fighting a counterinsurgency atop a sectarian conflict."

The *Post* buries its Iraq report, though it contains some courageous reporting from "special correspondent" Muhanned Saif Aldin in Balad, where Shiite militiamen, with the apparent help of the Iraqi Army, have been massacring Sunnis. Here's the quote that tells you what you need to know: "U.S. soldiers asked the Balad officials whether they wanted help, [a military spokesman] said, but the officials declined the offer. The Iraqi government made no request for assistance, he said."

In news that isn't bloodshed and mayhem, the Detroit Tigers evened the World Series at a game apiece, Wal-Mart is having major trouble getting a banking license, 48 U.S. House seats are now considered up for grabs, and Barack Obama said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that he's thinking about running for president.

USAT has a front page piece that is a fresh angle on bad news for Republicans: On top of the U.S. Senate and House, they might also fall behind Democrats in the number of states where they hold the governor's office and both legislative chambers. Holding such power allows a party to gerrymander districts to its liking and groom future candidates for higher office.

This *USA Today* graph says that 47 percent of Iraqis think that the country is going in the "right direction." That's a big chunk higher than the number of Americans who think their own country is heading in the right direction. *TP* thought that either Iraqis had lost their minds or that the pollsters didn't speak Arabic until we spotted the qualifier underneath the graph: "Note: 93% of Sunni Arabs say the country is going in the wrong direction."

Ryan Grim writes for the Washington City Paper.

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Mr. President —

An interesting insight into what is happening in Iraq.

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nuclear umbrella. The test "had set off a lot of questions that the Japanese were asking about their own security posture," Rice said.

In addition to the North Korea discussions, China is an important participant in the drive to roll back Iran's nuclear program. China also has extensive oil investments in Sudan, which has adamantly rebuffed a U.S.-led push to bring U.N. peacekeepers to Sudan's troubled Darfur region.

In 2005, when China abstained from a U.N. resolution launching a war crimes investigation into atrocities in Darfur, U.S. officials reported that China's state-owned petroleum company immediately erected billboards in Khartoum, the Sudanese capital, attesting to China's friendship with Sudan. But in Rice's talks with Chinese officials Friday, she said she was able to have "more concrete discussions" about how to deal with Sudan, including strategizing on an upcoming meeting of African leaders in Beijing.

WASHINGTON POST

In a Land Without Order, Punishment Is Power

By Anthony Shadid

YUSUFAN, Iraq -- A year or so ago, just one poster adorned Sheik Adnan Aidani's wall. It was a portrait of Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani, Iraq's faded but still preeminent cleric, whose stern visage glared down on visitors to the tribal sheik's house along a forest of date palms in the southern Iraqi countryside. Today, there are perhaps a dozen posters with new faces. The names blur, but together they represent the power, beyond appeal, of men with guns.

Aidani smiled, a little sheepishly, as he surveyed the posters. Gifts, he called them, the kind you don't return.

"Everyone's on his own," he explained.

Far from the killing fields of the capital, Baghdad, and a half-hour drive from the southern city of Basra, which has been racked by thousands of assassinations, Aidani has an unenviable task in his warren of mud brick, cinder block and concrete: keeping order in a land without it, where society is fracturing, crumbling, even disintegrating.

The brutality of today's Iraq has washed over his largely Shiite village of 4,000: In the past few months, 10 people have been killed in Yusufan. Among them were a mother and child. "Who knows?" he said when asked the reason. In Basra, and even more in Baghdad, governments are sources of gossip rather than confidence. The police, who he said never set foot here, are best at taking bribes.

There is a saying in southern Iraq today, "No one pays respect to the saint who won't mete out punishment." Violence is the cadence of the country. To navigate the chaos, Aidani tries to draw on centuries-old traditions honed by Bedouins in the desert, rules built on honor, respect and reciprocity. He relies on the intimacy of a village where every neighbor knows the other. But in the end, the threat of punishment secures respect for Aidani. That same threat gives power to militias, gangs and criminals who now hold sway even in the streets of a village like Yusufan.

A division of Iraq is sometimes offered as a way to end the country's sectarian strife, but that glosses over the bitter and bloody fights that torment Basra and other predominantly Shiite regions in the south. With fewer sectarian fault lines, there is less killing in Basra than in Baghdad; residents, a little bitterly, insist it is just more organized, as the various Shiite factions battle for money and power. And the sheik, now more than ever, finds himself buffeted by the building squall.

"Who knows?" he asked again, almost rhetorically.

"These days, life is like a jungle. A rabbit doesn't survive in a jungle. Only a lion does."

He turned more literal. Anarchy, the sheik said. "Actually, it's a little worse than anarchy."

A Judge of the Streets

It was Ramadan, the sacred month when Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset. Forgoing tea, cigarettes and food had darkened the sheik's mood. So had the news he received that morning.

WASHINGTON POST

Rice Sees Bright Spot In China's New Role Since N. Korean Test

By Glenn Kessler

MOSCOW, Oct. 21 -- President Bush came into office six years ago deeply skeptical of Chinese intentions, casting doubt on the idea advanced by the Clinton administration that there could be a "strategic partnership" between China and the United States.

Now, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and other U.S. officials have begun to depict China's increasingly central role in the administration's myriad foreign policy problems as a significant achievement.

Rice, who arrived here Saturday on the last leg of her mission to galvanize action against North Korea, said she saw "some data points" that suggest China is becoming more of a partner on issues of importance to the United States, though the shift will not "happen in one fell swoop."

There is some evidence of China's shift, but the argument also has the virtue of finding a silver lining in the dark strategic cloud posed by North Korea's test of a nuclear weapon.

Many experts regard North Korea's test as a failure of Bush's nonproliferation policy. Critics have charged that Bush, distracted by Iraq, allowed North Korea to bolt from a Clinton-era agreement on freezing its nuclear programs, build a stockpile of weapons-grade plutonium and finally test a weapon. Bush, unlike President Bill Clinton in an earlier crisis, refused to conduct sustained bilateral negotiations with North Korea and instead set up a somewhat cumbersome six-party negotiating framework hosted by China.

At many points, the United States found itself at odds with other partners in the six-party process, such as China and South Korea, which repeatedly urged the Bush administration to show more flexibility in its tactics. Meanwhile, administration officials were often divided on North Korea policy, with some wanting to engage the country and others wanting to isolate it.

Before North Korea announced it had detonated a nuclear device, some senior officials even said they were quietly rooting for a test, believing that would finally clarify the debate within the administration.

On her trip to Asia this week, Rice has come close to saying the test was a net plus for the United States. She has tried to deflect criticism by saying the test was an affirmation, rather than a failure, of the Bush administration's policy of trying to draw China deeper into negotiations on North Korea.

Noting that North Korea has spent three decades developing a nuclear weapon, Rice said it was "very unusual and quite significant" that China, which has traditionally considered sanctions to be a violation of national sovereignty, supported a tough U.N. Security Council resolution punishing North Korea. The resolution is under Chapter 7 of the U.N. charter, which calls for mandatory sanctions for issues affecting international security.

"I don't care how many times you visited Pyongyang," Rice said, referring to a trip made by then-Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright to the North Korean capital in 2000. "China had to be part of this regime to deal with the North Korea nuclear problem, and you're seeing it. Thirty years ago, you wouldn't have been able to get a Security Council resolution on North Korea, and when you get one it's Chapter 7, it's 15-0 and China's at the center of it. Not bad for a couple years' work."

Rice acknowledged that it was still unclear how hard the Chinese government would push North Korea, although she said China's views on the issue were "evolving." She said China had concerns about North Korea's stability and the prospect of a mass influx of refugees if the government collapses. And though China has always valued the status quo, Rice said: "I don't think that they are making a lot of assumptions about the status quo."

China is very concerned, for example, that Japan might decide to build a nuclear arsenal in response to North Korea's test. The Japanese government has ruled that out for now. But when Rice visited Tokyo on her first stop, officials there wanted to focus almost exclusively on receiving firm assurances that Japan is still protected by the U.S.

Four days earlier, gunmen had attacked six Shiite Muslims from his village at a bakery on the outskirts of Baghdad. Sitar Yusuf Zaalan, his three sons and two nephews survived the initial assault, only to be killed when the gunmen returned a little later and, from their car, tossed a bomb inside the bakery.

They weren't even that devout, he said. "They were just Shiites by name, just by their identity card."

He shook his head. "No one asks any questions about the crimes."

Aidani is 52, father of 12 children born to two wives, and sheik for two years with a genealogy that traces back 33 generations. He still sometimes carries the bearing of his days as an employee at the South Oil Co. in Basra: an understated delivery and a bureaucrat's weary patience. Other times, his voice thunders. His writ stretches, with varying influence, through the village, which sits along the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates known as the Shatt al Arab, in a region famed for poets and dates.

On this morning, as on others, the sheik negotiated disputes he estimates have increased 200 percent over the past year, from the frivolous to the serious. There was the story of the mouse. It scurried into a neighbor's home, frightening a girl. Her family demanded arbitration and, to keep the peace, the other family agreed to pay compensation. Days later, her family saw the neighbor's mouse again. They killed it. "That mouse was ours," the sheik recalled the neighbors arguing. And, this time, they demanded compensation.

"I have one even funnier than that," the sheik said.

A driver killed a chicken on the road. Without making excuses, he said he was willing to pay the price of the chicken.

"It's not the chicken that's the problem," the sheik recalled its owner arguing. "The problem is with its orphans."

"And what about the rooster?" he recalled another person asking.

That dispute was settled with $20.

"People around Basra are not afraid of anything," said Sayyid Suleiman al-Musawi, another tribal leader who was visiting the sheik. Tall, with a black head scarf, he had a sense of irony. "If there's a problem, they go straight to their house and get the gun."

The week before, he recalled, there was an argument at a fruit stand near Yusufan. A customer insisted the vendor cut open the watermelon before he bought it. It was still white inside, and he declared that it was not yet ripe. No, it's red, the vendor insisted. They argued, the customer left and then returned with 30 men. Musawi said a gunfight erupted. Unbelievably, no one was killed.

"Thirty guns because a watermelon wasn't ripe," Musawi said ruefully.

"In Iraq, our blood is very hot," he added. "No one speaks slowly here."

The sheik and Musawi lamented the chaos, each complaint growing in exasperation. Their anger was directed everywhere -- at Shiite militias whose men often wear police uniforms, at a national government beholden to Americans and sharing power with Sunni politicians "building car bombs in their houses," at their own people, who they maintained don't understand the word hesitation, and at Sunnis who, the sheik insisted with wide eyes, cannot sleep with their wives as long as Shiites are in power.

"You cannot rule people without a big stick," Musawi insisted. "No one cares anymore, because no one is punished."

Still gloomy, the sheik shrugged his shoulders. Optimistic?

"With all this killing in the streets?" he asked. "Every day is worse than the day before."

Fragmented Authority

The posters on the sheik's wall represent the forces in Basra and his region -- the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, the splintered Dawa party and the Mahdi Army of Moqtada al-Sadr, whose followers regularly attack British troops patrolling Basra. As it has for years now, often still functioning as a clandestine force,

the Supreme Council focuses on the instruments of government power -- the police, provincial council and intelligence service in Basra. Sadr and his unruly force have the streets.

But even the Sadrists are divided. The Mahdi Army is perhaps the most powerful in places like Basra and Nasiriyah. But it contends with breakaway factions -- Fadhila, whose representative serves as Basra's governor; followers loyal to Mahmoud Hassani; and another group known as the Movement of Rebels of the Intifada. They sometimes cooperate, more often not.

In all, residents estimate there are about 19 Islamic parties in the region around Basra, each with armed followers.

"Each head of the militia is his own dictator. This is the reality," said Sayyid Abdel-Aal al-Musawi, a 46-year-old cleric whose father heads an influential but apolitical Shiite sect known as the Shaikhiya. "They don't adhere to any limits."

In Basra, anywhere from a few to two dozen people are killed on most days -- clerics, former Baathists, Sunni Muslims, rivals and many for reasons no one quite understands. The same goes for Yusufan. The sheik listed those killed: an official with the Ministry of Health who was kidnapped and whose body was found in a Sadrist stronghold; a fruit vendor; a cattle salesman suspected of being a Baathist. A little while ago, a lawyer was shot in the leg from a passing car. The gunmen got out and then shot him in the head.

"People are cheap," the sheik said. "After they kill, they walk with their weapons back to the police station."

"No one will ask anything," he added.

There is no real government in Yusufan, bisected by a canal overgrown with weeds and overrun with trash.

The sheik has his authority, backed by what he says are the hundreds of armed men he can cull from the tribe's 12,000 members. But in a sign of his curtailed reach, he twice failed to get elected to parliament, and villagers sometimes treat him as just another player.

Militiamen rarely roam with their weapons through the narrow dirt roads bordered by dried palm fronds, cattails, bougainvillea and fields of clover. But everyone knows who they are, and their graffiti clutter the walls. "Long live Moqtada," one slogan reads. "All of us will sacrifice to defend Sadr," another declares. In green is written, "Yes, yes to Islam." Next to it in blue, a little out of place, is scrawled, "Long live Real," a show of support for the Spanish soccer team Real Madrid.

Authority, in a way, has atomized. Few go out after dark, when many feel militias are most active. Police never enter, so to protect religious celebrations at the Hajji Ahmed Husseiniya, a local worship hall, neighbors gather a dozen youths with their guns and post them at each end of the street.

When trouble arises, villagers say, they try to settle it themselves, then go the sheik, representatives of the Islamic parties or the town's part-time cleric. (Another alternative: "I'd run away," said Jalal Abdel-Amir, a 27-year-old villager.) Usually, they keep to themselves. With violence endemic, it is often heard that if it's not your neighbor, friend or family killed, you keep quiet.

"You can say that the people protect themselves," said Shihab Ahmed Allawi, a 35-year-old construction worker.

Down the street, a little way from the trash-strewn banks of the eddying Shatt al Arab, Kifah Mahmoud, a 47-year-old grocer, stood in a store adorned with portraits of Shiite clerics and named after the sword of a Shiite saint, Dhu al-Fiqar. It takes faith these days, he said. "You can't be sure you'll go somewhere and come back safely. You can't reassure yourself about that."

Serial Strife

In his tribal reception hall, near a television hooked to a satellite dish, the drone of the generator outside, Aidani bellowed into his cellphone. "He must bring the gun to us!" he shouted, flashing his more temperamental side.

The dispute had begun simply. The day before, Mahmoud Shaker, a 16-year-old from Aidani's tribe, was riding his bicycle laden with pots for

items, such as the plastic grocery sacks; and for forbidden delights, such as lobster or scarce beef. On the left, Cubans risk fines or jail sentences to watch soap operas captured by illegal satellite dishes, to prowl restricted Internet sites and to boil "secret potatoes" bought after reaching limits on the ration cards that dictate the buying habits of everyone in the country. Mothers of children under the age of 7 -- the only Cubans allowed to buy discounted milk at state stores -- even sell their allotments at inflated prices to collect money for extra food.

The thriving underground economy functions as a pocket of capitalism, prescribed by supply and demand, within the Western Hemisphere's only communist state. Observers say it may be the precursor of a push for a market economy, one that could accelerate after President Fidel Castro dies; on the other hand, they say, the black market may simply be the byproduct of a system that rewards the wily and well-connected.

"They're very entrepreneurial," Wayne Smith, a former chief of the U.S. Interests Section in Havana, said in an interview. "When I go down to Cuba, I've had the impression that everyone is waiting for something to happen. There's a sense that changes are going to come."

While the world wonders what a post-Castro Cuba might look like, the resiliency of the island's black-market culture demonstrates how far Cubans are willing to go to circumvent Castro's dictums. But it also exposes a certain elasticity in government control of the island.

Some of the deals made on the left, though illegal, are clearly tolerated. They sometimes take place in plain sight of uniformed police, or in view of the less obvious, but equally pervasive, network of neighborhood informers.

The sense of tolerance, however, can vanish abruptly. In August, shortly after Castro underwent stomach surgery and relinquished power during his recovery, government authorities swept through neighborhoods in a crackdown on illegal satellite dishes. The agents were presumably bent on blocking outside news broadcasts -- rife with rumors that Castro was dead or suffering from terminal cancer -- that might cast doubt on the rosier official accounts.

As word spread, Cubans scrambled to dismantle satellite dishes that had been open secrets, squirreling them under floorboards and in attics.

"There used to be dishes there, there, there," a man who lives in a Havana suburb said recently, pointing at his neighbor's homes.

"The funny thing is that they think we want to watch the news from Miami," said the man, a government port worker who, like dozens of others interviewed, spoke on condition of anonymity. "But all my wife wants to see are the soaps."

The Castro government says the restrictions that push so many Cubans to the left are, in some cases, necessitated by the U.S. trade embargo and, in others, a counteroffensive in the nearly half-decade propaganda war between the countries.

Satellite dishes are banned in order to block the U.S. government's TV Marti, which broadcasts programming critical of Castro, National Assembly President Ricardo Alarcón said in an interview. Internet use is restricted, he said, because the embargo prevents Cuba from tapping high-speed cables in international waters.

When the subject of food rationing comes up, Alarcón invariably points again to the U.S. embargo and to a declassified U.S. State Department memo written shortly before the trade embargo was enacted in the early 1960s. "The only foreseeable means of alienating internal support," the memo states, "is through disenchantment and disaffection based on economic dissatisfaction and hardship." The memo proposes "a line of action which makes the greatest inroads in denying money and supplies to Cuba, to decrease monetary and real wages, to bring about hunger, desperation and overthrow of government."

"It's equivalent to genocide," Alarcón said of the memo and of the subsequent embargo.

Even Cubans who are critical of the Castro government tend to have similarly heated reactions to the embargo. Their trips into the black market unspool as quiet acts of rebellion against both U.S. policy and the restrictions imposed by Castro.

iftar , the traditional meal that breaks the Ramadan fast. Someone cleaning part of a sidewalk sprayed water on him as he rode by. Shaker protested, and the man pulled a gun and pistol-whipped him. The sheik wanted a sit-down with the assailant's tribe.

"They have to be in our place within five days," he told the mediator.

He hung up the phone, his third call in 15 minutes. Each time, the tribe had refused to meet.

"They better come," the sheik said. "If they don't, I'll have something else to hold against them."

He leaned back on a cushion resting against a grimy wall, three fans overhead churning the hot air.

"Problems create problems, one becomes two," he said. "These kinds of things should be dealt with by the law."

A little later, Sheik Fawzi Kaabi entered. Everyone in the room stood. "Take your rest," Aidani said afterward.

Kaabi, a stout man in a head scarf checkered white and black, is 46, but said he should be 460: "Every year has become 10 years because of the problems." Kaabi, called "the judge" by a friend, had come to mediate another dispute.

Men from Aidani's tribe had killed three people from the Abadi, a neighboring tribe, although the circumstances were in dispute. A death these days costs between 20 million and 25 million Iraqi dinars, or $13,300 to $16,600. Each person in the tribe is expected to contribute, effectively an insurance policy. But Aidani was resisting, pleading his case that the neighboring tribe had refused to pay blood money earlier.

"We're on standby," the sheik warned, with the mildest bluster.

He said no more. Everyone understood it meant sending his armed men to settle it another way.

"It's like a serial," the sheik said after Kaabi left. "It never has an ending."

As he spoke, there was a hint of hesitation, even doubt in his voice. He ran through the conflicts he had to arbitrate: murder, theft, kidnapping, rape, broken contracts, land disputes and on and on. "There's nothing that's not present in Iraq anymore," he said. "Anything you can imagine in your head is here." In each, he had to negotiate, cajole and, more often than not, threaten.

Each time, the stakes seemed to be raised; each refusal drew a bigger warning.

"It wears me out," he admitted.

As he often does, the sheik spoke in proverbs. He uses one frequently these days. It is as much imperative as reality.

" *Lil qawi* ," he said. "To the strong."

WASHINGTON POST

In Cuba, 'On the Left' Means A Flourishing Black Market

By Manuel Roig-Franzia

HAVANA -- Most mornings a woman with darting brown eyes lingers here in the sticky hot corner of an open-air vegetable market.

She effects a casual stance, elbow propped nonchalantly against a cigar stand, waiting for the regulars. If she nods, her customers follow her to a side street.

A few quick, nervous glances and the woman reaches inside her blouse. From her bra, she removes her contraband -- neatly folded plastic grocery sacks, illegal except in state-run stores.

Five for one cent.

The transaction, like countless others each day in Havana and throughout this island nation, takes place " *por la izquierda* ," or "on the left." Cubans use the phrase to describe back-alley deals both large and small. They scheme on the left to cope with chronic shortages and to skirt myriad rules that prohibit most forms of private enterprise and govern the minutiae of their daily lives.

Cubans go to the left for almost anything: for staples, such as rice and beans; for quotidian

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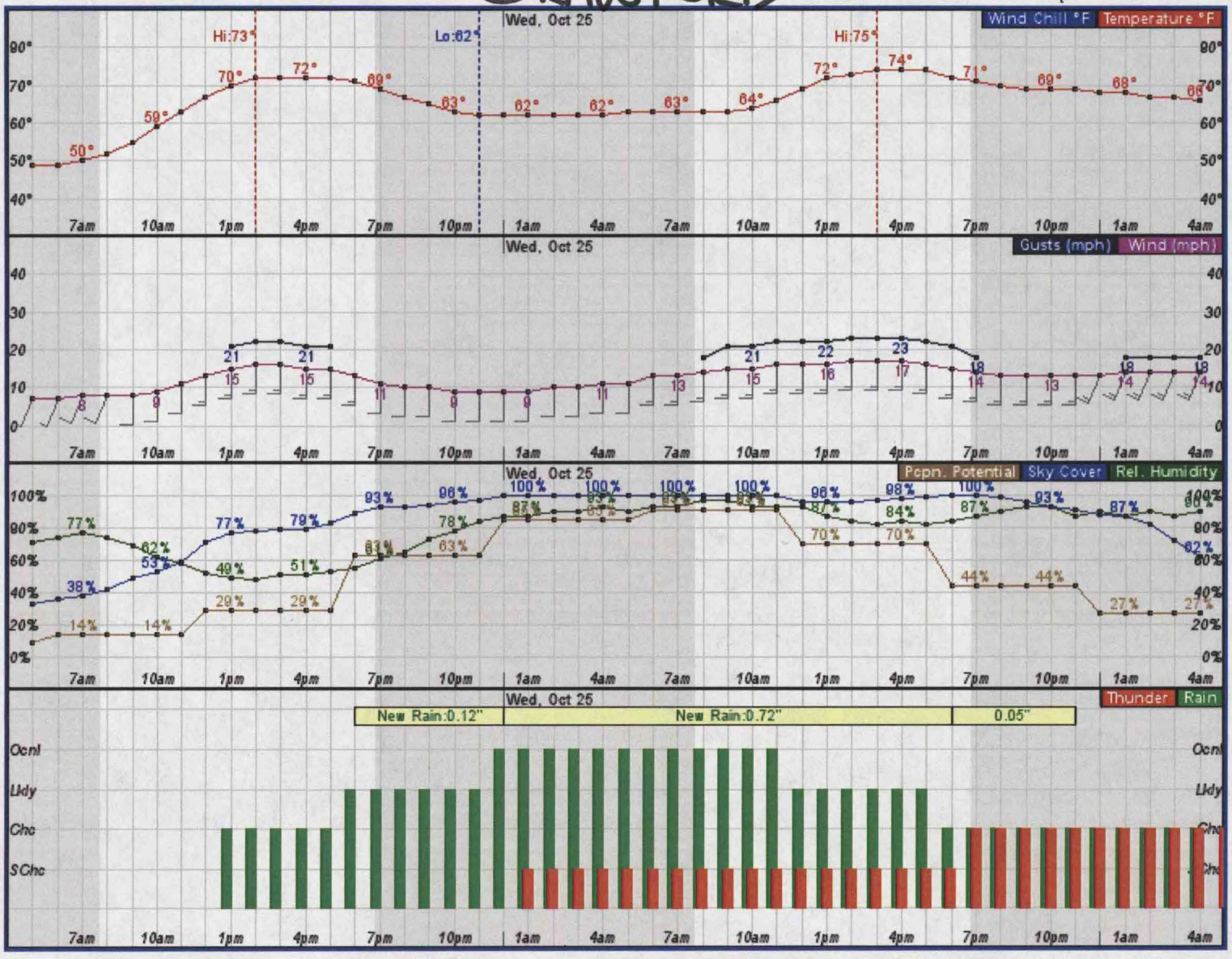
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Tuesday, October 24 at 5am
Temperature: 49°F Wind Chill: N/A Wind: SSW 7mph
Precipitation Potential: 9% Sky Cover: 33% Relative Humidity: 71%
Rain: <10% Thunder: <10%

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5 DAY WEATHER FORECAST
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Tuesday, 24 October 2006

WASHINGTON, DC

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy becoming partly cloudy after noon. Winds northwest at 15 to 20 knots gusting to 25 knots. Low 38°F. High 53°F.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy. Winds northwest at 15 to 20 knots. Low 37°F. High 55°F.

Thursday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy with isolated overnight rain showers. Winds northwest at 5 to 10 knots turning southeast overnight. Low 39°F. High 56°F.

Friday: Cloudy with rain becoming mostly cloudy with isolated overnight rain showers. Winds southeast at 8 to 13 knots turning southwest in the late evening. Low 40°F. High 53°F.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with widely isolated early morning rain showers becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Winds southwest at 5 to 10 knots. Low 46°F. High 57°F.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Tuesday: Sunny. Winds northeast at 12 to 18 knots. Low 52°F. High 72°F.

BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

Tuesday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly sunny by noon. Winds north at 15 to 20 knots. Low 62°F. High 74°F.

WARREN, MICHIGAN

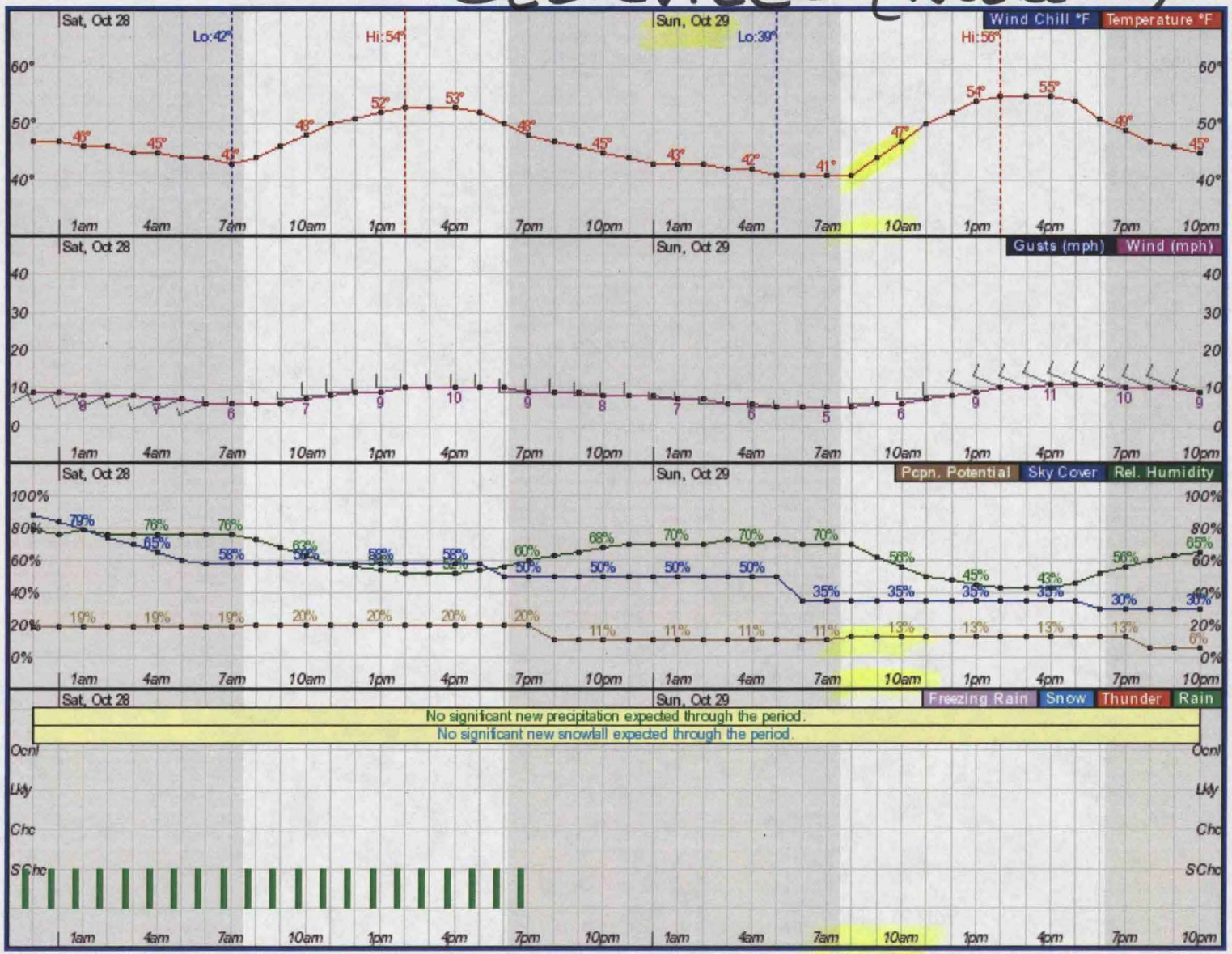
Thursday: Partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy overnight. Winds east at 8 to 12 knots turning southeast in the evening. Low 35°F. High 50°F.

DES MOINES, IOWA

Thursday: Cloudy with morning fog and rain becoming mostly cloudy with widely isolated evening rain showers. Winds west at 10 to 15 knots becoming northwest at 15 to 20 knots in the afternoon. Low 36°F. High 44°F.

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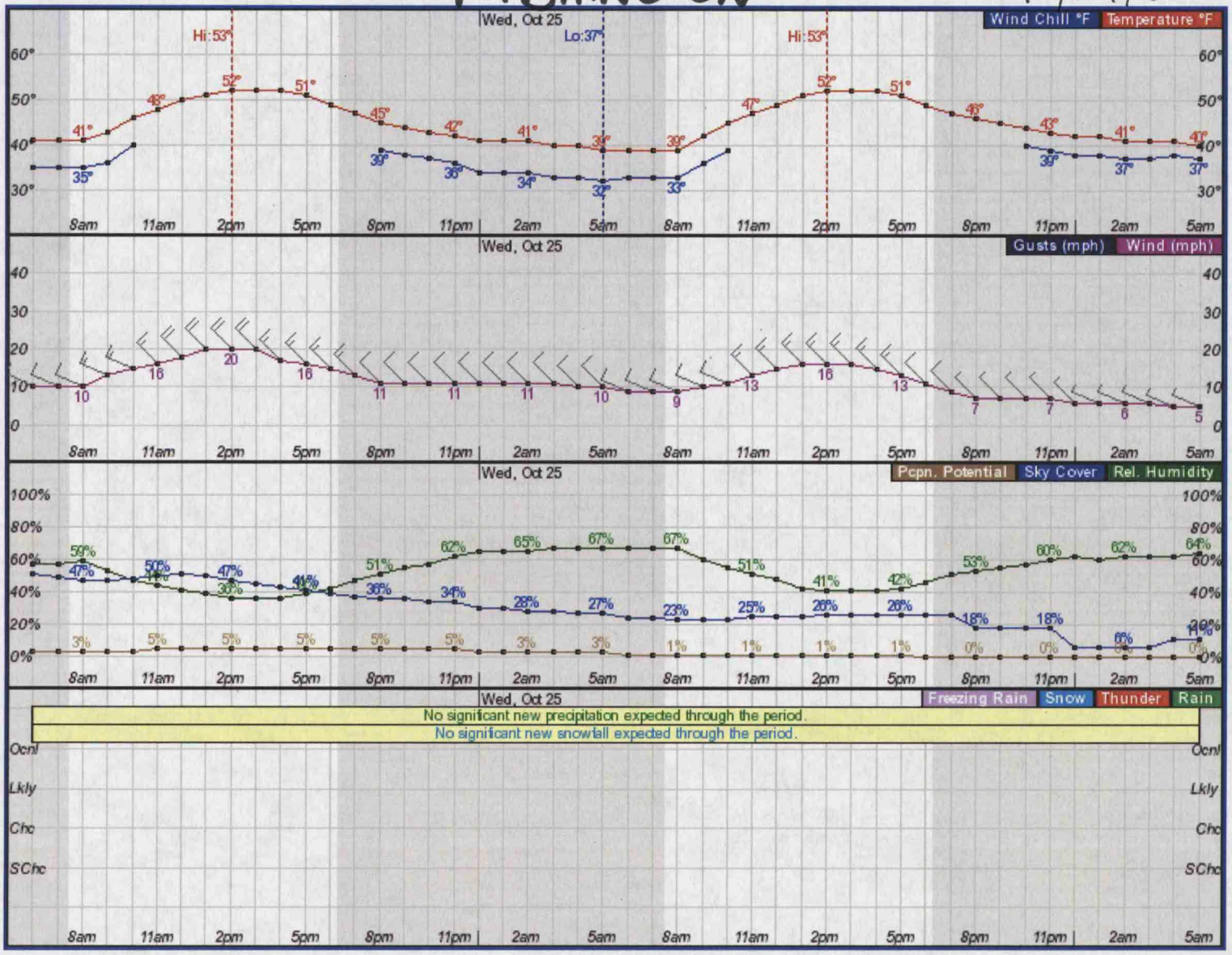
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Saturday, October 28 at 12am
Temperature: 47°F Wind Chill: N/A Wind: WSW 9mph
Precipitation Potential: 19% Sky Cover: 84% Relative Humidity: 76%
Rain: Slight Chance (10%-20%) Thunder: <10% Snow: <10% Freezing Rain: <10%

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The Smartest Guy in the Prison

By Daniel Politi

Posted Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at 6:01 AM ET

The *Washington Post* leads with a new poll that reveals 59 percent of independent voters are leaning toward voting for Democratic candidates in the upcoming elections, while 31 percent are planning to vote for Republicans. Independents won't be the only problem for the Republicans in November, says the lead story in the *Los Angeles Times*, which looks into the ways many of the Latino and black leaders who helped President Bush get reelected in 2004 are dissatisfied with the GOP and are abandoning the party. Topping their list of complaints is the immigration debate as well as what many religious leaders see as a failure of the Bush administration to follow-up on promises to direct more money to church-run social programs.

The *New York Times* leads with Ford Motor Co. posting a $5.8 billion loss in its third quarter, which amounts to the biggest loss since 1992. The company predicted its losses for the fourth quarter will be even worse. *USA Today* leads with Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., telling Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld the poppy eradication program in Afghanistan is a failure. In a letter written earlier this month, Hyde urged Rumsfeld to change the strategy of fighting drug production in Afghanistan by shifting its focus from local farmers to the drug bosses as well as processing plants. The *WSJ* tops its world-wide newsbox with Iraq, where the U.S. military announced more deaths and President Bush said it was setting "milestones" to measure the progress being made in Iraq, but emphasized these would not amount to ultimatums. The paper also mentions Iraqi and U.S. troops are frantically searching for an American soldier, whom they believe might have been kidnapped.

Independent voters as a whole are not happy with the current government, and only 23 percent said the country is heading in the right direction. Despite the seemingly good news for Democratic candidates, the poll also makes clear these independent voters do not have a particular affinity for the Democrats, but rather, see their votes as a way to express their dissatisfaction with the Republicans.

In a Page One story that summarizes the issues the Democrats are hoping to capitalize on to win the election, *USAT* fronts its own poll. Again, the news is not good for the Republicans. Only 19 percent said the United States is winning in Iraq, which the newspaper says is an all-time low. The only semi-good news for Republican candidates is the Foley scandal seems to be losing traction. A poll of likely voters taken right after the scandal broke, revealed 59 percent of said they favored a Democratic candidate, as opposed to 36 percent who were leaning toward the Republicans. In the latest poll, that margin has narrowed to 54 percent in favor of a Democratic candidate and 41 percent in favor of a Republican.

The *LAT* fronts, and everyone else mentions, Jeffrey K. Skilling, the former chief executive of Enron Corp., was sentenced to 24 years and four months in prison for his role in the company's bankruptcy. This was the second-longest prison sentence ever awarded to a white-collar criminal (the record is held by Bernard J. Ebbers of WorldCom who got sentenced to 25 years). Skilling could also end up paying as much as $45 million to the victims of Enron's fraud. "In terms of remorse, your honor, I can't imagine more remorse," Skilling told the judge, while still proclaiming his innocence and vowing to appeal the verdict.

The *WP* fronts, and the *NYT* reefers, the announcement from the White House that the president will no longer say the country should "stay the course" in Iraq. Although at one point, the phrase was a favorite of Bush, the last time he used it was on Aug. 31 and yesterday the White House press secretary said the phrase would no longer be used because "it left the wrong impression."

The *NYT* reefers, and the *Post* goes inside with, word from the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency that Iran has begun testing new equipment to enrich uranium. This is largely seen as a show of defiance to the U.N. Security Council, which is currently debating whether to impose sanctions. Both papers quickly point out Iran is still years away from being able to produce a nuclear weapon.

The *WP* mentions a news conference held by the United Nations investigator on torture where he said some countries try to invalidate criticism of how they handle detainees by pointing out they are merely following the example set by the United States. "Today, many other governments are kind of saying, 'But why are you criticizing us; we are not doing something different than what the United States is doing,'" he said.

The *WP* and *LAT* go inside with the latest violence in the Gaza Strip, where Israeli forces killed a militant commander and six other Palestinians. Israeli officials said they were taking aim at those who fire rockets into their country, while the Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas characterized the actions as a "loathsome massacre carried out on, of all days, the first day of Eid al-Fitr," which marks the end of Ramadan. The *Post* catches late-breaking news that Palestinian gunmen kidnapped a Spanish photographer who was working for the Associated Press in the Gaza Strip.

The *NYT* fronts an out of the ordinary look at Sudan's burgeoning economy. Although Sudan usually conjures up images of starving children, it is, in fact, one of Africa's fastest growing economies, despite American sanctions.

The *NYT* mentions that a federal magistrate judge ordered the newspaper to divulge the names of three sources used by columnist Nicholas Kristof in columns he wrote about the anthrax mailings of 2001. Dr. Steven J. Hatfill, who brought the suit against the *NYT*, says Kristoff's columns defamed him because they implied he was responsible for the anthrax attacks. The newspaper said it would appeal.

Tell me how you really feel ... Proving that redesigning a newspaper is never easy, the *LAT* publishes letters from readers who, for the most part, dislike the paper's new design, which had its debut on Sunday. "What's the story? I feel like I'm reading a 'rag' now," wrote a reader from Irvine. Others were sure to drip their letters with irony, like a reader from Sherman Oaks: "Regarding your new retro look: Wow, is it the 1930s already! Love your bold sans serif headline type." A reader from Pasadena was more direct: "Hate it."

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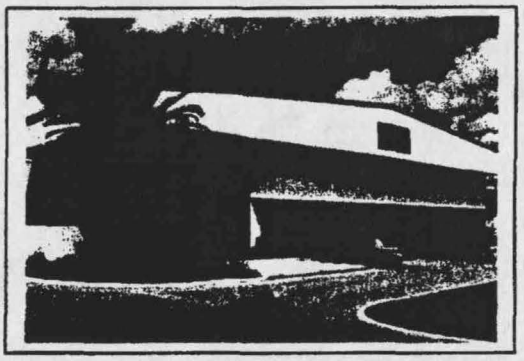
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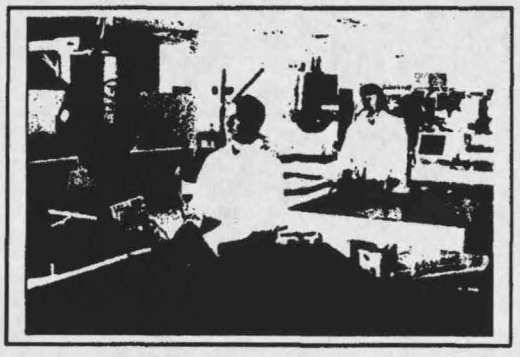
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Mr. President First Lady:

Thank you so much for hosting the lunch Monday with the King & Queen of Sweden. From the spoons to Alice-Nature request to the entertainment, it was a great event. You are both very generous to have agreed to do it. I will never forget it, and sought they will either have the best.

Your friends,

Jay & Mike

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1. **5 DAY WEATHER FORECAST**
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Wednesday, 25 October 2006

WASHINGTON, DC

Wednesday: Partly cloudy. Winds northwest at 15 to 20 knots gusting to 25 knots decreasing to 8 to 13 knots in the evening. Low 40°F. High 54°F.

Thursday: Partly cloudy. Winds northwest at 8 to 13 knots turning northeast at 3 to 8 knots overnight. Low 40°F. High 56°F.

Friday: Partly cloudy becoming cloudy with evening and overnight rain showers. Winds east at 5 to 10 knots turning southeast in the late afternoon. Low 43°F. High 55°F.

Saturday: Cloudy with morning rain showers becoming mostly cloudy after noon. Winds northwest at 13 to 18 knots turning southwest at 5 to 10 knots in the evening. Low 42°F. High 57°F.

Sunday: Partly cloudy. Winds west at 13 to 18 knots turning southwest in the evening. Low 39°F. High 56°F.

WARREN, MICHIGAN

Thursday: Partly cloudy. Winds northeast at 3 to 8 knots turning southeast in the evening. Low 36°F. High 51°F.

DES MOINES, IOWA

Thursday: Cloudy with fog and rain showers. Winds east at 13 to 18 knots becoming northwest in the late afternoon. Low 39°F. High 45°F.

SELLERSBURG, INDIANA

Saturday: Cloudy becoming partly cloudy in the late afternoon. Winds northwest at 13 to 18 knots turning west in the evening. Low 37°F. High 54°F.

KIAWAH, SOUTH CAROLINA

Saturday: Mostly cloudy becoming partly cloudy in the evening. Winds west at 8 to 13 knots turning northwest overnight. Low 52°F. High 72°F.

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A Long Way From Ready

By Daniel Politi

Posted Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2006, at 6:28 AM ET

The *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, and *USA Today* lead, while the *Wall Street Journal* tops its world-wide newsbox, with the news conference held by the top American commander in Iraq, where he said more troops may be needed in Baghdad, meaning there could be an increase of U.S. troops in Iraq. Gen. George Casey also said he thinks Iraqi forces won't be able take over the burden of responsibility for handling the country's security for another 12 to 18 months.

The *Los Angeles Times* does not even front the news conference, and instead leads with a series of its own polls that reveal Democrats could win control of the Senate, but they are still facing problems swaying rural voters, as well as whites who regularly attend church, in three critical States (Missouri, Tennessee, and Virginia) that usually vote Republican. According to the *LAT*'s analysis, Democrats have to win in at least two of these three states in order to have a good chance of controlling the Senate. As the *LAT* recognizes, these latest poll results are largely in tune with previous surveys, but it does say it is the first poll that has the Democratic candidate in Virginia winning, although the difference is within the margin of error.

Also present at the news conference was U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad, who announced the Iraqi government agreed to a timetable to solve key political and sectarian issues. The *NYT* seems to be the only paper that got a hold of this timetable, which runs for seven months. The paper emphasizes the timeline provides deadlines to set up the structure to solve the big problems facing Iraq but does not actually mention a timetable "for the implementation of policies that American officials believe is urgent if the tide in the war is to be reversed."

The *WSJ* emphasizes that even if Casey wants to call up more troops, it's not exactly clear whether significant quantities would actually be available since the military is already stretched thin. The *WP* mentions the news conference served to emphasize some of the "basic problems" currently faced by U.S. forces because part of the news conference had to be carried out in the dark due to a power outage. *USAT* highlights how a little more than a year ago, Casey said there was a possibility of a significant U.S. troop reduction in Iraq "in the spring and summer."

An analysis in the inside pages of the *NYT* says the goal of having Iraqis take over the bulk of security duties in 12 to 18 months seems to be quite unrealistic when the situation on the ground is analyzed. Everybody mentions in passing that four more U.S. soldiers were killed in Iraq, bringing the October death toll to 91.

The *WSJ* points out in its newsbox that a U.S. Defense Department official told Reuters the British military wants to withdraw from Iraq within a year to focus on Afghanistan. The *WP* reports inside on a group of more than 100 U.S. service members who have signed a statement asking Congress to support a "prompt withdrawal" of American troops from Iraq.

The *LAT* fronts terrorism experts saying foreign fighters who want to fight the West are increasingly going to Afghanistan instead of Iraq.

The *NYT* fronts the results of a government report that revealed some reconstruction projects in Iraq have used more than half of their budget on overhead costs. Although the cost of doing business in Iraq is naturally higher, the inspector general said many of these expenses were due to the fact that sometimes contractors and equipment were at a standstill for months at a time. The contract with the highest proportion of overhead costs was an oil-facility contract held by a Halliburton subsidiary. The *WP* covers the Halliburton angle in its business pages, saying that at least 55 percent of the contract's total costs were eaten up by overhead.

As the November election nears, the GOP is once again trying to focus on a strategy that has worked in the past and convince disaffected conservative voters the country would be worse off with the Democrats in power, says the *WP* on Page One. Some think this may be a case of too little, too late for conservatives who feel betrayed by the Bush White House.

Several of the papers mention that as part of the strategy, the administration invited 42 mostly conservative radio hosts to broadcast live from the White House yesterday. Conservative talk radio has been seen as key to Bush's victories in the past but the *Post*'s Howard Kurtz finds "there are serious cracks in this once-solid wall of support."

The *NYT* and *USAT* front new regulations announced by Education Secretary Margaret Spellings allowing public school districts to create more single-sex classes and schools. The new guidelines were announced even though there is no research showing any demonstrable benefits to single-sex education. Organizations such as the ACLU and the National Organization for Women are against the new rules.

Everybody mentions House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert testified for almost three hours before the House ethics committee about when he found out of the complaints surrounding former Rep. Mark Foley and his communications with male pages. Before Hastert went in, the committee met with Rep. Thomas M. Reynolds from New York, who has previously said he told the speaker in the spring of concerns surrounding Foley.

USAT, *WP*, and *NYT* all report that Rush Limbaugh said actor Michael J. Fox was exaggerating the effects of his Parkinson's disease in a series of political ads for candidates who favor stem cell research. In the video, Fox is seen shaking and moving from side-to-side as he talks into the camera (the video can be seen here). Limbaugh later apologized, but still said Fox is "allowing his illness to be exploited." The video is definitely hard to watch, but for some reason the *NYT*'s Alessandra Stanley felt the need to take it a step too far and say Fox's "plea is as disturbing – and arresting – as a hostage video from Iraq."

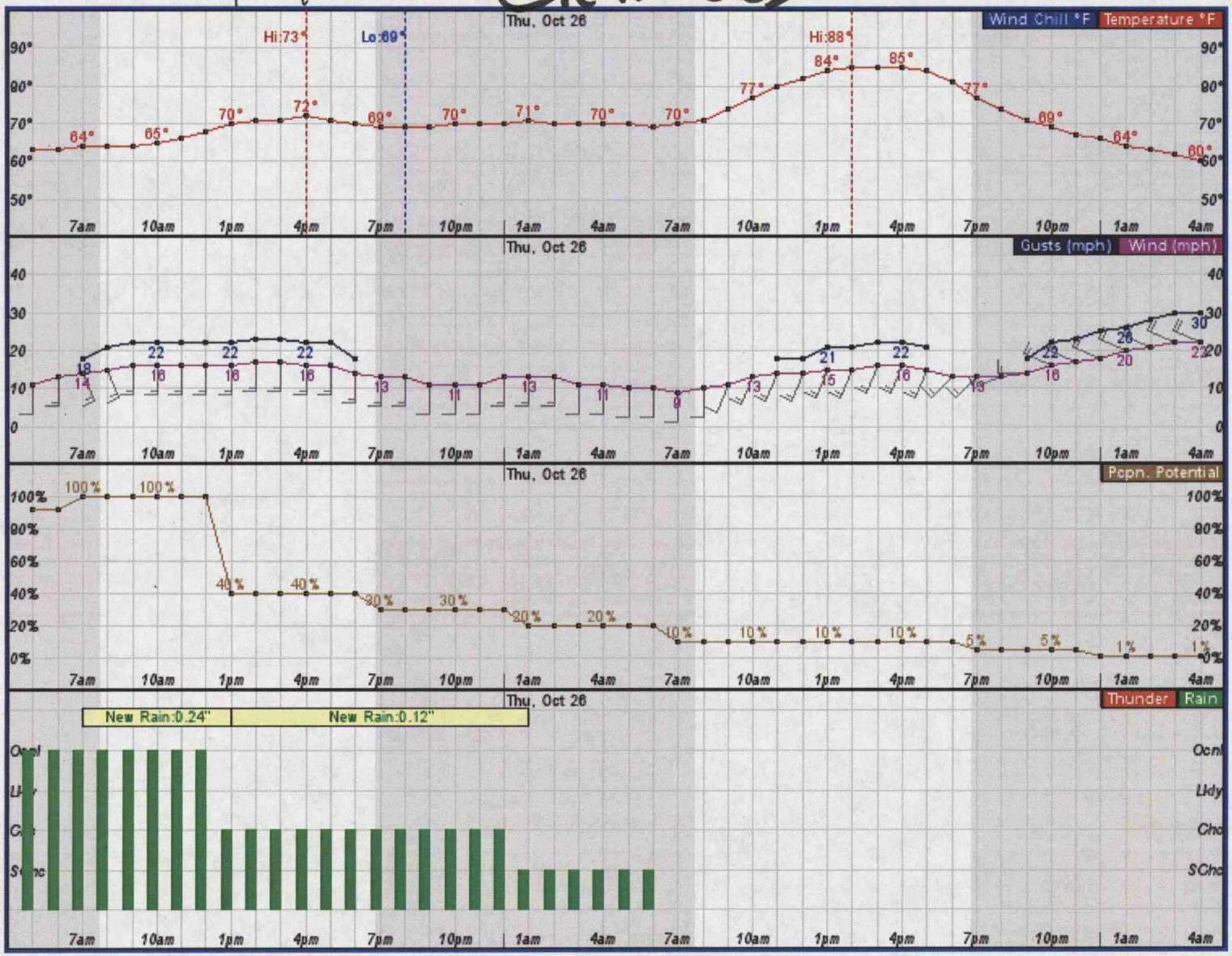
Of course, the political ad has been widely watched due to the proliferation of online video, but the *WSJ* says there is a group who fear they will be left out of this boom: the deaf. Many in the deaf community are complaining most online videos, even those offered by mainstream media companies, do not have closed captioning.

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Thursday, October 26 at 3am
Temperature: 70°F Wind Chill: N/A Wind: S 11mph
Precipitation Potential: 20%
Rain: Slight Chance (10%-20%) Thunder: <10%

5 DAY WEATHER FORECAST
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Thursday, 26 October 2006

WASHINGTON, DC

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Thursday: Mostly sunny. Winds northwest at 10 to 15 knots turning northeast overnight. Low 40°F. High 55°F.

Friday: Mostly cloudy becoming cloudy with evening and overnight rain showers. Winds northeast at 3 to 8 knots turning southeast at 8 to 13 knots in the afternoon. Low 44°F. High 52°F.

Saturday: Cloudy with rain showers ending after noon. Winds southeast at 10 to 15 knots turning northwest in the afternoon. Low 46°F. High 60°F.

Sunday: Partly cloudy. Winds west at 13 to 18 knots. Low 43°F. High 58°F.

Monday: Mostly sunny. Winds west at 10 to 15 knots turning southwest in the late afternoon. Low 44°F. High 61°F.

WARREN, MICHIGAN

Thursday: Partly cloudy. Winds southeast at 3 to 8 knots. Low 35°F. High 52°F.

DES MOINES, IOWA

Thursday: Cloudy with rain and fog. Winds east at 10 to 15 knots turning northeast after noon. Low 41°F. High 47°F.

SELLERSBURG, INDIANA

Saturday: Cloudy with early morning rain showers becoming partly cloudy overnight. Winds west at 8 to 13 knots. Low 41°F. High 56°F.

KIAWAH, SOUTH CAROLINA

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers ending in the late morning becoming partly cloudy after noon. Winds west at 8 to 13 knots turning northwest at 3 to 8 knots overnight. Low 61°F. High 73°F.

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Pink Jersey

By Daniel Politi

Posted Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006, at 6:20 AM ET

The *New York Times* and *USA Today* lead with, and everyone else fronts, the New Jersey Supreme Court declaring same-sex couples have to be awarded the same rights as married heterosexuals. The Court gave state lawmakers 180 days to decide if two people of the same sex can officially marry or if a parallel form of civil unions should be created. The *Washington Post* and *Los Angeles Times* give big play to the New Jersey decision, but lead, and the *Wall Street Journal* tops its worldwide newsbox, with President Bush's news conference where he declared dissatisfaction with the situation in Iraq, but also insisted the United States is winning the war.

The three dissenting judges in the 4-3 New Jersey ruling said homosexual couples should be given the right to wed. *USAT* and the *WP* go high with the effects this ruling could have on the Nov. 7 elections, with some conservatives predicting it will help encourage social conservatives to vote. But some analysts say the fact that the Court did not directly institute marriage for same-sex couples will minimize how much Republicans can use the rulings to galvanize their base. (***Slate***'s Mickey Kaus agrees with this sentiment saying the Court has "*denied* Republicans the powerful base-mobilizing weapon that a ruling mandating gay marriage would have given them." Dahlia Lithwick declares that despite what others might insist, "there is nothing 'activist' about this decision" and says those who are against the ruling "aren't opposed to judicial activism. They are opposed to judges.")

Bush's news conference came hours after Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri Maliki said he would not accept any timelines imposed by the U.S. government and dismissed the plan as a "result of elections taking place right now that do not involve us." In a separate Page One story, the *Post* points out the war has become a liability for many GOP candidates, and many prefer not to even mention Iraq. With his news conference though, Bush decided to face the issue directly (for the second time in two weeks) and recognize the doubts many Americans seem to have with the war. Democrats immediately seized the opportunity to say how the news conference illustrated Bush and the GOP's desperation, as the election nears.

An analysis piece in the *LAT* says with his news conference "Bush all but begged voters to blame him for the war's problems." At the same time, he insisted the elections would be decided on local issues and not Iraq.

USAT goes inside with a new in-house poll that reveals most Americans think there will be major changes if the Democrats take over Congress. Eighty-two percent of those surveyed said Congress would likely set a timetable for U.S. troops to leave Iraq, while 63 percent think federal income taxes will be increased. But in a Page One piece, the *LAT* says changes in Congress may not be as great as some hope (or fear) because many of the Democrats running for office are quite conservative.

A day after the *WP* put Tennessee's Senate race on its front page, both the *NYT* and the *WSJ* front their own stories on the contest between Harold Ford Jr. and Bob Corker. While the *NYT* focuses on an attack ad by the Republican National Committee that has raised a few eyebrows, the *WSJ* takes a look at how migrants to the South from other parts of the country could be what help Ford win the election. But ultimately, just as the *WP* article from yesterday, they both pay attention to Ford's race and mention that if he wins, he will be the first black senator from the South since Reconstruction.

USAT fronts, and the *WP* reefers, the latest report from the National Association of Realtors that signaled a sharp decrease in the price of homes. The price of existing homes fell 2.2 percent last month, while the median price of a

single-family home fell 2.5 percent from September of last year. This marked the largest annual decrease since the NAR started tracking prices in 1969.

The *NYT* fronts, while the *LAT* and *WP* go inside with, the result of a new study concluding that annual CT scans could save millions of lives by detecting lung cancer early. The study's lead author says 80 percent of deaths could be prevented by the scans. Others, however, say the study's results are not conclusive because it did not include a control group of people who did not receive the scans to compare the results.

Russia and China have been presented with the draft text of a resolution against Iran's nuclear program. But who presented the document? Depends on who you believe. The *NYT* says the draft resolution was presented by "the United States and three European allies" while the *Post* names France, Britain, and Germany but specifies "the White House declined to endorse a European-backed draft resolution" out of fear that it was too weak to actually be effective. For its part, the *WSJ* says, "the Bush administration has raised sharp but unspecified objections" to the draft. TP finds all this quite confusing, especially since the *NYT* has the State Department spokesman on record saying, "we fully support this draft, and we look forward to its adoption." The *Times* also suggests the "bickering … has largely been tactical" to figure out the best way to get Russia and China to agree on sanctions. The *NYT* is alone in mentioning the draft resolution has a provision that prevents Iranian students from studying nuclear physics at foreign universities.

Spent my whole life wanting to be talked about … All the papers mention Madonna went on Oprah's show yesterday to talk about her adoption of a Malawian baby. The singer criticized the media saying the coverage might discourage others from adopting African orphans. The prize for snarkiest article goes, as usual, to the *Post*'s Lisa de Moraes. Meanwhile, a day after TP criticized the *NYT*'s Alessandra Stanley for weirdly comparing Michael J. Fox's campaign video to images of hostages in Iraq, today she has the most unique angle to the over-reported story by putting Madonna's appearance side-by-side with Bush's press conference. "The president and the pop star went on television yesterday looking more like victims of circumstances beyond their control than visionaries," Stanley writes.

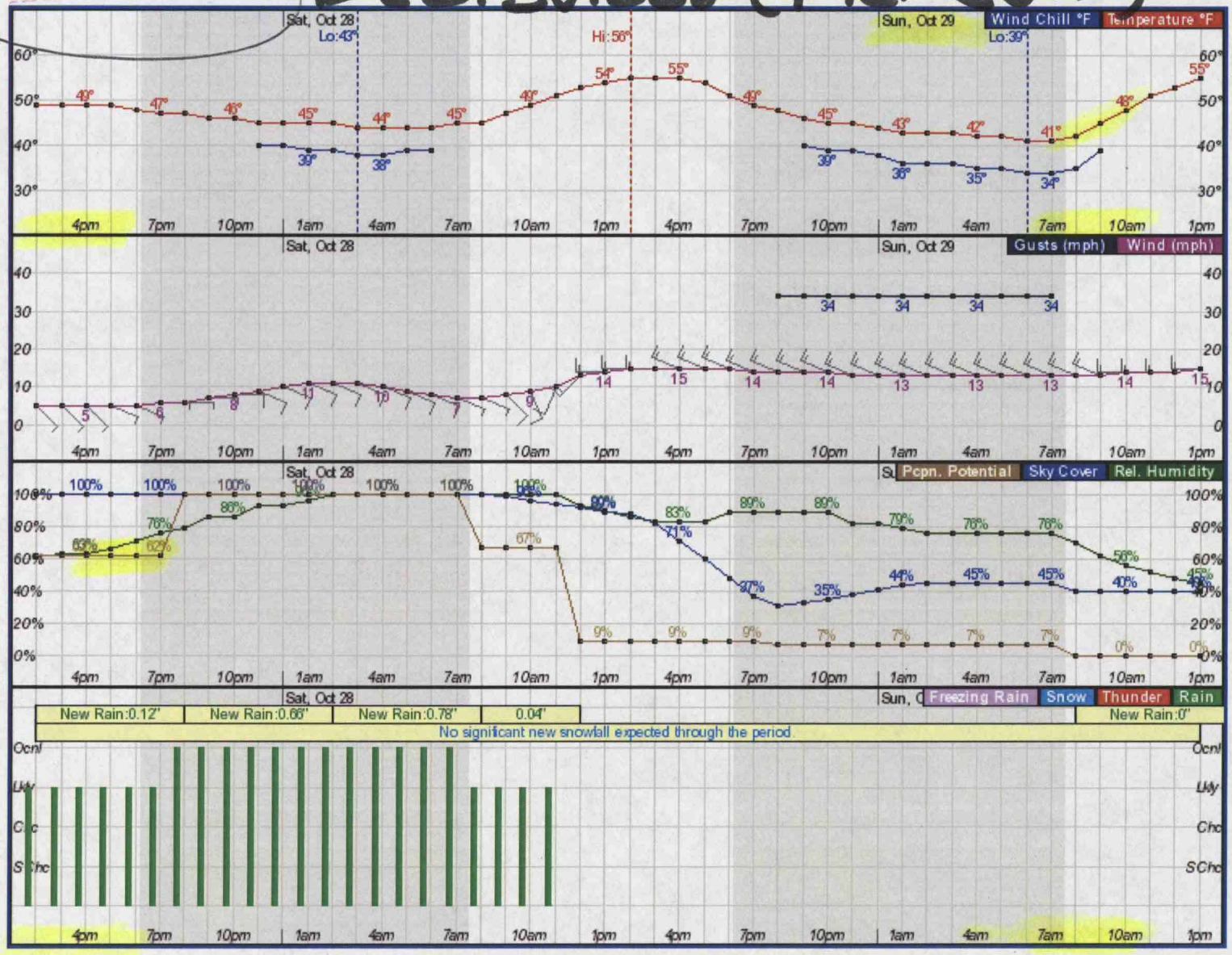
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BELTSVILLE (FRI-SUN)



Friday, October 27 at 2pm

Temperature: 49°F Wind Chill: N/A Wind: SE 5mph

Precipitation Potential: 62% Sky Cover: 100% Relative Humidity: 61%

Rain: Likely (60%-70%) Thunder: <10% Snow: <10% Freezing Rain: <10%

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National Weather Service Hourly Forecast for Thursday at 76701

Forecast data from the National Digital Forecast Database

Jump to: Wednesday | **Thursday** | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |

	1 AM	4 AM	7 AM	10 AM	1 PM	4 PM	7 PM	10 PM
Temperature / Dew Point (°F)	68 / 67	68 / 68	68 / 67	73 / 69	80 / 69	82 / 68	75 / 64	69 / 52
Humidity (%)	95%	100%	95%	83%	61%	54%	61%	44%
Wind (mph)	10 180° South	9 188° South	7 186° South	10 192° SSW	13 206° SSW	13 206° SSW	11 204° SSW	11 274° West
Conditions	Chance of Light Rain	Chance of Light Rain	Slight Chance Light Rain Showers	Slight Chance Light Rain Showers	Chance of Thunderstorms , Chance of Light Rain Showers	Chance of Thunderstorms , Chance of Light Rain Showers		
Probability of Precipitation (%)	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	10%

Cloud Cover (%)

97%	100%	100%	88%	53%	50%	45%	32%

Almanac more	**Average**	**Record**
High Temperature	**77** °F / **25** °C	**94** °F / **34** °C (1992)
Low Temperature	**53** °F / **11** °C	**36** °F / **2** °C (1924)
Average Temperature	**65** °F / **18** °C	-
Precipitation	**0.11** in / **0.28** cm	**1.77** in / **4.50** cm (1972)

Currently

Updated: **4:51 AM CDT**
Observed at **Waco, Texas**

Temperature	**68** °F / **20** °C
Humidity	**94%**
Dew Point	**66** °F / **19** °C
Wind	**South** at **8** mph / **13** km/h
Conditions	**Clear**

Hourly Detail

Extended Forecast for ZIP Code 76701

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
						
85° F | 55° F **29° C | 13° C**	**70° F | 47° F** **21° C | 8° C**	**77° F | 49° F** **25° C | 9° C**	**78° F | 53° F** **26° C | 12° C**	**76° F | 55° F** **24° C | 13° C**	**76° F | 49° F** **24° C | 9° C**	**70° F | NA** **21° C | NA**
Chance of T-storms **30%** chance of precipitation	Partly Cloudy	Clear	Clear	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
UV: **5**	UV: **5**	UV: **6**	UV: **6**	UV: **5**	UV: **4**	UV: **4**
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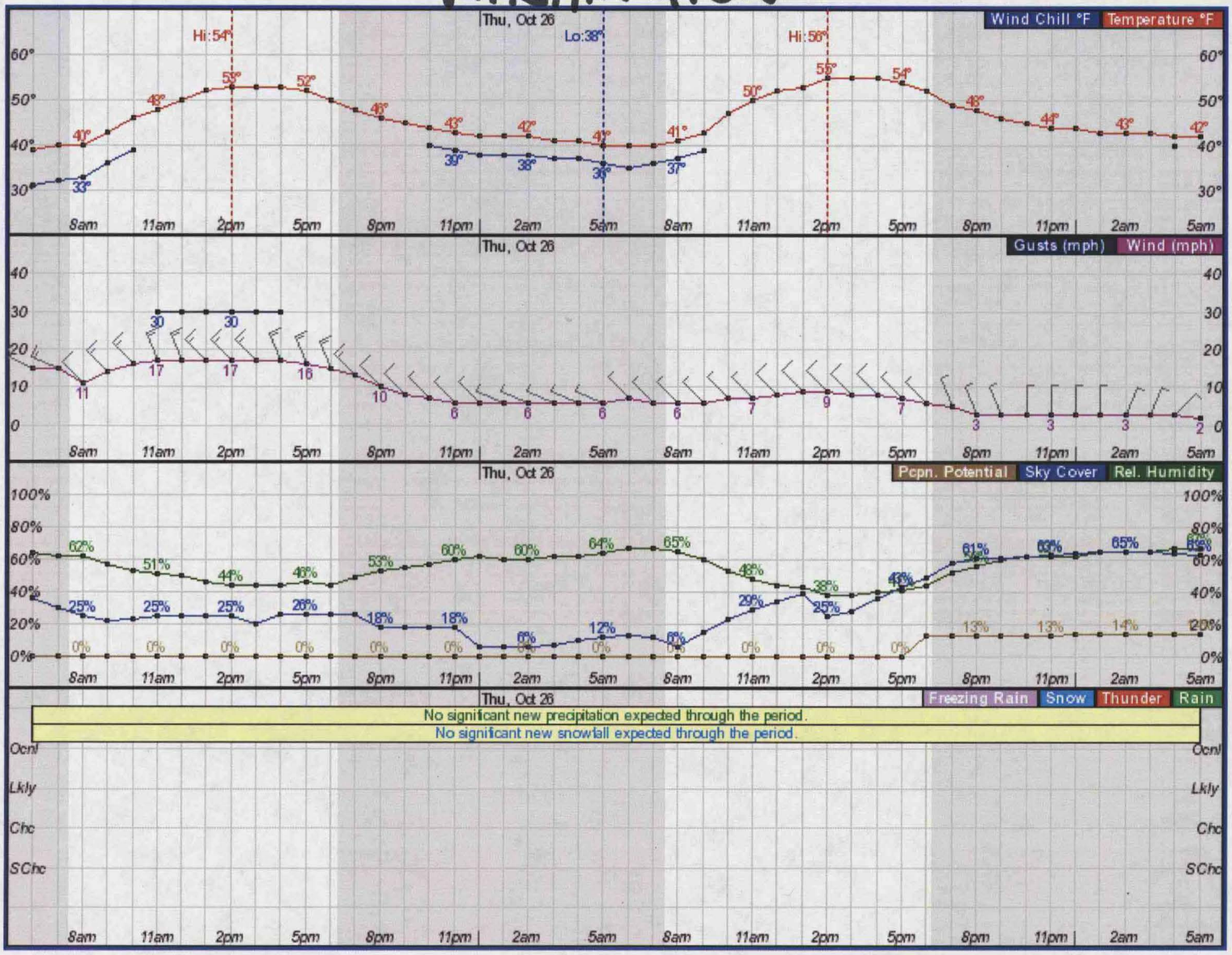
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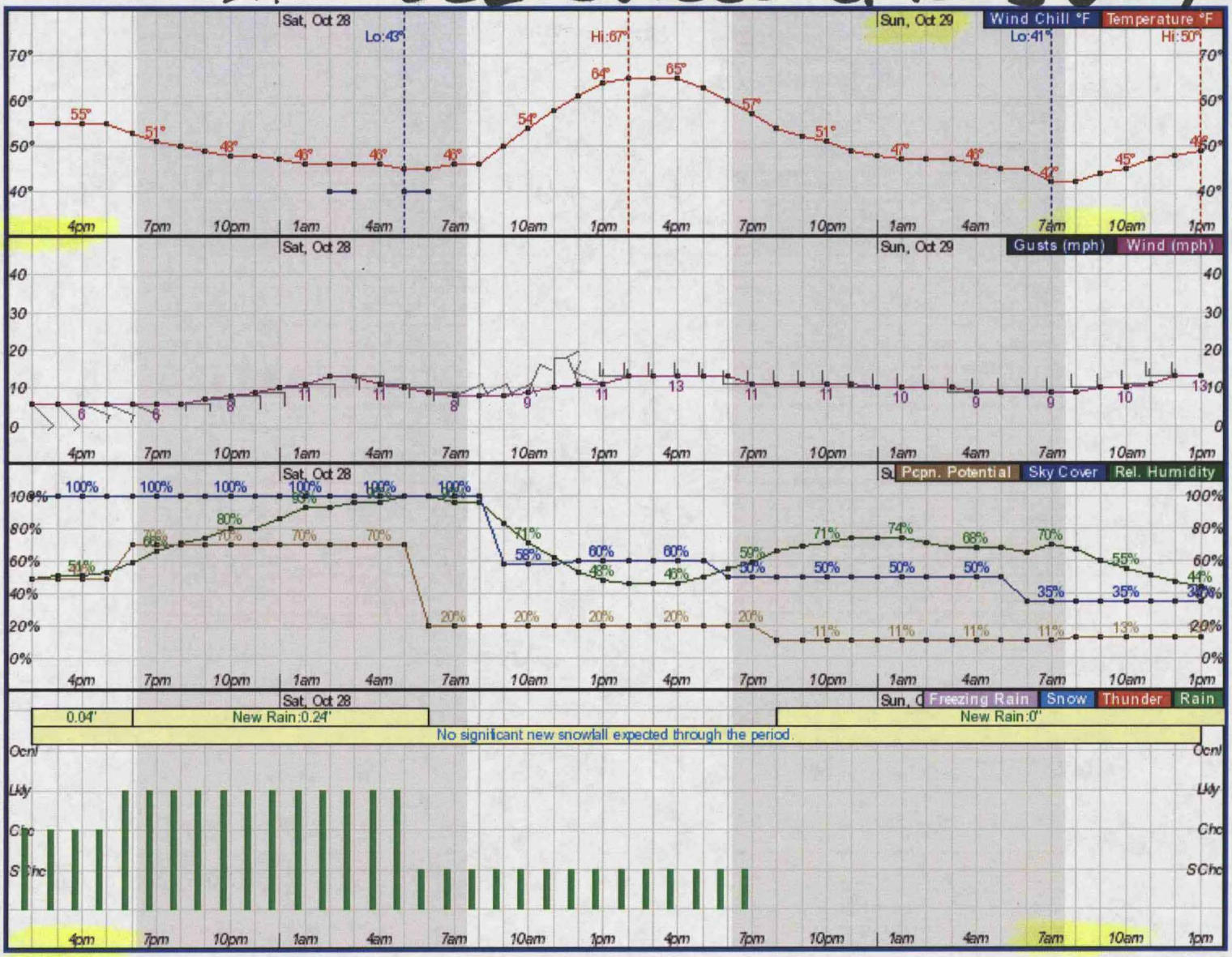
WASHINGTON



Thursday, October 26 at 9am
Temperature: 43°F Wind Chill: 39°F Wind: NW 6mph
Precipitation Potential: 0% Sky Cover: 15% Relative Humidity: 60%
Rain: <10% Thunder: <10% Snow: <10% Freezing Rain: <10%

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BELTSVILLE (FRI-SUN)



Saturday, October 28 at 6am
Temperature: 45°F Wind Chill: 40°F Wind: E 9mph
Precipitation Potential: 20% Sky Cover: 100% Relative Humidity: 100%
Rain: Slight Chance (10%-20%) Thunder: <10% Snow: <10% Freezing Rain: <10%

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SUPERINTENDENT

13 September 2006

Dear President Bush,

All of us at Kings Point— midshipmen, faculty, staff, parents and alumni— felt so honored for you to be the first President of the United States to visit the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and for you to deliver the graduation speech to the members of the class of 2006. You did a great job, and you improved

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morale at Kings Point far more than a victory over, our splendid rival, the U.S Coast Guard Academy will ever be able to do

I thought you would like to have the folio on graduation and the Academy's history that were put together by the American Maritime History Project.

Thank you for your service and for your strong leadership and for all that you do for our Nation.

Sincerely & Respectfully,

Joe Stewart

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