

TV is tornado radar

Although the human eye is still the best method for locating tornadoes, most homes are equipped with a built-in tornado radar: the television set.

If properly tuned, it is believed a television set will detect a twister within a 15-20 mile radius.

Known as the Weller Method, the phenomenon is named for the Iowa physicist (Newton Weller) who first developed the procedure.

The method is not foolproof and therefore should not be the sole source of information during bad weather. The National Weather Service recommends that anyone who lives in an area for which a "tornado watch" or "tornado warning" has been issued should keep an ear up to date weather bulletins broadcast over local radio and television stations.

Weather bulletins are based on information from both radar and the palanx of trained spotters deployed around a community whenever dangerous weather threatens.

As a supplement to this kind of protection, anyone can apply the Weller Method by following a few simple instructions:

First, warm up your television set as if you were going to watch it. The contrast control should be tuned to the maximum position.

Turn to Channel 13 and adjust the brightness control until the screen is just on the threshold of black. Then turn to Channel 2 without making any new adjustments to the picture settings. The audio (sound) settings

may be adjusted as desired. If Channel 2 is not an operating channel in your area, be sure to have a radio or second television tuned in for weather reports.

Monitor the screen as continuously as possible. Lightning will appear on the screen as horizontal flashes or streaks. On a color set the streaks will be in color.

A tornado within a 15-20 mile radius will cause the screen to glow brightly or cause the darkened picture to become visible and remain continuously visible.

Should this happen, it is important to take immediate safety precautions. Turn your television set off and open windows a crack to reduce the potential damage from pressure if a tornado passes nearby.

Take cover in a safe place, preferably near the center on the bottom floor of the building. A closet or small, windowless room offers best protection.

If you have a transistor radio, take it with you to the shelter area and continue to monitor weather broadcasts.

During particularly bad storms, when the electric power is off, the transistor radio can be used to augment the television warning system. To do this, set the radio alongside the TV and turn the radio knob to the lowest end of the dial (about 550 kilocycles).

At this setting the radio will pick up storm signals, emitting intermittent static when lightning is near and continuous static when a tornado is moving toward the signal.

Advance warning, from whatever source, is of no use if it is ignored. Anytime a tornado watch is issued persons living in the watch area should take precautions to protect their lives and property.

Folk festival this weekend

KERRVILLE, Texas — The complete schedule of the fifth anniversary Kerrville Folk Festival, tomorrow through Sunday, at Quiet Valley Ranch near Kerrville has been announced by festival producer Rod Kennedy, who said that he expects a well-attended festival this year, with lots of campers since Kerrville's motels have been sold out since the first of May. But Kennedy said that there is plenty of camping at both Kerrville State Park and right at Quiet Valley Ranch within walking distance of the stage.

The complete line-up of performers for the festival is as follows: Tomorrow, 6 p.m. Evening Concert: National Yodeling Champion Bill Staines, Bill Haymes, Bill Moss, Bill Neely, Shane and Kitty, Robert Shaw, Chubby Wise with Grassfire, Carolyn Hester and Milton Carroll.

Friday, 11 a.m. workshop with Harmonica Frank, David Amram, Gary P. Nunn, Lee Clayton, and Charles John Quarto; 2 p.m. New Folk Concert; 5 p.m. guest appearance by the Star Spangled Washboard Band; 6 p.m. National Yodeling Contest; Evening Concert with Kurt Van Sickle, Jimmy Johnson, Kenneth Threadgill, Don Sanders, Hardin & Russell, Allen Damon, Patsy Montana, and Steve Fromholz.

Saturday, 11 a.m. Bluegrass Workshop with Joe Stuart and Newgrass Workshop with Red White & Blue (grass); 2 p.m. New Folk Concert; 6 p.m. Evening Concert with Harmonica Frank, Bill and Bonnie Hearne, Red River Dave, Carol Cisneros, Guy Clark, Red White & Blue (grass), Lee Clayton and Pettey Yarrow who is being honored this year for his work leading to the founding of the Kerrville Music Foundation.

For information regarding the Folk Festival ticket prices, camping, and other items, phone (512) 896-3800.

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State, local spending triple in 25 years

While the federal government is spending more money, its expenditures have not been increasing as fast as those on the state and local levels.

That observation was made by Dr. Phillip M. Raup, professor of agricultural economics at the University of Minnesota, at a presentation to the senior class of the Studies of Advanced Real Estate Subjects (SOARS) sponsored by the Texas Real Estate Research Center at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Raup said that while federal government spending increased 20 percent from 1950 to 1975, the population jumped 40 percent and the state and local government's expenditures soared by 300 percent.

Attributing much of the increased state and local spending to the growth of suburbs, Dr. Raup said the role of regional governments will be on more importance in the future.

"We will see a reassessment of the role of state government," he predicted.

"Only Japan has a smaller fraction of its gross national product flowing through the government," said the Minnesota economist, "but ours is increasing."

A lot of second thoughts are being given the types of cities where the bulk of the nation's population

lives," he added. "Cities are too expensive."

Dr. Raup said big corporations are leaving many cities because of the "disease of over-growth." He added that he expects to see a flowering of communications industry enable corporations to run their nationwide businesses from rural settings. He said advanced communications techniques will eliminate many of the current reasons for corporate headquarters locating in cities.

He told the SOARS class of 1976 that the latest recession experienced by the United States was unlike those of the past. One reason, he said, was that the big portion of the work force lived in areas where layoffs did not occur, noting many of them were in civil service.

"As service industries get bigger and manufacturing industries smaller, the impact of recession isn't felt as heavily," he said.

Another factor lessening the shock of recession was that a larger portion of the population was getting some form of welfare, he observed. He also said a larger portion of the work force is in areas where it is difficult to measure productivity, thus the effects of the recession were harder to pinpoint in those areas.

SOARS classes continue through May 28.

Consol students in top 5 per cent

Eleven A&M Consolidated juniors have scored in the top five per cent in the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test.

Consol students attaining the top five per cent honor are Patricia Bergum, Ruth Daron, Kris Das, Wallace Harwood, Stephen Monroe, Richard Parsons, Amy Plapp, Randall Ray, Thomas Schaffer, Sarah Treybig and John Vastano.

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Tarleton joins TIAA

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University officials cite economic sense and concern for giving more students a chance to participate in athletics for their decision to join the LSC and join the newly-created Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association (TIAA).

They call the new league innovative and bill it as the first organization of its kind in the Southwest to be non-scholarship and fully coeducational.

The league now consists of Austin College, Sherman; McMurry College, Abilene; Sul Ross State University, Alpine; Tarleton State University, Stephenville; and Trinity University, San Antonio.

Tarleton President W. O. Trogdon termed the entrance of the university conference as a "change which had to be made because of economics and to allow Tarleton to maintain a total athletic program."

"In the long run, the new conference will generate more student enthusiasm and will allow us to expand athletics where we could not have expanded them with scholarships," Trogdon said. He cited possible future conference competition in swimming and handball with the completion of physical education facilities now under construction on the campus.

Presidents of the participating institutions termed TIAA "a practical conference which will bring economic sense, academic sense, and athletic sense to intercollegiate athletics at our various schools."

Conference members will field

teams in six sports for men and five for women. Men's competition will include football, basketball, track and field, golf and tennis.

Buddy Fornes, TSU athletic director, noted that "ingrained in the conference from the very beginning will be a concern for equality for both male and female athletes, long overdue in college sports."

As to financial aid, the constitution stipulated that scholarships which are "conditioned upon students' participation in intercollegiate athletics" will not be allowed.

An exception to this provision is found in the charter's "exempt sport" clause, which allows each college or university to award athletic scholarships for one sport, excluding football. In the exempt sport, however, institutions will not be permitted to compete for a TIAA crown.

"It had to be done to save a total athletic program in a small university," Fornes said.

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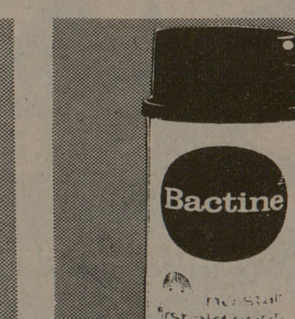
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