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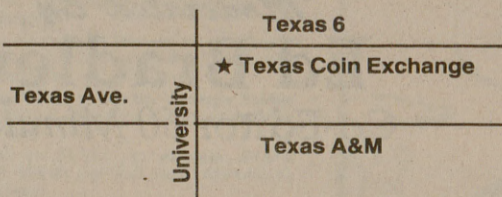
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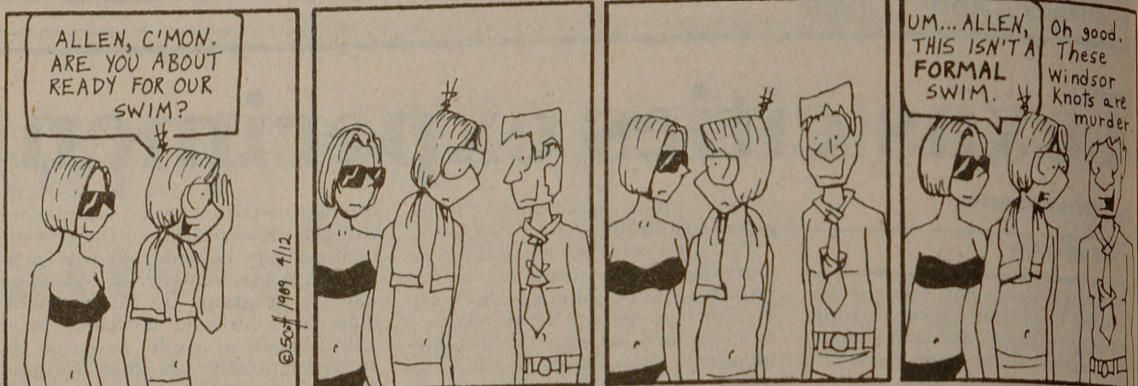


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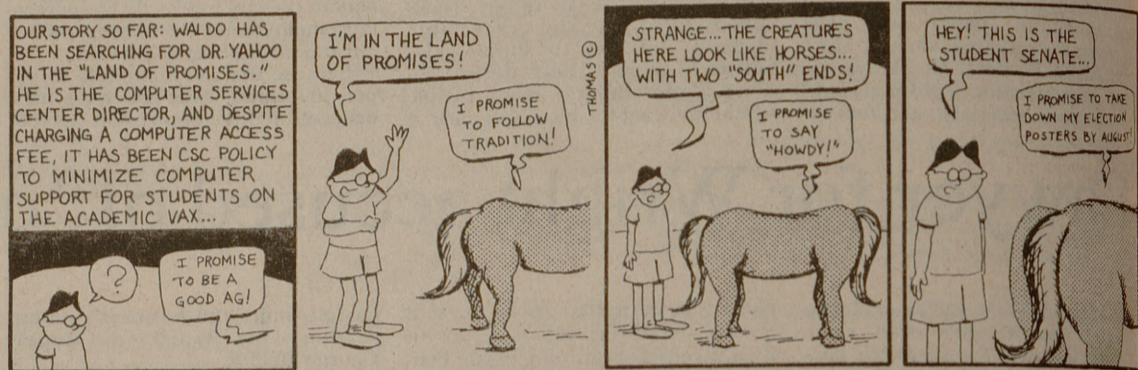
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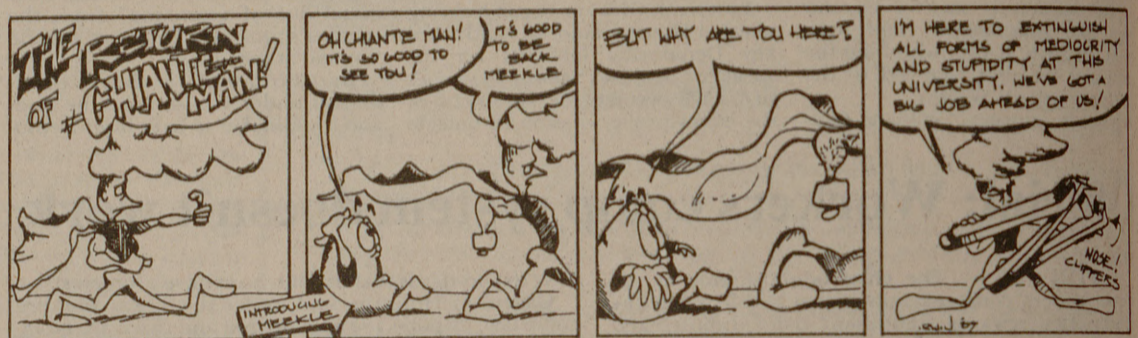
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Brazos County not prone to tornadoes, expert says

Locals can expect about 1 twister every 2 years

By Holly Becka
REPORTER

Although tornado season is upon us and an average of 129 tornadoes occur in Texas each year, Brazos County is likely to experience about one tornado every two years, meteorologists at Texas A&M said.

Meteorology department head Dr. James Scoggins said Brazos County does not lay in "tornado alley," a region including north central Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri. Researchers determined the tendency of tornadoes to be greater in the alley than in other parts of the country.

"We are fortunate to not have many tornadoes since we are not near the belt of maximum (tornado) occurrence," Scoggins said.

A&M meteorology professor and Texas State Climatologist John Griffiths said Brazos County is located in a "low" part of the state, also accounting for its infrequency of tornadoes.

Scoggins described tornadoes as

columns of air rotating rapidly in a vertical axis in a counter-clockwise direction.

"Tornado season coincides with thunderstorm season," he said, "and they occur in highly unstable air (an air condition favorable for the formation of tornadoes), which is prevalent in the spring.

"The peak coincides with the time of year when cool air masses still are moving down from the north and there is warm, moist air moving up from the south," he continued.

"When the two air masses collide, the warm, moist air is lifted over the cooler air and leads to great instability, which sets off severe thunderstorms."

He said thunderstorms and tornadoes are most likely to occur in the afternoon or the early evening because of the warm temperature of the ground.

Scoggins says there are no particular warning signs of a forthcoming tornado that can be detected without a radar, unless a funnel cloud extends down from the cumulonim-

bus cloud.

"The tornado can be detected on the radar in the form of a hook," he said. "There will be a five or ten minute warning for a community once it is detected on radar, but there is nothing visual except for the rotating cloud."

Scoggins said horizontal rain, a calming of the weather and a yellow sky are not necessarily indications of a tornado.

He said distinguishing between a tornado watch and a tornado warning is important.

"A tornado watch means conditions are favorable for a tornado," Scoggins said. "A tornado warning means a tornado is imminent, has been spotted on the radar or is in progress. This means you should take cover."

Scoggins said if you get caught in a tornado while at home, the best thing to do is to go into a sunken room and put covering, such as pillows or quilts, over the entire body.

"Get in the lowest place you can and stay there," he said, "or get under a large piece of furniture, such as under a bed, or get into an internal closet. It is important to stay away from plumbing and electrical appliances or anything metal, which conducts electricity."

"The most recent research indicated the most damage is done by wind force, not by pressure, so you should leave your windows and doors shut and stay away from glass," Scoggins said.

He said if you live in a trailer home or are in a car or outside when a tornado strikes, get into a low ditch or ravine if possible, but be aware of flash flooding.

"If a warning is issued, stay tuned to the local radio station or the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) weather radio station," Scoggins said.

Parade of pachyderms plods through New York

NEW YORK (AP) — A platoon of plodding pachyderms strolled through midtown to Central Park on Monday, to the bewilderment of office workers and the delight of hundreds of children.

"New York's a jungle," said S.L. Grimes, 38, shaking his head as he watched the 18 adult elephants and a youngster maneuver through Columbus Circle.

The parade and brief show on the park's Great Lawn was a publicity

stunt by the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, which is in town through April 23.

Keeping them in line, tails-to-trunks, was whip-wielding Gunter Gebel-Williams, the animal trainer who is calling this his final tour.

Two street cleaners followed the parade, brushing and spraying away evidence of the elephants' passing.

Predictably, some motorists were not amused, laying on their horns as cross-town traffic came to a stop. Others just laughed.

Senate sends cycle helmet bill to governor

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate on Tuesday approved and sent to the governor a bill that would require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets for protection after narrowly defeating a motion that would have held up passage.

Final legislative action came as the Senate on vote accepted a House amendment that would authorize a waiver from wearing a helmet for medical reasons for up to 10 days.

Prior to that vote, the Senate beat back an attempt to send the amended bill to a House-Senate conference committee to address riders who might have long-term physical disabilities.

The motion for a conference committee failed 14-16, although Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, assured sponsor Ted Lyon, D-Rockwall, that he was "not trying to use this as a means to kill the bill."

Lyon asked the Senate to vote with him "so that your

offices are not flooded with calls you've been receiving" and could go on to other business.

In one of the stranger occurrences in the Senate, discussion began on another bill that should not, under the rules, have been discussed.

The bill by Sen. Craig Washington would allow parents or legal guardians to prohibit the use of corporal punishment — such as hitting, spanking or paddling — against students by filing a written waiver on or before the first day of school or before the date on which the punishment occurs.

Washington, D-Houston, withdrew the bill after several senators questioned the way it was written, saying he wanted "them to be comfortable with it."

The vote announced to bring up the bill was 20-10, which was the bare minimum. It was learned later, however, that the vote was 19-11, so the Senate Journal will show that the rules failed to suspend and, in effect, the discussion never took place.

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