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Sun, moon and tides

For Galveston County

Today — High tides 12:47 a.m. (1.1) and 1:06 p.m. (1.3). Low tides 6:47 a.m. (0.5) and 7:47 p.m. (0.4). Sunrise 6:31 a.m. Sunset 8:05 p.m. Moonrise 3:18 p.m. Moonset 2:55 a.m.

Climate data

For Galveston County

Sunday — High 75. Low 71. Record high 84 (1941). Record low 59 (1981). Rainfall in 24-hour period ending at 4 p.m. — none. Rainfall since first of year — 24.59 inches (13.57 inches above normal).

Marine forecast

Port Arthur-Port O'Connor

Small craft advisory in effecttoday, south winds at 15 to 20 knots. Seas at 5 to 7 feet. Scattered showers and thunderstorms.

Port Arthur-Brownsville

Small craft advisory in effect for inland waterways and bays today, south winds at 15 to 20 knots, higher and gusty. Seas at 5 to 7 feet. Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms.

Extended forecasts

Tuesday-Thursday

South Texas

Partly cloudy with a slight chance of mainly afternoon and evening showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the 80s. Lows in the 60s inland, 70s coast.

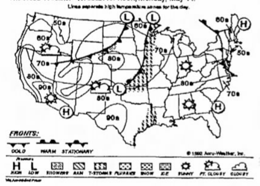
West Texas

Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms each day. Lows in the mid 50s to near 60. Highs in the upper 80s.

North Texas

Warm with a slight chance of thunderstorms each day. Highs in the 80s. Lows in the 60s.

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Monday, May 11.
Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.



Staff photo by Jim Stotts

Quick crab

One of several dozen racing crabs runs the course at the seventh annual Texas Crab Festival in Crystal Beach Saturday.Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a 40 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.

National Temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. CST.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	79	45	0.00	cdy
Albuquerque	69	50	.08	clr
Anchorage	49	35	0.00	cdy
Asheville	77	44	0.00	cdy
Atlanta	83	54	0.00	cdy
Atlantic City	65	52	.58	cdy
Baltimore	75	48	0.00	cdy
Billings	71	38	0.00	cdy
Birmingham	84	45	0.00	cdy
Bismarck	68	47	.12	cdy
Boise	74	41	0.00	clr
Boston	66	46	0.00	cdy
Buffalo	66	51	.01	cdy
Burlington,Vt.	72	53	0.00	clr
Casper	68	38	.26	cdy
Charleston,S.C.	85	58	0.00	clr
Charleston,W.Va.	74	46	0.00	cdy
Charlotte,N.C.	81	54	0.00	clr
Cheyenne	63	38	.51	clr
Chicago	83	46	0.00	cdy
Cincinnati	77	48	0.00	rn
Cleveland	70	43	0.00	cdy
Columbia,S.C.	84	48	0.00	clr
Columbus,Ohio	75	42	0.00	cdy
Concord,N.H.	78	42	0.00	clr
Dayton	75	46	0.00	rn
Denver	61	45	.08	clr
Des Moines	80	56	0.00	cdy
Detroit	73	53	0.00	rn
Duluth	80	43	0.00	cdy
Evansville	87	49	0.00	rn
Fairbanks	42	28	0.00	cdy
Fargo	75	66	.35	cdy
Flagstaff	63	42	.09	clr
Grand Rapids	79	48	0.00	rn
Great Falls	63	43	0.00	cdy
Greensboro,N.C.	78	47	0.00	clr
Hartford	71	46	0.00	cdy
Helena	68	41	0.00	cdy
Honolulu	84	63	0.00	cdy
Indianapolis	79	50	0.00	rn
Jackson,Miss.	84	50	0.00	cdy
Jacksonville	86	55	0.00	cdy
Kansas City	80	61	0.00	cdy
Las Vegas	90	64	0.00	clr
Little Rock	80	56	0.00	cdy
Los Angeles	75	63	0.00	clr
Louisville	85	51	0.00	cdy
Memphis	83	55	0.00	cdy
Miami Beach	79	69	0.00	cdy
Milwaukee	71	50	0.00	cdy
Mpls-St Paul	85	60	0.00	cdy
Nashville	85	49	0.00	cdy
New Orleans	83	53	0.00	cdy
New York City	63	54	0.00	cdy
Norfolk,Va.	71	53	0.00	cdy
North Platte	68	57	.04	clr
Oklahoma City	82	64	.40	cdy
Omaha	81	62	.07	rn
Orlando	84	60	0.00	cdy
Philadelphia	70	m	.03	cdy
Phoenix	91	68	0.00	clr
Pittsburgh	73	50	0.00	clr
Portland,Maine	61	44	0.00	clr
Portland,Ore.	62	54	.02	cdy
Providence	66	46	0.00	cdy
Raleigh-Durham	78	44	0.00	clr
Rapid City	70	45	.91	cdy
Reno	82	40	0.00	clr
Richmond	72	45	0.00	clr
Sacramento	91	61	0.00	clr
St Louis	84	62	0.00	rn
Salt Lake City	69	41	0.00	cdy
San Diego	70	64	0.00	cdy
San Francisco	81	54	0.00	cdy
San Juan,P.R.	85	75	.14	cdy
Santa Fe	64	44	0.00	cdy
St Ste Marie	76	50	0.00	rn
Seattle	61	49	0.00	cdy
Shreveport	82	55	0.00	cdy
Sioux Falls	79	62	0.00	cdy
Spokane	63	45	0.00	clr
Syracuse	73	52	0.00	cdy
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	84	57	0.00	cdy
Topeka	80	56	0.00	rn
Tucson	89	68	0.00	clr
Tulsa	81	65	0.00	clr
Washington,D.C.	73	50	0.00	cdy
Wichita	77	62	0.00	clr

North under tornado watch

Associated Press

A tornado watch was called for parts of North Texas west of Abilene until 9 p.m. Sunday as an upper level system moved out of Colorado and across Oklahoma and Texas.

Severe thunderstorms developed in the afternoon over the watch area along a dry line in the Texas Panhandle and the western half of Oklahoma.

In North Texas, temperatures warmed into the upper 70s and lower 80s by midafternoon with high relative humidities. The exception was Wichita Falls with 73 degrees. Skies were mostly cloudy over the entire area.

Elsewhere in the state, temperatures ranged from the lower 70s in the rain cooled Panhandle to the upper 80s in South Texas.

Amarillo was reporting gusts from the west at 41 mph. Skies were cloudy statewide. The low for the state was 43 degrees at Marfa.

The forecast called for scattered thunderstorms west and central.

Texas Temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CST:

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Abilene	78	59	.08
Alice	85	63	0.00
Alpine	78	49	.04
Amarillo	77	54	.10
Austin	82	66	0.00
Beaumont-Port Arthur	80	63	0.00
Beeville	86	64	0.00
Brownsville	85	69	0.00
Bryan-College Station	78	60	.01
Childress	82	59	.02
Corpus Christi	83	65	0.00
Corpus Christi NAS	83	73	0.00
Cotulla	86	68	0.00
Dalhart	76	53	.02
Dallas Love Field	81	67	0.00
Dallas NAS Field	80	67	0.00
Del Rio	83	65	0.00
El Paso	78	58	0.00
Fort Worth	82	67	0.00
Fort Worth Meacham	83	67	0.00
Hondo	80	65	.01
Houston Hobby Airport	78	66	0.00
Houston Intcntl	80	63	0.00
Junction	76	65	0.00
Kingsville	85	65	0.00
Lajitas	89	57	0.00
Laredo	70	89	0.00
Longview	83	56	0.00
Lubbock	81	56	.30
Lufkin	80	57	0.00
Marfa	76	43	0.00
McAllen	87	68	0.00
Midland-Odessa	84	55	.43
Mineral Wells	81	64	0.00
Palacios	82	68	0.00
Presidio	86	56	0.00
San Angelo	80	60	0.00
San Antonio	80	67	.02
Shreveport, La.	82	55	0.00
Stephenville	77	61	0.00
Texarkana, Ark.	80	57	0.00
Victoria	84	64	0.00
Waco	85	66	0.00
Wichita Falls	85	65	0.00

Girl missing in Surfside waters; Coast Guard launches search

SURFSIDE — The U.S. Coast Guard searched in vain Sunday afternoon for a 14-year-old Houston girl missing in Galveston Bay waters near Surfside where she had been swimming with another youth.

U.S. Coast Guard helicopters and patrol boats searched for the girl all afternoon after she was reported missing about 11:30 a.m.

A 14-year-old girl swimming with her was rescued within a few minutes of them becoming stranded in the choppy waters, a Brazoria County Sheriff's Department spokesperson said Sunday.

Several visitors to the beach saved one of the girls but were unable to rescue the other, the spokesperson said.

The missing girl is described as black, about 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighing about 98 pounds.

POLICE

Cocaine possession alleged

GALVESTON — A 30-year-old Galveston man was arrested and charged with possession of crack cocaine Saturday afternoon, according to police reports.

A police officer patrolling near the 4100 block of Ball saw a man standing in the street who appeared to be flagging down cars at about 4 p.m., reports state.

The officer had seen the man in the street earlier that afternoon and had warned him not to walk in the street, reports state.

The officer arrested the man, and upon searching him, found what appeared to be a rock of crack cocaine in his pocket, reports state.

Michael Wayne Turner of Galveston was charged with cocaine possession and jailed in lieu of $5,000 bond, police officials confirmed.

Senior citizen robbed

GALVESTON — An 85-year-old Galveston man told police he was robbed early Sunday morning in his home.

The man told police he had left his house keys in his front door lock by mistake and was sitting at a desk about 1:25 a.m., reports state.

A man grabbed the resident from behind and began choking him, the victim reported.

The assailant got his wallet, which contained about $10 and some blank checks, and ran out of the house, reports state.

The victim had no description of the assailant.

Police promotions

Galveston Police Chief Freddie L. Poor, center, has announced the promotion of three of the city's police officers. Sgt. Robert Pierce, right, was promoted to lieutenant. Officer Kenny Mack, left, was promoted to sergeant. Edward Benevidez, not pictured, was promoted from lieutenant to captain of the administrative support division.

Relatives of murder victims join forces

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The parents of two girls murdered in a yogurt shop have joined forces to form a new victims rights group with the sister of an abducted Austin woman.

The parents of Jennifer and Sarah Harbison, 17 and 15 respectively, and Lori Bible, sister of Colleen Reed, announced Saturday the formation of the Coalition for a Safer Society.

The coalition plans to urge legislators and other elected officials to support a policy for parole system reforms.

At a news conference inside the Capitol, Ms. Bible urged legislators to approve new reforms protecting crime victims.

"This is a picture of my sister at my wedding," she said, holding a picture of Ms. Reed. "We don't want these people (criminals) on the street. ... If Kenneth McDuff had served his time, we'd still be seeing her."

McDuff is the former Texas death row inmate being held in Waco for questioning about Ms. Reed's disappearance Dec. 29.

McDuff was convicted of three 1966 murders and sentenced to death. In 1972, his death sentence was commuted to life in prison after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the death penalty unconstitutional.

He was released on parole in 1989.

Many supporters at the news conference blasted state leaders for allowing criminals to be released on parole because of crowded prisons.

Leaders of Parents of Murdered Children, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Associated Texans Against Crime, People Against Violent Crime and other groups attended the announcement.

Frank and Barbara Suraci, the Harbison girls' stepfather and mother, said they will support the new coalition and remain dedicated to keeping their daughters' memories alive.

"We can certainly see there's a need for change," Suraci said.

The bodies of the Harbison girls were found Dec. 7, along with those of Amy Ayers and Eliza Thomas, by firefighters who responded to a fire at an I Can't Believe It's Yogurt! store.

The girls had been tied together and each shot in the back of the head. Their killer or killers have not been found.

McDuff has been charged with murdering Valencia Kay Joshua, 22, of Fort Worth, whose body was found March 25 in Waco.

Baby discovered abandoned

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A newborn girl was listed in guarded but stable condition Sunday after being abandoned Mother's Day eve on the doorstep of a semi-rural church.

The infant, still wet from birth fluids, was found with her umbilical cord attached at 9 a.m. Saturday.

"We think it's sad that someone could care so little about their child," said witness Julia Garcia. "I'm sure (the mother) realized we come every Saturday morning, and left it here because she knew somebody would find it and take care of it."

Policewoman Heidi Hoff said the 6-pound, 3-ounce girl was registered at Santa Rosa Children's Hospital as Melanie.

The baby had been abandoned about two hours before a congregation member at Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall South found her, Ms. Hoff said.

"Other than being cold from exposure, it seemed to be all right," Ms. Hoff said.

The blanket wrapped around the infant was sent to the Bexar County Medical Examiner office for forensic tests, officials said.

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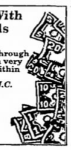

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