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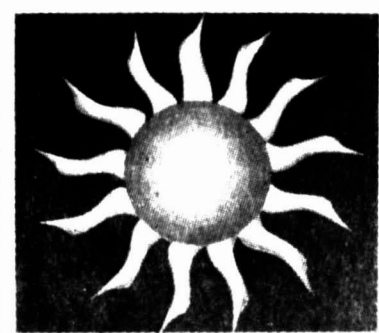
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ACT I dinner theatre opening set for May 31

ACT I (Area Community Theater, Inc., of Pampa) will present the dinner theater "Grace and Glorie" at 7:30 p.m. May 31 and June 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9 at its Pampa Mall location.

A prime rib meal catered by Clint & Sons will be served at 6:30 p.m. For prices and reservations, call 665-3266 at least two days before the desired show date.

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Bill wording boon to T. Boone



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

T. Boone Pickens explains his plans to pump and transport groundwater from beneath his ranch to cities downstate.

Amendment allows Pickens to avoid water export taxes

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Four words inserted into proposed water legislation on the floor of the Texas Senate would allow Dallas oilman T. Boone Pickens to pipe water from Roberts County to urban areas downstate without paying an export fee to the water district.

"That may be a moot point," C.E. Williams said Monday.

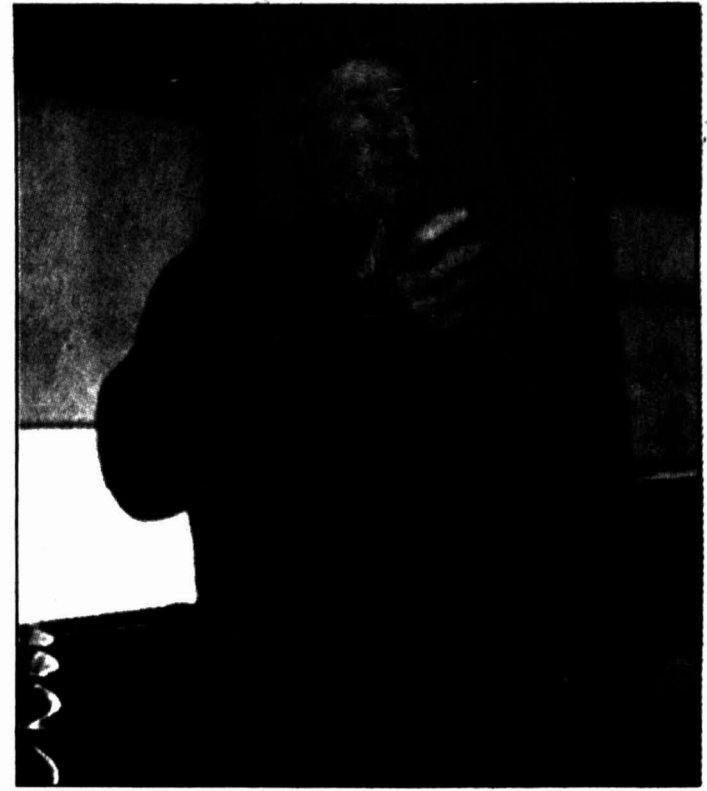
Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, said the change in wording in Senate Bill 2 that could exempt Pickens from an export fee might not matter if House Bill 3024 passes.

That bill, Williams said, sets specific fee authority for the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District.

Williams, who heads back to Austin this week, the final week of the legislative session, said the House version of Senate Bill 2 does not contain the same language concerning export fees.

According to Ken Kramer with the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, a last minute amendment added on the Senate floor would exempt Pickens' water transport from fees authorized in Senate Bill 2.

Pickens, who owns a ranch in Roberts County, said (See BILL, Page 2)



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

State Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown addresses landowners in a courtroom of the Roberts County courthouse in Miami recently concerning Senate Bill 2.

White Deer board lauds student achievements

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Extraordinary achievements by White Deer High School students were recognized in the small Panhandle community Monday night.

Several WDHHS students are the best in the state in their respective endeavors. The school administration and trustees conveyed their pride to the students by recognizing them at Monday night's board meeting.

From science to agriculture projects, and band to sports, students at White Deer High School have achieved the highest honors in their respective fields.

Over 50 parents and community leaders gathered at White Deer Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting Monday night as the WDHS recognized the students for being tops in their individual pursuits.

While the school has seen state champi-

onships in football and basketball through the years, the year 2001 is the first year White Deer has captured state titles in several other events.

Superintendent Danny Ferrell expressed the pride the school has in each of the students and presented them with a certificate.

Bringing back first place in the tennis doubles competition to White Deer for the first time ever were sisters, Suni and Cassie Petty. The two young girls are the first tennis competitors in the history of the school to bring a state title in that sport back to White Deer, said Ferrell.

Expressing her appreciation to the crowd gathered Monday night, Suni said the two sisters were pleasantly surprised with the support they have received from the townspeople.

Prior to leaving for their state competition in Austin, Suni said the girls received many calls from local residents supporting them in their quest for the state title.

She expressed surprise and appreciation to those in attendance for the many people who traveled to Austin to support the sisters in their competition.

A graduating senior, Suni said she and her younger sister were thrilled with the calls of best wishes they received from their hometown wishing them well in competition.

Also recognized for bringing back first place state honors to White Deer were members of the crop team composed of Tiffany Britten, Cami Dempsey, Brendon Haiduk and Stephanie Asencio. Britten, Dempsey and Haiduk were at the meeting Monday night, and were recognized for their efforts in bringing the state title back to White Deer.

Tiffany Britten, a senior, was honored for her accomplishment in being named to the All State Band. She is the first band member to achieve this distinction, said Ferrell.

Britten was also recognized for winning

second on the state level in a Family Career and Community of America project. Derrick Waminski and Michael Friend took third place in their project.

FCCLA was formerly Future Homemakers of America (FHA).

Teresa Haiduk was recognized for her outstanding accomplishment of winning first in the State Science Fair. A junior division title holder, she is the first student from White Deer ISD to win this event, according to Ferrell.

The Livestock Judging team was recognized for placing 30th in the state in their Future Farmers of America competition. Composed of Brad Britten, Elise McCowan, Stephanie Asencio, and Tyler Terry, the team judges hogs, steers and sheep as part of the competition.

Also recognized was Drew Hodges for his efforts in track. He competed at the state track meet in pole vault. Ferrell said this year was the first year a White Deer student has competed at the state meet.



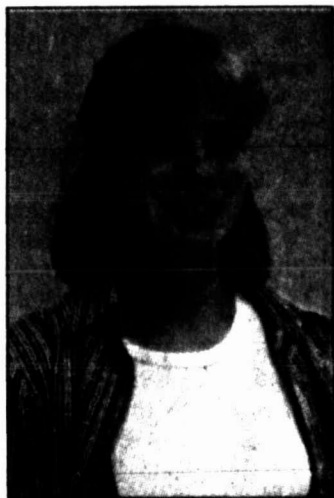
Suni and Cassie Petty
First Place Tennis Doubles



Tiffany Britten
All State Band



Crop Judging Team
First Place



Teresa Haiduk
1st - State Science Fair

Holiday hours set for landfill

Pampa City Landfill will be closed Monday, May 28, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. The trash collection routes will not run on this day, and the trash routes and the city landfill will resume regular schedules on Tuesday, May 29.

Landfill hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. On Saturdays the hours are 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The landfill is closed on Sundays.

The Pampa Landfill requests that last loads be no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays. Any unsecured loads may be refused admission to the dump.

The 2001 summer season grass curbside pick-up began Monday, May 7, in Ward One. Ward Two was on Tuesday, May 8. Ward Three was on Wednesday, May 9. Ward Four was Thursday, May 10.

Curbside grass collection will not run on Monday, May 28, but will resume with Ward One on Tuesday, May 29. The remaining wards will be picked up as quickly as possible until regular pick-up is back on schedule.

The Recycling Center will not be affected by the holiday hours. The hours will be 12 noon to 6 p.m. on Thursdays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Current aluminum prices and any additional information may be obtained by calling 669-5711.

County attorney considers charges in selling alcohol to minors sting

Charges against six local convenience stores for allegedly selling alcohol to minors are pending with the Gray County Attorney's office, officials said Monday.

"No charges have been filed but they will be filed," said County Attorney Todd Alvey. "The reason is, I'm behind in my cases and I haven't gotten to that yet. But I probably will in a week or so."

"Let me qualify that by saying I haven't read the reports yet," Alvey added, "but I've talked to the officer and it sounds like everything is all right. If everything is in order, and I believe they are, then

(charges) will be filed."

Clerks at six Pampa businesses sold alcohol to an underage teen in a "sting" operation conducted by the Pampa Police Department May 15, police said. Officers conducted the sting, they said, to create awareness about selling alcohol to minors with high school proms and graduations approaching.

In the sting operation, a 17-year-old boy went to 16 convenience stores and liquor stores around Pampa that day and tried to buy alcohol.

The boy, wearing a body microphone to pick up the conversation, presented his correct identification when a clerk asked

for one, police said.

While the boy attempted to buy the alcohol, Pampa Police Officer Colby Brown, Pampa High School liaison officer, sat in a police patrol car in front of the store and videotaped the exchange.

Six businesses - 37.5 percent - sold alcohol to the teen, even after looking at the boy's identification, Brown said.

Afterwards, police signed complaints and filed affidavits with the county attorney. Selling alcohol to a minor is a Class A misdemeanor offense.

According to Pampa Police Department records, selling (See CHARGES, Page 2)

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June 5th - Chamber Prayer Breakfast Tuesday 6:45 A.M. MK Brown Room Of The Pampa Community Building \$5.00 Per Person - Call 665-3241 For Reservations

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BAILEY, Rachel R. — 10 a.m., First Christian Church, Pampa.
BICHSEL, Anna Beth — Mass, 11:30 a.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church, White Deer.
BRADSTREET, Susie M. — 2 p.m., Calvary Christian Fellowship Church, Shamrock.
HUGHES, Willie B. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
KIDWELL, Henry Leo — 11 a.m., Sullivan Funeral Home Chapel, Vernon.

Obituaries

RACHEL R. BAILEY
 Rachel R. Bailey, 72, of Pampa, died Sunday, May 20, 2001. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in First Christian Church with the Rev. Barry A. Loving, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Born Feb. 14, 1929, at Vinson, Okla., Mrs. Bailey grew up at Hollis, Okla., and had been a Pampa resident most of her life. She was an Avon representative for approximately 45 years and worked as a waitress at Johnson's Cafe and at Coney Island, where she retired.

She was a member of First Christian Church and Pampa Amateur Radio Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by six brothers.

Survivors include her husband, Levi, of the home; two sons, Levi C. Bailey, III of Farmers Branch and Brent K. Bailey of Duncanville; four daughters, Charlene F. Williams of Brighton, Colo., Deborah A. Taylor of Kaw City, Okla., and Helen L. Barnett and Joyce R. Hadley, both of Pampa; a stepson, Raymond C. Bailey of Brighton; a stepdaughter, Diane Cooper of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a brother, Joe Barnett of Canadian; a sister, Eunice Burgess of Pottsboro; 17 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065.

ANNA BETH BICHSEL
 Anna Beth Bichsel, 63, of Pampa, died Monday, May 21, 2001, at Amarillo. Prayer services will be at 6 p.m. today in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer with Father John Valdez, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church of Pampa, officiating. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery of White Deer under the direction of Rector Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mrs. Bichsel was born at Kerrville. She lived in Pampa most of her life. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Joseph Bichsel.

Survivors include two daughters, Anita Urbanczyk of White Deer and Amy Bichsel of Austin; her mother, Maxine Slagle, of Amarillo; a sister, Sharon Allen of Valle De Oro; and three grandchildren.

SUSIE M. BRADSTREET
 SHAMROCK — Susie M. Bradstreet, 88, died Sunday, May 20, 2001. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Calvary Christian Fellowship Church with Joe G. Jernigan, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Dozier Cemetery at Dozier under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mrs. Bradstreet was born Dec. 20, 1912, to Ben and Lola Nixon. She was a lifelong resident of Wheeler and Collingsworth Counties and moved to Shamrock in 1961.

She was a homemaker and a Methodist.

She married Alta Harvey in 1934; he died in 1946 in a drowning accident. She then married W.R. Bradstreet in 1949; he died in 1979.

She also was preceded in death by two sons, Glen Riley Bradstreet, in 1950, and Ray Harvey, in 1986; two stepdaughters; and four stepsons.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Harvey of Fresno, Calif., and Raymond Harvey of Amarillo; two daughters, Etta Hudson and Linda Hall, both of Shamrock; a sister, Mybelle White of Amarillo; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

SAM CARTER
 WELLINGTON — Sam Carter, 73, died Sunday, May 20, 2001, in Amarillo. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Darrell Feemster, pastor of New Covenant Baptist Church in Lampasas, the Rev. James McLeod and the Rev. Dean Driver pastor of Samnorwood Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home.

Mr. Carter was born Dec. 28, 1927, to Elmer Carter and Merle Bartlett Carter at Houselog in Collingsworth County. A lifetime Collingsworth County resident, he attended school at Cross Roads and Wellington High School. He married Norma Rose Kiepe on Sept. 1, 1951, in Wellington. In 1953, he moved to the J.T. Slay farm at Samnorwood, where he farmed for 27 years. In 1980, he was employed by R.J. Pasley Construction Company while continuing to farm his own land. He worked as a mechanic at Owens Salvage and for the city of Wellington for over two years.

He belonged to First Baptist Church and was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from March 1946 to September 1947.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Buddy Carter.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Carter of Wellington; three sons, Ronald Carter of Lutie, Brad Carter of Shamrock and Tony Carter of Seagraves; four sisters, Bertha Mae Keller, Jane Maxwell, Kay Feemster, all of Wellington, and Rachel Ligon of Memphis, Tenn.; and five grandchildren.

Obituaries (cont.)

ALNOS 'AL' HALL
 Alnos "Al" Hall, 78, of Pampa, died Tuesday, May 22, 2001. The body was donated to Texas Tech Medical School of Medicine in Lubbock at Mr. Hall's request. No services are planned. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Hall was born Jan. 25, 1923, at Wilson, Okla., and attended school in Pampa prior to joining the U.S. Air Force where he was a gunnery instructor during World War II.

He lived most of his adult life in New York, working as a free lance commercial artist and illustrated numerous books.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister.

Survivors include a daughter, Lisa Hall of Jackson Heights, N.Y.; and two sisters, Marge Walters of Canyon County, Calif., and Eloise Woldt of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

WILLIE 'BILL' HUGHES
 Willie "Bill" Hughes, 74, of Pampa, died Monday, May 21, 2001, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Scott Malone, a nephew, and Mark Slavens, a grandson, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mr. Hughes was born July 3, 1926, in Sweetwater, Okla. He married Eloise Gentry in 1949 in Pampa. He had been a resident of Pampa for 50 years. He was an equipment operator for the State of Texas Highway Department for 38 years, retiring in 1990.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Fellowship Sunday School Class.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Bertha Lee Thomas.

Survivors include his wife, Eloise, of the home; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda Kay Salyer of Canyon, Becky and Steve Nelson of Plano and Karen Denise and Joe Martinez of Pampa; a son, Steven Lynn Hughes of Waskom; three brothers, Ed Hughes of Pampa, Howard Hughes of Iowa Park; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church Building Fund, 203 N. West, Pampa, TX 79065; or to BSA Hospice of Pampa, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

HENRY LEO KIDWELL
 VERNON — Henry Leo Kidwell, 94, died Monday, May 21, 2001. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Sullivan Funeral Home Chapel with Jay Hanley officiating. Burial will be in Eastview Cemetery under the direction of Sullivan Funeral Home.

Mr. Kidwell, a farmer, was born in 1906 to T.J. and Elizabeth Johnson Kidwell.

Survivors include a son, Charles Kidwell of Winters; two daughters, Jackie Johnson of Round Rock and Bonnie Sellari of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; a brother, Lance Kidwell of Vernon; two sisters, Jewell Gould of Lubbock and Margaret Grogan of Shamrock; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church building fund.

JEWEL FRANCES SHACKELFORD
 Jewel Frances Shackelford, 97, of Pampa, died Tuesday, May 22, 2001. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Shackelford was born Sept. 26, 1903, in Indian Territory, Okla. She graduated from Fort Lewis College in Colorado and from Hills Business School in Oklahoma. She married James Todd Shackelford in 1924 at Amarillo; he died in 1933.

She had been a Pampa resident since 1924 and worked for the City of Pampa, Culberson-Stowers Chevrolet and retired from International Harvester Tractor Company in 1967, serving as secretary and bookkeeper.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Friendship Sunday School Class and Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Doris Luscombe, in 1982; and by a son, Dale Shackelford, in 1993.

Survivors include a daughter, Velma Enoch of Somerset, N.J.; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Stocks
 The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.72	KMI	58.42	dn 0.30
Milo	2.79	Kerr McGee	72.90	dn 0.08
Corn	3.14	Limited	17.07	dn 0.03
Soybeans	3.63	McDonald's	30.60	up 0.74
		Exxon Mobil	88.83	up 0.08
		New Atmos	23.51	NC
		XCEL	31.18	up 0.05
		NOI	37.03	dn 0.37
		OKE	43.43	up 0.10
		Penney's	22.34	dn 0.15
		Pioneer Nat.	67.44	up 0.17
		SLB	68.16	dn 0.29
		Tenneco	3.07	up 0.03
		Texas	72.02	dn 0.34
		Ultramar	55.74	dn 0.26
		Wal-Mart	53.26	up 0.06
		Williams	41.88	dn 0.26

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The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:

BP Amoco	53.86	dn 0.07
Celanese	22.05	dn 0.45
Cabot O&G	37.54	dn 0.66
Chevron	33.80	dn 0.40
Coca-Cola	96.70	dn 0.44
	47.82	dn 0.47
New York Gold	285.35	
Silver	4.55	
West Texas Crude	29.75	

Fires
 Pampa Fire Department received no emergency calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, May 21
 A woman in the 700 block of Somerville reported that some one had charged 19 calls, totaling \$125.16, to her phone.
 Criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of North Gray.

A girl's bicycle was stolen in the 1900 block of North Faulkner.
 The windshield on a 1980 Chevrolet was broken out in the 900 block of Campbell.

A Sayre, Okla., woman reported someone had charged \$364.93 on her credit card over the internet while she was in Pampa.

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Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, May 21
 A wallet was reported stolen in the 200 block of Price Road.

Verbal threats were made in the 900 block of South Sumner.

Barry Max Bryant, 43, 513 N. Cuyler, was arrested on charges of criminal trespass.

Toby Dean Phillips, 30, 610 Carr, was arrested on charges of failure to comply with registration requirements.

Ambulance

Rural Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, May 21
 10:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of North Starkweather and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of East Browning and transported one to BSA Hospice, Amarillo.

(Time not listed) — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one patient to BSA West, Amarillo.

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alcohol to minors was reported May 15 at the following locations: Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks; Allsup's, 184 W. Texas 152; Taylor Mart, 1340 N. Hobart; Minit Mart, 1106 W. Alcock; Swifty Serve, 600 E. Frederic; and Allsup's 140 S. Starkweather.

Texas Round up

Water bill passes House without a drop of funding

AUSTIN (AP) — When Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown first envisioned his plan to pay for future water projects in Texas, it included millions in sales taxes on domestic water and sewer use and even a surcharge on bottled water.

Texas' future depends on water, Brown said, and people should be ready to pay for it.

A few months later, most of those ideas have drowned in the political reality of a Legislature that had no intention of passing any major new taxes this session.

"I realize that in a redistricting year when everyone has to run (for re-election), it's going to be difficult to establish those seeds of funding," said Brown, a Republican from Lake Jackson.

Yet Brown's plan is moving forward.

House lawmakers on Monday gave tentative approval to creating an infrastructure fund to pay for future projects such as reservoirs, new pipelines and desalination plants. The bill also would create a Texas Water Advisory Council to recommend priority projects.

The bill had already passed the Senate. Lawmakers say they will meet over the next few days to negotiate small differences in their plans.

Regional planners across Texas predict the state's water needs will reach a critical stage over the next 50 years.

Deadline approaches to enroll in education program

DALLAS (AP) — Texas parents trying to decide how to pay for their children's future college educations are facing a deadline.

Friday is the last day for the sixth enrollment period in the Texas Tomorrow Fund, which allows parents to start putting money away for their child's tuition and required fees, using the price of each at the time of enrollment.

A week before the deadline, about 6,500 people had enrolled, said fund spokeswoman Sheila Clancy. The number is down considerably from the initial enrollment in 1996, but Clancy said she expects the total could meet or exceed 12,000 by Friday.

In 1996, enrollment totaled 39,748. In 1997, there were 23,699 in 1997; 13,794 in 1998; 9,757 in 1999 and 12,402 in 2000.

Then the stock market took off and many parents may have thought they could do better by investing their money in the stock market, she said.

House OKs Medicaid restructuring bill

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's Medicaid program would be structured, with much of it moving from the Texas Department of Health to the state Health and Human Services Commission, under a bill given preliminary House approval Tuesday.

After final approval, the bill will go back to the Senate, where the measure is sponsored by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo.

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that since the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority and the City of Amarillo will pump from well fields in the county, he and his neighbors have no choice but to try to sell their water to municipalities downstate. Otherwise, CRMWA and Amarillo could legally suck the water from beneath the ranches in Roberts County and the ranchers would receive no compensation.

Pickens said he has offered his and his neighbors' water to CRMWA and Amarillo, but both have refused.

At an April 7 meeting in the Roberts County courthouse in Miami, Pickens outlined his plans to try to sell the water to either El Paso, San Antonio or the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex.

At that same meeting, Texas Sen. Buster Brown, R-Clear Lake, who introduced Senate Bill 2, told landowners in the Roberts County courtroom that more than 40 amendments had been made to the original bill, most of them by him, before being passed out of committee for a vote by the Senate.

Brown, in Roberts County to hunt wild turkey on Pickens' ranch that weekend, reviewed a number of the changes, but did not touch on the export fee. That change was made, according to Kramer, during the floor debate after the Miami meeting with Roberts County landowners.

Williams said it was made as a technical amendment and slipped through.

Section 2.58 of the bill revises the law on transfer of groundwater out of a district. It prohibits a district from imposing more restrictive permit conditions on transporters than the district imposes on existing in-district users. It also authorizes districts to impose an export fee. It restricts a district from denying a permit based on the fact that the applicant seeks to transfer groundwater outside of the district, but it may limit the permit according to certain specified criteria.

Initially, the bill said the section concerning export fees applied only to a transfer of water that is initiated or increased after March 1, 2001.

Sen. Brown amended it so that it applied to a transfer of water that the application for which is initiated or increased after March 1, 2001.

Since Pickens and his neighbors, operating as Mesa Water, Inc., applied for their permits last fall, they would be exempt under the amended wording.

A last minute technical amendment on the Senate floor basically exempted the proposed Boone Pickens' water transport operation from these fees because the application was submitted to the district before March of this year," Kramer said.

Senate Bill 2 passed the Texas Senate on April 19. The House version was expected to pass the lower chamber of the legislature Monday. The final legislation is expected to be hammered out in a conference committee and could pass as early as Wednesday, Williams said.

The Texas Legislature adjourns from its biennial session Friday.

Williams described the water legislation contained in the House version of the bill as a "very positive bill" for groundwater districts.

City Briefs

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Extremes ranged from 39 degrees at Dalhart to 73 degrees at Brownsville. Other readings included 46 degrees at Junction and to 59 degrees at El Paso.

Winds were generally westerly to northwesterly at 5 to 15 mph, with gusts near storms.

A slight chance of continued showers was forecast for the deep south.

Cloudiness continued in the Coastal Plains early Tuesday, with clear skies elsewhere in the state.

Daytime highs should be in the mid-70s to lower 80s, with a warming trend to start.

Lows overnight were expected in the 40s to 60s.

Weather focus

PAMPA — The weather today should be mostly sunny with a high in the upper 70s.

Winds will be out of the Southwest and West from 5 to 15 mph.

It will be cool tonight with a low in the upper 40s under clear skies.

Wednesday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature in the lower 80s.

The temperature will drop into the lower 40s Wednesday night.

Thursday should be mostly clear with a high in the mid-70s.

STATEWIDE — Mostly clear skies and cool temperatures settled over Texas on Tuesday

under the influence of a high-pressure zone.

The weather system moved in behind an unseasonably strong cool front that moved through the state Monday and offshore in the Gulf of Mexico.

Scattered showers fell in Southeast Texas. The front also pushed showers and thunderstorms into deep South Texas, accompanied by hail and high winds in the region.

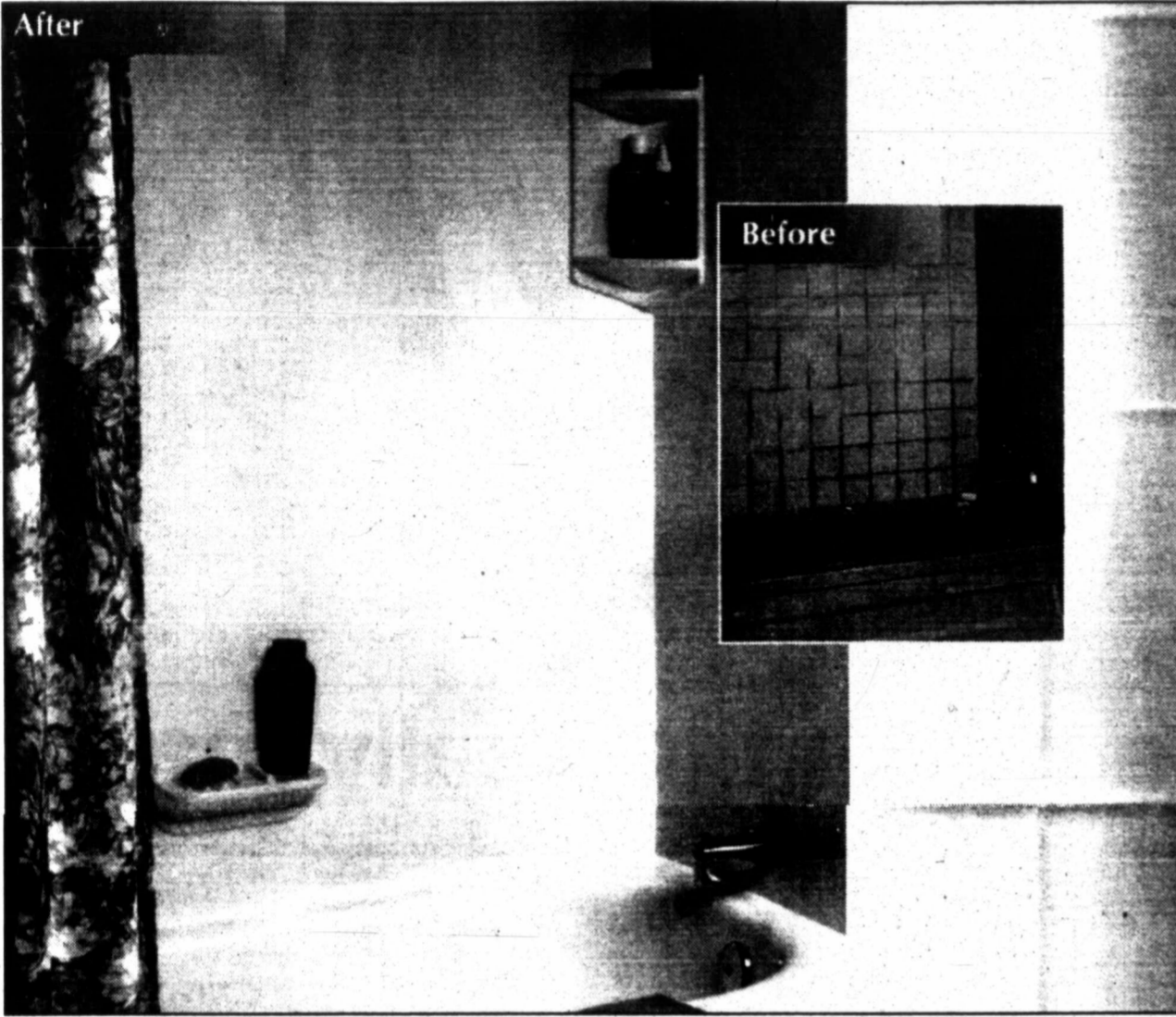
The National Weather Service said .78 inches of rain fell at Corpus Christi International Airport.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 30s in the Panhandle to 70s in the lower Rio Grande Valley.

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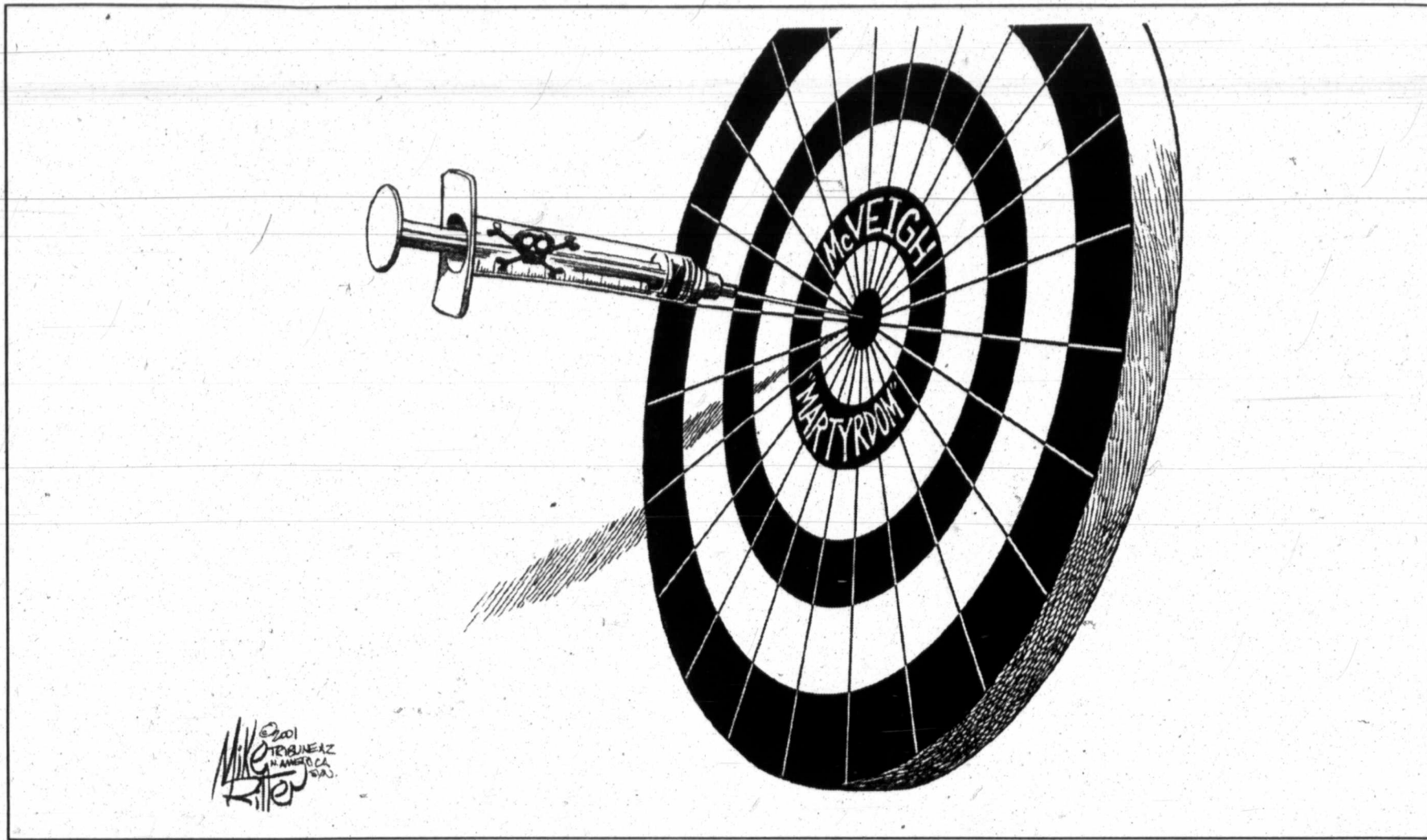
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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas:
San Angelo Standard-Times on Bush's Social Security commission:

For too long, Social Security has been accurately called the third rail of American politics: Touch it and you die.

The program has become sacrosanct, even though Social Security is the single largest part of the federal budget, accounting for 22 percent of government spending. As has been well, even overly, documented, Social Security is headed for trouble.

Most presidential candidates, remembering what happened to the luckless Barry Goldwater when he suggested making Social Security voluntary, run on vague promises of reform, but once in office are daunted by the specifics.

President Bush ran on a straightforward promise of allowing workers to voluntarily divert some part of their Social Security taxes into individually controlled retirement accounts. Even if these individual accounts work as Bush believes, they would not "solve" Social Security but would ease the long-term pressure on the system.

Bush recently took the first step toward making good on that promise by appointing a commission to study the individual accounts.

The White House was quite open about the fact that the members were chosen because they all endorse the principle of individual accounts. But it is hardly a cardboard commission. The 16 members, led by former Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and AOL executive Richard Parsons, have distinguished political, academic, business and public policy credentials.

The commissions principal charge is to develop a specific plan to implement individual accounts. The panel is also charged with coming up with other recommendations for Social Security within broad parameters no cuts in existing benefits, no increase in payroll taxes laid down by the president. But it is individual accounts that will be the test case for any reforms to follow.

The fate of previous such commissions has been to have their recommendations warmly welcomed and quietly forgotten. This seems unlikely given the political capital Bush has invested in individual accounts; certainly the Democrats won't let him quietly walk away from the issue.

No sooner had the president announced the commission than the Democratic congressional leadership was swearing unaltered opposition to anything other than Social Security as a 100 percent, government-guaranteed entitlement.

The politics are tough and so is the timing. The commission is to come up with its plan next fall, too late for Congress to take it up this year. That means consideration in 2002, an election year when Congress is even more timid than usual about Social Security.

And public acceptance of the idea of individual accounts will depend on yet another variable how well the stock market is performing.

Whatever the outcome, Bush deserves credit for taking on the challenge and being up front about how he plans to meet it.

It's the little things that really matter

Have you heard the saying, "It's the little things in life that count?"

In an amazingly round-about way recently, I learned how true this is.

For 45 years, I had never experienced the death of someone close to me. In the past two months, two special men in my life have died. And in their dying, I have learned invaluable lessons about living.

Last month, my favorite uncle was discovered dead in his home in California. Official cause of death was heart failure due to advanced liver disease. Alcohol had ravaged his liver and overloaded his heart. He was 58. He was alone when he died. He never let any of those who loved him know just how sick he was.

Everyone probably has an Uncle Doug in their lives - free spirited, fun loving, exciting to be with. My dad's youngest sibling, nine years his junior, he was more like a big brother to me than an uncle.

When I try to sort out my memories of Doug, they all jumble together into a giant collage of some of the happiest moments of my childhood.

A talented musician, he played guitar and sang lead vocals in various bands throughout the Amarillo area. I remember watching one of his bands practicing in the garage at my grandmother's home on Bowie Street.

Seeing my interest in guitar, he gave me my first guitar, a Sears Silvertone, and taught me to play. Every time he'd come to visit my family, he'd teach me another song or two.

We'd jam way into the wee hours of the morning, the rest of my family singing along with us. He always encouraged me and made me feel special, even though I was so young and inexperienced. We'd kid each other about being "Doug and Dee Dee" like the singing duo, Dick and Dee Dee.

When we lived on the ranch near Alanreed, my parents sold my Shetland pony after I had outgrown him, leaving me only an unbroken 2-year-old filly. Doug talked Dad into trading his horse Bess, a well-trained Standardbred mare, for the filly. I know he wanted me to have a good horse to ride because I loved horses so much.



Dee Dee Laramore

Staff writer

After moving to Louisiana, Doug insured our popularity by coming to visit us in his brand-new Corvette convertible. We'd take turns taking our friends through town with the top down. Funny how many friends we'd have when Doug came to town...

When we moved back to Amarillo after I graduated from high school, Doug invited us over to his apartment to meet one of his music friends. Imagine my surprise when I found out who his friend was - Country music singer John Anderson. He and Doug had met each other playing the bar circuit many years before. He wanted to see Doug after his concert in Amarillo. We had a ball that night, singing, playing guitars and laughing. We had so much fun, the apartment manager had to tell us to quiet down.

Doug also introduced me to my first husband. He met his third wife at our wedding. She was my bridesmaid, one of my high school friends, and 12 years younger than him. Oh, what a scandal!

The distance between us widened over the years, though we always loved each other. I'll never forget the last time we "jammed" together - my parents' 40th wedding anniversary in 1992. Once again, we played and sang together, the years melting away like spring snow.

On the day before, we played for my grandmother's retirement center to practice. I still have the certificate of appreciation they gave us in my guitar case.

I am so thankful I have my parents' wedding anniversary on videotape. Now those last precious moments are captured for as long as the

tape lasts, although I haven't yet been able to bring myself to watch it.

I think I only saw Doug one more time after that, maybe two, and only for a short time then. I knew he had taken early retirement from the phone company and had moved with his fourth wife into a lake house near Austin. Multi-talented, he created stained glass items which he sold at arts fairs. He played golf constantly, and continued to write songs and sing at every chance.

Then seemingly out-of-the blue, he divorced his wife, bought an RV and a pickup and moved to California. No one really knows why. He left many broken hearts behind, including those of his family - especially his two daughters.

After his funeral, his family, his three ex-wives, and his daughters pondered on a life that seemed to be wasted. What had happened? Why hadn't he let us help him?

On the last day before everyone went home, a group of us stood outside a restaurant, talking fast and furious, trying to catch up on years in minutes.

Doug's second wife told of how Doug had influenced her son Don during the time he was his stepfather. She told of how Doug had patiently taught Don to draw - mostly hot rod cars - and of how he continued to encourage his interest in art.

No one thought anything would come of Don's drawings. He paid more attention to that than things everyone else thought were more important.

But then, Don took his artistic skill and turned it into an up-and-coming business designing and creating prosthesis equipment.

My sister Tracey, who had recently undergone serious back surgery, suddenly perked up when she named the Amarillo business.

"Does he have a leather jacket?" Tracey asked.

"Yes!" Doug's ex-wife exclaimed.

"I know him," Tracey cried. "He's the one that made my back brace! I couldn't have made it without it!"

Tears dripping down our faces, we all stood there in awe. Doug's legacy had been to encourage a young boy's drawing. Years later, this boy, using those skills, helped Doug's niece through one of the most difficult and painful times of her life.

It IS the little things that count.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, May 22, the 142nd day of 2001. There are 223 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 22, 1947, the "Truman

Doctrine" was enacted as Congress appropriated military and economic aid for Greece and Turkey.

On this date:

In 1761, the first life insurance policy in the United States was

issued, in Philadelphia.

In 1813, composer Richard Wagner was born in Leipzig, Germany.

In 1868, the "Great Train Robbery" took place near Marshfield, Ind., as

seven members of the Reno gang made off with \$96,000 in loot.

In 1939, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini signed a "Pact of Steel" committing Germany and Italy to a military alliance.

The Middle East peace process is dead

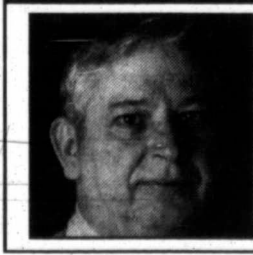
It is vain for people to keep saying "Renew the peace talks." The peace process in the Middle East is dead. Kaput. Finished.

People should take Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon at his word. In recent interviews, he has made it clear: There will be no permanent agreement with the Palestinians; all Jewish settlements remain; the Golan Heights and East Jerusalem belong to Israel; and no Palestinian refugees will be allowed to return or be eligible for compensation.

Can people not understand plain Hebrew translated into plain English? The peace process is dead. Sharon and a majority of Israelis don't want peace. They want the territory they have, and they want a defeated, despairing and docile Palestinian population living in the Jewish equivalent of Bantustans under a Jewish form of apartheid.

If they wanted peace, they wouldn't have killed 410 Palestinians, wounded more than 20,000 and destroyed God knows how many homes, businesses and orchards. They would not have continued to expand settlements. They would not have continued to violate the Fourth Geneva Convention and defy some 60-plus United Nations resolutions. They would not have blamed the victims. They would not have used snipers to shoot children throwing stones. The count of dead Palestinian children currently stands at 70. They would not have employed assassins to murder any Palestinian they decided they wanted to kill.

So what's going to happen? It's simple: The Palestinians will continue to suffer and die and will continue to try to kill as many Israelis as their limited means permit. What you have is the military occupation by regional superpower of a largely unarmed population. It is similar to the German occupation of Europe in World War II. It's ironic, bit-



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

terly so, that it is the Israelis who are analogous to the German army. But Palestinians, like people everywhere and for all time, have the right to resist military occupation by a foreign power. What you are seeing are the final acts of European colonialism being played out in Palestine, which was never Europe's to give away in the first place.

This will go on until Sharon's need for enemies provokes a regional war or until the conscience of individual Americans is aroused. The key to peace in the Middle East is in Washington, not Jerusalem. It is our government that empowers the Israeli government to defy international law and human decency. Israel's government wouldn't last six months without American backing, and its members know that.

The old canard that the Israelis and Palestinians must settle their differences themselves is just an Israeli-dictated ploy to make sure nobody interferes with their treatment of the Palestinians. It's the same as if the police told a victim of child rape to go work with the rapist.

There can never be negotiations between a strong party and a powerless party. To pretend otherwise is to engage in public deception. For years, Israelis would say that force is the only language the Palestinians understand. Now the Palestinians are

saying the same thing about the Israelis. If you love violence, then get a satellite dish, and you can watch the Israelis inflict violence on the Palestinians on Arab television indefinitely.

You might not like this, but the lives of 2 million Palestinians, many of them children, depend on us. Their deaths will be on our conscience. They do not have the power to stop the Israelis from occupying their land and brutalizing them. Our president and our Congress do. But they are afraid of the Israeli lobby. Therefore, if we do not give the American politicians some backbone by letting them know that Americans are tired of being accessories to Israeli aggression, the Palestinians' misery will be unending.

Think about what it is like to be poor in a devastated landscape with no hope of relief. Then think about what it's like to be blinded or paralyzed by an Israeli bullet with utterly no safety net. The Palestinian people do not deserve what is happening to them. Their plight puts us in the uncomfortable position of standing either by the innocent, victims or by the oppressors.

There is no longer any neutral ground for people with a ounce of morality left in them. One way or another, we will all have to choose. "Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee," said poet John Donne.

Indeed it does, for with every Palestinian death a little bit of our own souls will die as long as we do nothing, say nothing, think nothing, as if we could hide from our own conscience.

The most damned will be those in Washington who let their own fears and lust for the comfortable position condemn a whole people to a hellish existence when all along they had the power to relieve them with simply a frown and a stern word.

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Notebook BASKETBALL

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers down by as many as 14 points in the first half, outscored the Spurs 13-5 over the final 6:11 and beat the San Antonio Spurs 88-81.

Los Angeles' 17th consecutive victory — ninth in the playoffs — gave it a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven Western Conference finals.

Kobe Bryant followed his 45-point performance in Game 1 with 28 points, including a 3-pointer with 1:10 to play that put Los Angeles ahead 85-78.

Tim Duncan scored a career playoff-high 40 points and grabbed 15 rebounds for the Spurs.

HOCKEY

DENVER (AP) — Joe Sakic sent Colorado to the Stanley Cup finals for the second time in six seasons when he scored on a rebound 24 seconds into overtime to give the Avalanche a 2-1 victory over the St. Louis Blues.

Colorado, which won the Stanley Cup in 1996, made it out of the Western Conference finals for the first time in three seasons. The Avalanche lost Game 7 of the finals to the Dallas Stars in 1999 and 2000 but finished St. Louis off in five games.

AUTO RACING

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Nine days ago, Donnie Beechler was a driver without a car. Now, he will start in his fourth straight Indianapolis 500.

Beechler, who hasn't driven in an Indy Racing League event this season, jumped into Eliseo Salazar's backup car Sunday, the last day of qualifying at Indianapolis, and earned a spot in the race by going 224.449 mph.

"I was at home in my basement putting up these tiles," Beechler said after qualifying 27th, the outside of the ninth row. "I knew that I had nothing to offer an owner financially and there are a lot of guys like this who can really drive. It's a shame they aren't here right now."

Beechler can no longer say he's among that group.

He took over Salazar's backup car at mid-week, ran 27 laps Thursday, 35 Saturday and another eight Sunday, with his best speed of the day being 222.622.

Then Beechler parked the car, waited for his turn — fifth in line — and drove faster than all but four drivers had in three days of qualifying.

"We didn't plan on that," Beechler said. "This morning the car was in the 222s, so we just took it back to the garage. It was very stable."

Beechler's recent history hasn't been nearly so stable.

He lost his ride with Cahill Racing after last season and struggled to find his way back to the track.

Yet he hadn't lost the passion to race, especially in Indianapolis. So Beechler started doing things his way.

"You just don't know where to go sometimes," he said. "So we started in Atlanta because I thought I needed to show my face a little bit before we came to Indy. I saw A.J. (Foyt) a couple of days there, and then he grabbed me down here and said, 'I could run you in the third car.'"

Flashback

1985: Pampa defeated Hereford 7-5 in high school baseball action. The game was called after five innings on account of darkness.

Todd Hardin hit a double and single, and Jimmy Bridges had a two-run homer to lead the Harvesters at bat.

Pampa rallied for two runs in the fifth.

The winning pitcher was Wade Howard.

Glo-Valve shuts out Allison Auto Sales in 11-12 league play

PAMPA — Even though springers came on just before the start of the game, they failed to cool down Jonathan Carr. The slender right hander pitched a no-hitter and struck out 12 in four innings in a 10-0 Glo-Valve Service victory over Bill Allison Auto Sales last weekend at Optimist Park.

Carr threw 78 pitches, 48 for strikes, as he walked two, hit a batter and pitched his way out of a bases-loaded situation in both the second and third innings.

Allison left nine runners stranded in the Cal Ripken 11-12 League game.

Bobby Sikes, with a triple, and Robbie Dixon, with a double, paced Glo-Valve's hitting.

Drayton Roberts, Allison's second baseman, alertly fielded a ball which had been deflected off the pitcher's glove and threw a Glo-Valve batter out at first for the outstanding fielding play of the game. Catcher Cameron Klein hustled to the screen to field a wild pitch and threw to pitcher Tory Combs covering home to tag a sliding Glo-Valve runner out at the plate for another sparkling fielding play for Allison.

Sloppy field conditions led to a total of 11 errors committed by the two teams.

Glo-Valve scored three times in the bottom of the first inning. LaKeith Towles walked, stole second, took third on a wild pitch and scored on a hit by Aaron Carr. Carr fouled off six pitches before

delivering the RBI single. Two more runs scored in the inning due to errors.

Andy Parker walked to score the Glo-Valve second. He was forced at second by Travis Marsh. Two more walks loaded the bases. Marsh scored when an infield fly was dropped.

Dixon led off Glo-Valve's half of the third inning with his double. Jonathan Carr singled him home and took second on a wild pitch. Sikes whistled two screaming foul balls down the third base line before straightening one out for a triple to score Carr. Andy Parker walked and stole second base. Sikes scored when Garrett Eggleston was safe on an error. Parker moved to third. Eggleston and Parker executed a double steal which scored Parker and sent Eggleston to third. Towles walked and was permitted to take second without a throw. He scored after two wild pitches.

Aaron Carr walked and moved to second and third on wild pitches. He made the final run of the game when Jarron Clark smashed what looked to be a hit up the middle.

The effort was turned into an infield out by Roberts' outstanding play.

In the early game tonight, Cabot Corporation takes on Triangle Well Servicing Co. while Celanese Corporation and Glo-Valve square off in the nightcap.

M. G. Flyers



(Special photo)

The M.G. Flyers of Pampa competed recently in the Division One State Meet. Team members are (front, from left) Calli Brewer and Abbey Rios; (second row, from left) Monica Schepp, Jazmine Rose, Danielle Zuniga, Caylee Steward and Leah Wilson; (third row, from left) Shelby Clay, Allison Cooper and Shannon Clay. Three team members, Shannon Clay, Shelby Clay and Allison Cooper, qualified for the National USA Tumbling and Trampoline Competition to be held in San Antonio in July.

SEC gets record eight teams into College World Series

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.
AP Sports Writer

The road to the College World Series will be cluttered with Southeastern Conference teams.

The SEC had a tournament-record eight teams selected Monday by the NCAA's Division I college baseball committee.

Defending champion Louisiana State, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Mississippi State, South Carolina and Tennessee are all in this year's 64-team tournament, which starts Friday.

"It takes a lot of guts from the committee to do that," Mississippi coach Mike Bianco said.

Next with five teams was the Big 12, with Nebraska, looking to make its first trip to the College World Series, Baylor, Oklahoma State, Texas and Texas Tech.

"The committee has no limits on the number of teams we can take from a conference," committee chairman Wally Groff said. "We just want to get the best teams in there."

Cal State-Fullerton, selected as the top seed for the tournament, beat Southern California 11-5 for the national championship when it was the No. 1 seed in 1995.

"In selecting the No. 1 seeds, we had 18 teams on the board to choose from," Groff said. "We discussed the merits of all the teams and put in secret ballots to choose the top seeds."

Cal State-Fullerton (41-15) was the top seed despite Miami being ranked No. 1 in all three national polls this week. The Titans swept a three-game series with the Hurricanes this season, and Groff said Cal State-Fullerton's 27-11

non-conference record was the best in the country in terms of winning percentage.

The Titans will play host to Temple, making its first tournament appearance since 1984, on Friday in the first round of the double-elimination tournament that leads to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. Texas Tech and Arizona State also will play in the regional at Cal State-Fullerton, where the Titans were 22-9 this season.

The other seeded teams are Miami (44-12), Southern California (39-17), Stanford (42-14), Tulane (50-10), Georgia (41-18), East Carolina (44-11) and Nebraska (45-14).

Groff said the committee spent 12 hours Sunday at the NCAA's headquarters in Indianapolis determining the field.

"It seems like it gets tougher every year," said Groff, the athletic director at Texas A&M. "It was a challenge for us. We do our best to get the best teams in the tournament, and we can all leave Indianapolis knowing we did."

In addition to Cal State-Fullerton, regional hosts include Clemson, East Carolina, Florida State, Georgia, Louisiana State, Miami, Nebraska, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Rice, South Carolina, Southern California, Stanford, Tennessee and Tulane.

Groff said the committee based its selections on a number of factors, including teams' records, strength of schedule, quality wins and power rankings.

Brigham Young, a Mormon church-owned school, is playing in the regional at Lincoln, Neb., and will be able to play the regional

final on Monday instead of Sunday if it advances that far. The school doesn't allow its athletes to compete on Mondays.

The Cougars are in a regional that includes Nebraska, Rutgers and Northern Iowa.

"We all honor and respect what BYU is trying to do," Rutgers coach Fred Hill said.

Miami is making its 29th straight tournament appearance to extend its NCAA record, and Florida State is in it for the 24th consecutive year.

Louisiana-Lafayette (28-28) and San Jose State (37-22-1), who both played in the College World Series last year, were not among this year's 64 teams.

Houston (29-28) and South Florida (32-29) received at-large berths despite having records close to .500.

Klesko leads Padres by Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston's Jeff Bagwell couldn't help admiring fellow first baseman Ryan Klesko.

"Ryan seems like he's getting better and better every year. Now that he's with San Diego he's playing the same position every day and becoming a complete player," Bagwell said of Klesko, who hit two three-run home runs and a triple to lead the Padres over the Astros 7-6 Monday night.

Klesko has an eight-game hitting streak during which he has gone 15-for-33 (.454). In his last 18 games he has driven in 28 runs.

"I'm not doing anything differently," Klesko said. "In this game you're going to have some streaks during the season, so I don't think about it, I just accept it."

Adam Eaton (6-2) got his fourth straight victory, going 6-2-3 innings and giving up six runs on eight hits. Eaton struck out a season-high 10 to equal his career best, while walking one.

Shane Reynolds (4-3) was the loser, going 6 2-3 innings and giving up six runs on nine hits. He struck out six and walked two.

"Sometimes guys just have

good games against you," Reynolds said about Klesko.

"The pitches he hit weren't good pitches. They were bad pitches. You leave bad pitches up to guys like that, it's their job to hit them."

Klesko's second home run of the game gave San Diego a 7-5 lead in the seventh. After Reynolds walked Rickey Henderson and Mark Kotsay singled, Jay Powell relieved. Klesko hit Powell's first pitch into the upper deck in right field for his 10th homer of the season.

"It was a good move to bring in Jay, it just didn't work out," Reynolds said. "He's hit me pretty well and Jay has been throwing the ball well. It was a good idea to get a fresh arm in there, but Klesko's hot and he was a tough out."

Klesko hit a split-finger fastball from Powell.

"I knew he was going to be aggressive. I wanted to keep it down and away, but I left it up," Powell said.

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Philadelphia	25	17	.595	—
Atlanta	22	23	.489	4 1/2
Florida	20	23	.465	5 1/2
New York	18	26	.409	8
Montreal	18	27	.400	8 1/2
Central Division				
St. Louis	25	17	.595	—
Houston	24	19	.558	1 1/2
Chicago	23	20	.535	2 1/2
Milwaukee	23	20	.535	2 1/2
Cincinnati	19	24	.442	6 1/2
Pittsburgh	15	27	.357	10
West Division				
Arizona	24	20	.545	—
Los Angeles	24	21	.533	1/2
San Diego	23	21	.523	1
San Francisco	23	21	.523	1
Colorado	22	22	.500	2

All Times EDT	W	L	Pct	GB
East Division				
Boston	25	18	.581	—
New York	24	20	.545	1 1/2
Toronto	23	21	.523	2 1/2
Baltimore	20	24	.455	5 1/2
Tampa Bay	12	31	.279	13
Central Division				
Minnesota	29	13	.690	—
Cleveland	28	13	.683	1/2
Detroit	20	21	.488	8 1/2
Kansas City	17	27	.386	13
Chicago	14	28	.333	15
West Division				
Seattle	32	11	.744	—
Oakland	21	22	.488	11
Anaheim	20	23	.465	12
Texas	15	28	.349	17

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Los Angeles (Gagne 1-3) at Colorado (Neagle 4-1), 9:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 6-2) at Arizona (Anderson 1-3), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Cincinnati (Bell 0-2) at Chicago Cubs (Bere 3-2), 2:20 p.m.
Los Angeles (Brown 5-2) at Colorado (Astacio 4-4), 3:05 p.m.
San Diego (Jarvis 2-4) at Houston (Bottenfield 2-3), 4:05 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (Leiter 1-3) at Montreal (Thurman 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 3-4) at Florida (Burnett 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Olivera 2-4) at Philadelphia (Daal 5-0), 7:05 p.m.

St. Louis (Morris 6-2) at Milwaukee (Rigdon 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 0-3) at Arizona (Johnson 5-3), 10:05 p.m.

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East Division				
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Central Division				
Minnesota	29	13	.690	—
Cleveland	28	13	.683	1/2
Detroit	20	21	.488	8 1/2
Kansas City	17	27	.386	13
Chicago	14	28	.333	15
West Division				
Seattle	32	11	.744	—
Oakland	21	22	.488	11
Anaheim	20	23	.465	12
Texas	15	28	.349	17

Sunday's Games
Colorado 7, Florida 2
Atlanta 11, San Francisco 6
N.Y. Mets 6, Los Angeles 5
San Diego 5, Montreal 3
Pittsburgh 8, Milwaukee 7
St. Louis 3, Philadelphia 1
Chicago Cubs 6, Arizona 5
Cincinnati 6, Houston 5

Monday's Games
N.Y. Mets 6, Montreal 3
Atlanta 5, Florida 3
San Diego 7, Houston 6
Colorado 6, Los Angeles 3
Arizona 4, San Francisco 2

Tuesday's Games
Atlanta (Smoltz 0-1) at Florida (Smith 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Gonzalez 1-1) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 3-5), 7:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Schmidt 1-1) at Philadelphia (Wolf 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Williams 4-3) at Houston (Elarton 4-3), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Reith 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Tavarez 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Kile 6-2) at Milwaukee (Haynes 4-4),

Monday's Game
Toronto 10, Chicago White Sox 3
Tuesday's Games
Detroit (Weaver 3-5) at Cleveland (Colon 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Schoeneweis 3-2) at Baltimore (Roberts 4-3), 7:05 p.m.

Boston (Wakefield 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Fogers 2-3) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 0-5), 7:15 p.m.
Seattle (Abbott 2-1) at Minnesota (Radke 7-1), 8:05 p.m.

Oakland (Zito 3-3) at Kansas City (Suppan 2-3), 8:05 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Seattle (Garcia 4-0) at Minnesota (Milton 5-3), 1:05 p.m.

Anaheim (Ortiz 3-3) at Baltimore (Roberts 4-3), 3:05 p.m.
Boston (Cone 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 2-2) at Cleveland (Finley 4-3), 7:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (D.Wells 3-4) at Toronto (Hamilton 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Glynn 1-3) at Tampa Bay (Rose 0-2), 7:15 p.m.

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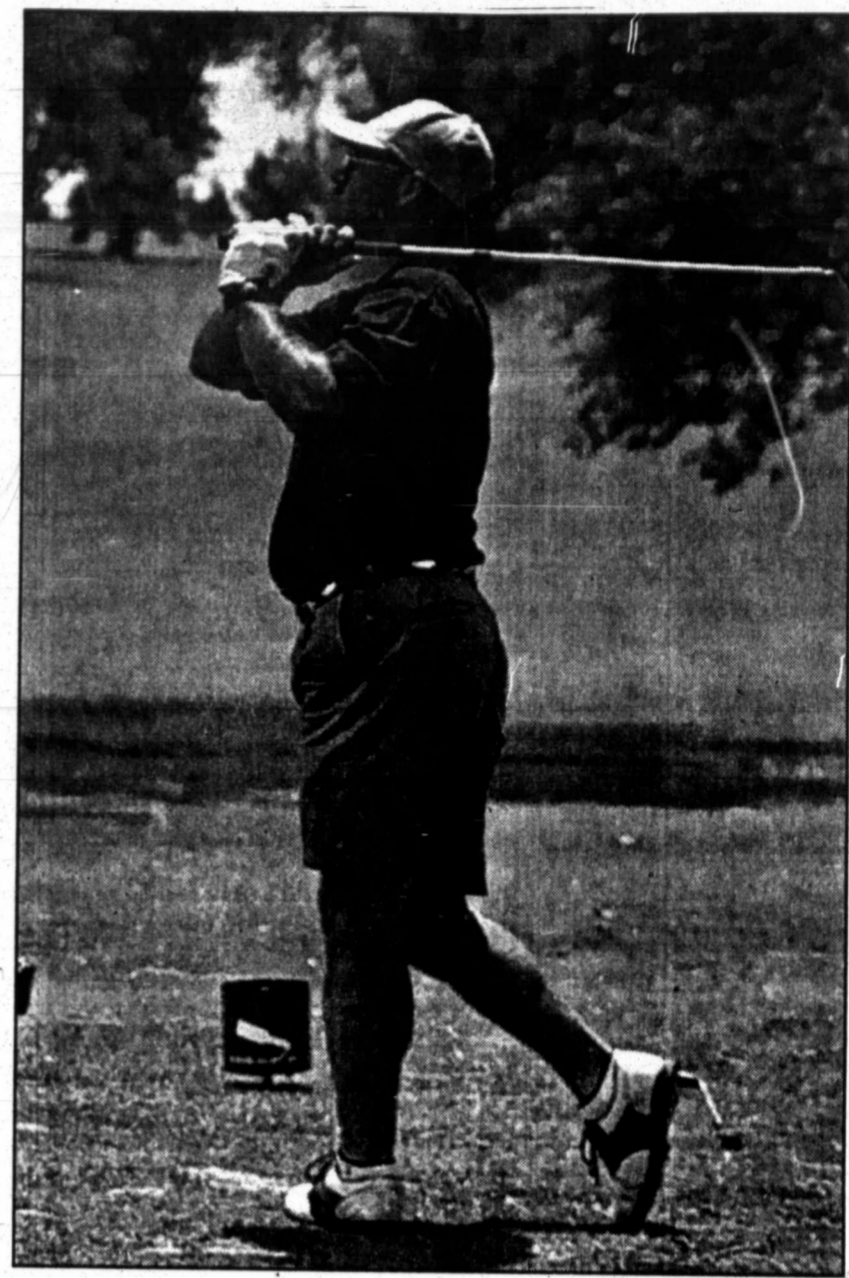
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Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, May 25
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 26
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 27
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 28
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Horoscope WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2001 BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your enthusiasm returns as you stop problems with resourceful ideas. Friends and associates happily brainstorm and become energized by your enthusiasm. Use a change in plans or a miscommunication to buy yourself the time to do something you really want to do. Tonight: At a favorite spot with favorite people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Listen to feedback and know that anything can change — and quickly. A boss or associate is delighted with your moneymaking idea. Don't get personal and professional issues twisted together. You'll be happier. Tonight: Do your own thing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ A call delights and energizes you. Anything is possible, as long as you go with the flow. Don't try to buck a difficult or controlling personality in your life. Reach past your immediate horizons. Network both in person and on the Internet. Tonight: Anything is possible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Share an interesting insight with a partner who appreciates your revelations and can work with them. Keep important information quiet for now. Someone

reveals frustrations. Call it an early workday if you are unusually tired. Slow down otherwise. Tonight: Put on your answering machine and read a good book.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your focus will make or break your success. If distracted, you could miss the bigger picture. If you concentrate and network, excitement and opportunity will meld. Frustration with a child or a loved one can be solved if you let go of a need to control this person. Tonight: Join your friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You succeed if you are willing to allow others to have input. Be realistic. You cannot be so controlling. Establish greater flow within a personal relationship by allowing more freedom to both of you. Try to make your professional life more of what you dream. Tonight: A must show.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Expand your potential through research, reading and perhaps taking a class or two. Sometimes, thought processes prevent us from seeing more. Brainstorm with someone whose mind you respect. Undo pressure by clearing out calls. Tonight: Play a favorite game.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Let others run the show, but say no when your finances get involved. Your perspective changes a great deal if you see how others handle similar problems. Work with family members who are innovative and creative. Tonight: How 'bout a good old-fashioned date?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Stop pushing so hard, and you'll find that others will work with you. Sometimes your strength can be intimidating to others. Unexpected news tosses your plans in a new direction. Remember — you like excitement. Sort through potential invitations. Tonight: Go along with someone's plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ An even pace gets you far with someone. Others respect the fact that when you do business, you mean what you say. Your follow-through, though, sometimes costs you a lot. Be willing to say that enough is enough. A change of pace and scenery does you a lot of good. Tonight: Take a walk after dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Sometimes, what others do is perfect. At other times, you simply annoy them. Ask questions and get to the bottom of the issue. A friend might be two-faced. Be careful. Express your joyful and playful sides. Tonight: Be your naughty self.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Follow your instincts about what is important. Sometimes you don't honor what you know and feel. Understand another's grievance, but don't think you have to make everyone happy. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

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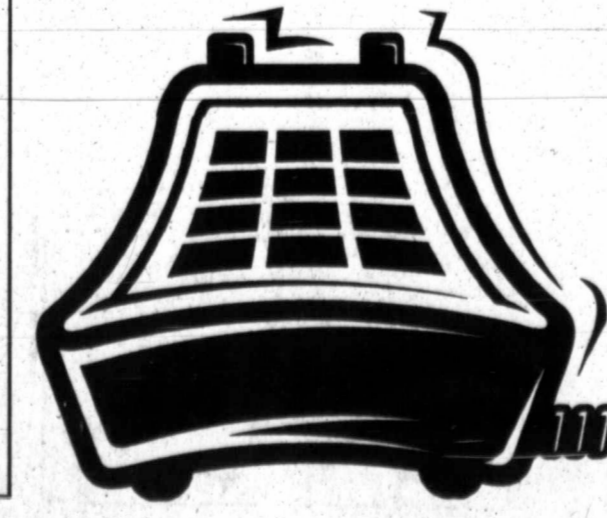
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Bride Sends Checks to Guests Whose Gifts Don't Measure Up

DEAR ABBY: "Ticked Off in Connecticut" asked if anyone could top the account of the nifty mother who purchased shower gifts for her daughter and asked the guests to pay for what she had purchased. Well, I can. I'm enclosing a copy of a letter from "Vic and Betty" to a guest they invited to their wedding. (Betty's third, incidentally.)

"Dear Dick and Fran: Enclosed is a check for \$30 for the salt and pepper shakers, which we returned today. At the time we didn't know who could have sent such a gift."

"Vic thought it was someone from down South who is not coming to the wedding. This evening we found the card and realized they came from you."

"Since you think so little of us, please do us the courtesy of not attending our wedding or reception."
— Vic and Betty

Abby, when my friend — who was with Fran when she purchased the salt and pepper shakers for the couple — saw the letter, she couldn't stop laughing and sent that nifty communique to me. Funny? If you want to verify this, I'm enclosing Fran's phone number. I just told her I'm sending the letter to you.

STILL LAUGHING,
SHORT HILLS, N.J.

P.S. Another "guest" received a similar request not to attend, along with a refund check for \$75 for the gift she had sent.

DEAR STILL LAUGHING: You may be laughing, but I'm wincing. A wedding invitation is supposed to be sent by the happy couple to special people with whom they would like to

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

share this important rite of passage. That the invitation would be rescinded because the couple considers a wedding gift not lavish enough is appalling bad manners.

Nowhere is it written that a wedding gift must be as expensive as the cost of the catered dinner, although I have received letters from dissatisfied newlyweds complaining that they didn't "make back" the cost of the wedding. No one should spend more on a wedding gift than he or she can comfortably afford. Perhaps those who think of a wedding as a fund-raiser should consider charging admission. (Only kidding!) Read on:

DEAR ABBY: So you think you've seen it all? Allow me to share the flier we received from my husband's cousin:

"In honor of 'Desiree's' first birthday, we are setting up an education fund to pay for her college expenses, etc., and we're asking for your help. Our goal is to invest at least \$2,000 on her behalf. We'll keep a list of everyone who contributes and have Desi write a periodic letter to each of you letting you know what's new in her life. (She'll do it whether Daddy has to put his foot down or not!) She needs to know how many people loved her the day she was born, and this will be a small thank-you on her part."

"Send contributions to our address. — Desi's Proud Parents
"P.S. Desiree is also registered at Toys 'R' Us and Target!"

So, Abby, how would you respond to this?
FUMING IN FLORIDA

DEAR FUMING: Since there's little chance you'll be attending the birthday party, send your regrets and a nice card commemorating the happy event.

P.S. When will people learn that it is crass and impolite to ask for money? The subject of money should be brought up only in response to the question: "What does the baby (or bride) need (or prefer)?" No reference to money should appear on any invitation.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
- 41 "Got — You Into 'The My Life' Godfather"
 - 42 Church off-shoots
 - 43 Finishes
 - 44 Places to sign
 - 45 Flightless bird
 - 46 Part of RSVP
 - 47 Balloon contents
 - 48 Platoon leaders
 - 49 Bomb part
 - 50 Dirties
 - 51 Lewd look
 - 52 Hawaiian hello
 - 53 Look over
 - 54 Bar-related
 - 55 Treaty
 - 56 Sub-servient one
 - 57 Exist
 - 58 Apiece
 - 59 Relaxing place
 - 60 Light muslin fabric
 - 61 Poet T.S.
- DOWN
- 1 Gives over
 - 2 Scents
 - 3 Conductor
 - 4 Negating word
 - 5 Plummeted
 - 6 French friend
 - 7 Shoe part
 - 8 Relaxed
 - 9 Of lower status
 - 10 Hawk
 - 11 Toscanini
 - 12 Negating word
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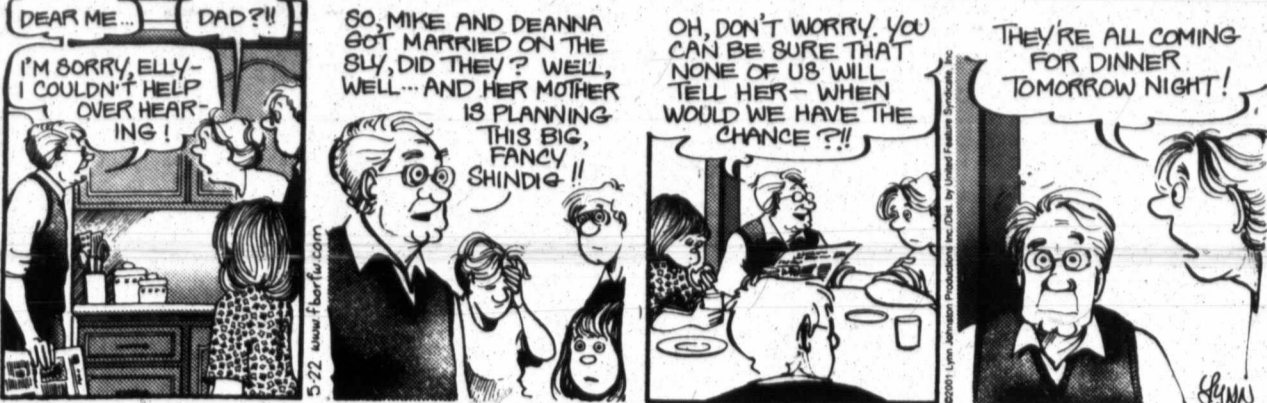
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The Family Circus

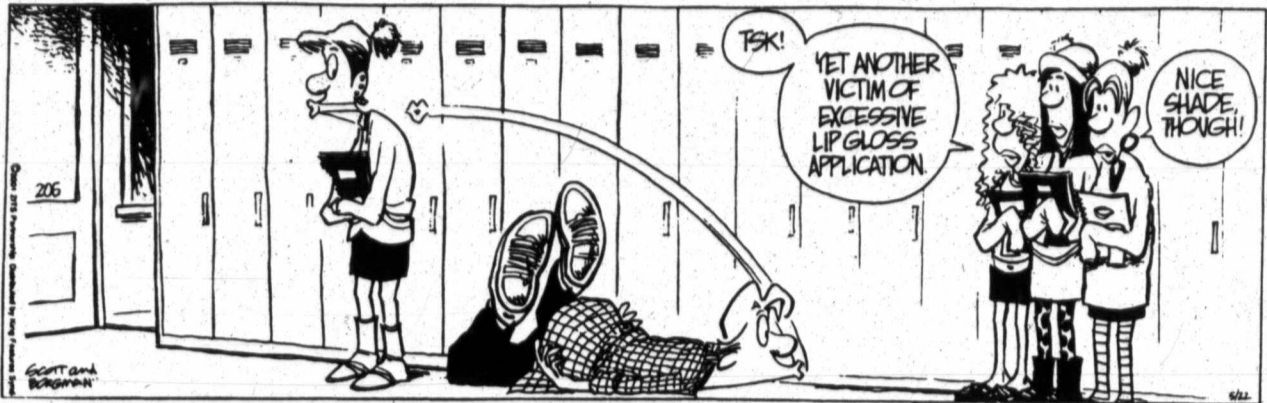


"Why did you say to whisper in your GOOD ear, Grandma? They both look good to me."

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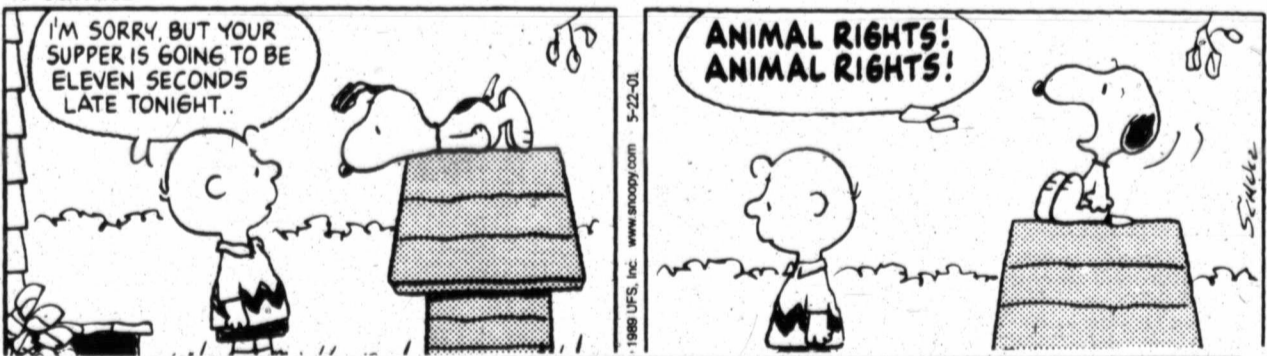
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