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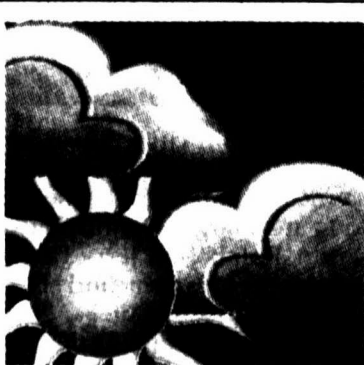
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**PAMPA** — "Master, Is It I?", a dramatic presentation depicting Leonard da Vinci's painting, "The Last Supper" is to be performed by a group from First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Thursday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to the free performance.

**PAMPA** — The Pampa Elementary Chorus will present "The King and I" at 7:30 p.m. April 28-29 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door.

**HOUSTON (AP)** — The statewide average price of self-serve regular gasoline has fallen 10 cents a gallon since March, according to an AAA Texas survey released Wednesday.

The travelers' organization reported that the average price for regular gas is \$1.38 per gallon in Texas, compared to \$1.48 a month ago. The national average this month is \$1.49 per gallon.

AAA Texas credits the price relief to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' loosening of production restrictions.

As usual, Corpus Christi had the state's lowest per-gallon price for regular unleaded at \$1.24, according to a survey done Tuesday. Dallas and Houston both had the most expensive average gallon of gas at \$1.48.

Other cities surveyed were Abilene (\$1.40), Amarillo (\$1.37), Austin (\$1.42), Beaumont (\$1.36), Brownsville (\$1.25), El Paso (\$1.42), Fort Worth (\$1.46), Laredo (\$1.40), Longview (\$1.33), Lubbock (\$1.37), San Antonio (\$1.36) and Waco (\$1.37).

• **Lawrence J. 'Ebie' Ebeakamp**, 77, retired field supervisor for Getty Oil.

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## Water plan work at midway point

BY DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER -- Members of the Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group will have a busy summer.

C.E. Williams, co-chairman of the group, said that the regional planning organization is about mid-way in the process mandated by law to produce a state water plan with a 50 year horizon.

"There are seven different sections or portions that we have to deal with," he said. "We've got four of them ready or turned in for review. We're in the middle of the process. It's going to be a very busy summer."

The Texas Water Development Board has received and reviewed the description of the region and a summary of population and water demand data. By the

end of the month, they will have the assessment of available supply. These elements form the basis for further parts of the plan.

"We've got pretty much all the data gathered," Williams said. "We're in the process of identifying where we have needs or potential shortages over the next 40 years. Now, what we're going to do for them is where the rubber meets the road."

Williams said that he feels the planning process is just now getting under way. The data gathering, while important, hasn't involved many of the tough decisions.

The next step, Williams said, is to compare the available supply of water to projected demands.

"There are some of the small cities, for example, that have needs," Williams said. "They're on ground water, and basically what they need to do is obtain more

**Among the constituents involved in the planning are irrigated agriculture producers, livestock operators, mining, manufacturing, unincorporated areas and power generation. Both short term and long term needs will be studied.**

ground water rights or drill new wells. Those are pretty easy."

The real challenge comes in agriculture, he said.

On a county by county basis, only four or five of the 21 that make up the planning region show problems.

"Most of them are north of the Canadian River in heavily irrigated areas," Williams said.

He said the next step will allow planning group to determine whether or not there are any potential shortfalls in the water supply across the region.

That region includes most of the Texas Panhandle, stair-stepping up from Childress and Hall Counties to Armstrong and Randall up to Oldham County.

These counties are part of the region along with all the counties north of them, including Gray County.

The comparison of water supply and demand will be done at both the city and county level, Williams said.

Among the constituents involved in the planning are irrigated agriculture pro-

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(Photos courtesy of Caroline Bichsel)

H.E., a miniature horse shown in 'before and after' photos is recovering from wounds received when the stallion was attacked this week by two pit bull dogs. H.E. weighs about 300 pounds.

## Owner of attacked horse wants pit bulls destroyed

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Staff Writer

The owner of a miniature horse attacked by pit bulls said today she wants to see the dogs destroyed and plans to spearhead a drive for stricter laws regarding "vicious" animals.

"I told the boy that his dogs were dead, legally or whatever, but his dogs were dead," said Sheryl Lester, owner of H.E., a 38" miniature horse injured in a dog-attack Sunday afternoon.

Lester said she also planned to start a petition asking for stronger laws pertaining to the ownership of breeds of animals known to attack people and livestock and stricter enforcement of laws already in existence.

Lester's protest arises from an incident in a

pasture east of Price Road and north of Gwendolyn Street Sunday involving her pony and two red pit bulls.

According to Municipal Court records, Nicholas Brookshire, 533 Doyle, received four citations in connection with the attack. Two citations for animals at large and two citations for failure to display rabies tags. Sandy Burns, Animal Control officer, said the dogs were not impounded and were returned to the owner.

In yesterday's *Pampa News*, it was incorrectly reported that Nancy Poole owns the dogs. Poole instead has horses pastured in the same area.

Poole said today she has had "three pretty good vet bills" as the result of cut injuries her horses have suffered. She said she does not

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## Officer struck during arrest try

A Pampa police officer and a local man received minor injuries in two unrelated assaults, police reported today.

The first incident, involving the assault of a police officer, occurred Tuesday afternoon in the 900 block of Twiford.

Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris said Officers Andy Alaniz and Shawn Waters had gone to 903 Twiford at 5:40 p.m. Tuesday to execute two felony warrants out of Borger.

When they got to the residence, he said, the person named in the warrants ran away from the officers. After a foot pursuit, the officers caught the man who then struck Alaniz in the face.

"There's some swelling above his eye, but he's not seriously injured," Morris said. The police chief said Alaniz did not require medical attention.

Rusty Hazelwood, 37, of 903 Twiford, was arrested at 6:45 p.m. on charges of fleeing and evading,

failure to identify himself to a police officer, and two felony warrants charging sexual assault of a child and receiving of stolen property.

Also arrested in the incident was Alva Dee Boaz, 28, 903 Twiford on charges of disorderly conduct, language.

Both Boaz and Hazelwood were taken to Gray County Jail where they remained early today.

At 11:40 p.m., Tuesday, Reggie Williams reported that someone had burglarized his residence at 1000 W. Wilks and assaulted him and another person living at the residence.

According to police reports, a known suspect broke into the front door on the east side of the residence and struck Terrance Tillmon in the face causing a swollen lip and a small abrasion behind the left ear. The suspect also pushed Williams then left the home, Chief Morris said.

No charges had been filed at press time today.

## Early voting in municipal races begins

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

Area voters begin early voting today for municipal races in the May 6 election.

Pampa and Panhandle city voters will not have an election as there are no contested races on the ballot. Lefors, McLean, White Deer and Skellytown voters will go to the polls in their respective cities to cast ballots in the city elections.

Early voting will go through May 2 at the area city offices.

### Pampa

Pampa City Commission will not be holding an election as incumbent commission members were the only candidates to file for the positions in the upcoming May 6 election.

Incumbents Jeff Andrews and Faustina Curry were the only candidates to file for the positions which expire in May. State election code provides an election is not required if there is not a contested race of the ballot.

Andrews serves as Ward 2 Commissioner while Curry serves as Ward 4 Commissioner.

### Lefors

In Lefors, the mayor's race will see one candidate's name on the ballot, Gene Gee. He is being challenged by a declared write-in candidate Noal Clemmons. Incumbent mayor J. W. Franks is not seeking reelection.

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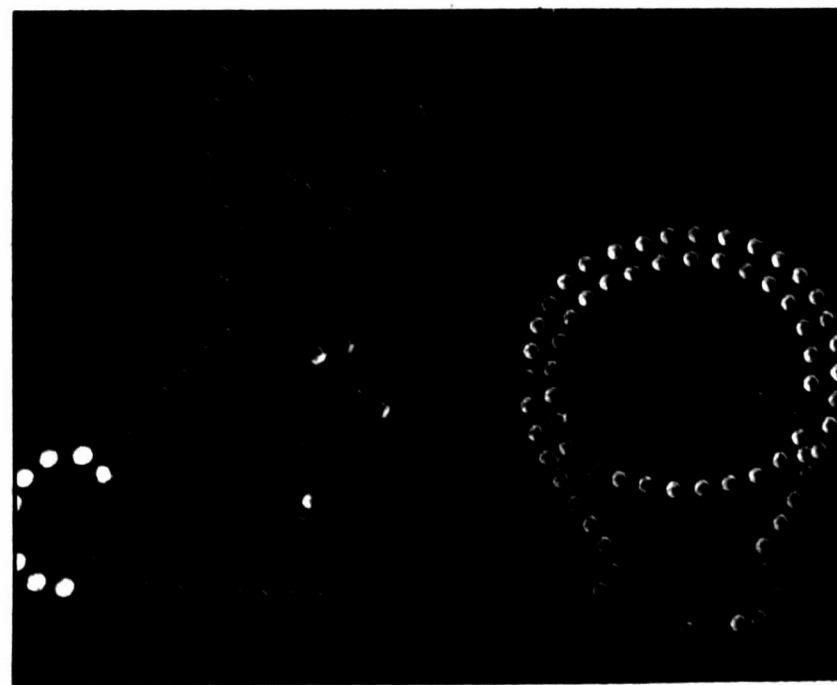
## School superintendent at White Deer resigns

WHITE DEER — White Deer Independent Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Superintendent Robert Parks at a regular meeting of the school board this week.

"The board accepted the resignation effective the end of this contract period," Parks said. "We will be moving back to Central Texas after the school year to be closer to our family."

In other action Tuesday, board members presented certificates of achievement to White Deer students who participated in the state science fair at Austin recently. Two high school students and seven junior high students entered science projects in the state competition.

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(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Lighted Easter decorations can be seen around town. They were made by Holiday Greeters, Inc., a company formed by John and Kathleen Chaney and Susan and John Tripplehorn.

**Chamber Commerce Board Meeting - Thursday, April 20, 2000**  
At 10:30 A.M. At The Chamber Building

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## Services tomorrow

**EBENKAMP, Lawrence J. "Ebie"** — Liturgy of the Word services, 10 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.

## Obituaries

**LAWRENCE J. 'EBIE' EBENKAMP**  
Lawrence J. "Ebie" Ebenkamp, 77, of Pampa, passed away Monday, April 17, 2000, at Cripple Creek, Colo. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. John Valdez officiating. Liturgy of the Word will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with Valdez officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mr. Ebenkamp was born Aug. 2, 1922, at Penalosa, Kan. He married Mary Ann Panek on Sept. 8, 1947, at St. Leo, Kan. He had been a Pampa resident since 1958 and worked for Getty Oil for 41 years, retiring as field supervisor in 1983. He belonged to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Frank Keim Council Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Pampa Senior Citizens.

He was a U.S. Army Air Force veteran, serving during World War II as a first lieutenant.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Pauline Rohling; and a brother, Edward Ebenkamp.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann, of the home; six sons, Ronald "Ron" Ebenkamp of Albuquerque, N.M., Michael "Mickey" Ebenkamp of Leawood, Kan., Robert "Bob" Ebenkamp and Allen Ebenkamp, both of Amarillo, and Mark Ebenkamp and Kevin Ebenkamp, both of Pampa; five sisters, Lucy Rohling of Cunningham, Kan., Eleanora Rohling and Sister Mary Cassian, both of Wichita, Kan., Mary Anna Urban of Larned, Kan., and Martha Strong of Nashville, Kan.; and 11 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church or to Good

## Hoover Fire Depart.

The Hoover Volunteer Fire Department made the following calls during March.

3/3 - Four units and 13 personnel responded to a structure fire at Highway 152 East and Gray 21 where they assisted Pampa Fire Department.

3/7 - Three units and three personnel responded to Highway 70 north of Pampa and to Highway 282 in the Hoover area for a storm watch during inclement weather.

3/20 - Two units and 12 personnel responded to a grass fire at Farley Road and Gray 5 providing mutual aid for Pampa Fire Department and Lefors Volunteer Fire Department.

3/24 - Two units and two personnel responded to a vehicle fire at Highway 152 East and Farm Road 1474. Hoover provided standby units for Pampa Fire Department on a tractor fire.

(Several Hoover personnel attended storm spotter training and now provide early warning assistance by taking positions within northern Gray and southern Roberts County during bad weather.)

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	1.96		
Milo	2.97		
Corn	3.40		
Soybeans	4.34		

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Occidental	20.5/16	up 3/16
Fidelity Magdtn	134.88	up 1/16
Pantian	18.66	up 1/16

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

Amex	49.17	up 1
Arco	77.34	NC
Cabot	25.15/16	dn 1/4
Cabot O&G	17.3/8	dn 1/2
Chevron	85.34	up 1 3/16
Coca Cola	48.34	up 1/8
Columbia/HCA	26.3/8	up 7/16
Enron	68.5/8	up 5/8
Halliburton	42.3/16	up 1/2
IRI	8.3/16	dn 1/16
KMI	30.11/16	dn 1/4
Kerr McGee	51.3/4	up 3/8
Lanmed	44.5/16	up 5/16
McDonald's	32.13/16	up 5/16
Exxon Mobil	77.13/16	up 1 5/8
New Atmos	14.7/8	dn 1/16
NOC	31	dn 9/16
OKE	25.5/16	dn 1/8
Panegy	11.1/4	NC
Phillips	47.11/16	up 3/4
Plomer Nat	10.1/8	up 5/16
SIB	74.1/4	up 3/8
Tenneco	9.3/8	up 1/2
Texasaco	50.11/16	up 9/16
Ultramar	26.1/4	up 1/4
Wal Mart	54.5/8	up 1/4
Williams	37.1/4	up 9/16
New York Gold		281.30
Silver		5.11
West Texas Crude		26.14

## Police report

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

**Tuesday, April 18**  
Alva Dee Boaz, 28, 903 Twiford, was arrested in the 900 block of Twiford on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.  
Rusty Lee Hazelwood, 37, 903 Twiford was arrested on charges of evading arrest, failure to identify and two warrants for sexual assault of a child and felony receiving stolen property.  
Dean Lyle Bolen, 24, 417 Rose, reported he was assaulted on April 16 in the 900 block of Twiford.  
Reggie Williams, 29, 1000 W. Wilks, reported burglary of the residence and assault.

**Wednesday, April 19**  
George Glen Eggleston, 35, 1120 S. Wells, was arrested at Wilks and Nelson streets on six municipal warrants.

## Sheriff's Office

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

**Tuesday, April 18**  
Deborah Smith Burks, 46, 1125 N. Starkweather, was arrested to serve a sentence for assault causing bodily injury.

**Wednesday, April 19**  
Shawn Lee Weatherford, 28, 1101 S. Christy, was arrested on an instant, public intoxication.

## Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Tuesday, April 18**  
10:16 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Chestnut; not transport.  
2:19 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospita in Amarillo and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

**Wednesday, April 19**  
1:49 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.

## Carson Co. Sheriff

Carson County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the week of April 3-April 9. Thirteen persons were incarcerated in Carson County Jail and 10 additional prisoners were being held in other jurisdictions at the time of this report.

Tracy Edwards, 32, Panhandle, traffic citation warrants.

Robert Bonilla, 22, Evansville, Ind., possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

Kimberly Spinchler, 19, Evansville, Ind., possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

Cindy Lindsey, 38, Panhandle, driving while intoxicated - first offense.

John Lowery, 21, Borger, possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces and theft by check.

Mark Drum, 27, Panhandle, public intoxication.

Danny Gamble, 41, Skellytown, driving while intoxicated - first offense.

Gregory Duff, 43, Pampa, public intoxication.

Kayla Blount, 18, White Deer, driving while intoxicated - first offense.

William Davis, 22, Leland, Miss., burglary of building.

Carson County Sheriff Department reported 11 arrests during the week of April 10 through 16. Currently, 17 persons were incarcerated and 109 additional prisoners are being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrests for the week include Paul Campbell, 26, Norman, Okla., warrants; Mark Elliott, 37, Duncan, Okla., criminal child non-support; Allen Vick, 44, Pampa, DWI, third offense, unlawfully carrying of a weapon, possession of a dangerous drug;

Carol Lewis, 41, warrants, Amarillo; Gregory Nhlapo, 31, Batesville, Ark., DFS traffic warrants; Gary Davis, 50, Amarillo, aggravated theft; Jay Green, 21, Pampa, public intoxication; Christopher Smith, 22, Pampa, DWI, first, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, possession of drug paraphernalia;

Carlos Cruz, 22, Chicago, Ill., possession of marijuana more than four but less than 50 lbs.; and David Woods, 34, Panhandle, public intoxication.

## WATER

ducers, livestock operators, mining, manufacturing, unincorporated areas and power generation. Both short term and long term needs will be studied.

For planning purposes, short term needs will be up to the year 2030. Long term planning will be from 2030 to 2050.

Williams said there are 36 cities involved along with 21 unincorporated areas or small towns. There are two counties with power generation demands.

All 21 counties have irrigated agriculture and livestock use. Seventeen counties have mining demands on water resources.

There are at least 128 user groups, Williams said. Public meetings concerning the regional water plan were held last month in Dumas and Pampa.

Williams said water usage in the 21 county region for this year is estimated to be about 1,718,402 acre-feet or almost 560 billion gallons of water. That is about five times the amount of water

in Lake Meredith on an average basis. It would also cover an area the size of a football field with water 325 miles deep.

Williams said municipal water use in the regional accounts for about five percent of total water use. Livestock operations account for about three percent. Manufacturing accounts for about two percent. Power generation accounts for about one percent. Irrigated agriculture accounts for about 89 percent.

"A large amount of water is consumed in this region each year," Williams said. "It is vitally important that this use be accurately and appropriately considered and documented."

He said it is also important that all water users in the region be included in the planning process.

"Everyone, regardless of their occupation or location, is a water user and everyone has important input to the process," Williams said.

## WHITE DEER

competing against schools of all sizes, Parks said.

Three junior high students won second place at the state science fair: Theresa Haiduk, second place - individual, and Nick Hillman and Tanner Mitchell, second place - team.

Carrie Zumstein and Tish Smith competed at the high school level. Other junior high students taking projects to the fair included Emily Nusser, Courtney Martin, Maegan Wheeler and Brian Ferrell.

Board members approved the purchase of a 23-passenger school bus from National Bus Sales at a cost to the district of \$24,950.

A budget amendment was passed to transfer \$14,950 from data processing account to help pay for the bus. Parks said the \$14,950 had been added to the data processing budget in anticipation of Y2K computer problems. However, the funds were not needed, he said.

A budget amendment was also passed to set up a revenue item to receive Medicaid funds for special education services, Parks said.

Billy Baker, CPA, of Borger was selected as auditor for the 1999-2000 fiscal audit. Baker has performed the school district's annual audit since 1988, Parks said.

The board set Tuesday, May 9, as the date to canvass school board election results. Board members are to canvass the votes at 6:30 p.m. that day in the school administration building.

Board members also approved 20 transfer students and a waiver request for six early release days for the 2000-2001 school year. Early release dates approved by the board are Nov. 22, Dec. 20, May 9, and 24. Two early release dates will be announced at a later time, Parks said.

Jack Back, school business manager, presented the financial report. Board members discussed, but took no action on, the employee appreciation banquet set for 7 p.m., May 16, and the Summer Leadership Institute in San Antonio next June.

## VOTING

Four candidates are seeking two full council terms. Candidates are James Gee, son of the mayoral candidate, and Shane Johnson, along with incumbents Craig Harkcom and Jane A. Purvis.

Two candidates are seeking a one-year unexpired term on the ballot: Lindy Forsyth and Melanie Ray. The position was formerly held by Forsyth who resigned for job-related reasons. Local resident Ben Watson was appointed to fill out her position several months ago until the next election. Watson chose not to seek election to the unexpired term.

**McLean**  
Four candidates are seeking four full terms on the McLean City Council. Incumbents Jim McDonald and Bob Martin are being challenged by Dennis Ward and Joe Creed Lamb III.

Five candidates are seeking two unexpired terms on the ballot. They are Diana Roosa; Linda McDonald; Joe Billingsley; Doyle Lee and Vonda Heasley Averett.

One position was vacated by former council member Ray Kirkland in October when he moved from the community. Mary Dwyer was appointed by the council to fill out the term to the next election. She did not seek the elective office on the ballot.

Former council member Kendra Burchfield resigned her position in March when she moved from the city. Her position will be filled in the May election.

**White Deer**  
Two candidates, Jim Bob Mitchell and Sonny Vigil, are seeking the mayoral post in White Deer. Current mayor Tom Stamp is not seeking reelection.

Five candidates are vying for two places on the city council,

and none of the candidates are incumbents.

Candidates for the two positions are Sharon Stiles, Chuck D. Mitchell, Dean Wheeler, Carey Estes and Rex Chaney.

**Panhandle**  
Panhandle will not be holding a city election as there are no contested races for the elective positions.

Current Mayor Roy Lane did not seek reelection to the post, but only one candidate, Dan Looten, filed for the position.

The only open council position is held by Doyle Robinson. He was the only candidate to seek the office for another term.

**Skellytown**  
Six candidates are seeking three full term city council positions on the Skellytown City Council. Candidates for the positions are Margie Dennis, Dustin Larkin, Ralph Tice, Jerry Farmer, Charles E. Harper and D. C. Woods, an incumbent.

Dwayne Hall and Tim Maxey, who are current incumbents, are not seeking reelection.

Two candidates are seeking to fill an unexpired term on the council. Marcy Ruth and Lonnie Easley are seeking the position formerly held by J. R. Lowrance who resigned several months ago.

Ralph Tice was appointed to fill out Lowrance's term until the election. Tice did not seek the elective office on the ballot.

## City Briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement.

**AGGIE MUSTER** Apr. 21, 6:30 p.m. Pampa Chamber of Commerce. 665-8410 for reserv.

**MIKE YOUNG** at Crowson Barber Shop, Wed. - Sat. 669-6721

**ONSTAGE KARAOKE:** Hideaway Lounge, every Thurs. & Sat. 8:30 p.m.

**PET PATCH** Easter Sale/abration, Saturday Specials, 866 W. Foster, 806-665-5504.

**SADIE HAWKINS** Pre-Easter Sale, all 24 oz. beers-\$1.15, 6 pks.-\$4.45, 18 pks.-\$11.35. Beer Specials good for Fri. & Sat.

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## HORSE

know how the horses were hurt and said she has "walked the fence" lines where she can find no evidence the horses were hurt on fences.

Brookshire told Lester at the scene, she said, that someone had left the gate open at his house and allowed the pit bulls to escape from their pen.

Neighbor Rosemary Cadena saw the dogs attacking the pony and called police, Lester said. A second neighbor, Florence McCunn, went to Lester's house to tell her what was happening, she said.

"They said they saw the pit bulls pull H.E. down

three times," she said, adding that the pony just kept getting up and fighting the dogs. "He's a stallion. If he had been anything else he would have just given up."

"When I got there, all I could say was 'what if this had been a child?' I knew the horse wasn't going to die, but all I could think of was 'what if this had been a kid?'" Lester said.

The pony was taken to a local veterinarian where he received numerous stitches to the nose and mouth. Lester said Brookshire paid H.E.'s veterinary bill of \$127.

"But that's not enough," she said. "I want those dogs dead before they hurt somebody, before they hurt a child."

## Lawsuit targets SBC Communications

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A \$1.5 billion lawsuit filed by 18 current and former employees of SBC Communications accused the telecommunications giant of improperly selling stock in the workers' 401(k) accounts for corporate gain.

The lawsuit, filed in federal district court, claims breach of trust over the sale of \$600 million worth of employee holdings in

AirTouch, an SBC competitor now known as Vodafone AirTouch.

Plaintiffs' lawyers said they filed the suit on behalf of 40,000 401(k) plan participants who had been invested in AirTouch stock since early 1994, soon after the company's stock first was made public.

The employees claim SBC had no good reason to sell the shares.

A statement from San Antonio-based SBC said officials hadn't seen the lawsuit.

"However, our position on this issue is very clear," the company said. "No SBC savings plan includes direct stock ownership in any other company that is not related to SBC."

The company also said it never profited from the stock conversion.

## Weather focus

**PAMPA** — Mostly sunny and breezy today with a high of 80-85 and west winds at 15-25 mph. Tonight mostly clear with a low of near 50 and north-northwest winds at 15-20 mph. Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a high of 80. Yesterday's high was 91; the overnight low 59.

**STATEWIDE** — Rain returned to the Texas forecast today as warm, moist Gulf air tracked northward through the state and a low-pressure system approached from the west. Early-morning temperatures ranged from the mid-50s in the

Panhandle to mid-70s across much of the state's eastern and southern areas.

Readings included 48 degrees at Dalhart, 75 at San Angelo, 69 at Burnet and 77 at Laughlin Air Force Base.

A few showers developed around the Del Rio area before midnight.

Subtropical mid and upper-level cloudiness tracked across the Big Bend and far West Texas overnight while it was clear in the Permian Basin and Panhandle.

Winds were southeasterly to southwesterly from 5 to 20 mph in eastern areas and 10 to 15 mph west of a line generally from Dallas to Austin.

A slight chance of thunderstorms was forecast through Friday in the Concho Valley, Edwards Plateau and parts of North Texas, where storms could be severe with large hail.

Patchy morning fog, drizzle and low clouds were expected in West Texas. Isolated thunderstorms were possible over the north and west, with more storms over the hill country.

Highs will range from the mid-70s in the Panhandle to the lower 90s in the south, except for mid, 60s to lower 70s in the West Texas mountains and around 100 in the Big Bend.

Lows overnight were expected in the 40s and 50s to near 70 along the Rio Grande.

# Calendar of events

## TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Furr's Cafeteria.

## WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

## CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer GED testing on the fourth Monday and Tuesday of each month. Registration will be at 9 a.m. each day. Cost will be \$45 including a \$20 deposit. For more information, call 665-8801.

## LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY

Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

## HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION

High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

## LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Lovett Memorial Library's Spring Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. every Tuesday from Jan. 11-May 16. The program, which includes crafts and stories, is open to all children 18 months to 5-years-old. Story hours are free and no registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

## PAMPA MASONIC LODGE #966

Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20. The District deputy will be present and dinner will be served.

## PAMPA AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Pampa Area Cancer Support Group for individuals, families and friends who have been touched by cancer will meet at 7 p.m. April 20 in the cafeteria of the Pampa Regional Medical Center, One Medical Plaza. Program for this month's meeting will be "Healing Through Art" to be presented by Darcy Lynn, artist and non-Hodgkins lymphoma survivor. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. The

public is invited. For more information, call 665-4742 or 665-2654. For a ride, call Betty Whitson after 5 p.m. at 669-2198 or Linda Norris at 665-2654. In case of inclement weather, call ahead in case meeting is canceled.

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## ST. JUDE'S TRAIL RIDE

This year's 10th annual Saddle Up for St. Jude's trail ride is slated May 6 at the Rocking Chair Ranch west of Pampa. Sign-up will begin at 8 a.m. and the ride will start at 9 a.m. A minimum \$15 fee is necessary to ride as well as an original certificate of negative Coggins dated within the last 12 months. In case of inclement weather, the ride will be postponed until May 13. For more information or for an entry form, call Sharon Williams at (806) 669-0176.

## IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Pneumococcal vaccines are also available. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m., April 6 and 19, Family Health Care, 600 W. Kentucky, Pampa; 10 a.m.-12 noon, 1-3 p.m., April 25, White Deer school, White Deer; 1-3:30 p.m., April 26, Skellytown school, Skellytown.

## REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club will hold its monthly luncheon from 11:45-1 p.m. Wednesday, April 26 at Furr's Cafeteria. Visitors are welcome.

## 'BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S'

The Canadian Arts Alliance is bringing the classic

movie "Breakfast at Tiffany's" to the Palace Theatre in Canadian at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20. Tickets — \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 — will be available at the door. The 1961 movie, based on a novel by Truman Capote, was directed by Blake Edwards and stars Audrey Hepburn and George Peppard.

## PAS DANCE

Pampa Area Singles will hold a potluck dinner and dance April 22 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the dance will be from 8-11 p.m. Entertainment will be Mike Porter. Cost is \$5 per person. The event will be alcohol and smoke free. For more information, call 665-7059.

## PPQG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. April 27 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. The program will be a demonstration on making chenille. For more information, call (806) 779-2115. Visitors are welcome.

## PSC 'WALK FOR LIFE'

Pregnancy Support Center will hold its annual "Walk For Life" beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 6 at the Pampa High School track. For more information, call 669-2229.

## PDHG

Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m. April 27 in Amarillo. Anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome. For more information, call (806) 355-6220.

## GARDENFEST 2000

Potter-Randall County Master Gardeners, a volunteer network affiliated with the Extension Service's Texas Master Gardener Program, will hold its annual fund-raiser "Gardening with the Masters Gardenfest

2000" from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. May 6 at Texas A&M Research Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West. The event is being sponsored by PRMG in association with Amarillo Botanical Gardens. For more information, call Linda at (806) 355-6608 or Teresa at (806) 359-3036.

## CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

Wheeler Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a "Citywide Garage Sale and Car Show" fund-raising/community project Saturday, May 6. For more information, contact the Chamber at (806) 826-3408.

## ERGONOMICS CONFERENCE

American Society of Safety Engineers and Amarillo College will co-sponsor "Ergonomics Conference" April 28 at AC Business and Industry Center, 1314 S. Polk, Amarillo. For more information or to register, call Bob Pearce at (806) 371-5207 or Rick Paris at (806) 355-9253.

## MAYFEST

Mayfest, a Festival of Mind, Body and Spirit, will be held from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. May 6 in Amarillo Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4901 Cornell, Amarillo. Activities will include workshops, entertainment, readers and vendors. Admission is \$3 per person. A percentage of the proceeds will benefit Martha's Home. For more information, contact Sherri Lebow at (806) 463-5533.

## OUTWARD BOUND COURSE

North Carolina Outward Bound is offering both a 21- and a 28-day "Classic Outward Bound Course" for teens interested in backpacking, rock climbing, rappelling and whitewater canoeing through the wilds of the Southern Appalachian Mountains. For more information, call 1-877-77-NCOBS, e-Mail challenge@ncobs.org or log-on to <http://www.ncobs.org/summer.html>.

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(Special photos)

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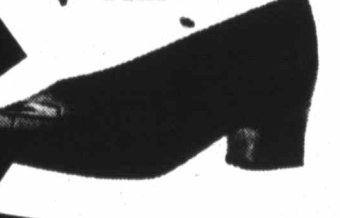
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### Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from around Texas: Lubbock Avalanche-Journal on Microsoft ruling: Bill Gates and his Microsoft cohorts are tough and clever businessmen, and we would not suggest that they did not go over the line — and perhaps trampled the line at times — to promote their products and inhibit competition.

Even so, it is difficult for us to accept, as a federal judge has ruled, that the software giant violated the Sherman Antitrust Act by giving a free Web browser to consumers who bought the Microsoft operating system.

Nonetheless, the ruling has been made, and we are more concerned at this moment with the upcoming punishment, which could range from fines to forcing Microsoft to give away proprietary software codes to breaking up the company.

The last possibility is an entirely unacceptable option. Microsoft is a company that was founded on American ingenuity and has produced a computer operating system that runs most of the world's computers.

It would be foolish for the United States of America to cause the substantial harm to Microsoft of splitting it into smaller companies. Such an act would truly be felt around the world.

After the federal judge's ruling that Microsoft violated the Sherman Act, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno commented, "Thanks to this ruling, consumers who have been harmed can now look forward to benefits."

We would question Ms. Reno about the consumers who have been harmed. Where are they? Did Microsoft harm them by selling them an excellent computer operating system? Were consumers harmed by getting Microsoft's Web browser as part of the Windows package they purchased?

We hope for a reasonable punishment that does not break up an American company that is a world leader in its field.

Longview News-Journal on Texas missing the mark on health care:

In September, Lt. Gov. Rick Perry announced interim study issues for the 76th Legislature that set long-term health care as a key issue for state senators to address. Six months later, the American Association of Retired Persons issued a report that should be carefully examined by the Senate panel.

The AARP report, titled "Reforming the Health Care System: State Profiles 1999," highlights nearly 100 key health indicators and compares them state-by-state. It shows vast disparities among states in terms of people's health, their access to care, and the adequacy of safety net protection for low-income families.

Key findings in Texas include:

—With nearly 20 million people, Texas has the ninth largest percentage of population in poverty (16.7 percent); almost 30 percent of the elderly live in poverty (less than 135 percent of the federal poverty level).

—Texas ranks among the 10 states with the highest death rates from diabetes and number of tuberculosis cases.

—Texas ranks second in the highest percent of uninsured persons under 65 years of age (26.6 percent). No state had a larger portion of its residents with family incomes above the national median without health insurance (12.2 percent). Texas also is among the top five states with the highest percentage of uninsured families (38.2 percent).

—Texas ranks among the 10 states with the highest uninsurable rates for both white and minority populations and percent of uninsured children in families below 200 percent of the federal poverty level (nearly 36 percent).

—Texas ranks among the "bottom 10" states in percent of mothers with early prenatal care, and women age 50 and over getting mammograms. A high percent of Texans reported not seeing a doctor because of cost (13.6 percent).

—Texas ranks third in Medicare Skilled Nursing Facility discharges and Medicare home health visits/persons served; it ranks fourth in Medicare payments per beneficiary (\$6,531).

Most of these statistics have turned up in other reports, but the profiles clearly target the major issues as the uninsured, health spending, use of services, and safety nets for low-income families. It provides concrete evidence that access to health care remains a serious problem in Texas.

Texas has taken a major step in the Children's Health Insurance Program. CHIP is designed to help provide affordable health insurance for families earning up to 200 percent of the poverty level.

But health care for the elderly and poor remain a vital issue for Texas. That's why the Senate interim study panel should closely examine the AARP report.

## Around the state ...

By The Associated Press

Waco Tribune-Herald on prayer before kickoff:

The X's and O's of getting government involved in religion provide this strategy: Claim that to forbid student-sponsored prayer before football games is to deny students freedom of speech.

It's a good try, but it shouldn't fly.

Freedom of speech and freedom of religion are equally cherished and can coexist without the government providing a platform for majority religion.

Free to pray before the game? Absolutely. Free to express one's faith before, during and after? Unquestioned. But the state serving as the conduit for the majority to impose its faith on others is contrary to the First Amendment prohibition on state-established religion.

The U.S. Supreme Court this week heard arguments, in a case in which the Santa Fe (Texas) Independent School District seeks to uphold a policy of students voting to have someone give an invocation before the game. It is being presented as religion-neutral, an opportunity that might be as much pep talk as prayer. But the intent of the district and the majority of students clearly is pregame prayer.

Intent is of the essence. The Supreme Court overturned Alabama's requirement of an ostensibly religion-neutral "silent moment" in public schools because the clear intent of the silent moment was to encourage prayer. So, too, with the Santa Fe district's game day strategy.

Freedom of individual religious expression? It flourishes, and well it should in this nation of free individuals. We are a people of rich and varied spiritual heritage. Gatherings "around the pole" to pray before school are to be respected as heartfelt communal statements. A student can pray at school (or anywhere else) at any time in a fashion that doesn't disrupt. One can talk about his or her faith in a non-disruptive way.

But the courts properly have drawn the line at using the school as a pulpit for the religion of the majority. They should do the same concerning the imposing of religion on captive audiences at state-sponsored sporting events.

It's one thing for a large group to do something en masse to express its religious faith that's free expression in action. It's another for the state to provide the microphone and the authority for the majority to monopolize people's thoughts.

Prayer before games? Maybe it's a trivial matter. But if Santa Fe wins this court case, the prohibition on majority-led prayers over the intercom in school, or in individual classrooms, is in jeopardy as well.

Government should protect individual religious expression and stay out of the sponsorship thereof.

Austin American-Statesman on the Second Amendment:

Whenever the national debate over firearms goes through a periodic upsurge, one element is always sure to be part of the discussion: the retreat of gun advocates into their myths about the Second Amendment to the Constitution.

If the country is to have a reasonable debate over guns, the truth about the Second Amendment bears repeating from time to time, and the truth is that there is no constitutional guarantee for private ownership of firearms. There isn't now; there never has been.

When the Bill of Rights was being crafted for our Constitution, the Second Amendment was written to guarantee the prerogative of each state to organize and arm its own, "well-regulated" militia without constraint from the federal government. The new Constitution had authorized the national government to raise its own standing army, a notion viewed with alarm by many anti-federalists. Although the state militias in the Revolution were generally ill-armed, ill-organized and ineffective, the anti-federalist faction wanted a constitutional guarantee for their continued existence.

The Second Amendment makes that guarantee, and read in its entirety, its meaning clearly deals with "bearing arms" in a solely military context, not with the private ownership of guns. In the words of the U.S. Supreme Court, the "obvious purpose" of the Second Amendment was "to assure the continuation and render possible the effectiveness" of state militia forces. "It must be interpreted and applied with that end in view."

While anyone who reads the Second Amendment is entitled to his or her opinion about what it really says, under our constitutional system, only one such opinion really matters, that of the nine people on the Supreme Court charged with deciding what the Constitution actually means. In the case of the Second Amendment, they have been absolutely consistent: The amendment deals with the arming of state militias, and no guarantee of private ownership can be found there.

Starting with the Supreme Court's ruling in U.S. vs. Miller in 1939, federal and state appellate courts have addressed the meaning of the amendment in more than 30 cases, and every time, the appellate courts have interpreted it the same way: The Second Amendment guarantees a right to be armed only in connection with service in an official, "well-regulated" state militia. It has nothing

to do with individually owned arms for self-defense, with sporting arms or with the most ludicrous and illogical theory of all, that the Constitution guarantees citizens some right to arm themselves for the destruction of their own government.

In a country awash in guns and beset with an appalling level of gun violence, a national debate over the ownership and regulation of firearms is essential. But whether one is arguing for unfettered ownership of guns, for the outright banning of guns, or for something in between, the debate should not be sidetracked over the phony issue of a constitutional guarantee that clearly does not exist. The national plague of gun murders, suicides and accidents will never abate until a solution can be hammered out free of willful and systematic distortion of the Constitution.

Abilene Reporter-News on Social Security shortfall:

There's a new thesis in town. The thesis concerns Social Security, the town is Washington, D.C., and what some politicians are cheerfully saying is that the country's rip-roaring economy will keep the systems trust fund from going bottom up until 2034 and possibly later.

That is at least five years longer than previous predictions, and so, it is happily said in some quarters, the politicians can relax and not worry about fixing things in a hurry.

Sorry, but this reasoning is based on a premise of quicksand, namely that the trust fund is really a trust fund.

It is not. It is a legal fiction, an accounting device.

The politicians and bureaucrats seldom bother to explain it to the public, but there are no assets in the trust fund. All that surplus money from Social Security taxes has been spent. And if nothing is done in the meantime, the only way to "collect" from the fund when current taxes are no longer producing enough revenue to finance Social Security will be to borrow the money or to raise taxes.

So the year when the trust fund no longer has enough money on paper to meet the systems needs is not nearly as important as the year when Social Security taxes are no longer up to the task of providing the benefits promised to tens of millions of Americans.

According to the Clinton administrations 2001 budget estimate, "cash revenues will fall short of expenditures" after 2014. That fall-dead date may be moved back by new economic information, but probably no more than a year or two because, baby boomer retirements will subtract from the revenue side and add to the recipient side.

## April is Confederate History Month

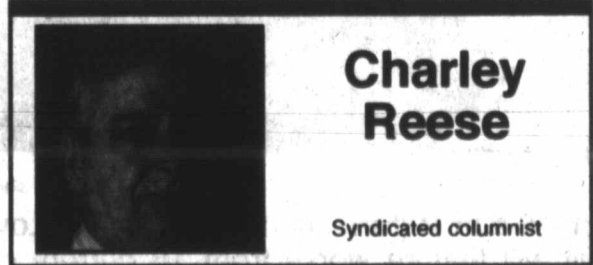
April, as you probably do not know, is Confederate History Month. In less politically correct days, Southern governors had no more problems proclaiming it than they did in proclaiming National Pickle Week. Nowadays, most governors are too yellow.

It's unfortunate that a few demagogues and hatemongers insist on associating the Confederate battle flag with racism, but, hey, you don't exactly expect knowledge or reasoned debate from racist bigots.

The battle flag — the red one with the cross of St. Andrews — was carried by one of the noblest armies ever to take the field. They were the last of the chivalrous knights. Sir Winston Churchill said that the Confederate Army's fight against overwhelming odds is one of the most glorious moments in Anglo-Saxon history. H.L. Mencken, the sage of Baltimore, said that the only thing wrong with President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was that it was the South, not the North, that was fighting for a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

The Confederate Army fought for a good cause — independence and the right of self-government and the rule of law. Those are such good things so worth fighting for that it's no wonder Yankee propaganda keeps repeating the lie that they were fighting to preserve slavery.

In 1860, out of 7 million nonslaves in the



South, only 384,000 owned any slaves at all. That means that 6.6 million Southerners were non-slave owners, and if you think that they would leave their homes and farms to fight for the planters' right to own slaves, you don't know much about Southern culture.

Another false image of the South is that people were either rich slave owners or slaves. There were, in fact, several thousands of free blacks living in the South, and some of them owned slaves. The South was quite diverse and multicultural, with French, Spanish and German languages, not to mention Indian languages, often heard. The 10th Louisiana Regiment was known as Robert E. Lee's "foreign legion." Its volunteers hailed from more than 50 countries.

Over in South Carolina where the flag still flies over the Capitol, four college football coaches joined a march with about 30 people on that day protesting the flag. There is an easy explanation for that. Despite the fact that foot-

ball is a sacred subject in the South, the Southeastern Conference football teams are now virtually all-black. Southern coaches certainly don't want anything as trivial as history to interfere with their recruiting efforts. They all screamed like scalded dogs when somebody said their athletes had to score at least 700 out of a possible 1600 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test to qualify for a scholarship. Most of the coaches are willing to sacrifice a lot more than history, honor and tradition to field a winning team so that they can get paid to hawk Fords and lumber on television.

Postmodern folks who would sacrifice any principle for the sake of making a buck or avoiding a controversy do not impress those of us who would preserve the good name of the Confederate soldier who sacrificed his life for the sake of liberty and independence.

The proper name for such pitiful folks, if they are Southerners, is scalawags.

All of us true Southerners have nothing against folks who aren't Southern. We have long since been willing to be reconciled, but there are some people who just won't leave us alone. They insist on insulting our ancestors, distorting our history and, in short, attempting to commit cultural genocide. They want to tear down our monuments and rename our streets and schools until they have blotted out every sign of our past. We have no choice but to resist.

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# SPORTS

## Harvesters win slugfest, clinch playoff spot

### Owens leads Pampa's hit parade with 2 homers

DUMAS — It was one of those old-fashioned slugfests as Pampa defeated Dumas 20-13 Tuesday night to clinch a District 3-4A playoff berth.

The win boosted Pampa's record to a perfect 7-0 in district, while for the season the Harvesters stand 17-5-1. Dumas falls to 3-4 in district and 11-12 overall.

Aided by gusty winds, the teams combined for eight home runs, including six by Pampa.

Pampa's home run parade was led by senior outfielder

Casey Owens, who hit a three-run blast in the first inning and added a solo shot in the fourth. Kaleb Snelgrooes, Cody Shepard, Justin Barnes and Carey Knutson added one homer each before Pampa's 20-hit attack ended.

Dumas used five pitchers to try and stem the Pampa tide. It was to no avail.

Jose Peredes, Dumas' fourth pitcher, yielded back-to-back homers to Knutson and Snelgrooes to lead off the seventh inning. That made the score 20-13.

Senior lefty Brent Coffee, with some relief help from Greg Lindsey in the sixth, lifted his record to 7-1 for the season. Coffee's district mark is 3-0.

"It was a tough day because of the wind," said Pampa coach Dennis Doughty. "Coffee did a great job. The wind made it very difficult for the pitchers. He got a little tired in the sixth inning and had to be relieved."

Owens, Snelgrooes and Knutson were Pampa's leading hitters with four hits each. Owens knocked in four runs with two homers, a double and single.

Snelgrooes had three RBI with a homer, double and two singles while Knutson also had three RBI with a homer, double and two singles.

Senior catcher Justin Barnes knocked in five runs with a homer and a pair of base hits. His two-run homer in the third was the longest of the day, clearing the center field fence.

Greg Lindsey, Travis Lancaster and Shepard had two hits each while Jesse Francis had one for the Harvesters.

Snelgrooes, Pampa's leadoff batter, reached base all six times he came to the plate. Centerfielder Russell Robben didn't have a hit, but he reached base three times.

Matt Rehkoph and Brian Turner each had a homer for Dumas, who had lost to the Harvesters 8-5 in their first meeting.

Brandon Stroebel had two hits and knocked in four runs

for the Demons.

With three games remaining, Pampa can clinch the district title with a win against Hereford at 1 p.m. Saturday at Harvester Field.

Pampa beat Hereford 10-6 earlier.

The Harvesters also clinched the district's No. 1 seed for the playoffs and will draw a bi-district bye. They will advance to the area round.

"The kids want to finish up district well. They're going to concentrate on Hereford more than anything else right now," added Doughty.

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## Notebook

### BASKETBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — The president of the University of Houston says that the school will announce a new head basketball coach soon.

One potential candidate is Ray McCallum, head coach at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. According to Houston television station KRIV, McCallum has made more than one trip to Houston for talks with university officials.

McCallum has been Ball State's head coach for seven years, taking the Cardinals to the NCAA tournament twice, including last season.

Appalachian State head coach Buzz Peterson, considered a front-runner for the job, withdrew from consideration Tuesday.

"We may have an announcement as early as tomorrow, most likely by Thursday at the latest," UH president Art Smith told KRIV.

The UH coaching job opened with Clyde Drexler's resignation on March 30.

### FOOTBALL

HURST, Texas (AP) — Cowboys offensive lineman Antonio "Tony" Hutson was arrested on an outstanding warrant Monday night after being stopped for speeding.

Hutson, 26, had an outstanding warrant issued by Irving police for failing to appear in court, according to police in Hurst, about 10 miles northeast of Fort Worth.

After Hutson's arrest, police found a pistol during a search of his car. Hutson did not have a permit to carry the gun, Hurst police Sgt. Curtis Anderson said.

Hutson was released Monday night from the city jail.

DALLAS (AP) — Emmitt Smith reportedly will walk down the aisle this weekend.

The Dallas Morning News reports Wednesday that the Dallas Cowboys running back will wed actress Patricia Southall Lawrence in Dallas on Saturday.

Smith and the former Miss Virginia became engaged last May.

Lawrence was married once before — in June 1995 to actor-comedian Martin Lawrence. They were divorced in September 1996. The couple had one daughter.

### BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Bud Selig and his aides don't play rotisserie baseball, they play rotisserie schedule.

How about this alignment?

How about that schedule? Just about everyone in baseball agrees there should be more intradivision games and September matchups among contenders.

How to do it is another matter.

And that's why major league owners have put off a decision on realignment until June. But the commissioner promises changes will indeed be coming.

"There will be some realignment," Selig said Monday night after owners cut short their spring meeting, having completed their agenda in one day. "We'll go to an unbalanced schedule, rotate divisions. Everything I wanted to do, I will do."

For the first 60 years of the 1900s, it was simple: each league had eight teams, and each team played every other team 22 times for a 154-game season.

Then came expansion to 10 teams per league, and each team played every other team 18 times for a 162-game schedule.

When the American and National leagues increased to 12 teams apiece in 1969, each league split into two six-teams divisions, and there was a major change. Teams still had 18 games against division rivals, but they cut games against teams in the other division to 12.

## Pampa's Lee claims 3200

HEREFORD — Beth Lee, unbeaten in distance events, pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the season at yesterday's District 3-4A track meet. The Pampa senior beat defending state champion Brionne Yosten of Hereford in the 3200-meter run.

Lee won with a time of 11:26.88 while Yosten placed second at 11:43.26. Pampa also finished third and fourth with Rebecca Fatheree and Samantha Hurst, respectively. Lee won a bronze medal in the 1600 at last year's state meet.

After three events, the Lady Harvesters lead the team standings with 14 points. Borger is second with 8 points and Hereford is next with 6.

Angela Phillips contributed to Pampa's point totals, taking first in the shot put with a throw of 38-8. Teammate Angie Cornish was fourth in the shot.

Pampa's Ashleigh Patton placed third in the triple jump, clearing 37-3.

In the boys division, Pampa's David Robinson placed fourth in the long jump at 19-6.

The top two finishers in each event qualify for the Region 1-4A meet April 28-29 in San Angelo.

The district meet closes Thursday with remaining field events and all other running finals.

## Stars slip by Oilers, 4-3

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Bill Guerin and the Edmonton Oilers finally ran out of comebacks.

After overcoming a two-goal first-period deficit, and a one-goal deficit in the second period, Edmonton fell short in a 4-3 loss to Dallas on Tuesday night. The win gave the Stars a 3-1 lead in the first round Western Conference playoff series. Game 5 is Friday in Dallas.

Guerin got his first career playoff hat trick, the second in as many games for the Oilers, but Edmonton was never able to pull ahead.

Dallas withstood an early offensive and physical assault from the Oilers, and rebounded with two goals in a 48-second span within the first six minutes of the first period.

When 40-year-old forward Guy Carbonneau whisted home a shot past Edmonton goalie Tommy Salo in the third period, the game, and perhaps the series, was decided.

"I tried to use the defenseman as a screen and hit the net," Carbonneau said. "Obviously nobody was really happy about the first game we played here. We wanted to come back here and get a better start."

"It was a big goal for us late," Stars center Joe Nieuwendyk said of the winner. "We needed one because they kept coming back on us."

"I think the second period was the best period we played in a long time," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said. "And we didn't give them a lot of scoring chances in the third. We know how to play with the lead."

Dallas held the speedy Oilers to only 10 total shots in the last 40 minutes, just two in the third period.

## All-district players



(Special photos)

Pampa all-district players were honored during a recent soccer awards banquet held at the Knights of Columbus building. In left photo, sophomore midfielder Desiree Vigil (left) and freshman midfielder Sarah Porter were named to the second-team, All-District 1-4A Team this season. Vigil was third on the team in goals and points scored while Porter was fourth in goals, assists and points. In right photo, sophomore forward Jessica Burns (left) is pictured with Lady Harvester coach Lori Patulea. Burns was an honorable mention all-district selection and was the team's second leading scorer in goals, assists and points. Not shown is sophomore goal keeper Samantha Ford, who also named honorable mention all-district. The Lady Harvesters were runnersup in district play with an 8-2 record. They were 14-7 for the season and were area champions, quarterfinal champions and regional semi-finalists.

## Yankees continue dominance of Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The New York Yankees didn't need a miracle finish with Orlando Hernandez in a groove.

Hernandez pitched the first complete game by a Yankees pitcher this season, allowing just two base runners after a leadoff double in the fourth inning Tuesday night as New York kept up its dominance of Texas with a 6-3 victory.

Not only did "El Duque" beat the Rangers and Kenny Rogers for the second time in a week, he gave the Yankees bullpen a much-needed night off.

"He knows what the business is all about. He knew what we were trying to accomplish," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "He was a little tired out there in the ninth, but it was not something where he was throwing a lot of pitches."

Even though he said he was bothered by the warm and humid conditions, Hernandez (3-0) allowed just two singles the final five innings and got the Rangers to go down 1-2-3 in the ninth.

He threw 119 pitches, 84 of them for strikes.

"He's the same thing every time, very deceptive," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "This guy knows what he's doing, and he knows who he wants to pitch to before the game begins."

Yankees catcher Jorge Posada said Hernandez, who threw his first complete game since a shutout victory over Tampa Bay last June 22, got stronger in the latter stages of the game.

"He was not feeling good early and had a little funny face when I went out there. After

that, he was nails and he competed," said Posada.

Posada and Derek Jeter both homered, Jeter's solo homer coming in a three-run first that pushed New York over their seventh straight game, matching their longest streak from last season.

New York (10-3), off to its best start since 1988, has won 35 of the last 46 games over the Rangers, including sweeps in the last two postseasons. The Yankees won 5-4 in 11 innings on Monday night, benefitting from a bizarre double play after Texas loaded the bases with no outs in the 11th.

New York got all of its runs off Rogers (1-3), who has lost two straight home starts after putting together a 19-game home winning streak that was the third-longest in major-league history. Rogers, who had a stiff back, left after 6 2-3 innings.

"As eventful as last night was, tonight was one of those methodical nights with nothing much exciting happening," Oates said.

Jeter's solo homer to center field got New York started. Posada, who had an RBI single in the first, added a two-run homer in the fourth.

Rogers had extended his home streak with an opening-day victory over the Chicago White Sox.

The former Yankee has since lost three straight games, including a 5-1 loss at New York last Thursday.

"I was a little stiff and didn't have a lot to draw on," Rogers said. "I was mediocre at best."

Kapler hit a two-run homer in the second inning, his first since hitting home runs in his first two Ranger at-bats on opening day. Kapler doubled and scored the other Texas run in the fourth on a sacrifice fly by Tom Evans.

Notes: Before four straight hits, two on Monday and two more on Tuesday, New York first baseman Tino Martinez was mired in a 3-for-18 slump. ... After a ball fouled off Yankees third baseman Alfonso Soriano and rolled in

## Spurs' Duncan may face surgery

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tim Duncan's injured knee appears to be healing, but the San Antonio Spurs forward is not playing tonight against the Los Angeles Lakers and could undergo surgery if the knee doesn't improve further.

Duncan underwent an MRI examination Tuesday that showed the torn cartilage in his left knee is healing. But the Spurs remain uncertain whether he will be ready this weekend when the playoffs begin.

Duncan has missed the past three games after suffering a small cartilage tear April 11 against Sacramento.

After more evaluation today, Duncan could be cleared for more extensive work later in the week if he does not experience swelling or soreness in the knee.

However, if the injury does not improve or worsens Duncan likely will undergo arthroscopic surgery, said coach Gregg Popovich.

An operation would require at least a three-week recovery

period, all but ending Duncan's season unless the Spurs advance deep into the playoffs. "We just don't know what's going to happen. He may miss the whole (best-of-five first-round series), or he may play," Popovich told the San Antonio Express-News.

The Spurs will meet Phoenix in the first-round series. It hasn't yet been decided whether that series will be in Phoenix or San Antonio.

San Antonio, the defending NBA champion, also is hobbled by other injuries.

David Robinson has been bothered by soreness in his right knee for the past week. Sean Elliott's right hand remained swollen Tuesday after he jammed a finger in Monday's third quarter against Vancouver. Elliott also has been playing on a tender left ankle. Terry Porter has a bruised right shoulder.

"Unfortunately, we're in a time crunch," Popovich said. "You wish the playoffs were a month and a half off, but they aren't. We are who we are."



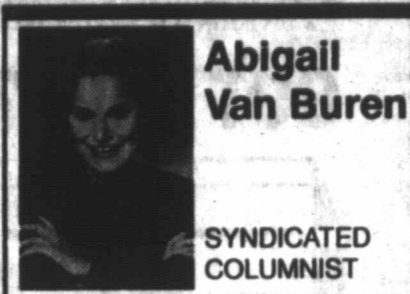


# Out-of-Control Parents Teach How Not to Be Good Sports

**DEAR ABBY:** Basketball season is over, and I am appalled at some of the things that have happened to our team. Because of one family, our team has been torn apart. The coach did nothing to deserve this attack and has always acted in the most professional way. He has never embarrassed one child or our school in any way. I hope you will print my letter because there is a good lesson in it for all of us.

- Abby, please share with your readers the following 10 guidelines given in the journal *The Physician and Sportsmedicine* for parents, to assure that blessings — rather than curses — come from their children's involvement in sports.
1. Make sure your children understand that win or lose, you love them.
  2. Be realistic about your child's physical ability.
  3. Help your child set realistic goals.
  4. Emphasize "improved" performance, not winning.
  5. Don't relive your own athletic past through your child.
  6. Provide a safe environment for training and competition.
  7. Control your emotions at games and events.
  8. Be a "cheerleader" for your child and other children on the team.
  9. Respect your child's coaches. Communicate with them in a positive way.
  10. Be a positive role model.

Parents: Be sensible and respon-



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

sible, and keep your priorities in order! There is a lot more at stake than a win/loss record.

Abby, I cannot sign my name to this letter. It's not because I'm ashamed; it's because of fear of more controversy.

AN INTERESTED FAN IN THE U.S.A.

**DEAR INTERESTED FAN:** Every year I hear about parents who behave irrationally and emotionally at their children's sporting events. Parents who cannot control their behavior, or who lose their perspective and project their own frustrated ambitions onto their children, should not attend sporting events.

I urge all parents to review the guidelines you have submitted, and consider the messages they are giving to their children — intentionally or unintentionally.

DEAR ABBY: Morse code is not

dead! I am president of the Lone Star Chapter of the Morse Telegraph Club. We have chapters in many cities in the United States and Canada. On May 28, our chapter will have a table at a train show in Fort Worth, Texas, and will demonstrate Morse code sending and receiving. Other chapters also do demonstrations.

We are mostly retired railroad and Western Union telegraphers, but also have members who are ham radio operators. We welcome new members.

EUGENE WOOD, MADILL, OKLA.

**DEAR EUGENE:** Oops! I'm pleased to know that the announcement of the demise of Morse code was premature, that some people still use it and there is still an interest in it.

P.S. How do you say "sorry" in Morse code?

**CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS:** Easter will soon be here, and many people regard it as an occasion to give pets to small children. A word of caution: If you plan to surprise a child with a live baby rabbit, duckling or chick, please consider that living creatures need proper care. Unless you are absolutely certain that the little pet will receive the care it needs to survive, please give a stuffed bird or rabbit instead. Regardless of how cute baby birds and animals are, they should not be given to children on impulse.

upon your personality. You might simply be nervous, with a short attention span. Use the afternoon for soul searching, thinking and evaluating. Tonight: Go for a mini-getaway.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\*\* Aim for what you want, network and make the most of an opportunity. A child could make heavy demands. Realize why another wants to talk. Have you been distant or difficult, in his eyes? Be open to conversation and easing some tension. Tonight: Could be very nice.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\*\* Another's demands give you strong insight into what is going on with him. Pull back before you get too entwined. Ask questions. Know where you are heading with a key issue. Zero in on facts rather than fiction. Tonight: Work late if need be.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Make an effort to gather information, perhaps via the Internet. You might not like all the answers you come up with. Recognizing important financial facts helps you make the right career decision. Check in with a parent or an older relative. Tonight: Buy a new CD.

**BORN TODAY**  
Actress Jessica Lange (1949), actor Ryan O'Neal (1941), singer Luther Vandross (1951)

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## Horoscope

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2000

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)

\*\*\*\*\* You get excited and frustrated at the same time. Burning off steam could mean some harsh words. Be careful. Why not go for a jog instead? Clear out tension. Another willingly talks and helps put plans back together. Remember, sugar works better than vinegar. Tonight: Be carefree with a partner.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Pressure and frustration need an outlet or they will take a toll on you. Do your job in clearing out pent-up feelings. A partner comes to your aid, as do others. Discussions where you reveal your deeper side prove to be successful. Tonight: Out and about, enjoying yourself.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Get into work. Concentrating clears stress and opens up your mind. Another has ideas that appeal to you. Attend a meeting, or get together with others. Suggestions to simplify your work are well-intended. Give them consideration. Tonight: Buy a plant or some fresh flowers on the way home.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Your imagination helps you work through a problem. You find

answers because you demand them. A child or loved one acts up. Take time to smooth ruffled feathers. Your work demands precision and a willingness to adapt. Take charge. Tonight: Romp the night away.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Use common sense rather than anger with a family member who can't walk in your shoes or understand the pressures you feel. Let go of a problem. Discussions need to proceed with detachment and creativity if they are to succeed. Tonight: Call it an early night.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Take action where others can't. Realize what you want from another, then zero in. Adjust your plans, recognizing priorities. You need an associate's or partner's support for an investment. Talk to him! Tonight: Favorite dinner, favorite place.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Finances continue to be a point of contention. Don't try to convince another that you are right. Just handle what you must. Use your strong logic and appeal when dealing with others at work. They can't help but respond — your Libran ways melt others. Tonight: Cut expenses.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* Your personality breaks through others' defenses, but expect quite a row at first. Another is as stubborn as you are determined. Logic regarding a money matter that involves work and daily living targets the problem. Tonight: Whatever makes you grin!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* You might be a lot angrier than you realize. How it comes out depends

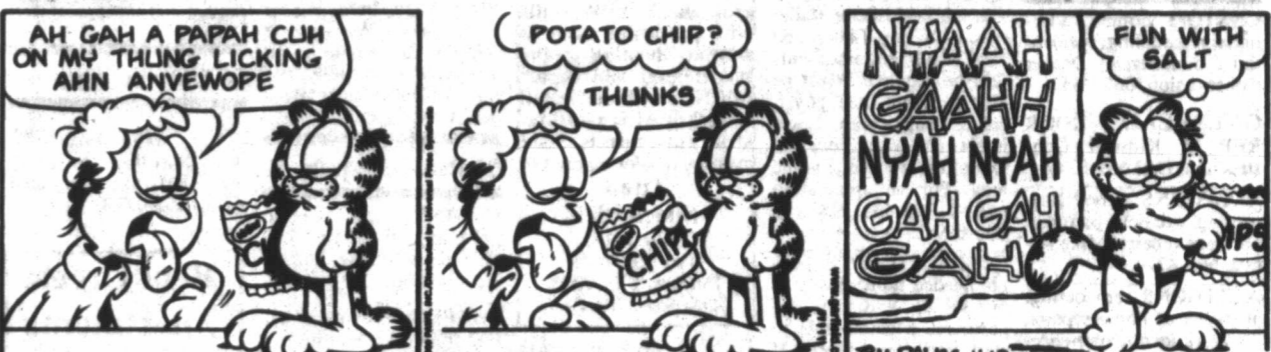
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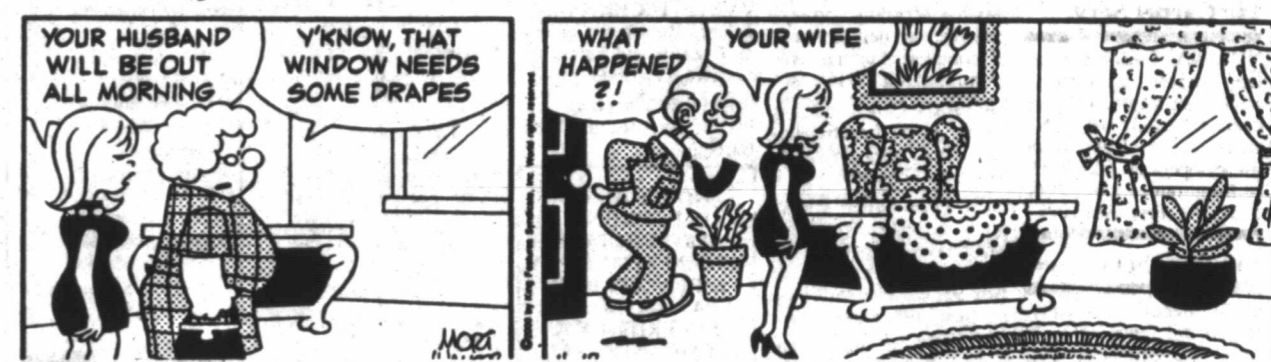
## Zits



## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



## B.C.



## Haggar The Horrible



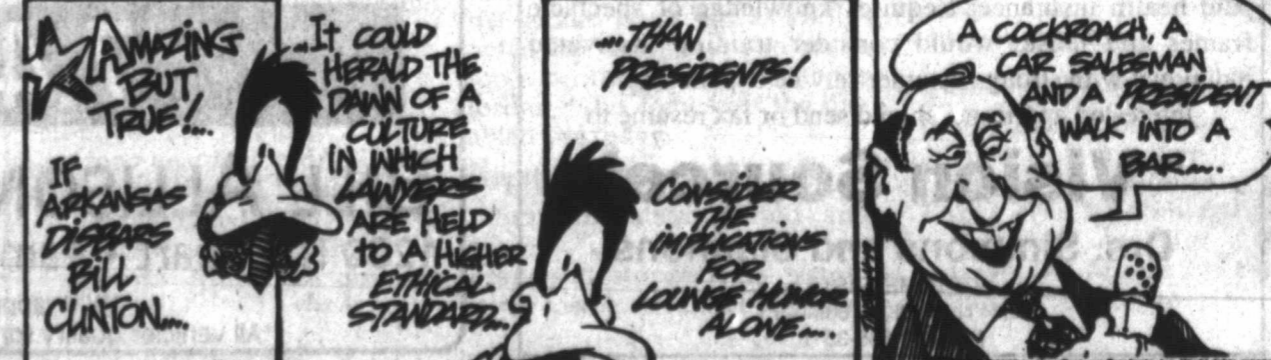
## Peanuts



## Blondie



## Mallard Filmore



## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

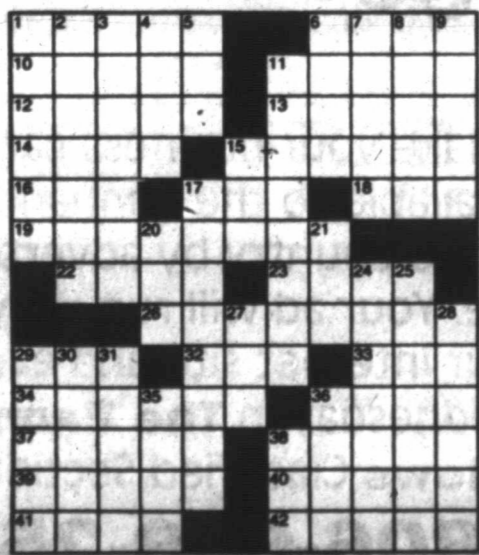
- 1 Savory jelly
- 6 "I didn't hear you"
- 10 Arctic explorer
- 11 African capital
- 12 Former African capital
- 13 Take, as advice
- 14 Ajar
- 15 Boutique buy
- 16 Unruly group
- 17 Actor Mineo
- 18 Apiece
- 19 Pins
- 22 Beginner
- 23 Editor's base
- 26 Soft rolls
- 29 Crow cry
- 32 Bad review
- 33 Needle part
- 34 Source
- 36 Innuendo
- 37 Copycat's cry
- 38 Airline worker
- 39 Writer Chelkov
- 40 Packing box
- 41 Utters
- 42 Take the wheel

**DOWN**

- 1 Poise
- 2 Shipping stop
- 3 Shoulder-length hairdo
- 4 Press
- 5 Young and others
- 6 Baylor setting
- 7 Approach for a loan
- 8 Stood
- 9 Copier need
- 11 Visited
- 15 Scrooge cry
- 17 Stinging arachnid
- 20 Sphere
- 21 Jiffy
- 24 "The Glamorous Life" singer
- 25 Convention speech
- 27 Writer Fleming
- 28 Hunting dog
- 29 Deep sleeps?
- 30 Sports setting
- 31 Clever
- 35 Sticky stuffs
- 36 Trumpeter
- 38 Network needs



Yesterday's answer



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## Marmaduke



"Now I know her secret for staying so slim."

## The Family Circus



"... H-I-J-K-L and then O-P ..."