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Bargaining for firefighters passed by voters

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Pampa Professional Fire Fighters may now engage in collective bargaining as the result of Tuesday's general election, in which less than 1,000 Gray County voters cast ballots.

A proposition on ballots for registered voters living inside Pampa's city limits which allows for the collective bargaining passed by a vote of 516 for to 447 against.

The proposition was for "adoption

of the state law applicable to fire fighters that establishes collective bargaining if a majority of the affected employees favor representation by an employees association, preserves the prohibition against strikes and lockouts, and provides penalties for strikes and lockouts."

Members of the firefighters association, which includes all 23 Pampa Fire Department firefighters, will now be able to choose representatives to meet directly with city commissioners or a committee chosen by

the commissioners to discuss concerns the firefighters have regarding their work, including benefits, equipment and safety issues.

"We are really excited about being able to hopefully work issues out with the city and help make things better for everybody," said PPF President Craig Harkcom.

Harkcom had cited problems with retaining firefighters, safety and benefits as the reasons the association sought to have the issue brought before the city's voters.

Sixteen state constitutional amendments were also on Tuesday's general election ballot. Of 14,764 registered voters in Gray County, 1,240, or 8.4 percent, voted in the election, according to County Clerk Susan Winborne. Early voters accounted for 399 of the ballots cast in the county.

All 16 amendments were passed by Texas voters statewide.

Gray County election totals for the

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Last roses of summer



Pampa News photos by MARILYN POWERS

The blossoms above must be the last roses of summer; they opened during the week before Pampa experienced its first freeze on the morning of Nov. 6. The season for green grass, blooming flowers and other plants is over for another year as winter approaches the Panhandle.

Financial report gets certificate of excellence

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

The city of Pampa has received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report.

This award was presented to Robin Bailey, director of finance for Pampa, because she is the individual designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning financial report.

This certificate was

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Activities scheduled Friday for Veterans Day

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Veterans Day, Nov. 11, will be observed Friday in Pampa with several activities scheduled throughout the day.

Travis Elementary School will hold its ninth annual tribute to military veterans at 1:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. The program is free and open to the public.

The Travis presentation traditionally includes patriotic music, an audiovisual presentation, recognition of veterans in the audience and a salute to each branch of the military.

A water feature at Freedom Museum USA, 600 N. Hobart, will be dedicated during a ceremony at 3:30 p.m. Friday on the museum grounds.

The water feature, located on the north end of the park area occupied by the muse-

um, was funded by a portion of the proceeds from Las Pampas Koi and Water Garden Society's last two annual water garden tours. Its design includes three towers in the midst of flowing water, said Danny Martin, commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657 of Pampa.

The VFW Post's annual Veterans Day dinner and silent auction will be from 5 to 7 p.m. at the post, 105 S. Cuyler.

Items in the silent auction will be on display for bidding and are being donated by members of the post and its ladies' auxiliary. Sheets of paper will be provided at each item for bidders to write their names, telephone numbers and amounts of bids.

Winning bidders need not be present at the end of the

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Diane Conner, Martha Hadley, Minnie Emmons and Judy Anderson, all members of VFW Post 1657's Ladies' Auxiliary, show some of the items to be included in the silent auction to be held during the post's Veterans' Day Dinner, 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the post, 105 S. Cuyler. Proceeds from the auction will fund care packages to be sent to military personnel as well as other programs throughout the year.

Entry deadline for Festival of Trees is Friday

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Pampa Fine Arts has scheduled the annual Festival of Trees for Dec. 1-2 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The deadline for entering the festival is Friday.

The fee to enter the festival for adults is \$10 for table trees and \$20 for tall trees. Table displays are free.

All entries for children and youth groups are \$5.

Table displays are free and can include nativities, gingerbread houses and wreaths.

Trees can be store purchased, wood, cardboard, paper over a cone or any other ideas that can be imagined. Decorations can be handmade or store bought and they can be sold.

M.K. Brown rules stipulate there cannot be any live trees at the festival.

Festival of Trees is open to the public for viewing and voting to choose the Best in Show from among the entries. Volunteers are always needed to watch the trees and greet the public.

For information on entering or

volunteering, contact Pampa Fine Arts at 665-0343.

To mail an entry for a tree, send name, address, telephone number and what type of entry to Pampa Fine Arts, P.O. Box 818, Pampa, Texas 79066.

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Friday: Sunny, with a high near 71. Calm wind becoming south-southeast between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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| Milo | 6.99 |
| Corn | 6.90 |
| Soybeans | 8.55 |

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

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|---------------|-------|-------|
| QXY | 73.62 | -0.17 |
| BP PLC ADR | 79.21 | +0.16 |
| Cabot Corp | 33.89 | -0.79 |
| Celanese | 41.73 | -0.44 |
| Cabot Oil Gas | 38.61 | -0.50 |
| Coca Cola | 60.90 | -0.11 |
| VLO | 71.80 | -0.93 |
| HAL | 40.47 | -0.17 |
| XCEL | 21.78 | -0.22 |
| Anadarko | 60.50 | +0.63 |
| XOM | 89.94 | -0.09 |
| Nat'l Oilwell | 78.69 | -0.18 |
| Limited | 21.76 | -0.09 |
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| Atmos | 27.59 | -0.25 |
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| JCP | 51.75 | -0.13 |
| COP | 84.89 | -0.25 |
| SLB | 97.69 | -0.46 |
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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

MARTINEZ, Jose K. — Funeral mass, 10 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.

Jose K. Martinez, 75

Jose K. Martinez, 75, of Pampa, died Nov. 5, 2007, at Pampa.

Vigil are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. today at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-

Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Martinez was born Sept. 11, 1932, at Brackettville, Texas. About 20 years ago, he moved from San Angelo to Pampa.

Mr. Martinez was a TV technician and volunteered with Pampa Meals on Wheels. He



Martinez

belonged to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Survivors include four sons, Rocky Joe Martinez of Roswell, N.M., Rodney Martinez and Randy John Martinez, both of Arkansas City, Kan., and Roger

Marie Ramirez and Debbie Renee Perales, both of San Angelo; two sisters, Alice Lucille Hernandez and Sara B. Martinez, both of Pampa; two brothers, Juan Martinez of Hart and Lupe Martinez of Pampa; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Mary Lee Noble, 93

CLARENDON — Mary Lee Noble, 93, died Friday, Nov. 2, 2007, at Clarendon, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, 2007, in the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon with the Rev. Tom Garmon, pastor, and the Rev. Dr. Janie Sue Noble, daughter, officiating.

Interment will be in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon under the direction of Robertson Funeral

Directors of Clarendon.

Mrs. Noble was born April 17, 1914, in Clay County to William Henry and Minnie Dora Wallis Buchanan. She was one of 15 children and was the last surviving.

She married Lacy M. Noble on Aug. 3, 1935, in Clarendon.

She had been a resident of Lelia Lake and Clarendon most of her life where she was very active

in the community, school and churches. She was a homemaker and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Clarendon.

She was preceded in death by a child, Billie Jean Noble; and her parents.

Survivors include her husband, Lacy M. Noble of Clarendon; a daughter, the Rev. Dr. Janie S. Noble and husband Frank Amon of Bolton, England; two sons,

Lacy Lee Noble and wife Jan of Pampa, and Isaac Noble of Arlington; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

MEMORIALS: The family requests memorials be to the First United

Methodist Church in Clarendon or the Alzheimer's society. Sign the on-line guestbook at www.RobertsonFuneral.com.

Boyd Lynn Strickland, 55

MOUNTAINBURG, Ark. — Boyd Lynn Strickland, 55, died Nov. 4, 2007, at Gallup, N.M.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 9, 2007, at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at Alma, Ark., with burial in Pope Cemetery in Mulberry, Ark., under the direction of Ocker Funeral Home of Alma, Ark.

Survivors include his wife, Sandy Strickland, of the home; two sons, Chris Strickland of Lehi, Utah, and Brandon Strickland of Provo, Utah; his father, Walter Fletcher of Mt. Burg, Ark.; two



Strickland

sisters, Mary Sykes and husband Carl of Van Buren, Ark., and Alice Holland and husband John of Mt. Burg, Ark.; one brother, Michael Dye of Hinton, Okla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Scott Murray, Guy Cartwright, Max Egerton, Daniel Stricklin, David Holland and Matt Sykes.

The family will visit with friends Thursday evening at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. Online tributes can be made to www.ockerfuneral-home.com.

Emergency Services

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

Tuesday, Nov. 6

Eight traffic stops were reported.
Traffic complaints were reported in the 2800 block of Charles, the intersection of 18th and Russell, and the 800 block of North Nelson.
Motorist assistance was provided in the 400 block of North Ballard.
An accident was reported in the 2200

block of Zimmers.
Animal control officers made calls concerning animals in the 500 block of North Nelson, the 1200 block of South Sumner, the 300 block of North Banks, the 1100 block of Starkweather, the 600 block of Hazel, the 900 block of South Banks, the 200 block of North Sumner, the 600 block of East Francis, and the intersection of Highways 60 and 70.
A welfare check was made in the 2100 block of North Banks.
Found property was reported on the north

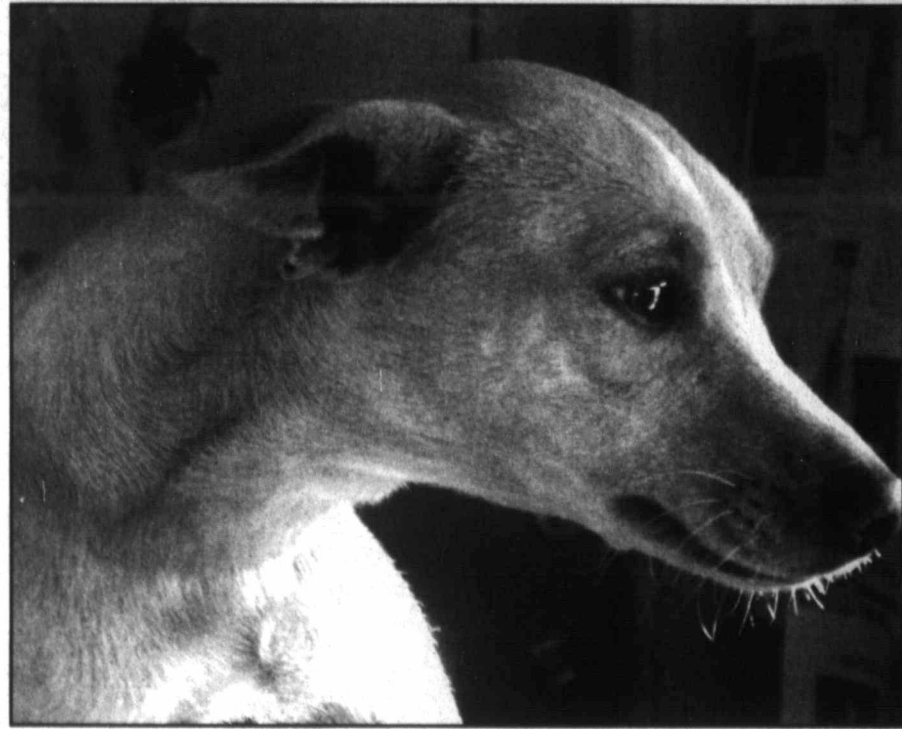
side of Coronado Center.
Open doors were reported in the 700 block of Malone and the 300 block of Kingsmill.
Agency assistance was provided in the 1800 block of North Hobart.
Suspicious persons were reported in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill, the 100 block of West Foster and near the intersection of Foster and Starkweather.
Criminal trespass was reported in the 700 block of North Faulkner.
A threat was reported in the 200 block of

North Wells.
A narcotics violation was reported in the 300 block of North Ballard.
Theft was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart, resulting in one arrest.
A burglary was reported in the 900 block of Llano, where a fogger valued at \$40 was stolen.
A prowler was reported in the 1700 block of Beech.

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Senior party



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Wayne Parker, President of the Senior Class of 2008, receives a donation from Carol Stribling-Chatham, owner of Wayne's Western Wear, for this year's Drug-Free, Alcohol-Free Senior All-Night Party. There will be a parents meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the PHS Cafeteria. All parents interested in helping with the Senior All-Night Party are encouraged to attend. Anyone wishing to make a donation may send it to P.O. Box 1134, Pampa, TX 79065. For more information, please contact Lois Parker at 665-4922.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings now smokeless

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

The local Alcoholics Anonymous meetings have gone smoke free.

Those who currently attend these meetings hope this will attract more people who are in need of help with their alcohol problems.

These meetings are held at noon and 8 p.m. seven days a week at 910 W. Kentucky, which is next door to Britkare and just west of H&R Block.

A representative said that these meetings are open, which means that anyone

can attend the meetings to either speak or just sit back and listen to others.

The main focus is to help those with a desire to stop drinking, but they also have people attend as Alanon members, who are friends and family that have been affected by those with drinking or drug problems.

Now that smoking is not allowed at the meetings any longer, teens can also attend. Since tobacco is illegal for teenagers, they could not attend these meetings in the past and any time the

attend they had to find another meeting to go to.

For information on these meetings, call Alcoholics Anonymous at 665-9702.

There is another Alanon group that has been meeting at noon every Monday at the Bible Church, 300 W. Browning.

This meeting is also smoke free and anyone interested is also invited to attend this meeting as an alternative.

St. Vincent to host Fall Festival

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School will host a Fall Festival and craft fair from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The event will include a silent auction, a cake walk, activities for children including face painting and bobbing for apples and a lot of various types of refreshments.

Father Francisco will dress up like a scarecrow and

children can have their picture taken with the scarecrow.

Booths are still available to rent for the craft show and for those who donate an item for the silent auction there will be a discount on the booth rent.

The festival will be held in the gym and cafeteria of the school at 2300 N. Hobart. For more information, contact the school office at 665-5665.

DVD program aids nation's veterans

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Veterans Day is fast approaching and if anyone is looking for a way to help local veterans there is now an easy way.

An organization called "DVDs4VETS" was formed in November 2006 and since that time, more than 25,000 DVDs have been donated to Veterans hospitals and centers that provide in-patient and walk-in services.

The mission of this organization is to provide these facilities with new and

used DVDs that can be watched and enjoyed by veterans either going in for a checkup or having to stay in the hospital for an extended stay.

According to the Web site www.dvds4vets.org, there are two different ways to donate DVDs to these veterans facilities. You can send DVDs directly to the main office at 173 Halstead Ave., Harrison, N.Y. 10528, and they will forward the DVDs to the closest veterans facility to the donor or to the facility where the need is the greatest.

The second way to donate DVDs is to send them directly to the nearest veterans facility. This Web site listed the following two locations closest to Pampa: Amarillo VA Health Care System, Volunteer Services, 6010 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo, Texas 79106 and Amarillo Veterans Center, Volunteer Services, 3414 Olsen Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79109.

The organization suggests each donation be limited to 10 DVDs or less so the packages can be easily transported.

Record

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Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Tuesday, Nov. 6

Kiser Kip Grays, 34, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a blue warrant for attempted homicide.

Troyce Brewer, 34, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for DWI.

Amanda Diana Wood, 30, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of North Nelson by PPD for tampering with evidence and DWI.

Juan Reynolds Flores, 50, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of North Nelson by PPD on two counts of public intoxication, two counts of failure to appear, and theft.

Joshua Knoop, 18, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 700 block of East Locust for minor in possession of alcohol, failure to appear and minor in consumption of alcohol.

Wednesday, Nov. 7

Jessie Calfy, 44, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill for insufficient bond, cruelty to animals and littering.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following call for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Nov. 6

8:30 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 800 block of North Wells on a call for public assistance.

Guardian EMS Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Nov. 6

9:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Dogwood and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:59 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Huff Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1100 block of Neel Road.

5:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1000 block of Huff Road.

11:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Vote

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16 amendments are:

Proposition 1: 766 for, 398 against.

Proposition 2: 656 for, 522 against.

Proposition 3: 772 for, 402 against.

Proposition 4: 577 for, 593 against.

Proposition 5: 729 for, 427 against.
Proposition 6: 914 for, 279 against.
Proposition 7: 914 for, 263 against.
Proposition 8: 772 for, 389 against.
Proposition 9: 956 for, 228 against.
Proposition 10: 968 for, 206 against.
Proposition 11: 911 for, 256 against.
Proposition 12: 596 for, 573 against.
Proposition 13: 953 for, 240 against.
Proposition 14: 808 for, 372 against.

Proposition 15: 576 for, 604 against.

Proposition 16: 541 for, 617 against.

Gray County voters living in Miami Independent School District were also able to vote for a school trustee for the district. The winner is Kay Thompson, with all three of the votes cast. The other two candidates, neither of whom garnered any votes, were Shawn E. Ishmael and Rusty Early.

Veterans

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auction to win, said Martin. Those winners not present will be notified by

telephone. The silent auction is open to the public.

Proceeds from the auction will be used to fund projects throughout the year, including care packages to military personnel.

A traditional Thanksgiving dinner

will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at the post to honor veterans and their families. The dinner is free and open to the public.

"We'll serve as long as we have food," Martin said. "We usually serve about 200."

Award

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Viewpoints

Dems should get off Hillary's back, give GOP a shot

Listen Barack Obama, John Edwards and all you other soon-to-be also-rans, lay off Hillary. She's well on her way to winning the nomination, and we don't want anything to stand in her way, especially attacks on her character and integrity that might sidetrack her on the way to being your party's standard bearer.

So leave her alone, let her cruise her way to the nomination so we Republicans can have the pleasure of dissecting her in the general election campaign.

And she is about as disectible as a politician can get, starting with her health care reform fiasco, her sleazy involvement in the

White House travel office firings, her use of private detectives to smear and harass the women who accused her husband of sexual misconduct, and her most recent campaign finance shenanigans.

I know that many of you fear that Hillary's truckload of negatives will not only kill her chances of winning next year, but will also carry a lot of your colleagues down to defeat in 2008. I can understand why you are finally beginning to go after her — deep down inside you realize she's your worst nightmare come true. With your party's prospects for winning the presidency and increasing you numbers in

Congress about as bright as they've ever been, you don't want anything to upset the apple cart.

Here's how The Washington Post put it in an Associated Press story recently.

Michael Reagan
Columnist



"Democratic leaders quietly fret that Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton at the top of their 2008 ticket could hurt candidates at the bottom. They say the former first lady may be too polarizing for much of the country. She would jeopardize the party's standing with independent

voters and give Republicans who otherwise might stay home on Election Day a reason to vote."

Right on! So you can see why we Republicans want to have the honor of exploiting the lady's negatives for all

the world to see. She likes to boast that she has faced the worst the so-called Republican attack machine can throw at her and has survived. Let me tell you, she ain't seen nothing yet. We have long memories and a huge arsenal of ammunition to fire at her when the time comes.

Want a sample of her negatives? Here's a bit from Ana Marie Cox's blog a little over a year ago: "The Boston Herald reports on what 'ordinary, grass-roots Democrats' think about Hillary Clinton: 'Lying B**** ... Shrew ... Machiavellian ... Evil, power-mad witch ... The ultimate self-serving politician... Criminal ...

Megalomaniac ... Fraud ... Dangerous ... Devil incarnate ... Satanic ... Power freak."

And that's from Democrats! I know you Democrats don't want to do us Republicans any favors, but just this once let us have our way. Give us the opportunity to give the Republican attack machine another shot at Hillary Clinton. Let her coast to victory in the primaries. Then we'll take it from there.

—Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 7, the 311th day of 2007. There are 54 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 7, 1917, Russia's Bolshevik Revolution took place as forces led by Vladimir Ilyich Lenin overthrew the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky.

On this date:

In 1874, the Republican Party was symbolized as an elephant in a cartoon drawn by Thomas Nast in Harper's Weekly.

In 1893, the state of Colorado granted its women the right to vote.

In 1916, Republican Jeannette Rankin of Montana became the first woman elected to Congress.

In 1940, in Washington state, the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, nicknamed "Galloping Gertie," collapsed during a windstorm.

In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won an unprecedented fourth term in office, defeating Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1962, Richard M. Nixon, having lost California's gubernatorial race, held what he called his "last press conference," telling reporters, "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore."

In 1967, Carl Stokes was elected the first black mayor of a major city —

'All forms of totalitarianism try to avoid the strange, the problematic, the critical, the rational. To do so, they must deny the metropolitan spirit, equalize everything in city and country, and retain a center which is not the center of anything because everything else is swallowed up by it.'

— Paul Tillich
American theologian
(1886-1965)

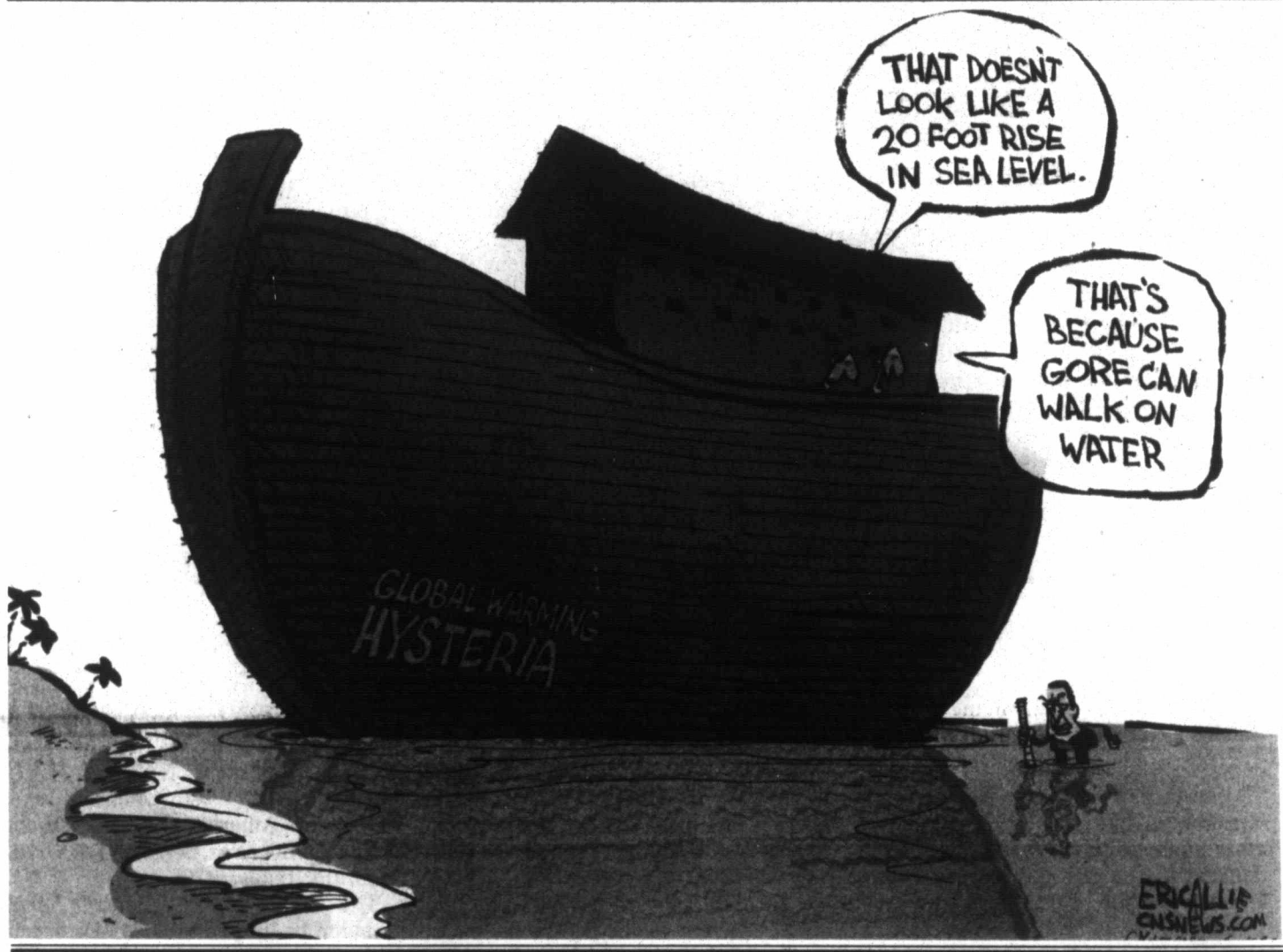
Cleveland, Ohio.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a bill establishing the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

In 1972, President Nixon was re-elected in a landslide over Democrat George McGovern.

In 1973, Congress overrode President Nixon's veto of the War Powers Act, which limits a chief executive's power to wage war without congressional approval.

Ten years ago: In a rising war of words, the Clinton administration warned it was considering military options, including a cruise missile strike, if Iraq carried out its threat to shoot down U.N. surveillance planes.



Hollywood should focus more on non-lethals

Recently, on my favorite television channel, Turner Classic Movies, I saw a couple of old biopics. One was about French chemist Louis Pasteur, and the other was about Paul Ehrlich, a German scientist.

They reminded me of how poisoned our culture has become. Hollywood's idea of heroes today are soldiers, cops, psychopaths or comic-book fantasy characters — all essentially killers. Yet Pasteur and Ehrlich did more for the human race and saved more lives than all the generals who have ever been born.

Pasteur, from whose name the verb "pasteurize" comes, fought a lonely battle trying to convince physicians that most diseases were caused by microbes. He was ridiculed and eventually run out of Paris for publicly warning that unless physicians boiled their instruments and washed their hands, they risked killing their patients.

That, at least, is the movie version, which demonstrates that Old Hollywood knew how to make even lab work exciting. Pasteur later was acclaimed for devising vaccines that protected sheep from anthrax and could prevent humans bitten by rabid animals from dying of hydrophobia.

I wonder how the bigmouths in politics who decided to campaign against all things French when France refused to join us in the war against Iraq handled the fact that we and everyone else owe so much to that French chemist.

Our children can drink milk without fear of contracting tuberculosis. A bite from a rabid animal is no longer a death sentence. Anthrax, which used to devastate agriculture, has become rare. And today, the entire medical and scientific professions recognize the role that microbes play in human diseases.

Ehrlich was a pioneer in chemother-

apies, but it happened. They scoffed at the idea that most diseases were caused by microbes. For years sea captains had been reporting that crewmen sick with scurvy were cured when they landed and were able to eat fresh fruits and vegetables, yet for years the British medical establishment dismissed the idea that diet played any part at all in scurvy (a vitamin C deficiency).

I believe we are seeing that today with the evolutionists, who react with rage to the idea of intelligent design, despite the obvious flaws in the evolutionary theory. Rather than examining the idea of intelligent design with an open mind, they attack it.

My point is that surely America's massive entertainment industry could find some heroes who are benefiting human beings instead of killing them. Granted, it will require some creative people to make a film exciting without special effects, armies of stuntmen and gallons of fake blood.

Paul Muni, the actor who played Pasteur, said the greatest compliment he received was not the Academy Award but when a mother told him that after seeing the movie, her son asked for a microscope. That's a heck of a lot better than a kid asking for a gun or a sword.

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apy. After helping to develop a serum that cured diphtheria, he became convinced that chemicals could be used to combat the microbes that caused disease. He eventually developed a compound that successfully treated syphilis.

Both movies detail the struggles of these pioneers against skeptics in the Establishment. Scientists, as one of them pointed out, are scientists for only a few hours a day. The rest of the time they are human beings and consequently can quickly convert their beliefs into dogma and, like the medieval church, view new knowledge and new ideas as heresy.

It's difficult to imagine respected physicians scoffing at the idea of washing their hands and sterilizing their

Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Oct. 29

San Antonio Express-News on teachers' vocal sacrifices:

School administrators often warn new teachers to wear comfortable shoes, sound advice considering that educators spend so much time on their feet.

Well, feet, are one thing, but who cautions teachers to protect their single most important asset?

That would be their voices.

Teachers suffer the highest incidence of voice box injury in the nation, according to leading vocal researchers throughout the world.

Those researchers were in town recently, speaking at an international conference on occupation voice injuries at the University of Texas at

San Antonio.

And their findings show that for all the things teachers do to help our kids, one of the most significant may be how they sacrifice their vocal cords.

While teachers comprise only 4 percent of the work force, they account for 20 percent of patients at voice clinics, the Express-News reported.

Parents have one more reason to appreciate the work teachers do. URL: <http://www.mysa.com>

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Sports

Lady Harvesters struggle with Amarillo in season debut

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

After warming up with a few scrimmages in past weeks, the Pampa Lady Harvesters opened their season Tuesday night with a home game against Amarillo High at McNeely Field House.

The varsity girls were defeated by the Lady Sandies 57-32 in a match in which tight defense played a key role.

Amarillo held the Lady Harvesters to four points in the fourth quarter, which were made up of one basket by Megan Crawford and one free throw each from Carlyn Teichmann and Amber Brown.

The Lady Sandies were ahead 13-4 going into the second quarter.

Pampa brought in nine points in the second quarter in hopes of catching up with the Lady Sandies, but Amarillo dominated to add 20 points to the scoreboard to take a 33-13 halftime lead.

The Lady Harvesters held Amarillo to only seven points in the third quarter, but also only achieved four points themselves to make the score 40-17 going into the final period.

Senior Krishna Henderson scored six of Pampa's 15

fourth quarter points to become the Lady Harvesters' second-leading scorer of the game, behind Megan Crawford with a total of seven points.

Amarillo High scored 17 points in the fourth quarter to solidify their lead over Pampa and win the game, 57-32.

"We were aggressive on taking the ball to the basket, and in the second half we did a much better job in blocking out and rebounding the ball," head coach Troy Fry said. "We did have a lot of turnovers which led to Amarillo having easy baskets. We are going to have to take better care of the ball and rebound this season."

Emilie Troxell and Layce Beesley pulled down five rebounds each, and Jasmine Moore had two steals.

In the game that preceded, the Pampa JV girls defeated Amarillo High 45-43 in an exciting 4 minute overtime matchup.

Pampa's JV, which spent most of the game a few points behind Amarillo High, tied up the game late in the fourth quarter when Taryn Eubank sank two free throws.

Tied at 40, the girls were forced to play an intense



Pampa's Jasmine Moore (12) guards an Amarillo High player during Tuesday night's game at McNeely Field House. Also pictured here are Carlyn Teichmann (14) and Megan Crawford (24).
Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

Yao scores 28 as Houston beats San Antonio 89-81

HOUSTON (AP) — Late in the first quarter against San Antonio, Yao Ming was already exhausted.

He focused on simple thoughts to keep going and ended up with his best game of the young season.

Yao had 28 points and 13 rebounds to help the Houston Rockets snap a four-game, home-court losing streak to San Antonio with a 89-81 win over the Spurs on Tuesday night.

After playing 38 minutes in Dallas on Monday, Yao often struggled to catch his breath against the Spurs. The Rockets led 64-56 after three quarters and Yao started the fourth, trying to put his fatigue out of his mind.

"I don't have time to think about that," Yao said. "I'm just telling myself, pick up my leg and run to the next step."

Yao scored seven points and grabbed two rebounds in the final quarter. He flipped in two shots over Tim Duncan, then hit two free

throws in the final 2:37 to keep the Rockets in control.

"Every year, Yao is getting better," said Duncan. "The Rockets showed their confidence in him, when they go through him at the end of the game like they did tonight. He made some big shots and was tough to stop."

Yao hit 12 of 24 shots and also had six assists, his most complete game under new coach Rick Adelman. He's reached 20 points and 10 rebounds in three of Houston's four games.

Bonzi Wells added 14 points and 15 rebounds for Houston, which controlled Duncan and outrebounded the sluggish Spurs 55-28. Duncan scored 14 and grabbed 10 rebounds, but went only 5-for-15 from the field.

The Rockets had a 25-4 edge in offensive rebounds and took 17 more shots than the Spurs.

"That's about how hungry we were to win the game," Yao said.



Pampa JV's Taryn Eubank drives the ball down the court past Amarillo High early in the third quarter. The JV team, who was just behind throughout most of the game came back to win 45-43 in overtime.
Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

Marlins shop Miguel Cabrera; Schilling agrees to stay with Red Sox

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Miguel Cabrera was the big name being bandied about Tuesday as baseball general managers waited to hear what the Florida Marlins would want for their young slugger.

On a day when GMs voted to recommend the limited use of instant replay, action started to percolate on players. Particularly third basemen.

Chicago White Sox general manager Ken Williams acknowledged he was listening to offers for Joe Crede. The New York Yankees, who lost Alex Rodriguez when he opted out of his contract and became a free agent, could get involved in talks for both Cabrera

and Crede. Cabrera, a four-time All-Star, made \$7.4 million this year after winning in salary arbitration and is likely to make more than \$10 million next year, more than the budget-conscious Marlins want to pay. Two years ago, Florida traded many of its top players and got several top prospects. Teams were waiting to find out which prospects the Marlins would want for Cabrera, their 24-year-old third baseman.

"We don't know yet. We'll probably know by tonight," said Hank Steinbrenner, son of Yankees owner George Steinbrenner. "My sense is that it might be too much but we'll see. It's early."

Cabrera batted .320 with 34 homers and 119 RBIs, but he has put on weight, a cause of concern to the Marlins and teams that might want to acquire him.

Florida appears less eager to trade Dontrelle Willis, the 2003 NL Rookie of the Year. He went 10-15 with a 5.17 ERA last season, diminishing his value. He made \$6.5 million.

"Good players are always in need, that's for sure. I'm not talking specifically about Cabrera or Willis or Dan Uggla or (Hanley) Ramirez," Florida president of baseball operations Larry Beinfest said, mentioning many top Marlins. "When you trade really good players, you want really good players in

return. You want talent for talent." Crede had back surgery, played in only 47 games and was supplanted by rookie Josh Fields.

"We have two third basemen. There's interest across the league in both of them," Williams said.

Right now, Yankees GM Brian Cashman's top third baseman is Wilson Betemit, and he is seeking an upgrade.

"Our profile typically would involve power, but it might not necessarily come from the available market," he said.

While the Yankees have top young pitchers such as Phil Hughes, Joba Chamberlain and Ian Kennedy, Cashman is reluctant to part with them.

"I think our farm system has taken the right steps forward. There's power in numbers," he said. "We'll soak up all the information down here and then we'll take it back to New York and kind of assess what the real potential market is for us."

While the Marlins explore the market for Cabrera, the Minnesota Twins want to hold onto pitcher Johan Santana, who is eligible for free agency after next season.

"We'll certainly talk. We're going to do the best we can to resign him," new GM Bill Smith said. "If we can't, then we'll move on. He's still one of the best pitchers in the game."

Goodell not shortening season-long suspension for 'Pacman' Jones

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell told Titans cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones in April to sit out the 2007 season. On Tuesday, the commissioner informed Jones he still hasn't changed his mind.

Jones had met with the commissioner last week in New York, pleading for some leniency and an early return. But the cornerback whose biggest community service was buying wrestling

tickets for Atlanta students to watch him at a pay-per-view event last month didn't convince Goodell.

The commissioner told Jones his suspension will last through this season, which would include the playoffs if the Titans (6-2) qualify.

"He will be eligible to begin working out at the Titans' facility following the conclusion of the team's season," the league said in a statement late Tuesday afternoon.

Attorney Worrick Robinson said Jones received a letter from the NFL notifying him of the commissioner's decision earlier Tuesday.

They planned to talk further Tuesday night and a formal statement may follow Wednesday.

"He is very disappointed," Robinson said. "We're looking at different options."

Goodell had promised Jones' case would be

reviewed after Tennessee's 10th game of the season. He met with Jones last Friday — two days before the Titans' eighth game.

But the Titans, who have replaced their best defensive player, had been expecting the suspension to stand.

"As we have said all through this process, we understood the suspension was for a year and made preparations to move our team forward without Adam Jones," the team said in a

statement. "We will continue to monitor his situation and will address his future when he is reinstated by the commissioner."

Goodell originally suspended Jones in April for violating the league's personal conduct policy. At the time, Jones had been arrested five times since the Titans drafted him with the sixth overall pick in the 2005 draft.

The suspension followed a Las Vegas strip club fight

Feb. 19 in which police accused Jones of inciting a fight inside that led to a triple shooting outside that left one man paralyzed. Jones was arrested on two felony counts of coercion in June after dropping an appeal of his NFL punishment.

Jones said in interviews since his suspension that he felt he was being treated unfairly and that the punishment was harsh.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 20 years old and for the time being, I live with my parents. My problem is our elderly neighbor, "John." John recently divorced his wife and now lives alone. He spends most of his time on his computer having inappropriate conversations with extremely young-sounding girls via the Internet. He must be hard of hearing because he turns the sound up loud, and I can hear it all hours of the night. I see John on a daily basis, but I don't want to say anything to him, and I don't want to call the police because I'd be embarrassed when I see him. I'm not sure how to fix this problem. What do you think? — **SLEEPLESS IN FORT MADISON, IOWA**

DEAR SLEEPLESS: You may not want to have a word with "John," but that's what you should do. Inform him that he has the volume on his computer (or speakerphone) turned up so loud that his conversations keep you up at all hours, and if it doesn't stop you will have to call the police. Then if he doesn't follow through, you should report him -- for disturbing the peace.

DEAR ABBY: I left "Harold," my husband of 24 years, in 2002. The youngest of our four children had just turned 16. Harold had been abusive for years, but I lacked the confidence to leave because I had four children to care for and nowhere to go. A couple of months after our divorce was final, I remarried. One of the things my new husband, "Pete," and I agreed on was that we would relocate to his hometown, 300 miles away, once he retired. Pete retired last summer, and we moved a couple of months ago. My children, who have all left home, say they miss me. But my oldest daughter has real issues with it. She's 24, unmarried, and living with her boyfriend and their 20-

month-old daughter. She needs help with her daughter, but is not willing to come here. I am not willing to leave Pete and go back there. I stayed with Harold for too many years caring for her and her siblings. I think I have earned the right to live my own life now without feeling guilty. My daughter was just "having fun" when she accidentally became pregnant -- yet she acts like I should pay for her mistake. I need a way to tell her that she must figure out how to live her own life and raise her daughter on her own. I don't want to offend her so much that she cuts me off from seeing my grandchild. Any suggestions? — **BLACKMAILED IN NEW YORK**

DEAR BLACKMAILED: Under no circumstances should you leave your husband to become your daughter's baby sitter. At 24, she is an adult. It is unrealistic of her to expect you to pull her chestnuts out of the fire. If she needs child care and can't afford to pay for it, she should look to her siblings or her boyfriend's family -- or she might exchange baby-sitting services with some of her friends. After tolerating an unhappy marriage for nearly a quarter of a century "for the sake of the children," you have raised them to the point of independence. The time has more than come for your daughter to stand on her own two feet. If she's refusing to move, then her situation really isn't "desperate." P.S. If you allow her to blackmail you, it will cost you your marriage and your future. Do not allow yourself to be manipulated.

CONFIDENTIAL TO "CAN'T WIN" IN KANSAS CITY: In your case, the following seems to apply: There are two theories about arguing with women. Neither one works.

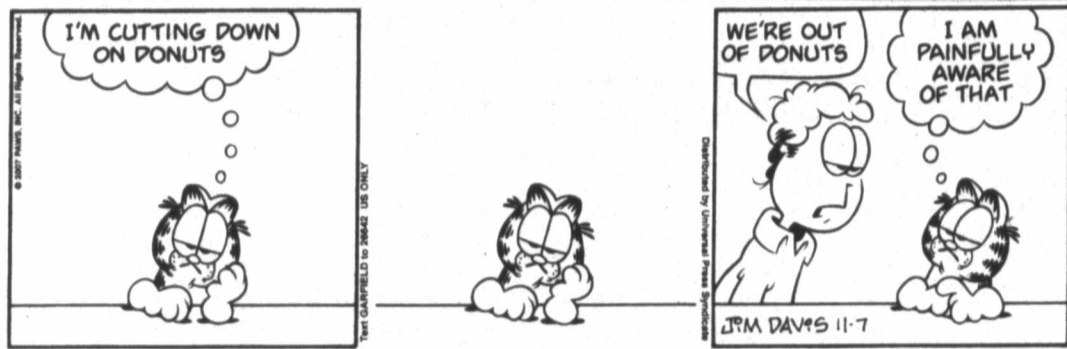
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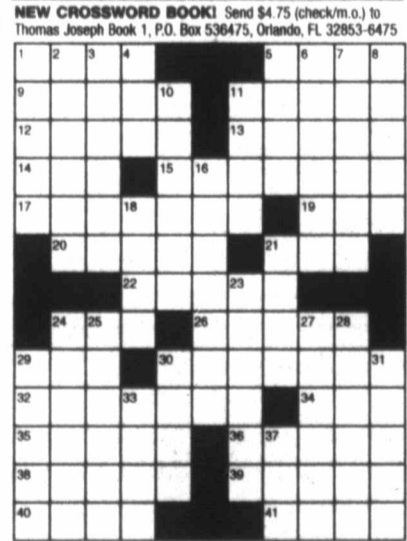
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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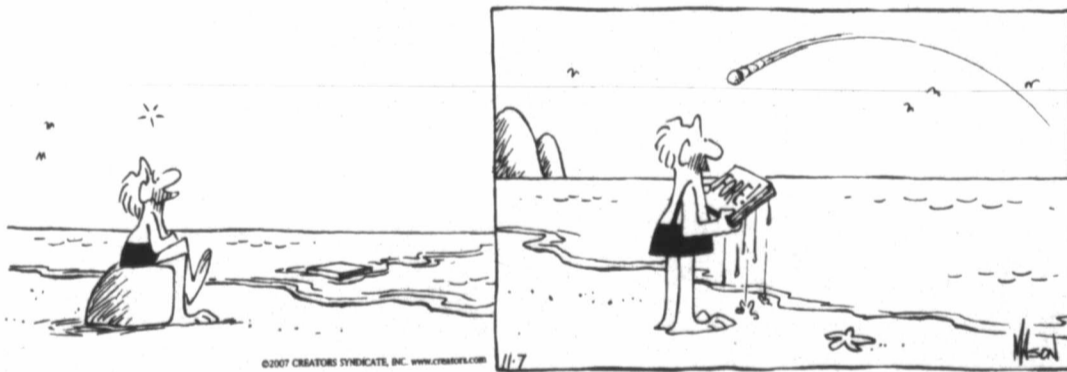
The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"Spell it? I can't even READ yet!"

B.C.



Haggar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



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