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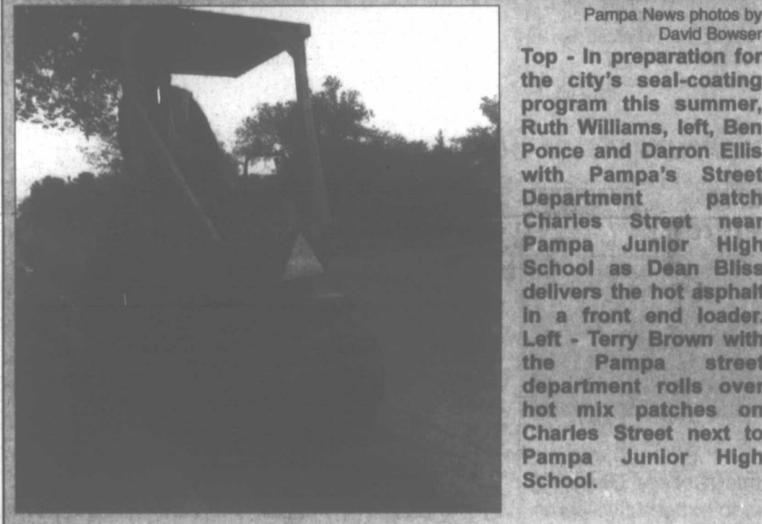
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Top - In preparation for the city's seal-coating program this summer, Ruth Williams, left, Ben Ponce and Darron Ellis with Pampa's Street Department patch Charles Street near Pampa Junior High School as Dean Bliss delivers the hot asphalt in a front end loader. Left - Terry Brown with the Pampa street department rolls over hot mix patches on Charles Street next to Pampa Junior High School.

Postal workers plan food drive

By MARILYN POWERS
The Pampa News

Center, the Salvation Army, Harvest House and Good Samaritan Christian Services.

Letter carriers will be picking up food as well as delivering mail to Pampa residences Saturday as they collect donations for the National Association of Letter Carriers' annual food drive.

Anyone wishing to donate may leave non-perishable food by their mailbox Saturday, and their letter carrier will pick up their donations, said Elaine Brookshire, Association member and coordinator of the food drive for the Pampa post office.

"All the food collected will go to local charities for distribution," Brookshire said. Donations will be divided among Tralee Crisis

Anyone who forgets to leave their donations by their mailbox Saturday or who wishes to donate by another method may bring their non-perishable food contributions to the Pampa post office at 120 E. Foster. These donations will be included in the collection for distribution to the Pampa agencies.

"There are 35 million people in America at risk of hunger," Brookshire said. "Three point five million of those are elderly and 16 million of those are children."

The 2007 letter carriers' food drive collected 5,420 pounds of food in Pampa for local distribution.

Traffic stop leads to drug charge

By MARILYN POWERS
The Pampa News

Ray was removed from the vehicle and searched, and more drug paraphernalia was found in one of his pockets, Hoard said.

A Pampa man's apparent condition and items in his vehicle led to the discovery of a controlled substance in the vehicle and a trip to jail for the man Monday evening.

Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Steven White conducted a traffic stop at about 9:27 p.m. Monday at the intersection of Buckler and Purviance streets. The driver of the vehicle he stopped was Aldo Ray Dennis, 49, of Pampa.

"Upon stopping the vehicle, the driver appeared to be intoxicated," said GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard. "The officer observed paraphernalia lying on the floor of the vehicle."

"The officer asked permission to search the vehicle and was denied," Hoard said. "Due to the fact that he had paraphernalia, the officer did a probable cause search of the driver and the vehicle."

Deputy White found a white powdery substance believed to be methamphetamine in the vehicle, according to GCSO records.

Dennis was arrested and booked into Gray County Jail at 10:10 p.m. on a charge of possession of one gram or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance.

Charges follow domestic dispute

By MARILYN POWERS
The Pampa News

A domestic dispute early Saturday resulted in injuries to a woman and the arrest of a man at a home in the 1800 block of North Sumner.

Pampa police officers were dispatched to the resi-

dence at 12:34 a.m. as a result of a 911 hang-up call, according to police records.

"Upon arriving, officers were led into the house and saw what appeared to be a large amount of blood in the kitchen area," said PPD Sgt. Donny Brown. "Upon further investigation, officers

believe that Justin Kalka, 24, of the residence had kicked Jonna Jones, 26, in the face."

The assault occurred during a domestic dispute, Brown said.

Kalka was arrested and booked into Gray County Jail

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Beef Assn. lists property rights among top concerns

By DAVID BOWER
The Pampa News

PERRYTON - Private property rights will top the list of concerns when the Texas Legislature begins their next session in January, according to Eldon White, executive vice president of the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association.

Speaking to area cattlemen here Monday night, White said his organization is closely monitoring the interim charges this year. The reports by various committees studying between legislative sessions - the Texas Legislature meets only in odd numbered

years - usually lead to bill being filed proposing new laws or amending old ones.

The interim studies and reports are a preview of what's to come, White said.

Property rights, he said, will be a big issue. "Probably the top of the list are changes that are being considered in property rights as it relates to eminent domain," White said.

Eminent domain, he said, concerns landowner rights and the right of government, through the power of eminent domain, to condemn private property and take it away.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled for the City of

New London, Conn., a couple of years ago in their Kelo decision, eminent domain has become a major private property issue.

In that decision, the highest court in the land ruled that a municipality could essentially take land and turn it over to developers to improve the value of the land for property tax purposes.

"If they thought a shopping center was going to be more profitable to the city on your land, they could come in and condemn your business or your house and build a shopping center," White said.

That gives the community a higher tax base, and that,

White says, was the justification for being able to exercise eminent domain in such cases.

Perhaps the most controversial private property issue in the state is the Trans Texas Corridor. While the proposed toll road with its easements for rail and utilities and ancillary services would have direct and immediate impact on landowners along the planned route in East and South Texas, it could also have potential long-range impacts on future highway projects in other parts of the states, including the Port-to-Plains project, an alternative to Interstate 25 from El Paso

to Denver that would go through West Texas.

"There are big issues surrounding the Trans Texas Corridor," White says.

He says it's not a matter of having the project or not. The population for Texas is projected to double or even triple by the year 2020. It's a matter of how to meet the state's transportation needs of the future.

He says there is a demand for improved transportation.

"Whether you call it the Trans Texas Corridor or something else," White says, "the need for transportation is

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Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 82. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north-northwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 77. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52.

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Man charged with 1984 stabbing death of SMU student

DALLAS (AP) — A prison inmate serving a life sentence has been charged in the 1984 unsolved killing of a Southern Methodist

University student in her off-campus apartment.

Dallas police said Monday that Donald Andrew Bess has been charged with capital murder in the death of Angela Samota, who was 20 when she was found in her bed with multiple stab wounds.

Authorities said they matched DNA evidence to Bess using technology that wasn't available when the college student was killed. The 59-year-old Bess is serving a life sentence for three unrelated sexual assaults.

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Obituaries

Jerry Mack 'Prettyboy Floyd' Morphis, 56

AMARILLO — Jerry Mack "Prettyboy Floyd" Morphis, 56, died May 2, 2008. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 7, 2008, in Christian Heritage Church with Pastor Mark Rector officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, 2008, in Kress Cemetery at Kress, Texas, with the Rev. Randy Santiago officiating, by Cox-LaGrone Funeral Home.

Jerry Mack Morphis was born in Tulia on June 30, 1951, to Howard and Eunice Morphis. Jerry Mack spent his grade school years in Pampa before his family moved to Plainview, where he attended Plainview High School. Immediately following his time in high school, Jerry Mack joined the U.S.

Army and went to serve his country in Korea.

Following the Army, he moved to Amarillo where he drove a truck for Golden Spread Ready-Mix for over 15 years.

He also drove for Levi Strauss, and briefly moved to Arkansas to drive for ABF Freight. Jerry Mack had been living in Pampa for the last couple of years. Everyone knew Jerry Mack as a good person, one that would give the shirt off his back to the ones he loved.

He was a very spiritual man who believed in God. He was constantly helping others and children.

Jerry Mack had one real

love, his Harley, a 1995 Heritage Softail. He was an active member of BACA, Bikers Against Child Abuse. Jerry Mack really stood for what BACA was and the purpose that they stood for.

His nickname in BACA was "PrettyBoy Floyd" and was known by that to all that knew him. His father originally gave the name to him, and it was also his CB handle.

Jerry Mack was also learning to play both the violin and the harmonica. He was an active member of AA for over 30 years. He was a father, a brother and a husband and will be dearly

missed by all who knew him and loved him.

He is survived by one daughter, Becky Strawhacker of Irving; two sons, Dennis Morphis and wife Peggy, and Jerry Michael Morphis, both of Amarillo; two brothers, Donald Morphis and wife Lana of Amarillo, and David Morphis and wife Lena of Plainview; one sister, Mary Jo Jernigan of Pampa; he is survived by four grandchildren, Cody Morphis, Tori Morphis, Zachary Strawhacker and Hunter Morphis; he is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Jerry Mack was preceded in death by his parents, by a sister, Helen Beth Morphis, and by a brother, Richard Lynn Morphis.



Morphis

Virginia Grace 'Gracie' Newhouse, 81

Virginia Grace "Gracie" Newhouse, 81, of Pampa, Texas, died May 5, 2008, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Newhouse was born Oct. 5, 1926, in Shamrock where she attended school. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1948, moving to Amarillo for several years before returning to Pampa.

She married John A. Newhouse in May of 1965 in Pampa. He preceded her in death in 1972.

Gracie graduated from

nursing school in Lubbock, earning her LVN license. She worked at the Worley Hospital and Highland General Hospital for several years.

Gracie was an exceptional artist who did oil paintings, drawings and crafted pottery.

She also loved to garden and take care of all her pets.

Gracie had numerous friends and former patients who will miss her greatly.



Newhouse

Survivors include two brothers, Arthur Gowin of Andrews, and Charles Gowin and wife Rose Ann of Pampa; one stepdaughter, Sharron Newhouse of Katy; three nephews, Charles H. Gowin, Tate Gowin of Andrews and Charles G. Gowin of Pampa; three nieces, Tanita Pedersen and Tamilan Dallas, both of Pampa, and Teresa Dodd of

Lubbock; five great-nephews; four great-nieces; two great-great-nephews; one great-great-niece; and one step-grandson, Sean Newhouse of Katy.

Gracie was preceded in death by her father, Artie Gowin; and her mother, Anna Gowin.

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Emergency Services

Gray County Sheriff's

Office reported the following arrests today.

Monday, May 5

Richard Douglas Budd, 36, of Miami was arrested by GCSO on bond surrenders for possession of more than 4-grams but less than 200-grams of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a firearm in a family household.

Timothy Michael Knoop, 21, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for criminal trespass.

Michael Anthony Tidwell, 48, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of East 17th by PPD for criminal trespass.

Sarah Marie Watkins, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of East Foster by PPD for 10 counts of forgery of a financial instrument.

Kenyon James Kendall, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of Jordan by PPD for no driver's license and no proof of financial responsibility.

Aldo Ray Dennis, 49, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of 1-

gram or more but less than 4-grams of a controlled substance.

Matthew Brian Driscoll, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of Darby by PPD for assault causing bodily injury/family violence, criminal mischief greater than \$50 and less than \$500, and a probation violation for possession of less than 2-ounces of marijuana.

Tuesday, May 6

Ignacio Vargas III, 34, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of South Wells by PPD for driving while license is suspended.

Jesus Manuel Santacruz Sr., 44, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of East Brown by PPD for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of drug paraphernalia and having an open container of alcohol.

William Clark Miller, 56, of Lefors was arrested by GCSO on a bond surrender for assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

Rebecca Jane Carpenter, 35, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of East Brown

by PPD for unlawful carrying of a weapon, no valid driver's license and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jesus Manuel Santacruz Jr., 23, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of East Brown by PPD for unlawful carrying of a weapon.

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Beef

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going to exist.” White says that with the increased need for transportation comes the increased need to protect property rights.

“One of the things that we’re trying to do at TSCRA,” White says, “is to

make sure that we have a seat at the table in those discussions.”

Right now, White says those discussions are being driven by the Texas Department of Transportation and the governor’s office.

Another area that the legislature is exploring this year is wind as a property right. A

committee is investigating how other states are dealing with that issue.

“That’s kind of a new concept as some states like Wyoming, California and others are getting into the energy business,” White says.

Another legislative committee is looking at siting wind turbines and evaluating

additional regulations concerning wind energy.

“Where can they or should they be located or ought not be located?” White says. “Again, that comes back into a property rights issue.”

In a related area, White says the interim studies are looking at water management and dams and levees. “These are all interrelat-

ed,” White says. “When you go in and you identify a reservoir for future development and you use eminent domain to that that land away from the land owner,

what rights does that landowner have?”

The water issues, however, will likely concern rivers and streams downstate.

More Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 12:01 a.m. Saturday through 7 a.m. Monday.

Saturday, May 3

Fourteen traffic stops were made. A stop in the 100 block of North Ballard resulted in at least one arrest.

A traffic complaint was received from the 400 block of North Faulkner.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 200 block of Cook.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 1100 block of Alcock.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 300 block of Jean, the 1000 block of South Christy, the 1700 block of East Harvester, the 1100 block of South Dwight, the 500 block of North Russell, the 1100 block of North Starkweather and the 200 block of Henry.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion and resulted in at least one arrest.

Welfare checks were made in the 300 block of West 30th and the 1500 block of Williston.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1800 block of Alcock, the 1100 block of Coronado and the 1000 block of Barrett.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1000 block of South Banks.

A prowler was reported in the 400 block of Magnolia.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of West Foster, the intersection of Worrell and Williston streets, the 1800 block of North Nelson, the 1000 block of North Frost, the 2100 block of North Russell and the 1100 block of Cinderella.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1800 block of North Sumner. The incident involved assault causing bodily injury and interfering with an emergency telephone call. One person was kicked in the face in connection with the incident, and an arrest was made.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1100 block of Neel Road.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of East Kentucky. A glass storm door and a window were bro-

ken, and a wooden door with window was damaged. Estimated cost of damage is \$1,400.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of North Wells. Southwestern Bell Telephone reported that a telephone box in an alley was damaged.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Cuyler. A house window valued at \$100 was broken.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of East Kingsmill. Two window screens were cut. Estimated cost of damage is \$40.

A threat was reported in the 1000 block of Duncan.

Telephone harassment was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 500 block of Doucette and the 1500 block of North Christy.

Theft was reported in the 2300 block of Beech and the 1000 block of Huff Road.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup’s, 1025 W. Wilks. Fuel valued at \$50 was taken.

Sunday, May 4

Sixteen traffic stops were made. One stop in the 100 block of East Foster resulted in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Barnes and McCullough streets and the intersection of Randy Matson and Harvester streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals at the intersection of Browning and Rider streets, the 500 block of Lowry, the 1000 block of Brunow, the 700 block of North Banks and the 1000 block of Fisher.

A runaway was reported in the 400 block of Lowry.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2700 block of North Hobart, the 600 block of East Frederic, the intersection of Craven and Gray streets, the intersection of Kentucky and Hazel streets, and the 1400 block of Williston. At least one arrest was made in connection with the report from the intersection of Craven and Gray streets.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather, the intersection of Crawford and Wells streets, the 500 block of Lefors, the 900 block of East Francis and the 400 block of North Wynne.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of North Wells. A window of a van was broken. Estimated cost of damage is \$350.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of Garland.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1800 block of North Faulkner, the 1100 block of Sierra, the 1900 block of North Dwight and the 900 block of South Faulkner.

Three alarms were reported.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2400 block of Christine. The incident involved the glove boxes of two vehicles.

Monday, May 5

Seven traffic stops were made. Stops in the 300 block of North Sumner and the 2200 block of North Hobart resulted in arrests.

A prowler was reported in the 100 block of South Sumner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of North Zimmers.

Ambulance Calls

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

Monday, May 5

7:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Ochiltree General.

2:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Williston. The call was canceled.

6:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:24 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Mora and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

El Paso votes against wall

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — County commissioners are opposing construction of a wall along the nation’s southern border with a resolution.

The El Paso County Commissioners Court voted 3-1 Monday in favor of a resolution that calls for stopping the building of the border wall and says local law enforcement officials should not enforce federal immigration laws.

The resolution also emphasizes placing a moratorium on immigration raids, ensuring the enforcement of labor laws and civil protection regardless of a worker’s immigration status and stopping programs that criminalize immigrants.

Commissioner Veronica Escobar said the commissioners aren’t advocating having open borders or not enforcing immigration laws with the vote.

“It’s very important we tell the federal government we want a voice in policies that impact our daily lives,” Escobar said. “If we allow federal or state policymakers to create policy that impacts us without expressing our own concerns, we are not doing our constituents justice.”

The vote was preceded by mostly favorable comments about the resolution, which was first presented in another form last week by advocates of immigrant rights.

Two people spoke against the resolution. Commissioner Dan Haggerty voted against it.

“If it’s not your job to enforce immigration laws, by God it’s not your job to hinder the enforcement of immigration laws,” Armando Cardoza said. “If you support this resolution, all you do is kick America right in the crotch,” he said.

Dispute

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at 12:40 a.m. on charges of aggravated assault causing bodily injury/family violence and interfering with an emergency call.

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Ambulance Service was called to the home, and Jones was taken by ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

“The extent of her injuries is not known at this time,” Brown said.

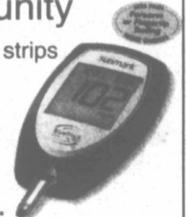
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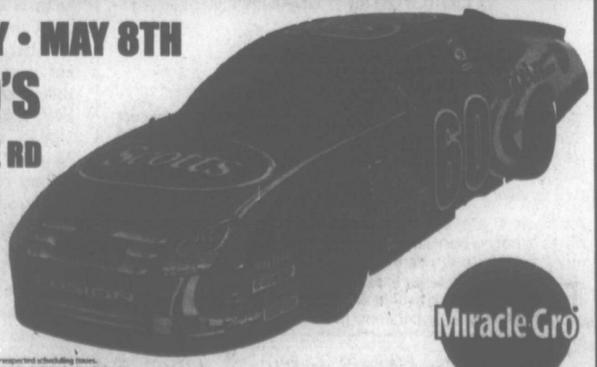
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Viewpoints

Bad things happen to good people and good horses

I know I talked about animals last week, but bear with me while I indulge the subject once again.

I have never owned a horse and in fact have ridden a horse only a few times. But there is something about horses that captivate me. I think they are beautiful, noble animals, and I love to watch them do the things they do so well.

That is why events like Saturday's Kentucky Derby are so heartbreaking to me. Eight Belles, the only filly in the Derby, had to be euthanized shortly after the race because she suffered broken ankles on both front legs after crossing the finish line.

Eight Belles' tragic ending reminded me of Barbaro, who won the 2006 Kentucky Derby but then suffered a break of his right hind leg shortly after leaving the gate at the Preakness.

Barbaro was treated for the injury, and at

first it was thought he would recover. But he finally had to be euthanized when too many complications set in.

Contrast these tragic outcomes with the horse racing world's Triple Crown events in 1973. That was the year of Secretariat, the big red horse that blew away the competition. If a horse can be a person's hero, then Secretariat is mine.

He set speed records right and left during his career. He won the 1973 Derby and then the Preakness, and topped it off with his most impressive performance of the three to take the Triple Crown.

Secretariat blazed around the track at the Belmont Stakes and won by 25 lengths, the only time I have ever seen a horse win by that much of a lead.

I loved watching Secretariat run. To me, he was the epitome of a Thoroughbred, big, beautiful and fast. I have watched a number of fine horses race since then, but I haven't seen one that captured my heart like that horse did.

Questions have been raised in the wake of Eight Belles' injury and death. Some question today's breeding practices. It has been said that racehorses are being bred solely for speed with too little regard for endurance and durability.

Some say that a better track surface might be the answer. A debate has sprung up over the merits of synthetic versus natural tracks, much like the comparisons between real grass and AstroTurf for football fields.

Others say injuries to racehorses can't be

avoided and that such injuries are not happening any more often than in the past. One commentator said that it was extremely rare for a horse to suffer two broken front ankles, as befell Eight Belles.

Any time a vigorous sport is played, there is potential for injury and even death. This is true of both animals and people. One prominent instance of a person rather than a horse suffering the injury is the case of Christopher Reeve, the actor best known for his portrayal of Superman. Reeve's neck was broken in a fall from a horse at a dressage event when Reeve landed headfirst after his horse balked at a jump.

Bad things happen to good people and good horses. All we can do is try to minimize the chances of having another Christopher Reeve, Barbaro or Eight Belles, and keep an eye out for another Secretariat.

Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



Hancock-type smuggler hero of sorts ...

While it's politically popular to impose confiscatory taxes on America's 40 million tobacco smokers, there are a number of consequences one might consider, but let's start out with a quiz. If a carton of cigarettes sells for \$160 in New York City, and \$35 in North Carolina, what do you predict will happen? If you answered tons of cigarettes will be going up I-95 from North Carolina to New York City, go to the head of the class.

Smuggling cigarettes is illegal; so the next quiz question is: Who is most likely to engage in cigarette smuggling? It's a mixed answer, but for the most part, organized smugglers will be people with a high disregard for the law. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) has found that Russian, Armenian, Ukrainian, Chinese, Taiwanese, and Middle Eastern (mainly Pakistani, Lebanese and Syrian) organized crime groups are highly involved in the trafficking of contraband and counterfeit cigarettes. What's worse is the ATF found that some of these

Walter Williams

Columnist



groups use the money to provide material financial assistance to terrorist groups such as Hezbollah and Hamas.

Some smugglers are good people who differ little from the founders of our nation such as John Hancock, whose flamboyant signature graces our Declaration of Independence. The British had levied confiscatory taxes on molasses, and John Hancock smuggled an estimated 1.5 million gallons a year. His smuggling practices financed much of the resistance to British authority — so much so that the joke of the time was that "Sam Adams writes the letters (to newspapers) and John Hancock pays the postage." Like Hancock, some of today's cigarette smugglers are providing a service to their fellow man caught in the grip of confiscatory taxation.

In my book, the Hancock-type smuggler is a hero of

sorts. Let's look at it. During the days of the Soviet Union, Swiss watches were illegal. During our Prohibition era, the sale, manufacture and the importation of intoxicating liquor was illegal. Britain's Navigation Acts imposed high tariffs and restrictions on goods sold to the American colonies that ultimately led to our 1776 War of Independence. The common theme in all of these acts is government seeking to interfere with, regulate or outlaw peaceable voluntary exchange between individuals.

Tell me what's wrong in people wanting to wear a Swiss watch, having a drink, purchasing tea from a Dutch seller rather than an English seller or cheap cigarettes from North Carolina rather than expensive ones from New York? People in government or those in pursuit of a do-good agenda think they know better and think they have a right to use government's brute force to hinder peaceable voluntary exchange.

In comes my hero the smuggler to the rescue. He's the guy who, in effect, tells us, "I know the government

wants to interfere with your consumption of booze, tobacco or tea, but I can get a deal for you." He might have to run clandestine operations, blackmail and corrupt public officials, but at least you get the item, if it has been prohibited, and for a lower price if it has been confiscatorily taxed.

The smuggler who uses the proceeds to finance destructive activity is not my hero, but that is not an argument against the smuggling itself anymore than it would be an argument against the practice of medicine if some medical practitioners used

their earnings to finance terrorist activities.

The easy solution to cigarette smuggling, and its attendant activities, is to eliminate the confiscatory taxes. Unfortunately, for politicians and do-gooders, the attack on smokers is a moral crusade that sees only benefits and costs are irrelevant. Or as novelist C.S. Lewis put it, "Of all tyrannies a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive."

—Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

Today in History

(AP) — Today is Tuesday, May 6, the 127th day of 2008. There are 239 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 6, 1937, the hydrogen-filled German dirigible Hindenburg burned and crashed in Lakehurst, N.J., killing 35 of the 97 people on board and a Navy crewman on the ground.

On this date:

In 1861, Arkansas seceded from the Union.

In 1889, the Paris Exposition formally opened, featuring the just-completed Eiffel Tower.

In 1910, Britain's King Edward VII died.

In 1935, the Works Progress Administration began operating.

In 1942, during World War II some 15,000 Americans and Filipinos on Corregidor surrendered to the Japanese.



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ April 24
Houston Chronicle on the trend of more military recruits with felony records and the toll of years in war on the U.S. military:

As the conflict in Iraq enters its fifth year with no end in sight, the capability of the country's armed forces is being challenged by extended combat assignments. At the recruiting office, fewer candidates with high school diplomas are applying.

In a disturbing sign that standards are being lowered to fill the ranks, the number of felons granted waivers to serve in the Army more than doubled this year from last, rising to 511 from 249. Even the Marine Corps, whose slogan is "The few, the proud, the Marines," accepted 350 recruits with felony records last year, a jump from 208 in 2006.

Offenses waived included convictions for armed robbery, arson and burglary. Both services also granted increases in the number of waivers for misdemeanors. Total conduct waivers for the Army increased 25 percent, from a little more than 8,000 to 10,258. Military spokesmen insisted the

waivers were carefully considered in each case and that many of the violations occurred when the recruits were juveniles. Even so, Army Chief of Staff George Casey told journalists, his top priority is to rapidly expand U.S. forces.

"To take some pressure off the force," he said, "we can accept some minor degradation of quality."

However, Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., expressed concern "that the significant increase in the recruitment of persons with criminal records is a result of the strain put on the military by the Iraq War and may be undermining military readiness." Waxman chairs the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which released the data on recruited felons.

A study by the Center for Naval Analyses found that Marine recruits who required waivers were more likely to be separated from the service for misconduct within two years. Those with felony records were most likely to be ejected. Christine Wormuth, a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, told the Washington Post that "the numbers seem pretty clear to me that we are lowering standards, and it's difficult for me to see how that wouldn't have a negative impact on the quality of the

force."

The U.S. military now accepts recruits who could not serve as Texas police officers. State law prohibits all Lone Star law enforcement agencies from hiring those with felonies or Class A misdemeanors. The Houston Police Department refuses all applicants with class B misdemeanor convictions within 10 years of the application date.

One reason recruiting highly qualified young people for the armed forces has become so difficult is that they see the unfair and seemingly endless demands placed on our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan while the general public sacrifices little. Previous hit-or-miss treatment of wounded veterans after they returned home gives little assurance to prospective recruits that they will receive the best medical care their country can offer should they become disabled.

The United States must maintain and expand a military of the highest quality. Lowering the standards for recruits to include convicted criminals is not the way to achieve that goal. To attract the most highly motivated and qualified applicants, the nation must provide its armed forces with sound missions, materiel and medical support as they defend the nation's interests. URL: <http://www.chron.com>

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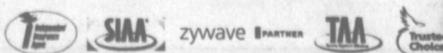
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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: May I offer a response to the letter from "Petite's Mom in Salem, Va." (Feb. 25), whose daughter "Claire" is the target of rude comments due to her size? I was born disabled and walk with a limp. All my life, people have demanded the most outrageous information, including the standard, "What's wrong with you?" or, "Do you take medicine for that?" And my favorite, "But ... can you have sex?" I have found the best defense against rudeness is a sense of humor and compassion. Many people say things without intending to insult, and sometimes they speak before they have a chance to think. When someone asks me a rude question, I'm likely to respond with one of your gems: "Why do you ask?" -- **LINDA IN MATHEWS, VA.**

DEAR LINDA: Thank you for the reminder that a softer retort can be as effective as one that's confrontational. Many readers "weighed" in with similar experiences and suggestions for Claire. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Petite's Mom" was resonant of many years of my life. I grew up in the '30s and '40s. I have never weighed more than 110 pounds and, at 5 feet 4 inches tall, have endured similar questions and comments my entire life. Example from a stranger: "You're the skinniest person I have ever seen!" It used to make me feel inferior. How things have changed. Recently, as I was leaving a restaurant, I overheard a woman say, "I would kill to be that size!" How sweet it is. -- **GLAD I LIVED TO SEE THE DAY, ORANGE, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: Years ago, I told a very small kindergartener, "You sure are small to be in kindergarten." She must have heard it many times before, because she replied, "My mommy says it's not how big you are; it's how much you KNOW." From the mouths of babes. It taught me a lesson, and I have never commented again about a person's size. -- **MIMI IN MAUD, OKLA.**

DEAR ABBY: I agree it's inappropriate to comment to people about their physical appearance. However, I think you missed the mark in your reply. People who comment to Claire about her weight are rude, but an impudent response is also inappropriate because it reinforces rude behavior. She could consider saying, "I appreciate your concern for my health, but I have discussed my weight with my doctor, who assures me that I'm a healthy, petite person." This will allow her to give a direct response while showing she can handle herself with dignity. She should treat others with respect even when it appears that the respect is not mutual, and demonstrate that good things come in small packages! -- **DENISE IN LONG BEACH, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: I married a 5-foot-2, 103-pound woman 52 years ago. She's as healthy as a horse, although she has since put on a few pounds -- she now weighs a whopping 105. My wife has been in the hospital four times in her life. Three of those were for childbirth. She is two months shy of 80, and still has a figure most women would be proud of at 30. Call me prejudiced, but she is the perfect size for me. -- **WILLIAM IN RIO HONDO, TEXAS**

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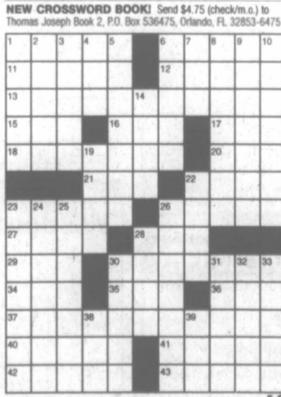


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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Parody leader
 - 6 League members
 - 11 Bottom line
 - 12 Authorize
 - 13 Level of existence
 - 15 Bind up
 - 16 Cobbler's cousin
 - 17 One of the Stooges
 - 18 Zebra feature
 - 20 Fall mo.
 - 21 Slugger Williams
 - 22 Not busy
 - 23 Like some floors
 - 26 Putting site
 - 27 First name
 - 28 Old hand
 - 29 Brink
 - 30 Had the intention of doing
 - 34 Also
 - 35 Beanie or beret
 - 36 Bound
 - 37 It's used for straining
 - 40 Explosive stuff
- DOWN**
- 1 Baseball-card data
 - 2 Suggest
 - 3 Playful mammal
 - 4 Crew need
 - 5 Beat, as wings
 - 6 Uses a VCR
 - 7 Building wing
 - 8 Stylish subject
 - 9 Eyeglass
 - 10 Add sugar to
 - 14 Told tales
 - 19 Article lord
 - 22 Wrinkle remover
 - 23 Kilt patterns
 - 24 Foolish bidding
 - 25 "Faging Bull" abbr.
 - 26 Struggle foe
 - 28 Summit
 - 30 Enterprise
 - 31 Scottish lord
 - 32 Bar mixer
 - 33 Starts the
 - 38 Airport abbr.
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Anthony Ontiveros shifted into high gear recently while trying to keep up with the "Dance, Dance Revolution" game during a "Good Behavior Party" at CREATE-a-Beat!

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David Kerns is offering a Beginning Guitar class as part of Clarendon College-Pampa Center's new continuing education program. Tonight, May 6, two new 8-week classes will begin for those interested in learning fiddle or mandolin. Students of all ages are welcome to come register for Jerry Lister's Fiddle class at 7 p.m. or his Mandolin class at 8 p.m. Lister will also present a live music show every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Pampa Center Atrium before classes begin. The registration fee is \$20 for each class. An entirely new set of courses will start up again in mid-June. For more information on the Continuing Education Program, call the Pampa Center at 665-8801.

Pampa Regional Medical Center recently observed National Volunteer Week, honoring members of the hospital Auxiliary with a luncheon at Pampa Country Club. Auxiliary volunteers gave a total of 9,645 hours between March 2007 and March 2008. Top service award honors went to Barbara James who reached the 11,000 lifetime hour level. She is pictured (top, right) with Betty Scarbrough, Volunteer Director and Todd Lorenz, PRMC's CEO. The local volunteer program was organized April 10, 1964, and was known as Highland General Hospital Auxiliary. Approximately 100 members signed the charter. Today, the auxiliary consists of 44 active volunteers including eight volunteer chaplains. For more information on the volunteer program, call Scarbrough at 663-5577. Above: (front row, left-right) Barbara James, Mary Pletcher, Joni Davis, Eldon Smith, Sumi Hayes, Esther McAdoo, Cookie Thavaradhara, Barbara Shearer; (second row, l-r) Albert Maggard, Nita Hill, Thelma Waters, Bill Harwood, Janie Britten, Sharon Clark, Carlene Adams, Virgil James, Linda Duncan; (back row, l-r) Marlene Kyle, Betty Scarbrough, Sharron Stanley, Raj Patel, Linda Starnes, Ken Raulston, Sheila Raulston, Janet Hutto, Richard Kastein, Dorothy Walls, James Goodwin, Robin Gantz, Retta Sue Durham, Nadine Fletcher and Nancy Paronto. Not pictured: Cora Ferguson, Mona Franke and LeAlta Smith.

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