

Obituaries

Tia Marie Smith, 2

Tia Marie Smith, 2, died Aug. 23, 2005, at Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Kyle Ohsfeldt, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Tia Marie was born July 30, 2003, at Amarillo.

She was preceded in death by a sister,

Shaquilla Delisa Smith in 2002.

Survivors include her parents, Tabitha and Timothy Smith, Sr., of the home; two brothers, Denzell Smith and Timothy Smith, Jr., both of the home; a sister, Rianne Smith, of the home; her paternal grandparents, Joyce Smith of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, Sr., of Borger; her maternal grandparents, Clive and Debbie Weaver of Amarillo; and a paternal great-grandmother, Lillie Mae Nickelberry of Pampa.

Jean Brobst, 81

Jean Brobst, 81 year old resident of Howardwick, Texas, and formerly of Woodward, Okla., died Aug. 24, 2005, at her home in Howardwick.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, 2005, in the Zwanziger Funeral Home Chapel at Woodward with Pastor JoAnn Kirkham officiating. Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery, under the direction of the Zwanziger Funeral Home.

Irma Jean Brobst was born March 20, 1924, at Slick, Okla., to Charlie and Ella J. (Koch) Peacock. She attended school at Slick, Okla. Jean married Howard Brobst on Nov. 28, 1966, at Canadian, Texas. Jean will

be missed by her children, as she loved to be around them.

Jean is survived by two sons, Jack David and wife Gail, of Woodward, Okla., and Milton David and wife Theresa, of Pampa, Texas; two daughters, Darlene D. Hunt of Roseville, Calif., and Sandy Stephens and husband Ron, of Burnet, Texas; by a brother, Paul Peacock of Max, Colo.; by 21 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, and a host of other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Howard Brobst, by seven brothers and two sisters.

Services tomorrow

SMITH, Tia Marie — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high around 94. South wind between 10

and 15 mph. Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind between 10

and 15 mph. Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 93.

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WEEKEND GETAWAY Cabin (sleeps 10) w/ boat dock, (Greenbelt Lake). Reservations 664-3095, 874-1742.

YOU'RE INVITED to Dub Shipman's 80th Birthday Party @ McLean Country Club. Aug. 27, 2005. Catered BBQ served at 5:30 pm. Dance 8pm. Cover charge \$7. We hope you come join us. No gifts please.

Emergency Services

Police

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents today.

Wednesday, Aug. 24

Ten traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from the 700 block of East 14th.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 400 block of East Browning and the intersection of 21st Avenue and Perryton Parkway. A hit and run accident was reported in the 1000 block of Denver.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 1200 block of East Foster.

Found property was reported in the 300 block of North Ward.

Welfare checks were made in the 900 block of Twiford and the 1100 block of Prairie.

A civil matter was reported in the 400 block of Magnolia.

Warrant service was attempted at three locations.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 100 block of North Frost.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 500 block of Magnolia, the 900 block of South Faulkner, and the 1000 block of Huff.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Christy. A garage window was broken.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2300 block of Primrose.

Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the

800 block of West Francis and the 1200 block of North Wells.

Assault was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Assault by threat was reported in the police department lobby.

An offenses against family was reported in the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive. No injuries were reported, and no charges were filed.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of East Foster.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, Aug. 24

Kerry Dean Janow, 51, Woodward, Okla., was arrested on a bond surrender for driving while intoxicated.

Accidents

A 2003 Mazda, driven by Heather Cgrustube Orr, 17, 2217 N. Sumner, and a 2000 Ford F150 pickup, driven by Yrelia Tovar Zarate, 36, 1160 Prairie Drive, collided at the intersection of Hobart and Perryton Parkway. Orr was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign. Yrelia Zarate was transported by ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center with incapacitating injuries. Others transported by ambulance to the hospital with nonincapacitating injuries included Orr and Andrew

Silva and Sara Zarate, both passengers in Zarate's vehicle.

Fire

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

Wednesday, Aug. 24

9:26 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a call in the 1900 block of North Dwight on a carbon monoxide investigation. Nothing was found.

3:30 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a vehicle accident in the 400 block of East Browning. No injuries were reported and hazardous material was removed from the scene.

3:42 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a vehicle accident at 21st and Hobart. Minor injuries resulted.

Clarification

In Wednesday's Sports Day, The Pampa News published a photograph and story based on information provided, including the identification of Krissie Alexander as a Pampa High School cheerleader. School officials say Alexander is not a cheerleader.

Correction

Gray County Sheriff's Office reports that the address for Rhonda Hill, who was listed in Wednesday's arrest report, is 308 Miami.

Houses

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demolish such a building, she said.

Dudley said the city plans to work through the winter on the demolitions.

She said that unlike previous demolitions, the city is trying something different

Hearing

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Judge Richard Peet.

The proposed 2006 county budget is \$8,164,534, according to County Auditor Elaine Morris. The budget, which has not yet been finalized or approved by county commissioners, consists of \$6,490,265 for the county's general fund, \$1,553,840 for the road and bridge fund, and \$120,429 for debt service.

The effective property tax rate needed to collect the

this time. They are tearing down the buildings, but leaving trees and concrete slab foundations.

In the past, she said, they simply cleared the lot. Having the trees leaves a much nicer looking lot. Leaving the foundations prevents as many weeds growing on the property and saves landfill costs.

City Manager John Horst

same amount of funds as were collected for the 2005 budget amount is .465741 cents per \$100 valuation. The proposed rate for 2006 is .488926 cents.

Under the proposed rate, a house valued at \$31,206, the median value of a home in Gray County, would have county taxes totaling \$156.51 levied against it. If the effective rate were to be used, the taxes would be \$149.09 for the same home, a difference of \$7.42.

"We know we have infla-

tion; we have higher costs. Our total expenditures budget is going to be greater than last year. We have proposed a rate that will meet those budget needs," Peet said.

Rising fuel costs and an increase in fees for court-appointed attorneys are some of the county's expenditures which have risen in recent months, he said.

County commissioners plan to vote on the 2006 budget and property tax rate at their Sept. 1 meeting.

"It's like a sinking fund," Horst said.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by

Antebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat 3.02

Milo 2.91

Corn 3.67

Soybeans 5.08

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market

quotations are furnished by Edward Jones &

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New York Gold 437.27

Silver 6.94

West Texas Crude 67.32

Lefors ISD board to meet Friday

Lefors Independent School District's 2005-2006 budget will be presented for approval at a 6 p.m. meeting of its school board Friday in the high school library, 209 E. Fifth Street.

Substitute teachers for the school year, depository con-

tracts, and the TSSP contract will also be presented for approval at the meeting.

Board members will vote on the tax rate and on a resolution authorizing the issuance of Lefors ISD tax and revenue anticipation notes.



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Medicare

Poll shows subtle shift in attitude toward prescription drug benefit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elderly patients are warming up to the prescription drug benefit that begins next year for Medicare recipients, a survey shows.

Even so, the number of people who plan on not enrolling in a drug plan exceeds the number who say they will enroll, according to a survey from the Kaiser Family Foundation.

The good news for the Bush administration and other backers of the prescription drug benefit was that for the first time since the foundation began tracking attitudes about the benefit, people were as likely to have a favorable view of it as they were to have an unfavorable view.

"The positive drum beat has caught up with the negative one," said Drew Altman, president and CEO of the Kaiser Family Foundation, which specializes in health research. "But on an individual basis, most seniors still can't answer the big question: 'What does it mean for me?'"

In the survey, which was conducted earlier this month, the percentages of people who viewed the drug benefit favorably and unfavorably stood at 32 percent each. The remaining 36 percent said they didn't have enough information to give an opinion.

When the foundation began its survey in February 2004, the numbers were 55 percent unfavorable and 17 percent favorable.

"The poll is definitely showing that more knowledge means more favor-

able views," said Dr. Mark McClellan, administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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— Drew Altman
Kaiser Family Foundation
CEO

About 1,200 adults participated in the telephone survey, including 300 respondents age 65 and older. The margin of error for the questions asked only of the elderly was plus or minus 6 percentage points.

The prescription drug benefit kicks in Jan. 1. About 43 million beneficiaries will be able to choose from two or more private plans that offer drug coverage.

Enrollees will pay a monthly premium averaging about \$32 a month, but the amount of the premium will vary from region to region, and millions of poor people will pay no premium. Beneficiaries will also have a

\$250 deductible, meaning they will have to pay that amount for their prescriptions before the drug plan covers expenses. Again, millions of poor beneficiaries will not have any deductible.

Members of the Bush administration, including the president himself, have made stops throughout the country in recent weeks touting the benefit. Congress also allocated about \$300 million to an awareness campaign.

On that front, the Kaiser survey shows there is still much work to do. More than two-thirds of respondents described their understanding of the benefit as "not too well" or "not well at all." Meanwhile, only 31 percent said they understood the benefit "very well" or "somewhat well."

On another question, when senior citizens were asked to think ahead about whether they would enroll in a Medicare drug plan, 33 percent said they would not. About 22 percent said they would enroll, and 40 percent said they had not heard enough to decide.

But McClellan said many Medicare beneficiaries already have prescription drug coverage through their former employer or through their former union, so those numbers are not disturbing to him.

"I would expect a lot of people to stay where they are for their coverage," McClellan said.

AARP officials said they have seen a shift in attitude similar to what the Kaiser poll indicated.

Chautauqua



Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Queen Jamie Schroeder, left, and Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen Queen Tara Schilling will take part in a stage interview at 11:45 a.m. Labor Day during Chautauqua in Central Park. The two queens will also be signing autographs during the annual all-day outdoor celebration.

40th anniversary coming up for Lake Meredith, Alibates Flint Quarries

FRITCH — A 40th anniversary celebration is planned Aug. 27 at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument.

The celebration will kick-off with a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Alibates Visitor Contact Station at 4 p.m. at the present Alibates ranger station followed by a tour of the Alibates trail currently under construction.

The celebration, "Remembering the Past — Pursuing the Future," will continue from 6-8 p.m. at

Fritch Fortress Amphitheater, site of a short program and refreshments.

Forty years ago on Aug. 31, 1965, the Public Law 89-154 authorized the establishment of the Alibates Flint Quarries and Texas Panhandle Pueblo Culture National Monument. In 1978, Public Law 95-625 amended the establishing legislation to rename the site "Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument."

The monument provides for the preservation, protection, interpretation and scientific study of Alibates flint deposits and quarries, arti-

facts of indigenous peoples and associated cultural and natural resources.

Alibates hosts fewer than 5,000 visitors annually.

"Over the years, our dedicated park rangers utilized two pickup trucks with a tarp tied across the roofs to make a shade shelter for giving interpretive programs and flint knapping demonstrations," said Park Superintendent Karren Brown. "We graduated from this makeshift method of greeting and educating visitors to a portable aluminum modular building that we currently use."

The National Park Service has managed Lake Meredith National Recreation Area since 1965. The lake was created when the Bureau of Reclamation constructed the Sanford Dam on the Canadian River. The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority manages the reservoir storage, distribution and operation of the dam which provides drinking water to 11 municipalities in the Texas Panhandle.

To schedule a tour of the quarries or for other park information, call park headquarters in Fritch at (806) 857-3151.

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was about nine kids from different groups who learn about each other and how they're more alike than they thought.

I decided to have a Challenge Day here," said Lesley Gershmel, safe and drug-free schools coordinator for Pampa Independent School District.

"The purpose of Challenge Day is to realize how students' behaviors impact others and how we have more in common than we think," Gershmel said.

Challenge Day is a non-profit organization, begun in 1987, which has presented its transformational workshops in schools in 30 states, 2 Canadian provinces, and Europe.

Games and other activities are interspersed with talks during the program, all aimed at creating an environment of compassion, acceptance and respect.

"It truly is a dream come true to get to do it. We had a good outcome last year," Gershmel said.

Pampa Junior High School students will attend their own Challenge Day tomorrow.

The program is being conducted in the Fellowship Hall of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

Economy: Jobless claims drop by 4,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits declined last week with the four-week average for people receiving benefits dropping to the lowest level in more than four years.

The Labor Department reported that 315,000 newly laid off workers applied for jobless benefits, a decline of 4,000 from the previous week, providing further evidence that solid economic growth is showing up in an improving labor market.

The four-week average for the total number of people receiving benefits dipped to 2.58 million last week, the lowest level for this figure since March 2001, the month the last recession began.

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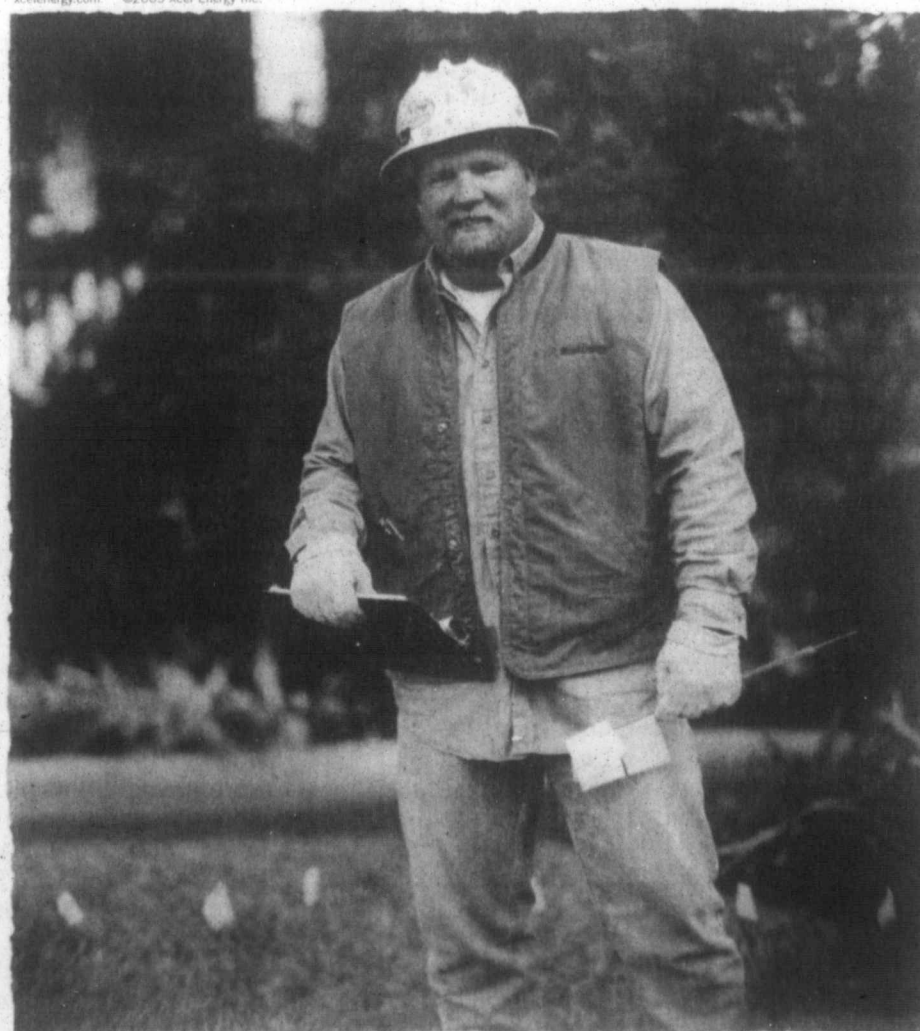
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Viewpoints

Did you ever have one of those weeks?

To begin with, I don't like to fly, but fly I did. I shouldn't have.

I've always felt flying was an act of faith.

It all began with a reporter for another publication who called on a Friday to see if I could spend three days during the next week taking pictures along the Mexico-New Mexico border? The problem was that his editors hadn't yet approved the project.

Ordinarily, I would have driven down on Sunday, met him on Monday, shot the photos and driven back on Wednesday, but it was Sunday before I knew for sure that I was going.

Look, he said, there is a flight from Amarillo to El Paso Monday morning, so I

flew in Monday and met him at the airport. He rented a sports utility vehicle, and we drove to Columbus, N.M., to meet a rancher Monday afternoon.

Columbus is a small community at a Port of Entry to Mexico. We stayed at a motel in Deming, the nearest town of any size, which is about 30 or 40 miles north of the border. The motel advertised high-speed Internet capabilities. Those capabilities, however, didn't happen to be working the days we were there.

Tuesday morning, we met with the Border Patrol in Deming and headed back to Columbus.

The original idea had been to do an in-depth story on the impact on local residents of

illegal aliens streaming across the border. There was no strict deadline. The story and photos didn't have to be in until the end of the week.

About noon Tuesday, that all changed. An editor called and said the paper wanted a news story for the next day's paper since the governors of New Mexico and Arizona had

declared states of emergency with regard to illegal aliens. That meant cutting short interviews and spending the afternoon back at the motel editing and e-mailing photos while the reporter wrote his story and e-mailed it in,

using dial up service.

To complicate matters, we were working on the East Coast newspaper's deadline, two time zones away.

I sent the photos, but while the reporter was working on the story in his room, the photo editor called and wanted to know if I could be in Douglas, Ariz., some 160 miles away to

meet another reporter at noon on Wednesday for a different story.

I tried to explain that we had only one vehicle. I also didn't know what the reporter had planned for Wednesday morning.

The photo editor said she needed to know within the hour.

An hour and a half later, after conferring with the reporter in Deming, who decided we'd taken all the photos we could, and checking with the front desk clerk at the motel, who assured me that there was a car rental place in town (although not a national company), I called the photo editor back and said I would meet the second reporter in Douglas at noon Wednesday.

It was decided that I would rent a car in Deming. The reporter I was with would take his rental vehicle back to El Paso and fly home. I would drive to Douglas, shoot the pictures there, return to Deming,

check the car back in, take a bus (the only mass transit system in town) back to El Paso and fly home. Not necessarily a good plan, but a workable one.

Wednesday morning, things began to fall apart.

The local car rental place, which was supposed to open at 8 a.m., finally answered their telephone about 9:30 a.m. Yes, they rented cars. No, they didn't have any at the moment.

The options were to go to Silver City, an hour north of Deming, or to Las Cruces, an hour east of Deming. At noon, I was supposed to be in Douglas, three hours west of Deming.

There was in the phone

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David Bowser

Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 25, the 237th day of 2005. There are 128 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 25, 1944, during World War II, Paris was liberated by Allied forces after four years of Nazi occupation.

On this date:

In 1825, Uruguay declared independence from Brazil.

In 1875, Capt. Matthew Webb became the first person to swim across the English Channel, getting from Dover, England, to Calais, France, in 22 hours.

In 1916, the National Park Service was established within the Department of the Interior.

In 1921, the United States signed a peace treaty with Germany.

In 1943, U.S. forces overran New Georgia in the Solomon Islands during World War II.

In 1944, Romania declared war on Germany.

In 1950, President Truman ordered the Army to seize control of the nation's railroads to avert a strike.

In 1980, the Broadway musical "42nd Street"

opened. (Producer David Merrick stunned the cast and audience during the curtain call by announcing that the show's director, Gower Champion, had died earlier that day.)

In 1985, Samantha Smith, the schoolgirl whose letter to Yuri V. Andropov resulted in her famous peace tour of the Soviet Union, died with her father in an airliner crash in Maine.

In 1998, retired Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell died in Richmond, Va., at age 90.

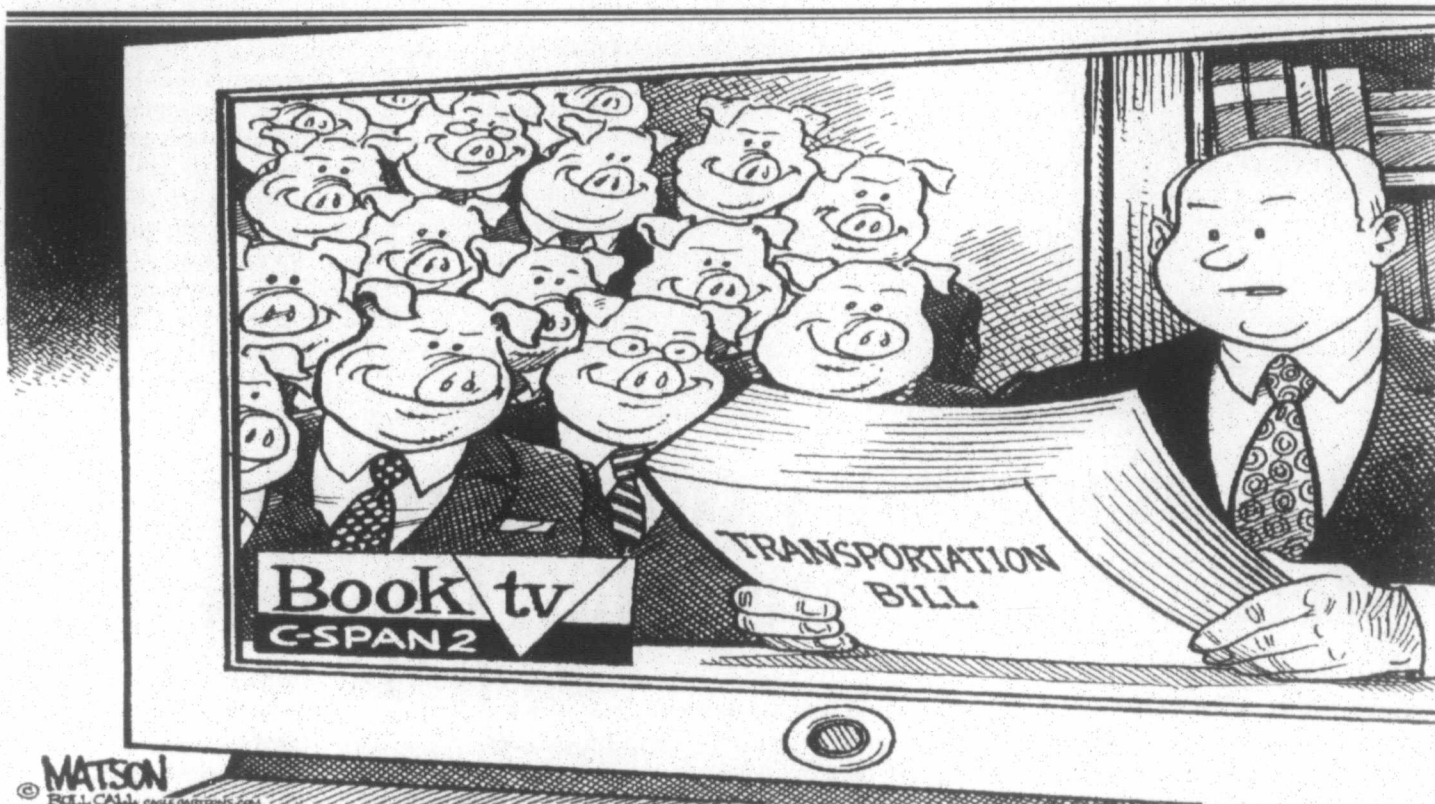
Ten years ago: Chinese-American human rights activist Harry Wu, safely back on U.S. soil after two months in Chinese detention, said the spying case against him was "all lies," and vowed to seek compensation from China.

Five years ago: A bogus Internet news release picked up by financial news agencies sent the stock of high-tech firm Emulex Corp. plunging more than 60 percent, but the shares recovered after the company refuted the reports. (Mark Jakob, the author of the phony press release, was later sentenced to nearly four years in prison for wire and securities fraud.)

One year ago: An Army investigation found that 27 people attached to an intelligence unit at Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad either approved or participated in the abuse of Iraqi prisoners. David Hicks, an Australian cowboy who'd converted to Islam and allegedly fought for the Taliban in Afghanistan, pleaded innocent to war crimes charges before a U.S. military commission.

*"The chains which
cramp us most are
those which weigh
on us least."*

— Anne Sophie Swetchine
Russian-French
author (1782-1857)



"LET'S SEE IF I HAVE THIS STRAIGHT: ALL OF YOU WROTE SOME OF IT BUT NONE OF YOU HAS READ ALL OF IT!"

Super settings assist in surfing the Web

If you are like me, surfing the Internet is more than just a fun diversion; it's part of your everyday job. From research to online education, the World Wide Web has become an essential tool in the day-to-day work of many people.

Therefore, let me give you some shortcuts and tips that will maximize your "time behind the browser."

When you fire up Internet Explorer for the first time, it takes you to a cheesy Microsoft Web page. Unless you want THAT page to be your homepage from now on, I recommend an immediate change. To do that, type in the address or find the exact page you want for your homepage. Once there, look closely at the address bar. Just to the left of the actual Web address, you will see a tiny icon and then the word "Address."

Position your mouse pointer over the icon, hold down your left mouse button and then, while holding

down the left mouse button, move the mouse until the pointer is over the "Home" button on the toolbar. Release the left mouse button. This technique is the easiest way to change your default start page (home page).

Now, let's give you some more room! I like to see as much of a Web page as possible without having to scroll. By changing the toolbars, you can maximize your Web page viewing area. First, let's shrink the main toolbar. Pull down the "View" menu and choose "toolbars" and then "customize."

On the window that pops up, locate the option stating "Text Options." (It's near the bottom.) Using the drop-down-list button, choose "No text labels." Hit the "Close" button and you'll

see that your toolbar has shrunk! For most people, the text labels are superfluous as the icons are pretty obvious.

Next, let's move the "Address bar." Position your mouse pointer over the word "Address" (just to the left of the actual Web address).

Hold down your mouse button and drag that bar up to the menu bar. (In case you forgot, the menu bar has the File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, and Help options on it.) Position your Web address bar just to the right of the "Help" menu label. Don't cover it up!

Pull down the "View" menu and choose "toolbars." Make sure the "Links" option is checked. The Links toolbar gives you one-button access to your favorite sites. Look through your toolbars until you see the word "Links" on one of

them. Grab it (using the same technique we used to move the "Address" bar) and place it just to the right of the last icon on your main toolbar.

If you have never used the "Links" bar before, you will see some standard Microsoft buttons. In my opinion, they are useless. To get rid of them, right click over one and choose "Delete" from the pop-up menu. Personally, I cleared them ALL out.

Now, go to one of your favorite sites. Remember how we made one of your sites your homepage by grabbing that little icon on the Address bar? Grab the icon and, this time, drag it onto your "Links" bar. You just created a button! The button name is actually the title of the page. We want to put as many buttons as we can on the Links bar, but if the titles are too long, you will only be able to fit a

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Eric Spellmann
Columnist



Highway pork: Monuments to profligacy

Shopping on the federal fuel tax is a gas, gas, gas, and rare are the members of Congress who didn't tote home some cash-wrapped projects for their constituents in the \$286 billion transportation bill President George Bush signed into law recently.

While some measures are justified, such as Houston Metro's long-sought federal funding for its light rail and bus expansion plan, others among the 6,000-plus individual projects are monuments to profligacy that have little or nothing to do with improving transportation.

It just goes to show that no matter how earnest the rhetoric in Washington about reining in spending and shrinking big government, few elected officials can resist the opportunity when the dinner bell rings to line up at the trough for generous slices of pork.

In President Bush's last campaign he railed against wasteful congressional spending, but recently he was singing a different tune.

"I'm proud to sign this

bill," the president declared, "because our economy depends upon having the

most efficient, reliable transportation system in the world."

Unfortunately, much of the money allocated in the legislation benefits individual lawmakers' political health more than it bolsters the U.S. economy.

Much of the bloated budget in the transportation bill results from so-called earmark requests by which

elected officials attach favored projects to the legislation, which is funded by federal gasoline tax revenues. Alaska, whose Rep. Don Young chairs the House Transportation Committee, received nearly a billion dollars in allocations.

This includes the now infamous \$315 million bridge to nowhere connecting Ketchikan and Gravina Island, which has a small airport and approximately 50 residents. Young also managed to finagle \$229 million for another bridge between

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book a national rent-a-car agency in Silver City. In theory, I could rent a car there, drive to Douglas, shoot my pictures and drive back to El Paso to catch a plane, thus avoiding a bus ride.

The telephone message at the national rent-a-car office in Silver City happily informed me that that they would be closed until Thursday that week. I called a local car rental place in Silver City that said they did have cars, but they were very proud of their cars.

That's when the reporter I was with walked into my room and suggested that we make one more trip south to Columbus. We had pictures of the local residents. We had pictures of the Border Patrol. We had no pictures of anybody crossing the border.

Protesting that we had a new time frame, or at least I did, the reporter looked at the map and questioned why he had to drive me north to Silver City, when he wanted to go south to Columbus, then east to El Paso.

He suggested that we check out Columbus ("just take a minute") then he'd drive me back to El Paso, which is only about an hour east of

Columbus.

That meant at the very least, I had to spend an hour on the road back to El Paso, rent a car, spend another hour back to Columbus and then drive three more hours on the road to Douglas.

The good news was that Arizona doesn't go to Daylight Saving Time. That meant it was essentially on California time. I would gain an hour heading west.

The bad news was that we spent more than "just a minute" checking out Columbus.

We spent two hours chasing around Columbus. I will have to admit it was time well spent. We got some good pictures, much better than what we had already shot.

But there was still the question of time.

Fortunately, my reporter knew the reporter in Douglas, so he called, when we found a place where our cell phones worked, and said that I would be just a little late. It might be 2 p.m. or even 3 p.m. before I got there.

The girl at the counter in El Paso said the only vehicles she had left were a subcompact or a minivan. The Border Patrol had just finished telling me they stopped all vans going through the area, so I took the subcompact. I should've have taken the minivan.

The subcompact would do

90 mph, but it handled like a wounded pig. Of course, I was only told that the car would go that fast. I would never drive that fast, particularly a car that handled that badly.

I got to Douglas at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Originally, I had planned to shoot the photos and return to El Paso, but after driving almost 300 miles in the subcompact, I opted to spend the night in Douglas. I went ahead and e-mailed the photos back to the paper. This motel didn't advertise any Internet service, but the phone worked.

It was somewhere between 10 p.m. (local time) and 1 a.m. (East Coast time) when I finished.

I was awakened the next morning by an assistant photo editor calling my cell phone to ask where the pictures were. For some reason, I could get in-coming calls, but I couldn't call out.

After a short discussion, I could hear the clicking of keys on a computer, and she found them. I packed up and headed back to El Paso.

The clock in the car read 6 p.m. Thursday when I turned it in at the airport. I'm not sure which time zone it was set for.

The woman at the airline counter said the next flight for Amarillo would be 6:45 a.m. Friday.

I returned to the car rental counter and got a larger, more comfortable automobile.

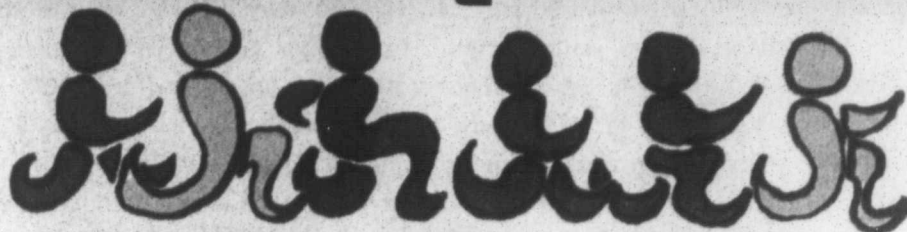
The clock on my nightstand at home read 2:30 a.m. Friday when I turned off the light. That's Central Daylight Savings Time.

At this writing, two of the stories have run. The third is scheduled. Everybody seems happy with them. The photo editor assures me that my bill

is wending its way through the newspaper's accounting system, and soon I'll be rich.

I guess it's all an act of faith.

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Internet

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few. To shrink the title on the button, right click on it and choose "Rename." Choose something short and sweet. The shorter it is, the more buttons you can put on the Links bar! You can rearrange the order of the buttons by simply dragging them around.

Let's move on to "Favorites." Many of you know that you can bookmark any Web page, by pulling down the "Favorites" menu and choosing "Add to favorites." Over time, though, your Favorites list will become huge! You'll spend more time scrolling through the list of favorites than if you had simply typed the address in by hand.

To remedy that situation, you need to organize your favorites into folders. To do this, pull down the "Favorites" menu and choose "Organize favorites." In the window that appears, click the "Create folder" button. You will see a "New folder" appear with its name high-

lighted in blue. Type any name you want and hit the ENTER key. Now comes the fun part.

Simply grab some of your favorites and drag them into the folder. Your list will shrink considerably. I find that this technique works great in a house where more than one person uses the computer. By creating a folder for each family member, you're able to keep little Jimmy's Pokemon pages separate from your favorite recipe sites.

If you still have the "Favorites" window open, look near the top of the list and you'll see a folder labeled "Links." This entry directly corresponds to your Links toolbar. Yes, that's right, you can create folders on your Links bar to further organize your favorite sites. When you're done organiz-

ing your favorites list, hit the Close button.

Another way to gain more Web page "real estate" is to turn off the status bar at the bottom of Internet Explorer. To do that, pull down the "View" menu and uncheck "Status Bar." However, I don't recommend it. The status bar shows any current activity going on between your system and the server. It also has the little yellow lock showing when it is safe to give your credit card. Take my advice: leave it alone.

OK, OK, one last trick: Hitting the F11 key toggles between full screen mode and standard. In a pinch, this will give you the maximum space allowable on your screen.

I'll see you in Cyberspace!

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Anchorage and Point MacKenzie.

Alaska wound up with over \$1,500 allocated for every man, woman and child in the state. Tiny Vermont didn't do badly either, coming in second with 55 projects totaling \$331.4 million, or \$544.33 for each resident.

Arizona's representatives somehow found the will to resist, with Sens. John McCain and Jon Kyl and two Arizona congressmen among the 12 members of Congress to vote against the transportation bill. They refused to play the earmark game. As a result, Arizona ranked dead last in the amount of money it will receive from the bill's projects: a piddling \$137.6 million, or less than \$27 per resident.

McCain, a possible presidential contender in 2008, rightly labeled the bill "a monstrosity" and criticized the administration for supporting it. That stance should appeal to a national audience alarmed by unfettered federal spending.

It remains to be seen how Arizonans will react to missing out on the transportation banquet because their representatives refused to get their hands greasy bringing home the bacon.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My mother has a family heirloom that has been handed down several generations within my deceased father's family. Over the years, she has apparently told each family member he or she could have it upon her passing -- or so they say. About four years ago, I was talking to Mom long-distance, and she asked what I'd like to have upon her passing. I replied, "Nothing, except some of the things I have given you over the years -- and I wouldn't mind having the heirloom." She said everyone wanted it, but because I had always shown an interest in family history and no one else in the family had, I should be the one to have it. She said Dad would have liked that.

I said, "If you want me to have it, please write my name on it, because I won't get it otherwise." She said she didn't feel that our family was "that way."

Some time later, I was visiting and noticed my name was permanently and discreetly written on the heirloom. Mom now says that the family is in an uproar, and she does not remember writing my name! The family is claiming I either wrote my name on the heirloom myself, or coerced her into doing it. (Not true!)

Mother has serious health problems, one being memory-related. She refuses to tell other family members that she made up her mind long ago and wrote the name herself. I think she knows she wrote it, but wants to avoid family strife, and that's why she won't acknowledge her actions -- which means I'm taking the brunt of this.

I feel Mom was of sound mind when she made her decision, so what's the problem? I'm not a dishonest person, and it upsets me immensely to be falsely accused when I'm guilty of nothing more than saying I wanted the heirloom. How do I get this cleared up? -- **WRONGLY ACCUSED IN MISSOURI**

DEAR WRONGLY ACCUSED: By promising the heirloom to various family members over the years, your irresponsible mother has guaranteed that there will be dissension upon her death. That everyone who was promised the item now wants it is understandable.

Because she is memory-impaired, she may actually NOT remember having put your name on the item or when it was done. The question you must answer is, which is more important to you -- the heirloom or your family? If it's the latter, then a possible solution would be to draw straws for it when the time comes, or have it appraised and everyone who wants it bid on it so the money can be divided among the losers.

DEAR ABBY: I have a 17-year-old niece who lives next door. She's a great kid, and she started a part-time summer job a half-mile down the road from our house back in June.

The problem is her father is unable to drive her, and her mother isn't in the picture. I have been driving her to and from her job every day, Monday through Friday. I suggested that she pay me \$5 a week for gas, but no one seems to agree with me. I say, if she's old enough to work, she's old enough to have that responsibility. What do you think? -- **STANDING ON PRINCIPLE, KNOXVILLE, MD.**

DEAR STANDING: If you need the money, then you should be paid. However, if you don't, then charging \$5 for the favor you're doing your niece doesn't begin to cover what she owes you -- and you are being foolish to put a price on it.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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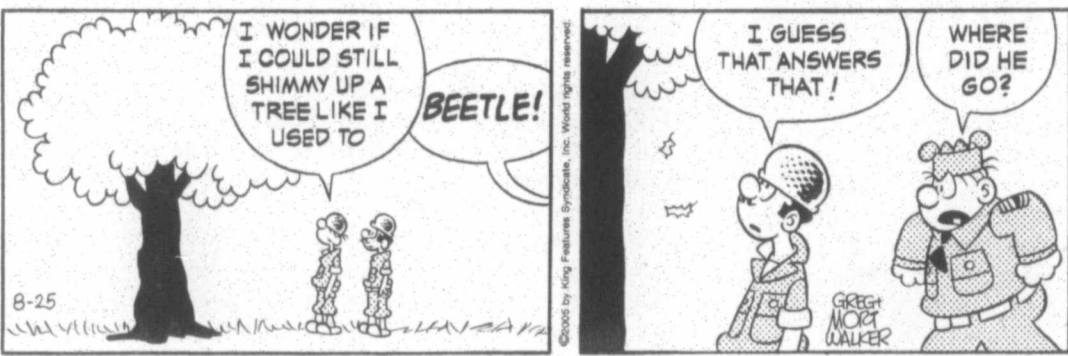
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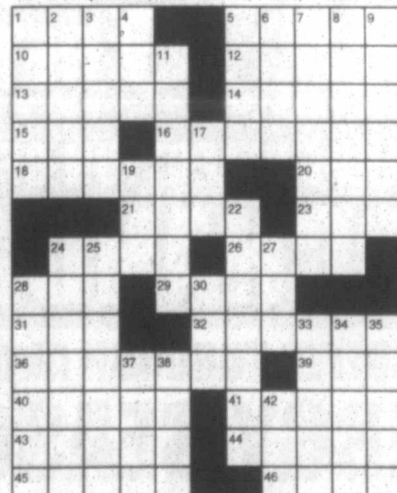
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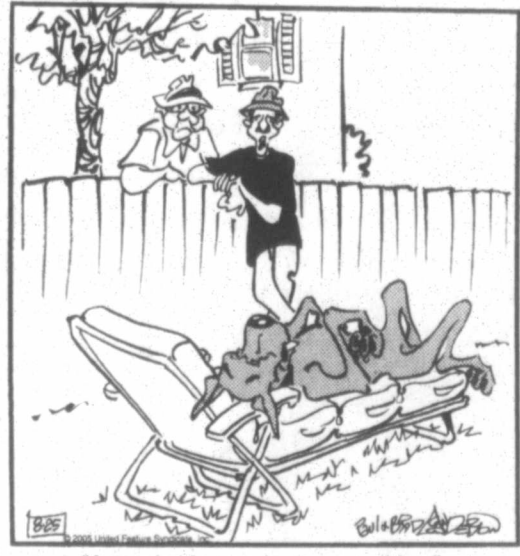
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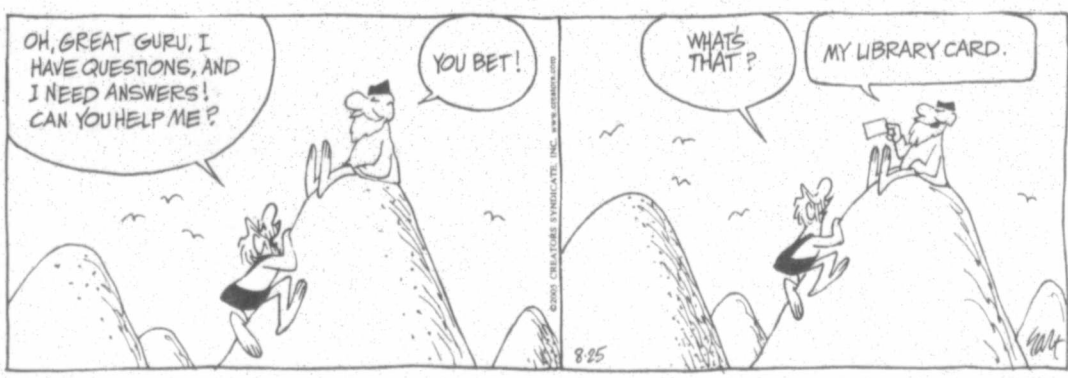
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By Bil Keane



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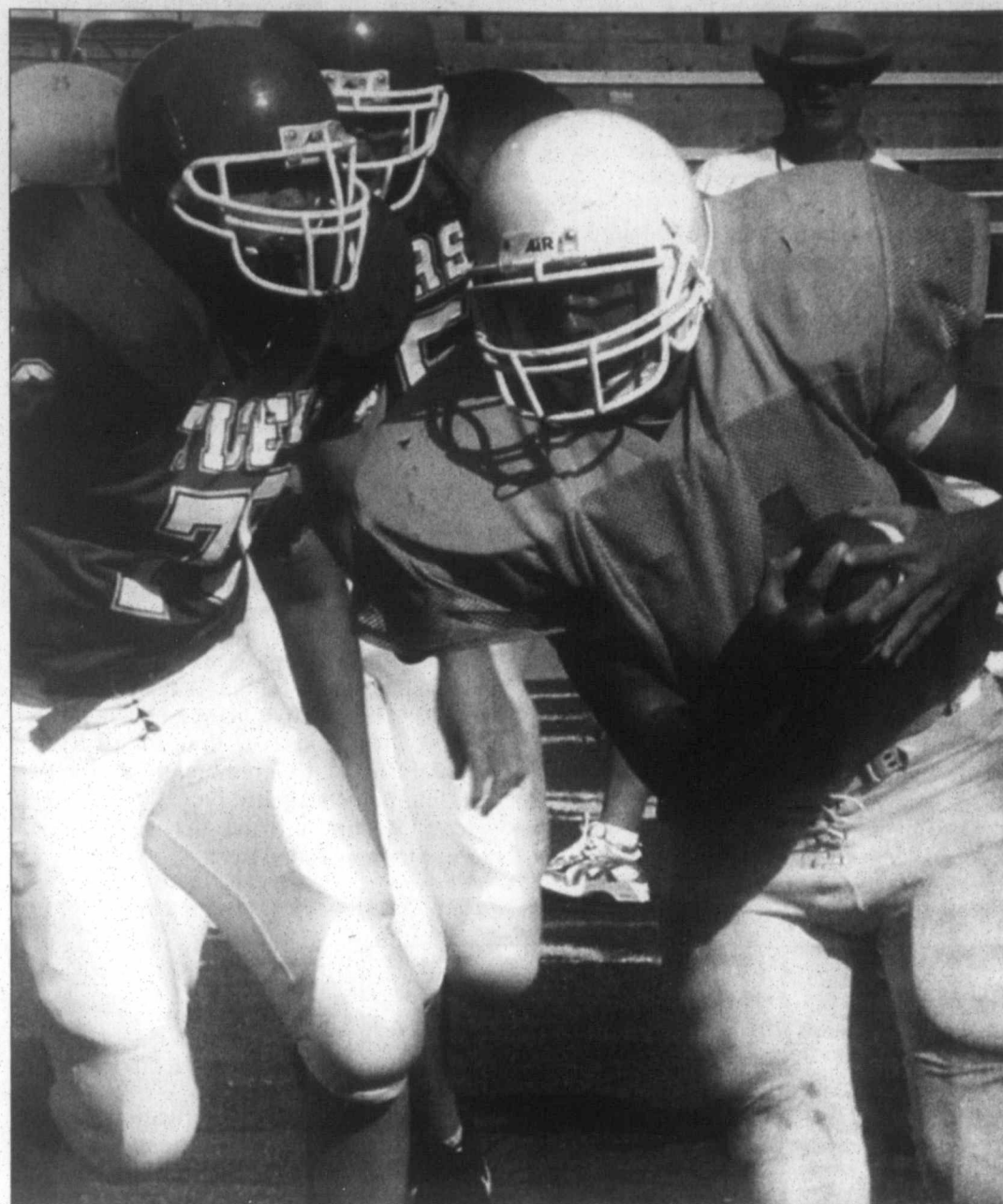
Blondie



By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

With the renovations that have been completed at the Pampa Soccer Association facility – and those still under way – the upcoming season promises to be a great one for both players and parents. The PSA soccer fields are in great shape and should provide for fun, competitive play.

Whether for the youth league or the new 6v6 league, all interested participants can sign-up at T-shirts & More, 111 West Kingsmill in Pampa. Call 665-3036.



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

If Special Judge Jane Craney of Morgan County decides that Fred Eichhorn and John Walda were acting as trustees during the investigation, the information they gathered could be made public. But if the court decides they were acting as attorneys, the

Craney is not expected to rule for weeks, if not months, on whether the Indiana Access to Public Records Act requires the university to turn over records related to the investigation.

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By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Bell played backup to Derek Maupin for the past two seasons.

The game is scheduled for a 7:30 p.m. start.

Closest to the Pin
Jim Cantrell (#6)
James Lee (#15)

Sophomore Jad McGuire blows by a Tiger defender during last week's Harvester scrimmage with Frenship. Pampa's JV and freshmen teams open the 2005 season today at Harvester Stadium. The freshmen game starts at 5 p.m. with the JV game to follow.

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Dallas Stars sign five prospects

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars on Wednesday signed five prospects to contracts ranging from one to three years.

Left wing Loui Eriksson, goaltender Tobias Stephan and defenseman Nicklas Grossman signed three-year deals, while center Jussi Jokinen signed for two years and defenseman Dan Jancevski for one.

No financial terms were released.

"We are now starting to see the benefits from the extra draft picks we acquired over the past three seasons," said general manager Doug Armstrong. "Our organization believes these prospects will make strong contributions to the overall depth of our hockey club starting in the 2005-06 season."

Jokinen, 22, spent the 2004-2005 season with Kärpät Oulu of the Finnish Elite League, recording 23 goals and 24 assists

for 47 points with 24 penalty minutes in 56 games.

Eriksson, 20, appeared in 39 games with Frolunda in the Swedish Elite League and had five goals and nine assists for 14 points.

Stephan, 21, has played the past three seasons with the Kloten Flyers of the Swiss National League. In 2004-05, he recorded a 19-20-5 mark with a 2.82 goals-against average and four shutouts.

Grossman, 20, appeared in 31 games for Södertälje of the Swedish Elite League in 2004-05, registering two assists and 14 penalty minutes.

Jancevski, 24, appeared in 80 games with Hamilton of the American Hockey League last season, collecting six goals and 20 assists for 26 points with 163 penalty minutes.

Rangers rout Mariners, 8-1

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Rookie Juan Dominguez pitched two-hit ball over six innings for his second career victory, and Kevin Mench homered to lead the Texas Rangers past the Seattle Mariners 8-1 Wednesday night.

Dominguez (1-3) gave up one run and five walks while striking out three in his 10th major league start.

Mench, Rod Barajas and Hank Blalock had two hits apiece for the Rangers. Mench, 9-for-13 in his last four games, hit a two-run homer — his 22nd — in the fifth off Ryan Franklin (6-14) to improve to 11-for-17 with four homers against him.

John Wadlin pitched the final three innings for his second save.

Trial

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The investigation looked into allegations against Knight by former player Neil Reed. He claimed in a television interview that Knight choked him in practice, ordered Brand out of Assembly Hall and waved soiled toilet paper at players.

Craney first ruled in favor of the university, but the Indiana Court of Appeals ruled the Reed documents should be disclosed if Walda and Eichhorn acted as trustees when they investigated.

DOPING ACCUSATIONS

Armstrong goes on the counterattack

By JIM LITKE
Associated Press

Lance Armstrong climbed down off his bike a month ago. His counterattacking skills, though, remain as sharp as ever.

A day after the director of the Tour de France said the seven-time champion "fooled" race officials and the sporting world by doping, Armstrong responded to the growing controversy with harsh words for everyone connected to a report in L'Equipe, the French sports daily that made the original accusation.

"Where to start?" Armstrong mused during a conference call Wednesday from Washington. "This has been a long, love-hate relationship between myself and the French."

He went on to lambaste L'Equipe and question the science and ethics of the suburban Paris laboratory that stored frozen samples from the 1999 tour, tested them only last year and leaked the results used in the newspaper's report. He even suggested officials of the Tour and sports ministries who were involved in putting the story together could wind up facing him in court.

"Right now," Armstrong said, "we're considering all our options."

But a moment later, he added, "In the meantime, it would cost a million and a half dollars and a year of my life. I have a lot better things to do with the million and a half ... a lot better things I can do with my time. Ultimately, I have to ask myself that question."

What convinced Armstrong to go on the offensive were remarks earlier Wednesday by tour director Jean-Marie Leblanc. He said L'Equipe's report that six urine samples Armstrong provided during his first tour win in 1999 tested positive for the red blood cell-booster EPO had convinced him the cyclist had cheated.

"The ball is now in his court," Leblanc

told the newspaper. "Why, how, by whom? He owes explanations to us and to everyone who follows the Tour. Today, what L'Equipe revealed shows me that I was fooled. We were all fooled."

But in one sense, Armstrong felt the same way, saying he talked to Leblanc on the telephone after the tour director spoke to L'Equipe, but before those remarks were published.

"I actually spoke to him for about 30 minutes and he didn't say any of that stuff to me personally," Armstrong said. "But to say that I've 'fooled' the fans is preposterous. I've been doing this a long time. We have not just one year of only 'B' samples; we have seven years of 'A' and 'B' samples. They've all been negative."

Armstrong has insisted throughout his career that he has never taken drugs to enhance his performance. In his autobiography, "It's Not About the Bike," he said he was administered EPO during his chemotherapy treatment to battle cancer.

"It was the only thing that kept me alive," he wrote.

Armstrong questioned the validity of testing samples frozen six years ago, how those samples were handled since, and how he could be expected to defend himself when the only confirming evidence — the 'A' sample used for the 1999 tests — no longer existed. He also charged officials at the suburban Paris lab with violating World Anti-Doping Agency code for failing to safeguard the anonymity of any remaining 'B' samples it had.

"It doesn't surprise me at all that they have samples. Clearly they've tested all of my samples since then to the highest degree. But when I gave those samples," he said, referring to 1999, "there was not EPO in those samples. I guarantee that."

Two anti-doping authorities said urine samples from 1999, if stored properly, still could produce legitimate EPO test results.

AXYDLBAAXR
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: MY MOTHER'S MENU CONSISTED OF TWO CHOICES: TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT — BUDDY HACKETT



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Towering hits that dance in the wind above Lamade Stadium, have been well judged, camped under and caught. It has been a pleasure to watch.

Something that tends to go unnoticed in all that talent at times is that these are 11, 12 and 13-year-olds. They are still kids. ESPN has captured some great moments of these youngsters standing in their dugouts, laughing, playing and making some of the most interesting faces.

Growing kids with awesome skill.

Again this year, the coaches are wearing microphones so that we at home can hear how they encourage their troops.

That the game is just a game and, win or lose, all will still be right with the world when the series is over. Last night, the coaches made fools of themselves on the world stage.

The California and Florida coaches stood in the dugouts and on the field, pointing to one another while barking to the umpires everything they saw the others doing that was wrong, illegal or irritat-

ing. Both coaching staffs have connection to the majors, and it showed.

The petty whining and bickering along with their mannerisms spoke volumes of what they gleaned in the big leagues. It was wrong and sorrowful to see.

LLWS officials are currently working on making changes to its player qualifications to help eliminate the number of 13-year-old participants.

The hope is to keep the series filled with mostly 11 and 12-year-olds. Hopefully, that will include coaches who act that age as well.

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Military exhibit



This out-of-town visitor is pictured recently studying several gun cases featured in a military exhibit currently on display through September at White Deer Land Museum of Pampa.

Texas Cooperative Extension to train future ag producers

By STEVE BYRNS
Texas A&M News

SAN ANGELO — Texas Cooperative Extension will lead the team training and mentoring agricultural producers through the "Tomorrow's Top Agricultural Producer" program.

Dr. Jason Johnson, Extension economist here, said participants will receive business management training, individualized business plans, and follow-up advice and guidance.

"Business succession is a critical issue facing many Texas agricultural operations," Johnson said. "The TTAP program is an ideal approach for producers preparing to take over the reins of a family operation, desiring to improve their business skills, or those relatively new to agriculture. This curriculum is for profit-motivated farmers and ranchers who are career-oriented with less than 10 years of operational experience. Enrollment is limited to 25 operations (maximum of two participants per operation) due to the intensive, hands-on nature of the training."

Extension educators, university instructors and industry professionals will conduct the four, four-day sessions, which will take place over a two-year period.

Topics, dates and locations for the courses are:

- Basics of Business Management in Amarillo, Nov. 15-18;
- Production and Financial Planning in College Station, Jan. 17-20, 2006;
- Agricultural Marketing in Dallas, Nov.

14-17, 2006; and

- Wrap-up and mentor introductions in Kerrville, Jan. 15-17, 2007.

The training is integrated into a complete business plan that graduates can maintain and use to navigate their operations, Johnson said.

"What differentiates the TTAP program from other executive training programs is the innovative follow-up program," Johnson said. "After completing the entire training,

graduates will be assigned a mentor committee comprised of two experienced agricultural producers and one other agricultural professional. The mentors will provide an objective sounding board to enable graduates to adapt their business plans over time in response to changing conditions and opportunities.

"The interaction between TTAP graduates and mentors will also involve at least one site-visit to the TTAP graduate's operation."

Registration of \$1,000 per operation is due by Oct. 1.

The fee pays only part of the program's cost. The balance comes from grants made by sponsors including: Southern Region Risk Management Education Center, Extension, The Texas A&M University System, Southwest Federal Land Bank, AgTexas-FCS, First Ag Credit-FCS, Lone Star Land Bank, Texas Land Bank and Cotton Incorporated.

For further information or to obtain a registration packet, contact Blake Bennett, Extension economist at (972) 231-5362 or by e-mail at b-bennett@tamu.edu. Other Extension economists and county Extension agents can also provide the information.

'What differentiates the TTAP program from other executive training programs is the innovative follow-up program.'

— Dr. Jason Johnson
Extension economist

Six Flags considers sale of company

NEW YORK (AP) — Six Flags Inc. on Thursday said its board has unanimously decided to put the company up for sale through an auction process, one week after Washington Redskins owner Dan Snyder bid to raise his stake in the amusement-park operator and oust Kieran Burke as chairman and CEO.

Shares of Six Flags, the world's second-largest theme-park operator behind Disney, rose 8.6 percent to \$7.10 in early trading on the New York Stock Exchange. At that price, the company's market capitalization is roughly \$661 million.

Six Flags, which has several parks in Texas, said it would invite dissident shareholder Red Zone LLC — an investment firm controlled by Snyder — to participate in

the auction. But it also said it opposed Snyder's attempt to gain control of the company through a tender offer for Six Flags stock.

Last Thursday, Red Zone said in a letter to shareholders it sought to boost its stake to 34.9 percent from a current 11.7 percent, and would offer \$6.50 per share — valuing the entire company at about \$605.2 million. However, the tender offer is contingent upon the replacement of Burke and Chief Financial Officer James Dannhauser.

Six Flags said putting itself up for sale was "the best way to deliver full and fair value" to shareholders, particularly given Red Zone's proposal, which it called an attempt to wrest control of the company with-

out providing value to all shareholders.

Under Snyder's plan, Mark Shapiro — former programming and production executive at Walt Disney Co. — would become CEO of Six Flags, while Snyder would become chairman. Snyder has also proposed increasing the number of board members.

In order to avoid triggering Six Flags' "poison pill" plan — a provision companies use to avoid hostile takeover battles — Snyder has sought only to boost his stake in the company and hasn't bid for full ownership. His proposals must be supported by half of the company's shareholders in order to circumvent the poison pill rules.

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Barbara Ullian, conservation director of the Siskiyou Project group that discovered the damage, said the mistake demonstrated the importance of allowing the public to monitor logging operations in national forests.

Houston approves funds for crime lab investigation

HOUSTON (AP) — Independent investigators can resume a crime lab probe that had been stalled for nearly eight weeks.

The Houston City Council approved almost \$1.2 million more on Wednesday for an investigation of the Houston Police Department Crime Lab. Those funds could be combined with \$500,000 from the Harris County District Attorney's Office if the Commissioners Court approves.

The police department initially estimated the investigation would cost \$3.2 million, but later said it would need an additional \$1.7 million to complete the second phase.

Experts plan to review about 2,800 cases from all divisions of the crime lab during the investigation's second phase. Lead investigator Michael Bromwich, a

Washington, D.C.-based lawyer and former Justice Department official, said the team will get back to work immediately.

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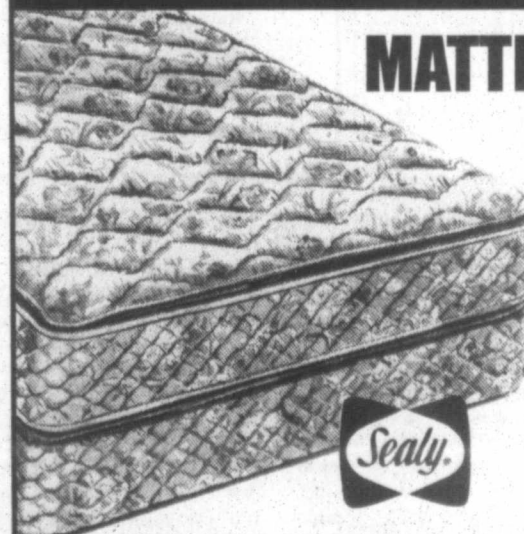
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Agency admits mistake in logging rare tree preserve

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — The Forest Service admitted Wednesday to making a "serious" mistake that allowed the logging of 17 acres inside a rare tree reserve as part of the salvage harvest of timber burned by a fire in 2002.

The logging inside the 350-acre Babyfoot Lake Botanical Area, created in 1966 to protect Brewer spruce and other rare plant species in the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, was discovered last week by environmentalists after the timber was harvested and a forest closure intended to bar protesters was lifted.

Forest Service personnel mismarked the border of part of the timber sale next to the

botanical area, said Illinois Valley District Ranger Pam Bode. Normally trees are marked with stapled tags and paint to show the boundaries of timber sales and reserves within them.

"For us to have changed the ecology in that area through removal of these dead trees is a serious error," Bode said.

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Barbara Ullian, conservation director of the Siskiyou Project group that discovered the damage, said the mistake demonstrated the importance of allowing the public to monitor logging operations in national forests.



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