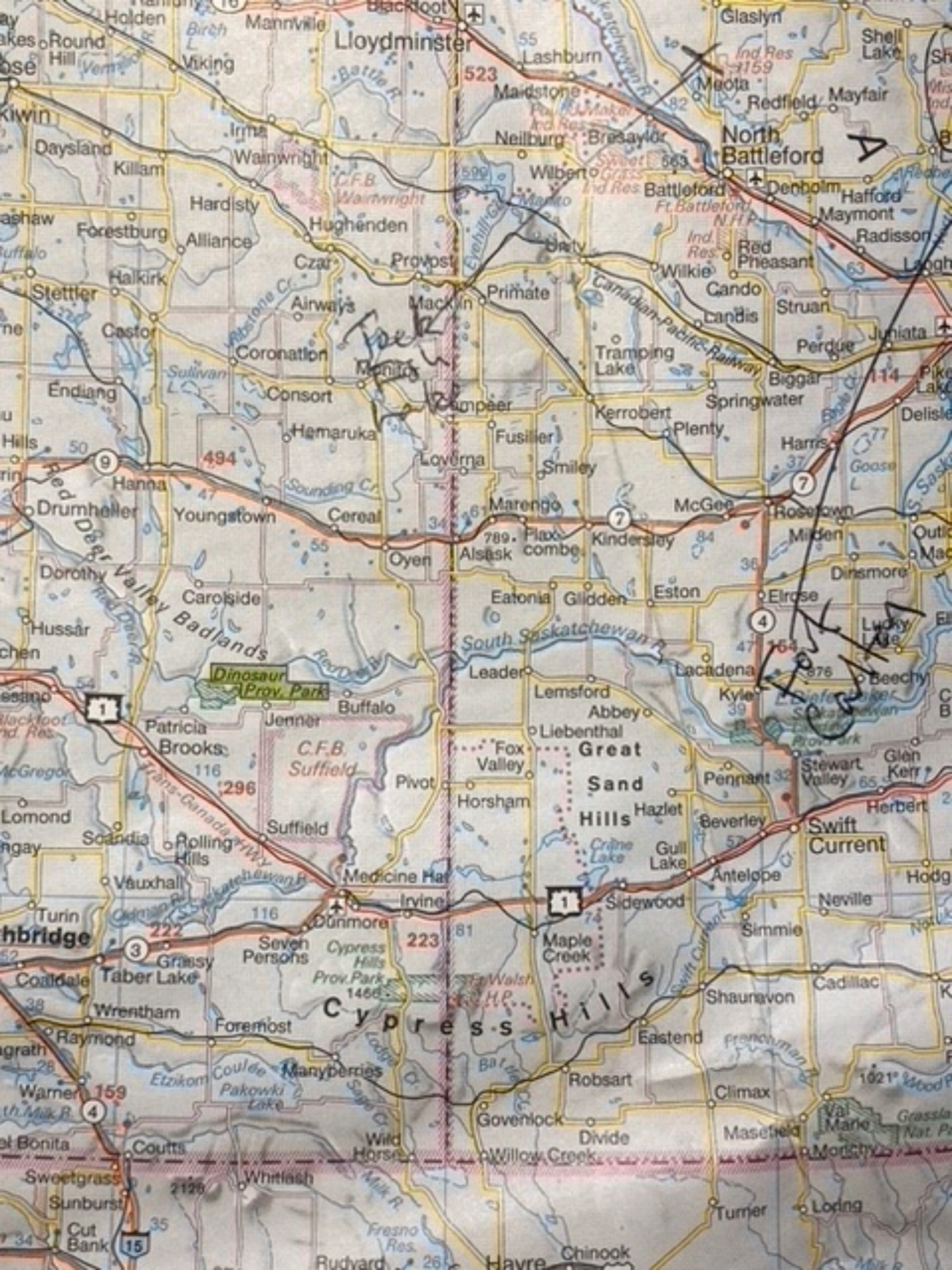


gig w gigged, **gig-ging** (ca. 1941): to give a military gig to
gig *n* (1987): GIGABYTE
giga- \jī-gə, 'gi-\ *comb form* [ISV, fr. Gk *gigas* giant]: billion (10⁹)
 (<*gigahertz*) (<*gigawatt*)
giga-bit \-,bit\ *n* (1970): one billion bits
giga-byte \-,bit\ *n* (1975): 1024 megabytes or 1,073,741,824 bytes; *also*
 : one billion bytes
giga-flop \-,flap\ *n* [*floating-point operation*] (1976): a unit of measure
 for the calculating speed of a computer equal to one billion floating-
 point operations per second
giga-hertz \-,harts, -,herts\ *n* (1964): a unit of frequency equal to one
 billion hertz
gi-gan-tesque \jī-gan-'tesk, -gan-\ *adj* (1821): of enormous or gro-
 tesquely large proportions
gi-gan-tic \jī-'gan-tik, ja-\ *adj* [Gk *gigantikos*, fr. *gigant-*, *gigas* giant]
 (1630): exceeding the usual or expected (as in size, force, or promi-
 nence) *syn* see ENORMOUS — **gi-gan-ti-cal-ly** \-ti-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*
gi-gan-tism \jī-'gan-,ti-zəm, ja-\; 'ji-gan-\ *n* (ca. 1885) 1: GIANTISM 1
 2: development to abnormally large size 3: excessive vegetative
 growth often accompanied by the inhibiting of reproduction
giga-watt \jī-gə-'wāt, 'gi-\ *n* (ca. 1962): a unit of power equal to one
 billion watts
¹**gig-gle** \gi-gəl\ *vb* **gig-gled**; **gig-gling** \-g(ə)-lɪŋ\ [imit.] *v* (1509): to
 laugh with repeated short catches of the breath ~ *v*: to utter with a
 giggle — **gig-gler** \-g(ə)-lər\ *n* — **gig-gling-ly** \-g(ə)-lɪŋ-lē\ *adv* —
gig-gly \-g(ə)-lē\ *adj*
²**giggle** *n* (ca. 1677) 1: the act of giggling 2 *chiefly Brit*: a source of
 amusement
GIGO *abbr* garbage in, garbage out
gig-o-lo \jī-gə-'lō, 'zhi-\ *n, pl* -los [F] (1922) 1: a man supported by a
 woman usu. in return for his attentions 2: a professional dancing
 partner or male escort
gi-got \jī-gat, zhē-'gō\ *n, pl* **gi-gots** \-gats, -'gō(z)\ [MF, dim. of *gigue*
 fiddle; fr. its shape — more at JO] (1526) 1: a leg of meat (as lamb) esp.
 when cooked 2: a leg-of-mutton
 sleeve
gigue \zhég\ *n* [F, fr. E *rig*] (1685): a
 lively dance movement (as of a suite)
 having compound triple rhythm and
 composed in fugal style
Gi-la monster \hē-lə-\ *n* [*Gila* River,
 Ariz.] (1877): a large orange and black
 venomous lizard (*Holoderna suspectum*)
 of the southwestern U.S.; *also*: a related
 lizard (*H. horridum*) of Mexico
gil-bert \gil-bort\ *n* [William Gilbert]
 (1893): the centimeter-gram-second
 unit of magnetomotive force equivalent
 to 10+4π ampere-turn



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