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County wants to move apron funds to taxiway

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Funds which had been earmarked for an apron at Perry LeFors Airport may be redirected for use to build a new taxiway if Texas Department of Transportation approves the plan.

Gray County commissioners agreed at their meeting this morning in the county courthouse to allow County Judge Richard Peet and Paul Loyd of the airport board to seek TxDOT's OK for the change in use of the funds. Both projects can be funded by a 90/10 arrangement in which 90 percent is paid by federal

dollars funneled through TxDOT, and the remaining 10 percent is the responsibility of the county.

It would cost the county an additional \$6,500 to build the taxiway if the plan is approved, Loyd said.

The proposed change was the result of a request to build a new hangar at the airport. The new taxiway and hangar would be located at the southeast corner of the airport. The proposed new apron would be on the west side of Gray County Hangar, which includes the pilots' lounge area.

No action was taken on another

agenda item concerning the airport.

Peet told commissioners he had asked that rental fees for hangars at the airport be included on the agenda just so commissioners would be reminded to consider updating them.

"Rental fees have not changed for at least as long as I've been here," he said. "I think we need to look at updating that, and to earmarking those monies for airport use."

Current hangar rental fees at the airport are five cents per square foot for non-commercial tenants, and 10 cents per square foot for commercial renters.

The usage policy for Gray County Annex was changed to include a three-business-day wait for return of deposits after anyone rents the annex. The change was prompted by a recent rental in which it was not immediately apparent that all toilet paper and air fresheners had been removed from the building, and two to three six-packs of empty beer bottles were left at the facility.

No alcoholic beverages or smoking are allowed at the annex.

Uncashed juror checks from dis-

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Hank Skinner appeal denied

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

AMARILLO -- A man convicted of murdering his girlfriend and her sons in 1993 in Pampa was back to square one today after a federal magistrate denied the death row prisoner's appeal.

Late Friday, U.S. Magistrate Cliff Averitte recommended to U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson that a petition filed for federal habeas corpus relief be denied for Henry Watkins "Hank" Skinner, 44, in the deaths of Twila Busby, 40, and her two sons, Elwin "Scooter" Caler, 22, and Randy Busby, 20, in their Pampa home on New Year's Eve, 1993.

Twila Busby was beaten to death New Year's Eve, 1993, and her sons were stabbed.

The recommendation comes after a three-day hearing in November 2005 and the filing of briefs by both sides earlier this year.

Each side has 14 days from Friday to file objections to the recommendations.

Skinner was convicted of the murders March 22, 1995, by a Tarrant County jury in Fort Worth and sentenced to death. In September 1997 the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed his conviction.

The state court of criminal appeals dismissed Skinner's first petition for habeas corpus, saying it was not filed in a timely manner. Skinner then turned to the federal court system in February.

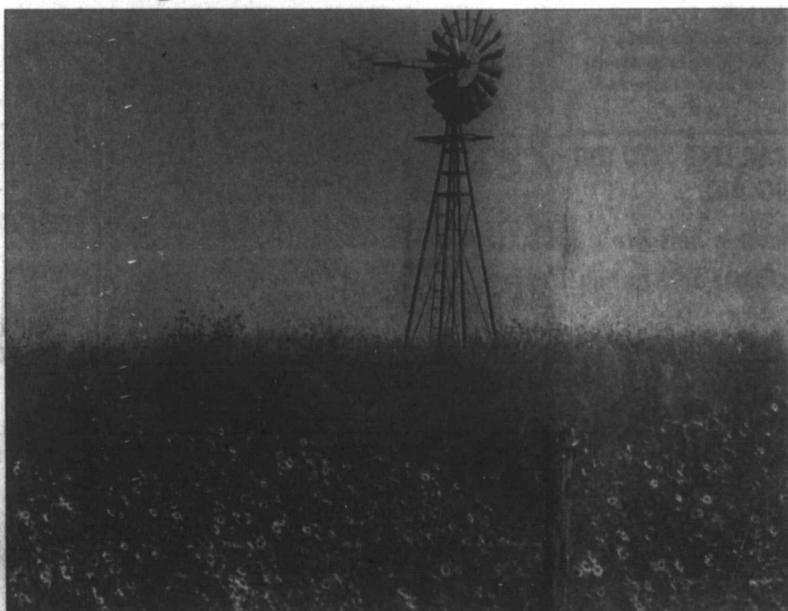
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Still going strong



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
Tiny Duncan of Pampa took to the keyboards Saturday night playing with several bands, including here with Charlie Phillips and the Sugartimers at the Western Swing Music Society convention in Amarillo. Duncan played with Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys in his younger days.

Wild things



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
A carpet of wild sunflowers encircles a windmill on Highway 2266 near Lake Marvin in Hamphill County. A bumper crop of the bright yellow blooms can be seen throughout the area.

Meeting to introduce New ag programs

SAN ANTONIO -- Texas Cooperative Extension, the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Farm Service Agency will host a meeting on Oct. 19 to introduce two new U.S. Department of Agriculture programs. The meeting will be from 6:30-9 p.m. in room 100B of the Performing Arts building of Palo Alto College, 1400 Villaret Blvd., in San Antonio.

The programs are the Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Risk Management Insurance Program, and the Livestock Assistance Grant Program.

Jose Pena, Extension Economist; Brian Hansen, Farm Service Agency, and Ken Weidenfeller, Texas Department of Agriculture, will present the program.

Sign-up for the 2007 Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Risk Management Insurance Pilot Program began in August, according to the U.S.D.A.'s Risk Management Agency. The insurance, which is based on a rainfall index, is available through approved crop insurance providers. Nov. 30 is the sign-up deadline.

Livestock producers in drought-affected counties may be eligible for assistance based on forage production losses in 2006, he said. The sign-up deadline for this program is Nov. 13.

The Oct. 19 meeting is free. Call Jerry Warren, Nelson Diarte or Annette Pawelek at the Extension office in Bexar County, 210-467-6575, to register by Oct. 16.

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Floyd Newton Johnson, 85, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006, in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, at Glen Haven Memorial Park in Sylmar, Calif., under the direction of J. T. Oswald, Mortuary of San Fernando, Calif. Local arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Johnson was born Dec. 20,

1920, in Clarendon and had been a resident of Pampa since 1981. He married Ina Mae Ward on Oct. 30, 1941 in Wichita Falls. He was a farmer and rancher and a veteran of the U. S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Ina Mae Johnson of



Johnson

the home; one sister, Mary Ora Thompson of Pampa; one brother, Raymond Carl Johnson of Hobbs, N.M.; six nephews and two nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Newton Johnson and Minnie Ora Jeffcote Johnson; by a son, William Kenworth Johnson, on May

28, 2006; by two sisters, Verlie Mae Johnson and Etta Fay Isbell, and by a brother, Billy Joe Johnson.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home.

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

Stella Jo Jewett, 76



Jewett

Stella Jo Jewett, 76, died Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Jewett was born on Nov. 19, 1929, in Memphis, Texas. She married Clifford Jewett on Nov. 2, 1950, in Hollis, Oklahoma. She lived in Amarillo for 25 years and then lived in Clarendon for more than 20 years before moving to Pampa in 2000.

She was a Baptist and a homemaker, and she loved to cook, garden, and work in her yard. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother who will be sorely missed by her family and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Clifford Jewett of the home; one son, Bobby Jewett of Pampa;

two daughters, Barbara Mason and Linda Bagrich and husband Jim, all of Amarillo; four granddaughters, Kristie Underwood and Krishauna Moreno, both of Amarillo, Tonya Jewett of Pampa, and Lauren Jewett of Lewisville; three grandsons: Brian Mason of Amarillo, Brandon Mason

of Fredericksburg, and Chris Jewett of Pampa; and six great-granddaughters, Lindsey, Hope, Kiauna, Hanna, Raylee, and Kaitlin.

The family requests memorials be to Thomas E. Creek VA Medical Center, 6010 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo, TX 79106.

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

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Twenty nine traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received in the police department lobby, the inter-

section of Duncan and 18th, the intersection of Hobart and Randy Matson, the intersection of 25th and Aspen, and the 900 block of North Hobart.

Accidents were reported at the intersection of Charles and 31st, the intersection of Gray and Kingsmill, the 900 block of South Barnard, the 700 block of North Hobart,

the 400 block of Doucette, and the 1000 block of East Frederic.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of North Frost and the 2600 block of Comanche.

Escort service was provided in the 600 block of North Ward and One Medical Plaza.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of North Christy.

Burglaries were reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee, the 1900 block of Hamilton, the 2400 block of North Charles, and the 1100 block of South Huff.

Disturbances were reported in the 200 block of North West, the 8000 block of East Murphy and the 1300 block of North Mary Ellen.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 500 block of North Somerville, the 1100 block of South Faulkner, the 700 block of North West, the police department lobby, the 1100 block of Juniper, the 1000 block of North Wilks, the 500 block of North Perry, and the 1000 block of North Dwight.

Found property was reported in the 800 block of East Beryl, the police department lobby and the 1100 block of North Charles.

Two suicides were attempted.

A sexual assault was reported.

Assistance to other agencies was provided in the police department lobby, the 500 block of North Faulkner, the 2300 block of North Dogwood, Highway 60 East, and the 200 block of North Russell.

Motorist assistance was provided in the 2500 block of North Perryton Parkway and the intersection of Hobart and Somerville.

Burglaries were reported in the police department lobby and the 1100 block of West Terry.

Alarms were reported in the 1900 block of North Fir, two in the 400 block of West Brown, the 1300 block of North Hamilton, the 100 block of South Ward and the 600 block of North Hobart.

An injured animal was reported in the 900 block of East Frederic.

Animal complaints were received from the 1200 block of North Garland, the 700 block of North Frost, and the 800 block of South Barnes.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 900 block of East Francis, the 1300 block of Garland, the 600 block of East Browning, the 1000 block of West Wilks, the intersection of Somerville and Thut, the 1400 block of West Alcock, the intersection of Purviance and Foster and the intersection of 19th and Hobart.

reported in the 2600 block of Evergreen twice, and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Harassment was reported twice in the police department lobby, the 1100 block of Neel, the 700 block of North West and the 1800 block of North Hamilton.

Disorderly conduct was reported at One Medical Plaza, the 1000 block of South Hobart, the 100 block of South Summer, the 1900 block of North Dwight, the 700 block of North West, the 400 block of South Graham, the 100 block of South Summer, and the 500 block of North Doyle.

An assault was reported at One Medical Plaza.

Welfare checks were made in the 1200 block of North Charles, the 300 block of North Miami, the 1300 block of North Lowry and the 800 block of East Frederic.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Civil matters were reported in the 1200 block of North Williston and the 400 block of North Lowry.

A runaway report was received from the 1600 block of East Harvester.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of North Beech.

A 911 hang-up call was received from the 1900 block of North Summer.

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A stolen vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Assaults were reported in the police department lobby and the 700 block of East Browning.

Sheriff

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

Saturday, Sept. 30

Mark Haynes, 38, of Pampa was arrested on charges of criminal mischief and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Adam Anthony Jaramillo, 22, of Pampa was arrested on charges of fraudulent possession of identification information, failure to identify, fugitive from justice and no driver's license.

Sunday, Oct. 1

Howard Othello Martin Jr., 38, of Pampa was arrested on charges of evading arrest, possession of marijuana less than 2 oz., and driving while intoxicated.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Friday, Sept. 29

2:20 p.m. — A 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe driven by Virginia Sheffield Snyder, 82, of 405 S. Tignor St., a 2002 Cadillac Deville driven by Peggy Cotten Martin, 69, of 1005 N. Wells, and a 2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer driven by Joy Delain Rex, 63, of 2233 Chestnut St., were in collision at the intersection of the 200 block of North Gray and the 400 block of West Kingsmill. Snyder's vehicle and Martin's vehicle collided in the intersection. Martin lost control of her vehicle and it struck the vehicle driven by Rex. Two passengers in Martin's vehicle, Wilma Loudean Cotten, 72, and Sandra Lane Shouse, 67, both of Pampa, were transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by ambulance. Snyder was cited for failing to yield the right of way at a stop sign.

9:39 p.m. — A vehicle driven by an unknown driver was traveling south in the 400 block of South Hughes when it struck a metal garage door on the east side of the road. The vehicle then fled the scene. Red paint transfer was left at the point of impact.

Saturday, Sept. 30

10:15 p.m. — A 2000 Ford Ranger driven by Kristian Eva Beltran, 16, of 417 Powell, was traveling in the 400 block of Doucette and attempted to turn east in the 1200 block of Twiford when she lost control of the vehicle and hit a guy wire on a utility pole. The vehicle ended up on its left side. Beltran was cited for failure to control speed.

Fire

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

Saturday, Sept. 30

10:22 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1300 block of Twiford on a vehicle accident.

Sunday, Oct. 1

6:51 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 300 block of North Wells on a medical assist.

Funds

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district and county courts which are older than 90 days were canceled by commissioners. County Auditor Elaine Morris said that if anyone wished to be paid their juror's fee but whose check was older than 90 days, they would be issued a new check upon receipt of documentation that the person had served on a district or county jury.

The reason for canceling the checks was that "it becomes too cumbersome to reconcile the

account," Morris said. Uncashed checks over 90 days old which were canceled this morning include 265 district and 96 county court juror's fees.

Influenza vaccinations will once again be provided by the county for county employees and their covered family members. Commissioners also voted to allow the person who administers the vaccines to use the first-floor non-jury courtroom for a one-day vaccination clinic for the general public, who would have to pay for their vaccines.

Sheriff Don Copeland received approval to advertise for bids for mobile video cameras for 11 patrol vehicles.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright will be allowed to advertise for bids on a new pickup for his precinct. The vehicle is included in Wright's fiscal 2007 budget.

Bids for both the video cameras and the vehicle are due by Oct. 30. Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby was given approval to arrange financing for a CAT 140 motor grader to be purchased through the Texas Buy Board.

The Buy Board is a consortium that allows local and state governments to buy items at a reduced rate without having to go out for bids.

County Clerk Susan Winborne got commissioners' OK to buy a small scanner and shelving for

records management. Winborne estimated that the cost of both items would be between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

Commissioners agreed to advertise for requests for proposals for the following types of insurance: Comprehensive general liability, property, public officials and employees liability, general liability and lessor's interest concerning Perry LeFors Airport, a heavy equipment floater, business auto insurance, county law enforcement professional liability coverage, and workers' compensation.

The insurance RFPs are due by Nov. 15.

Gunman kills 6 at Pennsylvania Amish school

NICKEL MINES, Pa.

(AP) — A gunman killed six people at a one-room Amish schoolhouse Monday morning in Pennsylvania's bucolic Lancaster County, and several others were taken to hospitals with injuries, authorities said.

"So far, six confirmed dead, and the helicopters are pulling into (Lancaster General Hospital) like crazy," Coroner G. Gary Kirchner said.

It was unclear if the shooter was among the six. State Police Cpl. Ralph Striebig said earlier that the shooter

was dead.

Three girls, all in critical condition with gunshot wounds, were admitted to Lancaster General Hospital, spokesman John Lines told WGAL-TV. Officials at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center confirmed that victims also were being admitted there. A spokeswoman said the hospital anticipated more than one patient.

Police surrounded the one-room school in southeast Lancaster County late Monday morning, and the Lancaster County 911 Web

site reported that dozens of emergency units were dispatched to a "medical emergency" at 10:45 a.m.

Three dozen people in traditional Amish clothing, broad-brimmed hats and bonnets stood near the small school building, surrounded by a low white fence, speaking to one another and authorities. Others gathered with a group of children at a nearby farm while investigators stretched out in a line across a field searching for evidence.

The school is situated

among farmlands just outside Nickel Mines, a tiny village about 55 miles west of Philadelphia.

Woman arrested on hamster charge

JANESVILLE, Wis. (AP) — Police arrested a woman for neglecting hamsters at her home after her roommate called authorities, police said Sunday.

Sgt. Rick Larson said police arrested the 23-year-old Saturday morning on 39 counts each of two charges: failing to provide food and drink and failing to provide proper shelter to animals.

The Rock County Humane Society removed 33 live and six dead hamsters.

Skinner

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1999, but the federal courts returned the case to the state.

Skinner filed a second petition for habeas corpus in state court in February 2001 but the court dismissed the petition because there was a pending federal petition even though the federal court had stayed the case only to allow Skinner's claims to be presented in state court.

In 2002, Skinner again appealed to the federal court system that eventually resulted in last November's hearing and Friday's recommendation.

Skinner said he was denied due process rights accusing the prosecutor in the case of eliciting testimony that gave the false impression that Skinner had confessed to murder, and that the prosecutor threatened a witness so she would give false testimony

concerning Skinner's condition.

Skinner also claimed in his petition that the prosecution failed to disclose that a witness had been threatened by law enforcement officers, that he was denied effective counsel during the trial, that his lead attorney had a conflict of interest, that he did not have counsel during a motion for new trial proceedings, that the trial court ordered Skinner to disclose his toxicology expert's work to the state, that the sheriff read and copied privileged correspondence between Skinner and his attorney while Skinner was in Gray County jail and the trial court bailiff kept Skinner separated from his attorneys during the trial.

Judge Averitte was having none of it.

In a 79-page decision filed Friday, Averitte tackled each of the claims and found no reason to grant Skinner's petition.

Averitte wrote that Skinner's claims are without merit.

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Viewpoints

Cow pony with a mind of his own caused trouble for rancher

Back in Texas' trail-driving days, a cow pony could cause a man an awful lot of worry — especially a horse with idiosyncrasies.

One day in the 1870s, Mississippi-born Mark Withers left his Caldwell County ranch to gather another herd of cattle to drive to market in Kansas. Years later, he told the story of what happened next to his son-in-law, the late Holland Page of Lockhart.

In Bastrop to buy some stock, Withers saw a horse that caught his fancy. He purchased the pony, too, to ride up the trail.

A wise cattleman didn't just take one horse on a long journey, no matter what Western movies would have people believe. He took several, so as not to ride one pony to death. Even so, a cowboy generally developed a liking for a certain horse. In Withers' case, he became particularly fond of the pony he'd bought in Bastrop.

The only hitch with the animal was that it wouldn't stand being hitched. But the solution was sim-

ple enough. If a rider simply dropped the pony's reins to the ground, the horse would stay put on its own. The Bastrop man warned Withers that tying the horse to something would lead to trouble.

Withers soon realized he had made a wise choice in buying the pony, despite its aversion to being tied. The cattle drive went well, too, Withers making good money in marketing his beeves at the railhead.

The economic chaos of the Civil War still fresh on his mind, the Texas stockman preferred to sell his steers for gold instead of paper money. Sometimes, however, he had to settle for a combination of both. That proved to be the case on this particular drive, when Withers headed back to Texas with a saddlebag full of gold and cash astride the rump of the horse he'd bought in Bastrop.

Somewhere in Indian Territory one day, Withers got hungry for dinner and galloped to the chuck wagon for some grub. His appetite

must have dulled his memory, because he forgot and tied up the horse that didn't like being tied.

The first time the famished Withers looked up from his tin plate, he realized his horse had vanished. And with it many thousands of dollars.

Mike Cox

Texas Tales



His appetite having disappeared along with his fortune, Withers quickly saddled another horse from his remuda and tried to find the tracks of the richest horse on either side of the Red River.

For two weeks, Withers and his cowhands hunted the four-footed treasure in the thick brush along that portion of the cattle trail. Finally, worn out, broke and still owing money he had borrowed to

buy the cattle, Withers dejectedly turned south for home on one of his less eccentric horses.

Back in Central Texas, he sadly explained to his wife that they were in big trouble. His carelessness had cost them their future, not to mention a good horse.

A few weeks later, still devastated over the loss of his hard-earned money, Withers received a penny post card from the man who sold him the cattle and the now-missing horse. The peregrinating pony, still carrying its saddle and saddlebags, had shown up in Bastrop — more than 300 miles from where Withers had last seen it.

In the old West, the arrival of a rider-less horse usually portended bad news. Could be, the former owner logically figured, Withers lay dead somewhere, killed by Indians, crushed in a stampede or drowned crossing a river. It could have been any number of things. Even so, the Bastrop man had sent the stray notice to Withers, address in Lockhart. Until he learned for

sure what had become of Withers, he put the horse out to pasture and stored Withers' gear in his barn.

After reading the card, Withers constituted a one-man stampede getting to Bastrop from Lockhart. The seller took Withers to his barn, where the cattleman ripped open his saddlebags like a kid tearing the wrapping from his only birthday present. His gold and greenbacks had not been touched.

Thanking the Bastrop man for his integrity, Withers led his favorite horse and the proceeds from his long, hard trail drive back to Caldwell County.

A few years before he died in 1938, the old cattleman told his son-in-law that the close call he had with the picky pony stood as one of the greatest experiences of his long life.

Withers had kept the horse for many years, but he darn sure never tied it up again.

Mike Cox, a member of the Texas Institute of Letters, is the author of a dozen Texas-related books.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Oct. 2, the 275th day of 2006. There are 90 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 2, 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court; he was the first black appointed to the nation's highest court.

On this date:

In 1780, British spy John Andre was hanged in Tappan, N.Y.

In 1835, the first battle of the Texas Revolution took place as American settlers defeated a Mexican cavalry near the Guadalupe River.

In 1919, President Wilson suffered a stroke that left him partially paralyzed.

In 1941, during World War II, German armies began an all-out drive against Moscow.

In 1944, Nazi troops crushed the 2-month-old Warsaw Uprising, during which a quarter of a million people were killed.

In 1950, the comic strip "Peanuts," created by Charles M. Schulz, was first published in nine newspapers.

In 1958, the former French colony of Guinea in West Africa proclaimed its independence.

In 1975, President Ford welcomed Japan's Emperor Hirohito to the United States.

In 1985, actor Rock Hudson died at his home in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 59 after battling AIDS.

In 1986, the Senate joined the House in voting to override President Reagan's veto of stiff economic sanctions against South Africa.

Ten years ago: Mark Fuhrman was given three years' probation and fined \$200 after pleading no contest to perjury for denying at O.J. Simpson's criminal trial that he'd used a certain racial slur in the past decade. An AeroPeru Boeing 757 crashed into the Pacific Ocean, killing all 61 passengers and nine crew members on board.

Five years ago: NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson said the United States had provided "clear and conclusive" evidence of Osama bin Laden's involvement in the attacks on New York and Washington. Acting Massachusetts Gov. Jane Swift unveiled security measures that included a new security chief at Logan International Airport, where hijackers boarded the two planes that smashed into the World Trade Center.

'There's one way to find out if a man is honest — ask him. If he says 'yes,' you know he is crooked.'

— Groucho Marx (1890-1977)



Real Clinton emerges during interview

From behind the benign façade and the tranquilizing smile, the real Bill Clinton emerged recently during Chris Wallace's interview on Fox News Channel. There he was on live television, the man those who have worked for him have come to know — the angry, sarcastic, snarling, self-righteous, bombastic bully, roused to a fever pitch. Clinton jabbed his finger in Wallace's face, poking his knee, and invading the commentator's space.

But beyond noting the ex-president's non-presidential style, it is important to answer his distortions and misrepresentations. His self-justifications constitute a mangling of the truth which only someone who once quibbled about what the "definition of 'is' is" could perform.

Clinton told Wallace, "There is not a living soul in the world who thought that Osama bin Laden had anything to do with Black Hawk Down." Nobody said there was. The point of citing Somalia in the run up to 9-11 is that bin Laden told Fortune Magazine in a 1999 interview that the precipitous American pullout after Black Hawk Down convinced him that Americans would not stand up to armed resistance.

Clinton said conservatives "were all trying to get me to withdraw from Somalia in 1993 the next day" after the attack which killed American soldiers. But the real question was whether Clinton would honor the military's request to be allowed to stay and avenge the attack, a request he denied.

The president told Wallace, "I authorized the CIA to get groups together to try to kill bin Laden." But

actually, the 9-11 Commission was clear that the plan to kidnap Osama was derailed by Sandy Berger and George Tenet because Clinton had not yet made a finding authorizing his assassination.

Dick Morris



Why didn't the CIA and FBI realize the extent of bin Laden's involvement in terrorism? Because Clinton never took the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center sufficiently seriously. He never visited the site and his only public comment was to caution against "over-reaction." In his pre-9/11 memoirs, George Stephanopoulos confirms that he and others on the staff saw it as a "failed bombing" and noted that it was far from topic A at the White House.

In my frequent phone and personal conversations with both Clintons in 1993, there was never a mention, not one, of the World Trade Center attack.

Failure to grasp the import of the 1993 attack led to a delay in fingering bin Laden and understanding his danger. This, in turn, led to our failure to seize him when Sudan evicted him and also to our failure to carry through with the plot to kidnap him. And, it was responsible for the failure to "certify" him as the culprit until very late in the Clinton administration.

The former president says, "I worked

hard to try to kill him." If so, why did he notify Pakistan of our cruise-missile strike in time for them to warn Osama and allow him to escape? Why did he refuse to allow us to fire cruise missiles to kill bin Laden when we had the best chance, by far, in 1999? The answer to the first question — incompetence; to the second — he was paralyzed by fear of civilian casualties and by accusations that he was wagging the dog. The 9/11 Commission report also attributes the 1999 failure to the fear that we would be labeled trigger-happy having just bombed the Chinese embassy in Belgrade by mistake.

President Clinton assumes that criticism of his failure to kill bin Laden is a "nice little conservative hit job on me." But he has it backwards. It is not because people are right-wingers that they criticize him over the failure to prevent 9/11. It was his failure to catch bin Laden that drove them to the right wing.

The ex-president is fully justified in laying eight months of the blame for the failure to kill or catch bin Laden at the doorstep of George W. Bush. But he should candidly acknowledge that eight years of blame fall on him.

One also has to wonder when the volcanic rage beneath the surface of this would-be statesman will cool. When will the chip on his shoulder finally disappear? When will he feel sufficiently secure in his own legacy and his own skin not to boil over repeatedly in private and occasionally even in public?

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Sports Day

AP Top 25 Poll

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 30, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Ohio St. (62)	5-0	1,622	1
2. Auburn (1)	5-0	1,498	2
3. Southern Cal	4-0	1,470	3
4. West Virginia (2)	4-0	1,395	4
5. Florida	5-0	1,393	5
6. Michigan	5-0	1,342	6
7. Texas	4-1	1,204	7
8. Louisville	4-0	1,165	8
9. LSU	4-1	1,157	9
10. Georgia	5-0	968	10
11. Oregon	4-0	946	14
12. Notre Dame	4-1	921	12
13. Tennessee	4-1	824	15
14. Oklahoma	3-1	735	16
15. Clemson	4-1	689	18
16. California	4-1	633	20
17. Florida St.	3-1	548	19
18. Georgia Tech	4-1	539	24
19. Iowa	4-1	444	13
20. Boise St.	5-0	353	22
21. Virginia Tech	4-1	339	11
22. Nebraska	4-1	325	21
23. Missouri	5-0	208	25
24. Rutgers	5-0	178	23
25. Boston College	4-1	52	—

Others receiving votes: Texas Tech 34, Wake Forest 29, Washington 28, TCU 25, Wisconsin 19, Penn St. 15, Miami 14, UCLA 7, Arkansas 5, Pittsburgh 1.

THE NAME GAME

Innocent until proven guilty

According to a report first released on its Web site Saturday, the Los Angeles Times says a federal agent's affidavit names, among others, current Houston Astros Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte as those former major leaguer Jason Grimsley identified as having used performance enhancing drugs.

Grimsley was caught in an investigative sting earlier this year and later admitted to using similar drugs himself. He was subsequently released by the Arizona Diamondbacks and banned from Major League Baseball for 50 games.

After the L.A. Times released the same report in its Sunday print edition, the denials began. Both Clemens and Pettitte say they have no idea what Grimsley is talking about. Words like "shocked", "surprised" and "disbelief" were used by most if not all accused in the same report, including Baltimore's Miguel Tejada.

This is round number two for Tejada, who says he has "already been thrown under the bus" by Rafael Palmeiro. Palmeiro was suspended last season for using steroids. He later suggested the positive test may have been

the result of a vitamin B-12 shot Tejada gave him. Tejada insisted then that he did nothing wrong.

This is not unlike the tell-all book Jose Canseco penned which included a litany of names he claimed either juiced or are still juicing today.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



Though I believe that one is innocent until proven guilty (though I can have a strict opinion from time to time), I do have trouble believing anyone would purposely place themselves at the risk of libel with no obvious gain to be made. If it was Grimsley who offered these names in the federal agent's affidavit, what would he stand to gain? Did he drop dime in an exchange for a plea bargain? Sure he did. In fact, isn't that the way the American justice system is supposed to work for those in a position to take

advantage of it? No doubt the dark windbreakers with the bold yellow lettering on the back made the man sing like Elvis. But I can see no financial upside for Grimsley here.

Hang on, he was suspended from baseball for 50 games? He could come back after that.

Even if he wanted to, would you take him? How safe do you think he would be in any clubhouse?

Every player named in this latest round of professional 'he said, she said' is innocent until proven guilty. Still, one has to wonder why Grimsley - if it was him - would freely attach these names to an already red hot and tumultuous topic.

I also can't help wonder why guys like Palmeiro let their teammates give them shots in the first place. I never liked having to ask to borrow some other guy's deodorant. I can't imagine asking, "Hey, got any more of that stuff in the needle? Great, can you hook me up?" Besides, aren't they a little too old to be playing doctor anyway?

Millions of dollars must make some folks lose all control of their common sense.

Eye on the ball



Yesenia Soria (left) controls the ball while defender Haley King moves in for the steal attempt during a recent game at the Pampa Soccer Association soccer fields.

Courtesy photo

Report: Clemens among accused

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte and Miguel Tejada were among the players that a former major league pitcher accused of using performance-enhancing drugs, according to a federal agent's affidavit, the Los Angeles Times reported.

The player reportedly making the accusations was Jason Grimsley, who used to play with Clemens and Pettitte on the New York Yankees and is now out of baseball.

Clemens and Pettitte, now teammates on the Houston Astros, denied the

allegations Sunday. Baltimore teammates Brian Roberts, Jay Gibbons and Tejada also were implicated in the sworn statement, the Times said Saturday on its Web site and in Sunday editions.

In June, federal agents searched Grimsley's home in Arizona after the pitcher admitted using human growth hormone, steroids and amphetamines. Grimsley was later released by the Arizona Diamondbacks and suspended 50 games by Major League Baseball.

Woods takes American Express Championship to capture his sixth consecutive PGA victory

CHANDLER'S CROSS, England (AP) - Tiger Woods didn't have to work for his sixth straight PGA Tour victory. He just had to wait.

Woods matched his longest PGA Tour winning streak Sunday at the American Express Championship, where he was slowed by two rain delays but never threatened on his way to a 4-under 67 for an eight-shot victory.

It was his eighth victory of the year, making him the first player in PGA Tour history to win at least eight times in three seasons. Sam Snead, Byron Nelson, Ben Hogan and Arnold Palmer each did that twice.

And in a week remembered for the death of Nelson at age 94, it rekindled curiosity whether Lord Byron's record of 11 consecutive victories indeed is

untouchable. For Woods, this was perhaps his most dominant performance during a streak that began in July at the British Open.

Woods had such control of his game that he went 36 consecutive holes without missing the green, a streak that ended when he hit his approach into a bunker on No. 12 and made his only bogey of the final round.

One other streak ended on the final hole - it was the first time all week Woods failed to make eagle on the 567-yard 18th. His chip from just short of the green ran a few feet past the cup, and he tapped in for a mere birdie.

He finished at 23-under 261 to finish eight shots ahead of Adam Scott (69) and Ian Poulter (66). Woods earned \$1.3 million.

Out of gas, Stewart still wins

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) - Eliminated from championship contention, Tony Stewart gambled on fuel mileage and barely crawled across the finish line Sunday to win the Banquet 400 race at Kansas Speedway.

Meanwhile, Jimmie Johnson tried to play it safe to remain in championship

contention, giving up the race lead to pit for an extra splash of fuel with four laps to go. But he was penalized for speeding on pit road and finished 14th.

Jeff Gordon was running eighth when his car developed an apparent fuel-pressure problem with 29 laps remaining. He finished 39th.

Tennis: Hereford 12, Harvesters 7

The Harvester Tennis Team suffered a 12-7 loss to Hereford Saturday.

PHS head coach Emily Laurence said afterward, "Inexperience played a huge factor in this match. Hereford has a team of 11 seniors who have varsity experience. We only have four seniors with one girl with varsity experience before this year."

Pampa is in a rebuilding year in which the players are young and must push themselves even harder than other teams in order to win.

Pampa next plays against Randall at home Tuesday.

"This will prove to be another tough match but hopefully the team can find the motivation to just not lose no matter what," Laurence said.

Players of the match: Haley Acker and Jareth Fortenberry.

Pampa 7, Hereford 12
Boys Doubles
— Foreman/Frels lost to Granados/Bullard 1-6, 2-6

— Fortenberry/Morris lost to Leinen/Harris 3-6, 6-3, (7-10)

— Foreman/McNeely def. Shields/Jesko 6-3, 1-6, (10-5)

Girls Doubles
— Acker/O'Neal def. Fuenters/Rogers 4-6, 6-4, (10-8)

— Barnett/Albracht lost to Gavina/Villalovas 3-6, 2-6

— Lee/Hernandez def. Sloney/Mardell 6-3, 6-4

Mixed Doubles
— Ware/Whitley lost to Hernandez/Evenson 1-6, 1-6

Boys Singles
— Michael Foreman lost to Frank Granados 2-6, 2-6

— Kevin Frels lost to Matt Bullard 2-6, 1-6

— Tyler Morris lost to P.J. Hernandez 3-6, 5-7

— Jareth Fortenberry def. B. Leinen 6-1, 6-2

— Myles Foreman def. M. Harris 7-5, 6-3

— Landon McNeely def. M. Jesko 6-2, 6-1

Girls Singles
— Haley Acker def. N. Fuentes 7-5, 6-2

— Katie O'Neal lost to J. Rogers 2-6, 5-7

— Megan Barnett lost to A. Evenson 1-6, 0-6

— Rachel Lee lost to B. Gavina 2-6, 1-6

— Krissa Whitley lost to M. Villalovas 2-6, 3-6

— Brenna Albracht lost to A. Brown 5-7, 3-6

— Jack Ware def. J. Marquez 8-0

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Running man



Courtesy photo

Lefors Pirate Cameron Klein carries the ball against Miami Friday night in Lefors. Klein ran for 239 yards and four touchdowns as the Pirates defeated the Warriors, 52-39. Brent Roberson added 127 yards and two touchdowns while Robert Wallen and Payton Johnson each had three sacks for Lefors.

Cowboys rip Titans in Young's debut

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Drew Bledsoe showed rookie Vince Young what some experience - and two top receivers - can do for a quarterback.

With all eyes focused on Terrell Owens and Young in his first NFL start for Tennessee, the veteran Bledsoe shook off an interception on the opening drive and used T.O. and Terry Glenn to pick apart the Titans' defense in a 45-14 victory Sunday.

Owens had five receptions for 88 yards, and a touchdown that was nullified, and Glenn caught five passes - including two for 13-yard touchdowns - that gave the Cowboys a 14-3 lead they never lost.

"I had outstanding protection all day and our running game in the second half was very good," Bledsoe said. "Terry Glenn had a great game, and Terrell Owens, after not much practice this week, came in and really played well."

The Cowboys (2-1) proved they ignored all the distractions of the past two weeks since their victory over Washington, easily winning the second of three road games in the first four contests.

Owens' hospital visit and mixture of prescribed pain killers for his broken right hand with his usual supplements had no effect on a team facing a rookie who was intercepted twice and lost a fumble - which Dallas turned into two touchdowns.

"We just did what we needed to do, come in here and get a win," Owens said.

And for anyone who needed a reminder, Owens showed he knows how to concentrate on catching a 46-yarder.

"Regardless of all the critics and

everybody speculating, it doesn't bother me," he said. "On the inside of my house, I vent to my people. I have people I talk to. Once I step on the football field, it is all football."



Owens almost had a TD and even bounced up and down while still sitting to celebrate.

But one official overruled another behind the receiver and said Owens didn't complete the catch.

The Titans (0-4) started Young, hoping to stop the losing. No matter how good Young was when leading Texas to the national title last January, he showed he's still a rookie with more to learn in the NFL.

Young was 14-of-29 for 155 yards and ran five times for 3 yards, including a 2-point conversion. Even with his strong arm and mobility, he was sacked twice and couldn't elude defenders as he did with the Longhorns.

But coach Jeff Fisher said after the game he's sticking with Young from here on out, and the rookie is ready for the responsibility.

"I'm pretty much the future so if I

can go out there and learn from these different situations that's going on, it will help me get better as the season goes on," Young said. "Once I start clicking, everything's gonna fall into play."

The Titans will have to show improvement on the field and with their self-control.

Defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth was ejected after stepping twice on Dallas center Andre Gurode, which left him needing stitches on his forehead and below his eye. That followed a touchdown by Julius Jones that put Dallas up 21-6 early in the third quarter.

Haynesworth apologized after the game and said he was disgusted by what he had done. Parcels said he hadn't seen the incident, while Fisher promised his tackle would face punishment.

Parcels didn't waste the opportunity with Haynesworth out and started running straight up the middle. The Cowboys finished with 217 of their 396 yards on the ground. Jones finished with 122 yards on 23 carries.

That left the rebuilding Titans with a glimpse of how much work remains.

"Oh, we have along way to go," Fisher said.

Notes: It was Bledsoe's ninth straight game with a TD pass. With his first score to Glenn in the first quarter, he passed Boomer Esiason (247) for 13th all-time and now has 249 TD passes. ... Fisher dropped to 9-4 against the NFC East. ... The Cowboys now are 13-5 after bye weeks, second-best in the NFL. ... The Titans have been outscored this season 121-47.

Williams steps up, helps secure Texans win Mariners 3, Rangers 2

HOUSTON (AP) - Like a seasoned NFL veteran, Mario Williams read the play, darted into position and tipped away the pass that would've tied the game.

Finally, the Houston Texans' No. 1 overall draft pick is starting to answer his critics.

The rookie defensive end broke up a late 2-point conversion with his deflection and also got his first sack in Houston's 17-15 win over the Miami Dolphins on Sunday.

"I feel like I played a lot better," Williams said. "I did get a sack and a half, whatever, but it was the other three or four sacks that I should've had. I know I was really out there and getting after it and having opportunities."

The Dolphins trailed 17-9 when Daunte Culpepper found Chris Chambers for a 16-yard touchdown with 1:39 to go. But on their 2-point try, running back Ronnie Brown changed direction and threw a pass toward Chambers.

As soon as Williams saw Brown cut back, he knew how to defend it.

"I just reached up and tipped it," Williams said. "I was in the right place at the right time."

Houston coach Gary Kubiak turned his back on the conversion try, fearing the worst after losing his first three games as an NFL coach. The crowd's cheers told him what happened.

"I heard everybody go crazy, so I knew it was good," he said. "That was

a great sound."

The Dolphins (1-3), meanwhile, struggled to move the ball again, this time against one of the NFL's worst defenses. Culpepper was sacked five times as the Dolphins rushed for a meager 70 yards and went 3-for-12 on third-down conversions.



"Execution level is the biggest problem," said Culpepper. "We need to move the ball better on first and second down to put us in short, makeable third downs. It's as simple as that."

After Carr's 4-yard score put Houston (1-3) ahead 10-6 early in the fourth, Williams got to Culpepper for a 3-yard loss. The sack was the first of his career and his first tackle of the game.

On the next play, Williams and fellow rookie DeMeco Ryans combined to take Culpepper down again, this time for a 7-yard loss. The Dolphins punted and the Texans responded with another touchdown, this one a 3-yard

catch by Andre Johnson that lengthened the lead to 17-6.

Johnson finished with nine receptions for 101 yards.

Culpepper completed six of eight passes on Miami's next drive and Olindo Mare kicked a 22-yard field goal.

Later in the fourth quarter, Wes Welker and Randy McMichael turned short passes into big gains before Culpepper found Chambers to trim Houston's lead to two. Instead of letting Culpepper pass for the conversion, Miami coach Nick Saban opted to let Brown try it.

Saban defended the odd play call later.

"Like every other play, when it works, you think it's a great play," he said. "When it doesn't work, it's a bad play. So that was a bad play, because it didn't work."

Houston safety Glenn Earl set the tone for an ugly defensive struggle when he sacked Culpepper on the first play of the game. Houston had just three sacks entering the game, but Culpepper has been sacked 21 times since returning from reconstructive knee surgery this season.

He went 10 of 15 on Miami's last two drives to finish 23-of-39 for 249 yards.

"We know we're a better offense than we played today for the first three quarters," Culpepper said. "We just waited a little too late to put on a surge."

SEATTLE (AP) - Twelve months ago, Ichiro Suzuki told his Mariners he was frustrated with what he saw as his teammates' lack of commitment and resolve throughout a second consecutive last-place season.

So how does Seattle's most accomplished player feel about his team finishing its 2006 season still in last place but with nine more wins - the final one being a 3-2 victory over the Texas Rangers on Sunday that Suzuki jump started with a leadoff home run?

"To answer that question, that would take an hour," Suzuki said through his interpreter. Count Suzuki's need to ponder instead of put as another sign of Seattle's incremental improvement this season.

Richie Sexson added his 34th home run in the second inning off Robinson Tejeda to complete his second-half resurgence. Adrian Beltre then singled after Yuniesky Betancourt doubled to break a 2-2 tie in the third as the Mariners finished 78-84, but with optimism.

Sexson was batting .221 on Aug. 7 but finished the season at .264 - thanks to a .365 September. The nine-year veteran and two-time All-Star called his rally "my greatest accomplishment."

The Mariners rallied with him. They went 22-16 following their 0-11 road trip in August that dropped them from playoff contention.

"This season, on a whole, was a step in the right direction. And I don't think there's any spin on that," manager Mike Hargrove said.

Team chief executive officer Howard Lincoln said last week that Hargrove will return for a third and final year on his contract in 2007. General manager Bill Bavasi will also be back.

They will have Suzuki in the final year of his \$44 million, four-year contract. The major league hits leader got two more on Sunday. Suzuki finished with 224 hits, the third time in six Mariners seasons he has led the major leagues in that category.

Baker out in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) - Dusty Baker is out as the Chicago Cubs' manager following a last-place finish and a failure to take the team to the playoffs in his four years.

The Cubs made the announcement toay, a day after team president Andy MacPhail resigned and the club finished with a 66-96 record.

"I wish we could have gotten it done but we didn't," Baker said. "You see four years come to pass very quickly."

Baker was in the last season of his \$14 million-to-\$15 million deal and had hoped to resurrect the franchise that hadn't been in the World Series since 1945 and hadn't won one since 1908. He compiled a 322-326 record during his time in Chicago.

Baker said he talked to the players on Sunday.

"I just urged them yesterday just to learn from some of the things that they might have understood, and some of the things that they didn't understand," he said. "Just retain it and perhaps some day they can use it on being better ballplayers, and being, you know, better family men and just being better

people, period."

Known for his toothpicks and wristbands while managing from the dugout, Baker was popular with his players and in his 14th season as manager.

Baker left the San Francisco Giants after leading them to the 2002 World Series, and almost guided the Cubs there in 2003.

Chicago was five outs away from reaching the World Series in Game 6 of the NL championship series. But with Mark Prior on the mound, the Cubs blew a three-run lead in the eighth inning against Florida.

The Marlins scored eight times, helped when Cubs fan Steve Bartman touched a foul fly ball before Chicago left fielder Moises Alou had a chance to catch it. It will easily be the most-remembered inning in Baker's tenure in Chicago.

The next night, the Cubs lost Game 7 with Kerry Wood pitching.

They came back the next season, led the NL wild card by 1 1/2 games, only to stumble again on a final homestand and not make the postseason.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006:

You might want to be more creative in how you approach different situations. You might often decide to change your plans; you have the ability to adjust and flex. Your charm comes out in nearly any situation you come across. Allow more spontaneity and fun into your life. A happier Libra will result. Friends are often somber or testy. Learn to understand them. If you are single, realize that you don't need to maintain that status. In fact, many people would like to make you theirs. The real questions will be who and what you want. If you are attached, your life and romantic life can become much richer with more variety and understanding. AQUARIUS knows how to make you smile.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You need to be where the action is. Sometimes you want and need some downtime. You discover that a unique partner has many ideas and comes through for you. Fatigue could interfere with your actions. Tonight: As you like.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Take charge while using your imagination. Your intellect flourishes as well. Mixing these two elements draws success and vitality into your life. Don't let a negative family member impact your thinking. Tonight: Strut your stuff.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Take an overview and learn how to understand others better. You easily could have your plate full. How you handle different situations makes a big difference. Don't kid yourself. Be careful

about negativity. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You know what works. Consider the most effective way of handling a problem. You are an endless source of ideas. Don't hesitate to try some of them out. Do use them with finances. Don't take someone for granted. Tonight: Let someone express his or her caring.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You allow others to see life from a different point of view. Your ability to understand what is happening might be colored by a touch of negativity. Yes, this has been a hard year, but don't project everything into your daily life. Tonight: Let someone spice up your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ How you say what you think could make a huge difference in what goes down. Be optimistic; don't let fatigue or a dragging feeling pull you into negativity. Your effectiveness and endurance might be tested. You can do what you need to do. Tonight: Easy does it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might be playful and full of fun. Others might be watching you more carefully than you realize. Could a friend be a touch too critical? Only you would know. Let your imagination enhance an opportunity. Tonight: Let more caring in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Others appreciate your input more than you realize. Think positively, and you will see many situations turn around. Sometimes you might take on more than you can handle. Be willing to say no to someone who pushes you too hard. Tonight: Take time at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Once more, you save the day with the right words, a smile or a certain attitude. Think positively, and you'll come up with answers. Don't do anything halfway. You might have a difficult time digging up facts. Tonight: Be the live wire that others talk about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision more carefully. Sometimes you could get confused or make bad decisions. Realize what is happening within a special partnership. If you feel something sour is going on, it probably is. Tonight: Make an effort to help open up a situation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

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expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday, the 13th Day of November, 2006, before the Honorable 223RD DISTRICT COURT of Gray County, at the Courthouse in said County in Pampa, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 27th day of September, 2006 in the above entitled cause.
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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I live in a very nice house with a dream back yard for entertaining. Over the years, some long-time friends have attended our pool party get-togethers, as well as holiday cocktail parties. They all have nice entertainment features in their homes, minus the pool. It seems that during the last year or two, every single get-together has been at our house. We never get invited to attend any functions at any of their houses. In fact, some of our "best friends" have been no-shows at our latest dinner parties or canceled at the last minute. Any advice on trying to "get invited" to someone else's house for a change? — **TIRED OF PARTYING AT MY HOUSE**

DEAR TIRED: Not everyone enjoys entertaining, and for some it can be a nerve-wracking experience, so they avoid it. But people who accept invitations are socially obligated to reciprocate in some way — even if it's not entertaining in their homes. I don't know the "best friends" you are referring to, but it occurs to me that perhaps their financial situation may have changed in the last few years, and that may have curtailed their entertaining. However, not showing up after accepting an invitation is very rude, and canceling at the last minute for any reason other than illness is sending you a message. It's time for a frank talk with these "friends" to see why things may have changed.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a wonderful woman, "Nicole," for the last three months. There's only one problem. When we spend time "in" as opposed to out and about, we spend the majority of it at her place — which is usually messy. Nicole says she goes through extra sheets when I'm there, and she feels it is my responsibility to help her clean her house and do her

laundry. I would never consider asking her to help clean my place. Is this just a matter of different perspectives, or am I being taken advantage of? — **DETERGENT DAN IN DESPAIR**

DEAR DETERGENT DAN: Because you are the reason Nicole has extra loads of laundry, be "gallant" and toss the sheets in the washing machine or transfer them to the dryer if she asks you to. But after only three months, I think it's a bit presumptuous for her to expect you to be her houseman. If you were living together, it would be different. But you're not.

DEAR ABBY: I am being married in four months. It's the moment I have dreamed of for the last three years. However, the priest who is supposed to conduct our service has made rude remarks — such as our marriage "won't last." Abby, I am very uncomfortable about being married by a person who doesn't believe in our marriage. But if we are married by another officiate, then it won't be accepted by his family. What should I do? — **IN LOVE IN KANSAS**

DEAR IN LOVE: A priest is supposed to counsel, not judge. Talk this over with your fiancé, and then be married by whomever you wish. It shouldn't matter much because if this is what his family priest is saying, then I'd guess his parents already don't accept your union. And be prepared for some rough rowing on the sea of matrimony, because something tells me you two may have to fight for your happiness. I wish it were otherwise.

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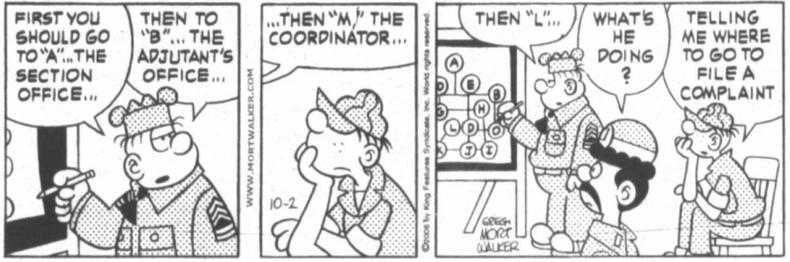
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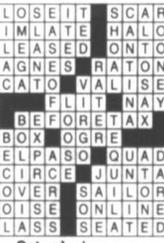


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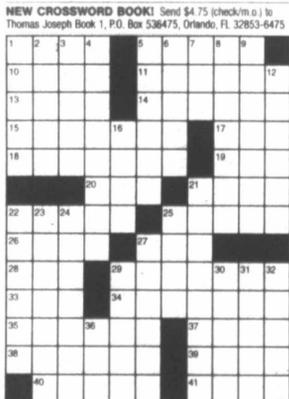
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