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Emergency management system gradually evolves

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

The history of the nation's emergency management system, which benefits Pampa, towns and communities throughout America, is long and varied. The Cold War and the threat of nuclear attack by the Communist-controlled Union of Soviet Socialist Republics prompted the beginnings of today's system in the United States.

"In 1950, the Civil Defense Act passed. It formalized a system by which the United States would respond to an enemy attack. There lies the crux of where our current program started," said Ken Hall, who retired last week after 16 years as Pampa/Gray County Emergency Management coordinator.

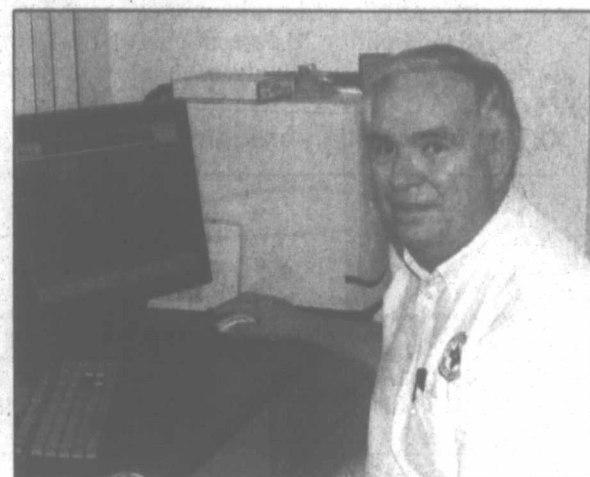
The Cold War began in the late 1940s when the threat of a nuclear attack by the U.S.S.R. against the United States was perceived as a possibility.

France, Great Britain and China were also seen as possible combatants if matters escalated.

No direct battles between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. were fought during the "war," which lasted until the late 1980s, although America found itself pitted against Communist foes in places like Korea and Vietnam. The U.S.S.R. was dissolved in 1991.

America's system of civil defense, which originated in the 1950s, was an effort to provide advance warning and protection in the event of nuclear attack.

The program's efforts were stepped up by President John F. Kennedy after the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1961. Fallout shelters became widespread after the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Navy's Bureau of Yards and Docks were given the task of conducting a fallout shelter survey.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Computers and the Internet are among the tools used by emergency management coordinators, including former Pampa/Gray County coordinator Ken Hall, now retired, to monitor conditions which might threaten the safety of area residents and to respond to those threats.

Their mission was to identify structures, determine the structures' ability to reduce the dosage of
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Chautauqua



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH
Roy Sparkman and Lee Frazier were up early this morning to flip pancakes for Pampa Rotary Club's annual pancake breakfast at Chautauqua.

Father, son survive Borger plane crash

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

A man and his teenage son were injured in a plane crash Sunday afternoon in Borger after the engine on the plane stalled causing them to make an emergency landing on a residential street.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, pilot Lee Burgin, 44, and his 16-year-old son, both from Fort Worth, were on final

approach to the Borger airport at 1:38 p.m. Sunday when the engine of the Beechcraft Bonanza apparently stalled for unknown reasons.

Burgin, who was still almost one mile southeast of the airport, had to make an emergency landing on Clayton Street. The plane clipped three power lines before hitting the street and striking a curb, causing damage to a carport of one home before coming to a stop. Burgin was trapped inside

the aircraft for approximately one hour. No one on the ground was hurt.

Burgin was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo in critical condition with non-life threatening injuries. His son was in stable condition with a broken wrist and abrasions.

DPS troopers are securing the crash site until the Federal Aviation Administration arrives to continue the investigation of the crash.

NATIVE SON

Miami ranchers' son involved in high-profile case

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

MIAMI — A former boss credited Mike Gill's ranch raising for his successful prosecution of NFL star Michael Vick on dog fighting charges.

"He's a good, solid kid," Bob Webster, a Dallas lawyer who was Gill's boss in the U.S. attorney's office in Dallas, told the Atlanta Journal Constitution earlier this month. "He took his ranch ethic with him to the courthouse. He was there early in the morning until late at night. He's just exceptionally bright, an outstanding lawyer."

A week ago Atlanta Falcons Quarterback Michael Vick, a Newport News, Va., native and Virginia Tech football star, pleaded guilty to federal dog-fighting charges and will be sentenced Dec. 10, in federal court in Richmond, Va., his multi-million dollar football career in shambles.

Michael Morehower, a Richmond defense lawyer told the Atlanta newspaper that the prosecution team of Mike Gill and Brian Whisler had built such a strong case that Vick had little choice but to plead guilty.

"They drafted a masterful indictment," Morehower said, "and they had more evidence

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
Attorney Mike Gill with parents Ronnie and Dee Gill.

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Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 84. West-southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south-southeast.
 Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. South wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
 Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m.
 Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.
 Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 87.
 Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68.

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Obituaries

Geronimo 'Jerry' Dominguez, 81
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Gill

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 to up the ante."
 The U.S. attorney's office pursued federal charges against Vick after Memorial Day after state officials elected not to file charges. Mike Gill drew up the indictment.
 "If I had Michael Gill on my (butt)," Webster told the Atlanta Journal Constitution, "I'd cop a plea post haste."
 Michael R. Gill, who turned 36 on Aug. 20, was reared in Miami, the son of Ronnie and Dee Gill.
 He was the fourth generation of Miami ranchers to grow up here in Roberts County. His great-grandfather settled here more than a century ago. In fact, according to his mother, Michael was the one who traveled to Austin a couple of years ago to accept a 100 Year Heritage Award from the Texas Department of Agriculture.
 "He was the last of our four children," Dee said.
 His sisters both live in Virginia. Lora is a pediatrician in Richmond. Beth is a professor at Randolph Mankin University in nearby Ashland, Va. An older brother died.
 "All my kids helped me ranch," Ronnie Gill said.
 "We're really proud of all of them," Dee said, sitting in the living room of the old two-story brick home in Miami where Michael grew up.
 "He was about 5-years-old when we moved into this house," Ronnie said.
 The baby of the family, Michael went through the Miami school system,

kindergarten through his senior year, before earning a bachelor's degree from TCU and his law degree at the University of Virginia.
 It was Virginia where Michael met and married his wife, Patty, also a lawyer.
 After law school, Michael worked for the Strasburger and Price law firm in Dallas. Then he joined the U.S. Department of Justice, where he served as assistant U.S. attorney in Dallas from 2000 to 2005.
 He requested a move to Virginia to be closer to his sisters and, along with Whisler, was hired by Paul McNulty, who was then U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.
 "I continue to be impressed," McNulty told the Hampton Roads (Va.) Daily Press concerning the two prosecutors last week.
 McNulty, who left the Justice Department this summer for private practice, was named deputy U.S. attorney general in 2006.
 "I was immediately impressed with his demeanor, his experience," McNulty told the paper, concerning Gill.
 McNulty said Gill had the reputation as a hard worker and successful prosecutor.
 Gill prosecuted gang and gun crimes and public corruption and fraud cases.
 Michael Gill's parents are proud of his success as a prosecutor, although his mother worries about him.
 "Any job in law enforcement is dangerous," she said.
 They both agree that his work with animals on the ranch and his small town upbringing contributed to his work ethic and his moral outlook on life.
 Throughout the summer, Gill refused the spotlight, preferring to keep it on the case at hand. Now that it's over, his mother said Mike is doing well.
 "He's glad it's all over," Dee said.
 His son was prepared to go to trial, Ronnie said, but Vick's plea negated the need, much to Mike Gill's relief.
 U.S. District Judge Henry Hudson had set the trial date for Nov. 26, the same day Mike and Patty Gill's second child is due.
 "Grandchildren are great," beamed Ronnie Gill.

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Emergency Services

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.
Saturday, Sept. 1
 Anthony Dewayne Baston, 18, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department and charged with possession of less than 2-ounces of marijuana and unlawful carrying of a weapon.
Sunday, Sept. 2
 Loyd Martin, 33, of McLean was arrested by GCSO and charged with DWI.
 Austin Carl Bolin, 26, of McLean was arrested by GCSO and charged with public intoxication.
 Kevin Feltner, 21, of Lefors was arrested by GCSO and charged with public intoxication.
 Adrian Alva, 22, of Pampa, was arrested by GCSO and charged with evading arrest and detention and assault of a public servant.
 Mary Lennington, 18, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO and charged with minor in possession.
 Adrian A. Diaz, 20, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO and charged with minor in possession.
 Bobby Joe Sanchez, 17, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with possession of less than 2-ounces of marijuana and possession of dangerous drugs.
 Andrea Collin Shelley, 28, of Clarendon was arrested by GCSO on a motion to precede for aggravated theft by check; on a bond forfeiture for theft; and on charges of issuance of a bad check, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.
 Manuel Antonio Chavira, 28, of

Pampa was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety and charged with DWI, second offense.
 Nicholas Reed Newman, 34, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with assault causing bodily injury.
Monday, Sept. 3
 Jarred Duane Moler, 19, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO and charged with violation of a protective order.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today.
Saturday, Sept. 1
 11:28 a.m. — Three units and six personnel responded to the 12000 block of East Frederic on a small grass fire.
 3:13 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a Dumpster fire in the 1900 block of Christy.
 9:11 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on an alarm malfunction.
Sunday, Sept. 2
 2:04 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a call for lifting assistance.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today.
Saturday, Sept. 1
 10:15 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Mary

Ellen and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.
 11:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hobart and Crawford streets and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.
 1:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Doyle and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.
 3:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.
 8:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.
Sunday, Sept. 2
 12:59 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.
 1:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Baten prison unit and transported a patient to PRMC.
 1:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.
 2:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Nwth.
 8:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to a hospital in Dallas.
 8:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Nelson and transported a patient to PRMC.
 8:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Nwth.
Monday, Sept. 3
 5:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Baten prison unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

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radiation resulting from a nuclear attack by a factor of 20, and mark them as public shelters. The goal was to find shelter for up to 50 million Americans.
 Information for families wishing to have their own fallout shelters at home was also distributed and included detailed plans for building the shelters as well as recommendations on how to stock them.
 After the public shelters were chosen, they were identified with fallout shelter signs and stocked with federally procured water, food, medical and sanitation supplies as well as radiation monitoring kits. Packaged ventilation kits were later added to the standard list of fallout shelter supplies.
 Food rations in the public shelters provided only 700 calories per day per person, an amount which was considered the bare minimum to sustain life. One week's worth of food and medical supplies and two weeks' water supply per person was stocked at public shelters. Public shelters had to be big enough and have enough supplies for 50 or more individuals.
 A few of the fallout shelter signs, which were three triangles inside a circle in black and yellow, have not yet been taken down, although the system of civil defense fallout shelters was later abandoned. One such sign may be seen on a building at Quantico Marine Corps Base in Virginia. In 1993, the federal government policy was to no longer stock fallout shelters with supplies or to maintain shelters. Supplies in public shelters were removed, and items such as food and water were deemed no longer usable and were discarded.
 Residents were to have been warned of the need to seek shelter by a broadcast system and by emergency sirens mounted throughout most towns and cities.
 The first method of emergency broadcasting developed for civil defense was known as conelrad, a name taken from the first few letters of each main word in the phrase "control of electromagnetic radiation." It was established by President Harry S. Truman in 1951 and

was intended to serve two purposes, which were to prevent Soviet bombers from homing in on American cities by using radio or TV stations as beacons and to provide essential civil defense information.
 After the development of intercontinental ballistic missiles reduced the likelihood of a bomber attack, conelrad was replaced by the Emergency Broadcast System in 1963. The next change was to the Emergency Alert System in 1997.
 Hall was emergency management coordinator at the time the country's method of civil defense changed from the era of the Cold War to that of terrorist attacks.
 "When I went to Austin to train for this job in 1991, it was still operated on the basis of enemy attack," he said. "We learned about bomb shelters, how to purify water and radiological monitoring. There were family safety brochures telling families where to go in their home and how to build fallout shelters."
 Such brochures are still available on the Internet, with detailed instructions on how to build a shelter that can serve as a refuge against both natural and man-made disasters.
 Before and during the time that the U.S.S.R. was dissolved, Hall's responsibility and agency evolved into one of all-hazards preparation. This change began in 1987 when the federal government passed the Superfund Amendment and Re-Authorization Act and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act.
 These acts started a more formalized approach to the release of hazardous materials in the U.S., Hall said. Title III of the Superfund act was passed to enforce cleanup of chemical spills and force companies to be more responsible in the way they handle chemicals. It also mandated that each jurisdiction in the U.S. would have a local emergency planning committee, which was to be an intermediary between the chemical companies and the public.
 "After our local LEPC was started, the government's Division of Emergency Management wanted to take an all-hazards approach and not limit the program to chemical release preparedness," Hall said. "We started

at that point to do all-hazard preparedness training."
 The Pampa/Gray County LEPC has a training committee which conducts two drills each year, one a tabletop exercise and the other a full-scale training exercise.
 "We test different functions of our emergency plan to see if they work," Hall said. "If we find loopholes... We learned about bomb shelters, how to purify water and radiological monitoring."
 — Ken Hall
 Long-time local emergency official
 that need to be improved, then we take steps to make those improvements."
 Sometimes only a tabletop exercise has been conducted in a particular year because an actual emergency occurred during the year which required the activation of the emergency management plan. Examples of these include the 2006 wildfires and the 1995 tornado which struck Pampa.
 Many parts of the government's response to life-threatening emergencies have evolved from the civil defense program. Although public fallout shelters are no longer stocked and identified by signs, a list of designated areas which could provide shelter in case of certain emergencies is maintained by communities which include Pampa.
 A nuclear strike on the U.S. is not impossible in these days of North Korean nuclear missile testing and terrorists who might explode "dirty bombs," which have nuclear components, within the country. Such an event would be the most similar to that originally covered by the civil defense program.
 "If there's an area affected by any kind of disaster, if there's a way we can get in there and safely evacuate it, that's what we do," Hall said. Evacuation plans for all parts of the county have been created.
 Evacuees from outside Pampa may be directed to go to Pampa, or if Pampa is unsafe and also is to be evacuated,

the evacuees may be sent to designated reception areas in Amarillo or other cities, depending on where the nearest safe area is, Hall said.
 "In the U.S., the American Red Cross is vested with the responsibility of sheltering and mass care," he said. "In Texas, the Salvation Army, has that responsibility jointly with the Red Cross."
 In the event of a localized event like a "dirty bomb," the local emergency management office has resources to perform radiological monitoring.
 Any local nuclear emergency would mean that federal help would not be instantaneous.
 "We will have to fend for ourselves for 72 hours," Hall said. "Then, the feds would come in with a means of decontamination."
 Pampa Fire Department currently has a mass decontamination unit, complete with a means to capture water used in showering by contaminated persons. The contaminated water would be disposed of properly, Hall said.
 "Through our mutual aid agreement, there are five units in the Panhandle, and all would be called in to help," he said.
 Residents would be notified of the emergency and given information and instructions through the emergency alert system for television and radio, including the National Weather Service and NOAA systems. Pampa's siren system, which includes capability for voice announcements, would be another warning method.
 If the emergency is a nuclear event, residents in the affected area would be directed to travel away from the location at right angles to the wind direction.
 A terrorist attack is responsible for the current method of national emergency management. The attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., on Sept. 11, 2001, led to the formation of the federal Office of Homeland Security, which is made up of the Transportation Security Administration, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Immigration Customs Enforcement, U.S. Secret Service, Federal Emergency Management Agency and U.S. Coast Guard.

Director: Actor improving since apparent suicide attempt

VENICE, Italy (AP) — Owen Wilson is doing well as he recovers from an apparent suicide attempt, and is even making colleagues laugh, the director of his latest film said Monday.

"Obviously he has been through a lot this week," said Wes Anderson, who directed Wilson in "The Darjeeling Limited," one of the films in competition for the Venice Film Festival's top award.

"I can tell you he has been doing very well, he has been making us laugh," Anderson told a news conference to promote the film.

"When he is ready he's going to speak for himself much better than any of us could,"

the director said, asking that the actor's privacy be respected.

Wilson and Anderson have worked together for more than a decade, in pictures including "The Royal Tenenbaums."



Pampa News photo by KERRI SMITH

Preparations for Pampa High's Class of 1957 reunion celebration are underway. Sam Condo, John Radcliff, Marilyn Trollinger, Mary Martindale and Larry Ray study an old yearbook and reminisce.

Class of 1957 organizing reunion

The Pampa High Class of 1957 will stage its 50th class reunion Friday, Sept. 28 and Saturday, Sept. 29 at Stoke's Barn, 5-miles east of Pampa on Highway 60.

Registration, with a meal, will be at 5 p.m. Friday. Brunch at 9 a.m. will kick-off Saturday's schedule of events. Saturday will culminate with a reunion dinner at 5 p.m. with Earl Cooper, student body president for 1956-57, acting as master of ceremonies.

The after-dinner speaker will be Dr. Malcolm Brown. Brown is both a class member and a 1997 PHS Hall of Fame inductee.

Members of other Pampa High School classes are welcome to join the celebration during the afternoon Saturday at Stoke's barn.

The reunion committee is presently seeking the following classmates: Mary Frances Adamson, Iva Powell, Gracie Henry, Carl

Nunn, Geraldine Long, Sandra Tidwell Evans, Rita Brown, Annie Lee Taylor, Richard Beale, James Thomas Strawn, Linda Goff, Jimmy Curtis, Patricia Gibson, Lula Faye Matlock, Michael Siebenlist, Betty Lou Law Graham, Beverly Coomer Malone, Paula Kathaleen Stevens, Patsy Shook, Charlene Russell Cox, Betty Turner, Wendell Noel, Edward Jensen, Betty Lois Moore, Myrna Higginbotham, Jacqueline Hopper, Lu Koch, Barbara Jonas, John Lee, Carolyn Sue Lane, Shirley Fugate Dyson, Colleen Ingram, Raymond Brown, Kenneth Lyon, Robert M. Cobb, Joe Burch, June Young Kelley, Paul Underwood, Wade Brown, Donna Wells, Joe Milligan, Francis Scott and Jerry Pumphrey.

For further details or to help locate one of the classmates sought above, call Carolyn Stroud at 669-6979, Judy Taylor at 665-5977, Alicia Heil at 660-6989 or e-mail Vicky Collier at vrcollier@earthlink.net.

Stepped-up border checks

result longest lines since 9/11

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stepped-up inspections at the Canadian and Mexican borders have led to lines nearly as long as they were after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The longer lines of people driving into the United States from Mexico or Canada, some returning U.S. citizens, have appeared over the past month or two at several ports of entry.

The wait to cross became so long this month at Blue Water Bridge, which connects Port Huron, Mich., with Point Edward/Sarnia, Ontario, that the Ministry of Transportation in Ontario set up portable toilets along the road.

"Many motorists have become stranded in the lineups, not expecting such a long delay. Not since 9/11 have the backups been so common," said Garry McDonald, president of the Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce, which requested the toilets.

Border residents and businesses blame new rules that require U.S. citizens to show driver's licenses, passports or other photo ID. They say there is not enough staff to inspect the documents, collect information and do additional vehicle checks.

At the Peace Bridge connecting Buffalo, N.Y., and Fort Erie, Ontario, time to inspect a vehicle rose from 54 seconds last year to about 75 seconds this year, said Ron Rienas, Peace Bridge general manager. People wanting to travel to Buffalo to shop or dine are deterred by the long lines, he said.

"Obviously something happened, some sort of policy directive that has resulted in longer processing times," Rienas said. "We've inquired, but the response we've gotten is, 'We've always done these kinds of checks.'"

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— Garry McDonald
Chamber official

Previously, U.S. citizens could declare their citizenship, declare any goods they were bringing back with them and be waved through unless the inspector felt the need to do further checks.

At the Detroit Windsor

Tunnel, average total crossing times have also increased. In January, it took 15 minutes to cross into the United States at the tunnel. So far in August, the average monthly time has been 23 minutes, said Neal Blitsky, president and general manager of Detroit Windsor Tunnel LLC, the tunnel's private operator.

In late July, hours-long waits were reported to reach a U.S. border station in Derby Line, Vt., while there was no backup to cross into Canada.

Veronica Callaghan, who runs an industrial real estate business in El Paso, said many of the border community's residents are accustomed to seeing lines grow, but in the past three to four weeks, the waits have seemed longer as more ID checks occur.

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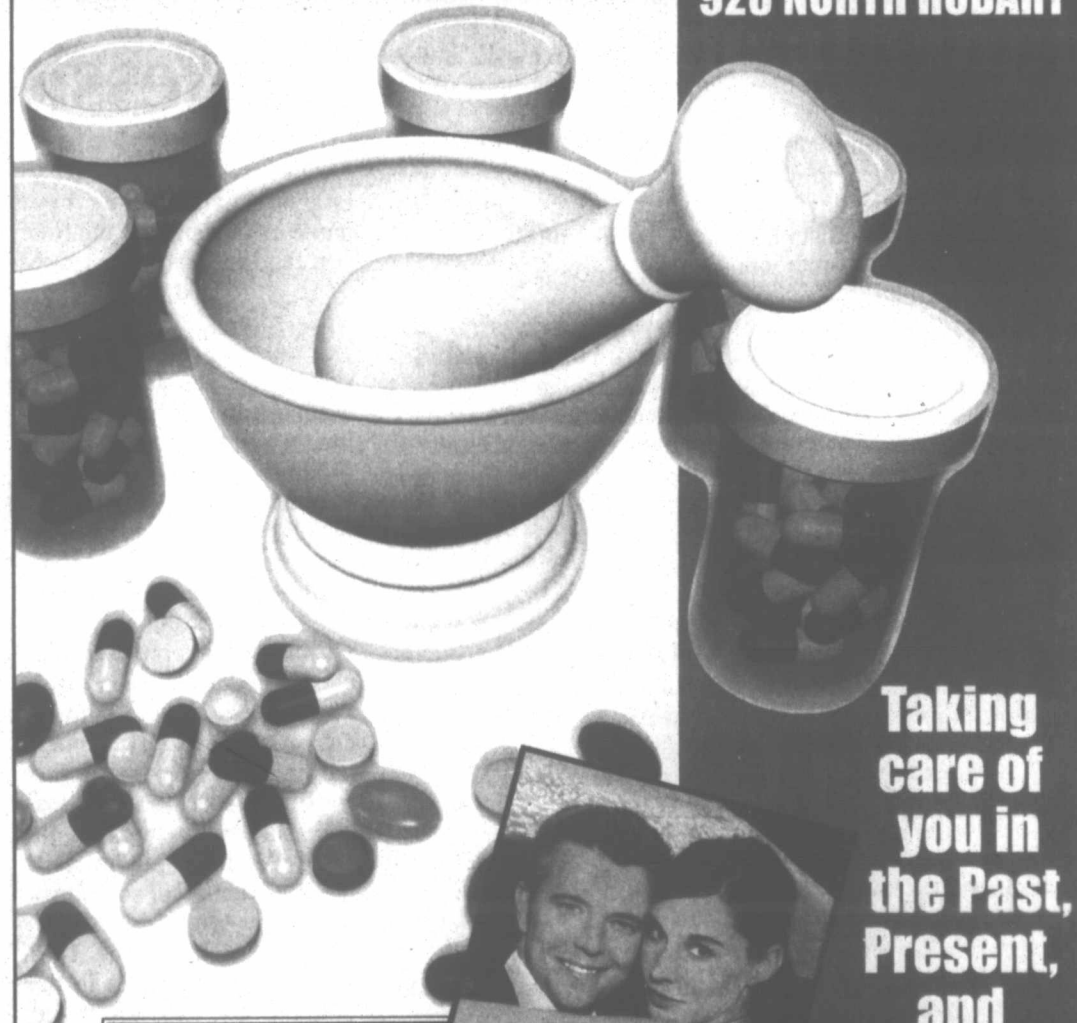
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Viewpoints

The life and times of a weekly newspaper

The life and times of a weekly newspaper

Though its masthead proclaimed that the Texas State Democrat held itself in devotion to "those things which make happiness in the Texas home, prosperity on the Texas farm and contribute to the development of Texas resources," news is news.

And news, especially in 1902, sold newspapers. Even high-minded sheets like the State Democrat had to report the various unfortunate interruptions of the status quo that make news.

Gunfire for sure never makes for a happy home, and as the May 29 edition of the Austin weekly noted, "There seems to be a great deal [of] promiscuous shooting and no one knows who does it. Saturday night two [men] and a preacher named Pitts were shot. Two [men] have

been arrested that are supposed to have been in the shooting affair."

The same issue noted that J.W.D. Singleton, a Capital City hack driver, "was fired at by unknown parties about midnight Sunday. He states that the [man] who fired the shots must have mistook him for one of the parties in the shooting of the preacher Pitts."

What the preacher had done to provoke the wrath of man went unreported.

The same night Singleton found himself dodging bullets, someone broke into William Ulit's meat market and stole \$25 worth of knives, butcher blocks and other items.

At 8th and Waller, Mrs. Joseph Thompson did some crime prevention, shooting at a burglar about to make off with her silver service.

The would-be thief dropped the silver and "took to his heels."

Even in the early 1900s, riding a bicycle on city streets could be

Mike Cox

Texas Tales



dangerous. A runaway horse struck Roy Wilson as he rode his "wheel" (an early term for bicycle) on East 5th Street. As the Democrat reported, "Neither boy nor horse were injured but the wheel was badly damaged."

In other Capital City news that distant spring, the just-completed Seton Hospital opened to the pub-

lic, the local postmaster got a \$100-a-year raise and former Gov. Frank R. Lubbock was in town to testify before a legislative committee.

Farmers could not have enjoyed reading that "boll weevils are spreading despite the untiring efforts to stop their progress" but may have felt a bit better in noting that Round Rock resident C.F. Wacker reported that crops in his area were in good shape.

John W. Hornsby, a descendant of one of Travis County's earliest settlers, withdrew from the Railroad Commission race while at Pflugerville, where "one of the largest political picnics given this campaign" took place.

Laura King Orr would be a June bride in ceremonies at the First Baptist Church on the 11th. The prospective groom, Charles

Huberich, taught at the University of Texas.

Life went on, but so did death. The weekly newspaper reported five deaths since its previous issue, including the passing of M.A. McCloughlan. He had served the South during the Civil War in Company A, 11th Alabama Infantry. He died at the Confederate Veterans Home on West Sixth Street. Burial would follow in the State Cemetery.

Apparently never quite able to live up to its lofty ideals, the State Democrat itself soon succumbed of poor circulation brought on by weak advertising sales.

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, Sept. 3, the 246th day of 2007. There are 119 days left in the year. This is Labor Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 3, 1783, the Treaty of Paris between the United States and Great Britain officially ended the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

In 1189, England's King Richard I (the Lionhearted) was crowned in Westminster.

In 1658, Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of the English Commonwealth, died.

In 1939, Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand declared war on Germany, two days after the Nazi invasion of Poland.

In 1943, the British 8th Army invaded Italy during World War II, the same day Italy signed a secret armistice with the Allies.

In 1967, Nguyen Van Thieu was elected president of South Vietnam under a new constitution.

In 1967, motorists in Sweden began driving on the right-hand side of the road instead of the left.

In 1967, the original version of the television

game show "What's My Line?" broadcast its final episode after more than 17 years on CBS.

In 1976, the unmanned U.S. spacecraft Viking II landed on Mars to take the first close-up, color photographs of the planet's surface.

In 1978, Pope John Paul I was installed as the 264th pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church.

In 2004, the three-day hostage siege at a school in Beslan, Russia, ended in bloody chaos after Chechen militants set off bombs as Russian commandos stormed the building; 334 people were killed.

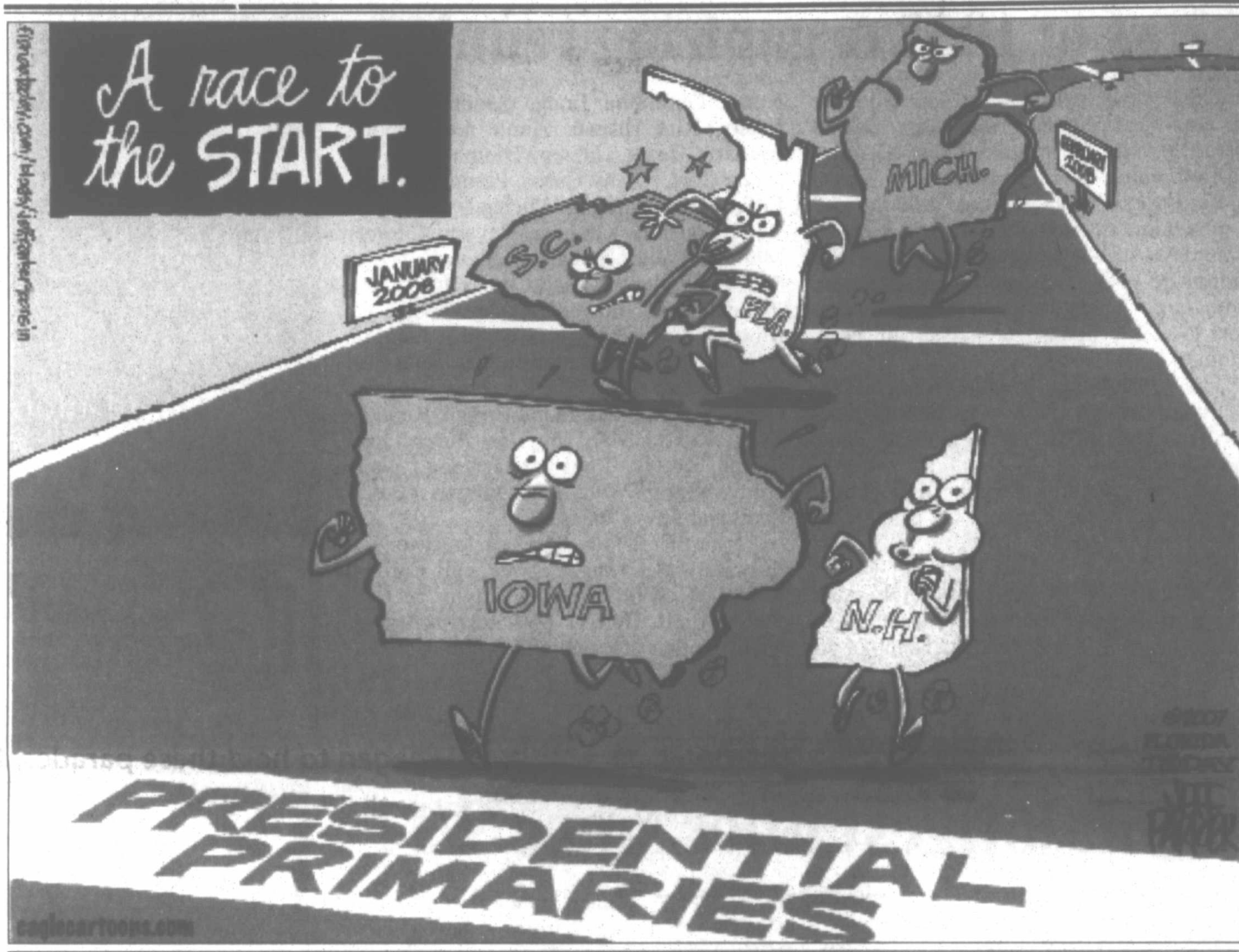
Ten years ago: Arizona Gov. Fife Symington was convicted of lying to get millions in loans to shore up his collapsing real estate empire. (Symington's conviction was overturned in 1999; he was pardoned by President Clinton in January 2001 as prosecutors were pursuing the case anew.) The U.S. Senate voted to ban most federal financing for abortions provided by the managed-care industry.

Five years ago: Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the Bush administration had secret information supporting its claims that Saddam Hussein was close to developing nuclear weapons. The Senate opened debate on legislation creating a new Homeland Security Department.

One year ago: Authorities announced the capture of al-Qaida in Iraq's No. 2 leader, Hamed Jumaa Farid al-Saedi, accusing him of "brutal and merciless" terror operations.

'Nothing is so useless as a general maxim.'

— Thomas Macaulay
English historian
(1800-1859)



Professional athletes need standards

The National Football League might already have made its decision by the time you read this, but I just want to go on record that Michael Vick, the Atlanta Falcons' ex-quarterback, should be suspended for life for his association with dogfighting.

That's not because I'm a fanatical animal lover. It's just way past time to clean the criminals out of American sports. Any player in any professional sport who is convicted of a felony should be kicked out for life. Any college athlete convicted of any crime, except a parking ticket or other minor traffic offense, should lose his scholarship and get the boot. We have put up with the bad behavior of stupid people far too long.

And stupid is the right word. Gifted athletes in this country are showered with far more benefits than playing a game really deserves.

Well, so be it, but when you have a guy who is earning more money than he ever dreamed possible jeopardize it with criminal behavior, that's clear evidence of stupidity.

Vick, with all his millions of dollars, surely should have been able to find more ways to amuse himself than staging dogfights. Never mind all the talk about cruelty or all the talk about comparing dogfights to deer hunts. The only applicable word here is "illegal." Hunting is not a crime; staging dogfights is a crime. There should be no room at all for criminals in professional or college sports.

It amazes me how people who are always eager to lynch a cop or a business-

man will take rationalizing to new heights to minimize the bad behavior of a star athlete. Guys like Vick deserve less sympathy than any other criminal, with the exception of serial killers and child molesters.

What possible excuse can a rich, healthy athlete have for committing a crime? Pro athletes have all the material rewards the world can offer. They have a great capacity to do good for their families and for others. So how can anyone excuse their behaving like a gutter bum?

David Rockefeller, a now-retired banker, said something the other day we all should ponder. "I don't see any leaders in any area, and that scares me," he told interviewer Charlie Rose. It

ought to scare us all.

Well, the best kind of leadership is to lead by example, and people in charge of professional athletics and college sports should lead by setting high standards for decent behavior and enforcing them. They don't mind setting high standards for athletic prowess; they should demand the same high standard of moral behavior.

Losing the services of a quarterback or a basketball player does no damage whatsoever to the nation. Athletes in our society fall into the category of entertainers. They are paid extremely well for serving no useful function in society. They are, in fact, interchangeable and expendable. One performer is like another, and only character can make performers notable.

When they behave badly, they do great harm, because

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Aug. 27

The Dallas Morning News on ushering an ethics bill into law:

We share some of President Bush's concerns about the ethics bill that Democratic congressional leaders will put on his desk after Labor Day. It will not end all the hanky-panky in Washington. Not by a long shot. Still, the measure goes far enough to warrant his signature.

The legislation does ban lobbyists from giving gifts to lawmakers and

their staffs. A gift doesn't necessarily lead to a favorable vote, but gift-giving is part of the lobby culture that permeates Washington.

A nice item here and there, and soon a lobbyist becomes pals with a legislator and his aides. That, in turn, leads to the face time that lobbyists crave to talk about a client's point of view.

In recent years, there's been a lot of talk about changing Washington's culture, but we haven't seen much of a shift. However, provisions like the ban on gift-giving could bring about some meaningful change in the way the town does business.

A Bush signature also would mean a

bipartisan triumph, which could help the administration start things off right in the post-Karl Rove era. Tamping down partisan bitterness could benefit both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue, especially since fights over Iraq and the budget will generate plenty of passion later this fall.

Reports indicate that the president may sign the ethics legislation, imperfect though it may be. We hope that proves to be the case. That would be a good thing for a town that often has a hard time dealing with the national good.

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LABOR DAY



As the Industrial Revolution took hold of the nation, the average American in the late 1800s worked 12-hour days, seven days a week in order to make a basic living. Children were also working, as they provided cheap labor to employers and laws against child labor were not strongly enforced.

With the long hours and terrible working conditions, American unions became more prominent and voiced their demands for a better way of life. On Tuesday September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers marched from city hall to Union Square in New York City, holding the first-ever Labor Day parade. Participants took an unpaid day-off to honor the workers of America, as well as vocalize issues they had with employers. As years passed, more states began to hold these parades, but Congress would not legalize the holiday until 12 years later.

On May 11, 1894, workers of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago struck to protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives. They sought support from their union led by Eugene V. Debs and on June 26 the American Railroad Union called a boycott of all Pullman railway cars. Within days, 50,000 rail workers complied and railroad traffic out of Chicago came to a halt. On July 4, President Grover Cleveland dispatched troops to Chicago. Much rioting and bloodshed ensued, but the government's actions broke the strike and the boycott soon collapsed. Debs and three other union officials were jailed for disobeying the injunction. The strike brought worker's rights to the public eye and Congress declared, in 1894, that the first Monday in September would be the holiday for workers, known as Labor Day.

The founder of Labor Day remains unclear, but some credit either Peter McGuire, co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, or Matthew Maguire, a secretary of the Central Labor Union, for proposing the holiday.

Although Labor Day is meant as a celebration of the labor movement and its achievements, it has come to be celebrated as the last, long summer weekend before Autumn.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a young mother who is stuck at a fork in the road. Whichever path I choose will lead to guilt and regret. I love my son more than anything, like any mother does, but he always wants to be at his father's house -- no matter what. My son asks me four times a day -- or more -- when he will return to his father's house. I feel as though he wants his father more than me. His father tells me he has to force our son to return to my house. Abby, I have done nothing but pour sweat and love into my son. I have done everything a 20-year-old can do to raise my boy. My problem is, my father works for a college, and I can attend for free. But it's 840 miles away. Custody has never been established between my son's father and me, and he does not want my son to go with me. My son does not want to come, either. I have never been to college. I work for \$8 an hour and have been for three years. The thought of leaving my son kills me. I want to take this opportunity, but at the same time I wonder if I should just stay with my job and be near my son. I cry over this every day. Please help me decide. -- **TORN IN COLORADO**

DEAR TORN: I'm glad to help. You should definitely take the opportunity to complete your education, which will help you to better provide for yourself and your child in the future. However, before you go, I strongly recommend that you discuss the situation with an attorney who specializes in family law. I don't know what has been going on in your house -- or your child's father's house -- that has biased the boy the way it appears he has been. But a custody arrangement should absolutely be worked out before you leave, and it may take a judge to decide what would be appropriate. I can't do it for you via long distance.

DEAR ABBY: I met this guy a while ago, and we started hanging out and having sex. We introduced our kids to each other, I met his family, and we have been together ever since. The problem is, he's now saying that we are just friends with benefits. It hurts to hear that. He told me in the beginning that he was looking for a serious relationship. I don't know how to deal with this because I have fallen for him. I have turned other guys away because I believed we had an exclusive relationship. Please tell me what to do. Should I find someone who wants me for me -- and more than a friend with benefits? Or should I wait it out and see what happens? -- **LOST FOR WORDS IN LIMA, OHIO**

DEAR LOST FOR WORDS: The "guy" you've been seeing is not ready or willing to turn in his bachelor button for a boutonniere. He may also be commitment-phobic. Although it is painful, be grateful he was honest about it. The time has come to tell him that being a "friend with benefits" was not what you signed on for -- and goodbye. You should definitely look for someone who wants what you do in a relationship. And because it can take time to find, start now. Waiting it out with this "guy" would be a waste of time.

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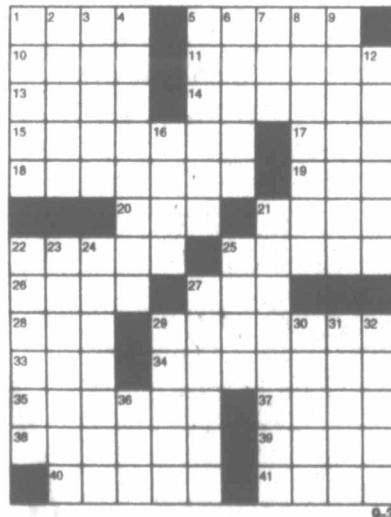
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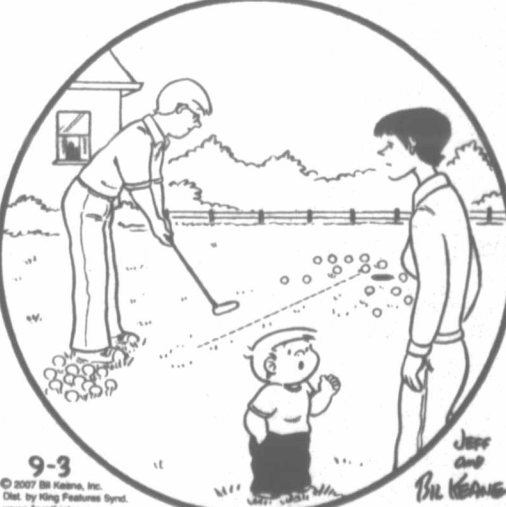


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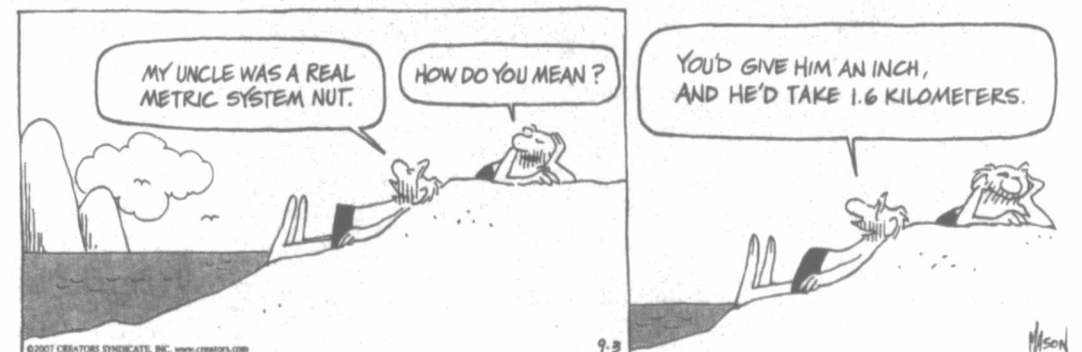


The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



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Sports Day



Fun run

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Four generations of a family participated in the one mile Fun Run this morning at Chautauqua. Pictured from right are mother Cookie Cooke, daughter Paulette Hinkle, granddaughter Mary Ann Richards and great-grandson Jett Richards.

Yet another mad scramble in the PGA Tour Playoffs

NORTON, Mass. (AP) — Arron Oberholser can't seem to decide who's a bigger threat in the final round of the Deutsche Bank Championship.

The guy ahead of him, or the guys behind him.

Brett Wetterich shot a 5-under-par 66 to move into the lead at TPC Boston on Sunday at 13-under, one stroke ahead of Oberholser (66). But just below them on the leaderboard are Phil Mickelson (11-under) and Tiger Woods (10-under), with Aaron Baddeley tied with Woods and U.S. Open champion Angel Cabrera just four strokes off the lead.

"Look who's behind me," Oberholser said. "I've got the U.S. Open champion behind me, who shot 65 today; I've got the PGA champion (Woods) behind me, who three-putted the last two holes to give us all a lit-

tle bit of a break; and then a three-time major champion in Phil Mickelson right behind me.

"And then, obviously, Brett is leading. I mean, and Brett has won before. He knows how to do it. And this golf course is right up his alley. We all have our work cut out for us tomorrow, and I do, too, without a doubt. ... I'm probably the last guy on that board that most people think will win tomorrow with those names up there."

Oberholser will pair up with Wetterich for the Labor Day finish, with the glamour group matching up Woods and Mickelson for the third time in four days. In the first two rounds, they played in a threesome with Vijay Singh that attracted almost all of the attention from the galleries.

But this time, the tournament
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Lady Buffs Soccer Falls to No. 13 Washburn

WEATHERFORD, Okla. - In an extremely physical match on Sunday afternoon, the Lady Buffs suffered their first loss of the season as they fell to No. 13 Washburn University, 4-1, in a match played at Southwestern Oklahoma State. WTAMU's lone goal came from Samantha Calcote just 2:36 into the second half - her third of the season - assisted by Cassie Hiser. The Lady Buffs are now 3-1 on the

year. Jessica Mainz scored twice for the Lady Blues, with Danielle Ayala adding a goal and an assist and Angela Wiseman tallying one goal. Other assists came from Lauren Lawless and Traci Nigg.

Lisha Jungmann started in goal and played the full 90 minutes, making seven saves for the Lady Buffs and allowed four goals. In goal for Washburn was Jenny

Persons, who stopped eight shots and allowed one goal.

Washburn struck first in the match; WTAMU kicked a goal kick that Ayala headed back over the Lady Buff defense. Mainz ran on to the ball and lofted the ball over Jungmann's head from 10 yards out to put Washburn up 1-0.

The next two Washburn goals came just 28 seconds apart as Wiseman found the back of the net

from five yards in front of the goal (assisted by Lawless) and Mainz hammered a shot from the top of the box to the lower left corner (assisted by Nigg).

Calcote put WT on the board in the second half as Hiser played a through ball to her feet and she challenged Pearsons one-on-one. Calcote dribbled in and lofted her shot over Pearsons from three yards out.

Washburn added an insurance goal 16 minutes later when Ayala fired a shot from the center of the box and it deflected off a WT defender to score.

Calcote, Elisabeth Markussen and Danea Fontana each took three shots on goal for the Lady Buffs.

WTAMU's women play again on Sept. 8 when they face St. Mary's at the Pitch at 1 p.m.

Serena Williams, Justine Henin meet in 3rd major quarterfinal

NEW YORK (AP) — If it's the quarterfinals of a Grand Slam tournament, it must be time for Serena Williams vs. Justine Henin.

They have been at the forefront of women's tennis over the past few years — and they sure can't seem to escape each other lately. When Williams and Henin square off in the U.S. Open quarterfinals Tuesday, they will be playing at that stage in a third consecutive major.

"We both have a lot of

character and a lot of personality. We both have been very strong mentally on the court in the last few years. She won Grand Slams; I did. She's been No. 1 and I've been," said Henin, who currently tops the rankings. "Now let's go and play, and we'll see what's going to happen."

She beat Williams at the French Open on clay and at Wimbledon on grass, although the American won their meeting in the final at

Key Biscayne, Fla., on hard courts in March, saving two match points in the process.

"I'm going in feeling like I don't have anything to lose," said Williams, who is seeded No. 8 after falling out of the top 100 last year because of a lack of activity. "I just feel different now, excited about the prospect of meeting her again."

If Williams can get past Henin this time, she could find another, even more familiar foe in the semifinals: older sister Venus.

Both siblings were down-right dominant against recent Grand Slam finalists Sunday, with Serena Williams beating Marion Bartoli 6-3, 6-4, a few hours before Venus Williams reached the quarterfinals by eliminating French Open runner-up Ana Ivanovic 6-4, 6-2.

"Serena reminds me of a pit bull dog and a young Mike Tyson, all in one. Venus reminds me of a

gazelle that's able to move, prance and jump," their father, Richard Williams, said. "Venus looks as if she is really enjoying herself out there more than Serena is right now. If they get by everyone and meet each other, it will be an interesting match."

His daughters could meet in the semifinals. They have met more than a dozen times overall, with Serena holding a 5-1 advantage in Grand Slam finals.

"That would be awesome because it would mean that there is a Williams in the final," said Venus, who will have to beat No. 3 Jelena Jankovic first.

Much like Henin-Williams, Jankovic-Williams has been lopsided lately at the majors: Jankovic has won their past three matches, including at Wimbledon in 2006 and the French Open this year.

Last day for Optimist Club football sign-ups is Tuesday

The last call for Pampa Optimist Youth Club football is Tuesday. Late sign-ups will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Optimist building.

"We have had a total registration for football of 221,"

reported Melissa Gordon, the registrar for Optimist football. "We have 72 boys and girls in the first and second grades registered for flag football, 77 players signed up for the third and

fourth grade division tackle football and 72 for the fifth and sixth grade division tackle football."

Gordon continued, "The turnout has been so large that we are adding a team in the

fifth and sixth grade division."

The draft will be later this week in all divisions. Practices are scheduled to start by the end of this week or first of next week.

Playing fees are \$45 for flag football and \$75 for tackle football.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

TCU's Blake back at practice

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — TCU standout defensive end Tommy Blake returned to practice Sunday night after missing the No. 22 Horned Frogs' 27-0 season-opening victory over Baylor.

While Blake took part in the team's hour-long light workout, coach Gary Patterson said Blake's status for Saturday night's game at No. 4 Texas was still uncertain. The Horned Frogs have Monday off before getting back on the practice field Tuesday.


Doctors didn't clear Blake to play in the opener after he was away on a medical leave with an undisclosed illness last week, though he returned in time to go through Friday's walk-through and it appeared he might play. The defensive end also missed five prac-

tices and a scrimmage in mid-August when he went home for personal reasons.

Patterson said Blake could play against Texas if doctors clear him and "if I think everything's OK. It's my job to judge and make sure it's in the best interest in the team and the best interest in him."

The two-time All-Mountain West Conference selection and top NFL prospect watched the Baylor game from a patio outside of Patterson's office above the end zone.

Even without Blake, the MWC leader with seven sacks and 16 1/2 tackles for losses last season, the Frogs had their first season-opening shutout since 1971. They had four interceptions, three in the second half when Baylor had only 78 yards — after 204 yards before half-time.



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Blalock hits grand slam, Rangers beat Angels 8-7

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Hank Blalock returned to the Texas lineup with a bang, hitting a dramatic go-ahead grand slam against Scot Shields in the eighth inning and leading the Rangers to an 8-7 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Sunday.

Shields (3-5) gave up a leadoff single to Michael Young, then walked Brad Wilkerson and hit Frank Catalanotto with a 2-2 pitch before Blalock drove the right-hander's 2-2 delivery deep into the right-field seats for his fifth career grand slam and first this season.

The Angels remained 6 1/2 games ahead of Seattle in the AL West, as the Mariners lost for the ninth straight time.

Staked to an 8-5 lead, Rangers closer C.J. Wilson struggled in the ninth, giving up three hits, including an RBI single to Robb Quinlan. With runners on second and third and one out, Reggie Willits lined out to third. Wilson then hit Orlando Cabrera on an 0-2 count to load the bases, and walked Vladimir Guerrero to force in a run.

That brought up Garret Anderson, who hit a three-

run homer in the ninth Saturday against Wilson. This time, Wilson caught Anderson looking at a 1-2 pitch to end the game. It was Wilson's 10th save in 11 chances.

Blalock, a two-time All-Star, had been limited to 39 games this season because of a condition called "thoracic outlet syndrome," which affects the nerves that pass through the shoulder into the neck. He had surgery May 21 to remove a rib, which helped alleviate the problem.

Shields retired one batter and was charged with all four runs. Since the All-Star break, the Angels' set-up man has a 10.00 ERA.

Wes Littleton (3-1) pitched two hitless innings for the victory.

Angels starter John Lackey was in line for a victory before Shields' implosion. Lackey, a native Texan, struggled with the heat as much as teammate Kelvim Escobar did the day before, throwing 99 pitches over 6 2-3 innings and allowing two-run homers by Ian Kinsler and Brad Wilkerson.

Lackey was charged with four runs and six hits, struck out eight and walked two.

Johnson gets fifth win of season; Earnhardt still out of Chase field

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) — After going four months without a victory, Jimmie Johnson picked a great time to get back to Victory Circle.

The reigning NASCAR Nextel Cup champion came on strong at the end of Sunday night's 250-lap race, grabbing his series-leading fifth victory of the season, clinching a spot in the Chase for the championship and guaranteeing he will be no worse than a tie for the top seed in the 10-race playoff.

Johnson dominated the second half of the Sharp Aquos 500, a race that began in bright sunshine with temperatures over 100 degrees and finished under the lights with the night not much cooler. It was his first win since May 6 at Richmond.

"We've been close," Johnson said of the long victory drought. "We've been running good. But it was nice to get the job done tonight."

"Historically, we start the season strong, have a little

bit of a struggle when we get to the warm weather and then get it going again. It seems like that's the way it's going and I'm just glad to be back in Victory Circle."

This win was particularly important, with NASCAR awarding a 10-point bonus for each win this season in seeding the 12 drivers who will compete in the Chase. If the Chase began next week, Johnson would be the top seed, with 10 more points than Hendrick Motorsports teammate and series points leader Jeff Gordon, who has four wins.

"We're fortunate to be in that situation," Johnson said. "That's very satisfying. The season is all about a championship, especially when you get in the Chase. It's time for the pressure to pick up and the hard work to start. And my guys are ready for it."

There was some shuffling at the bottom of the Chase contenders, with Martin Truex Jr. and Kurt Busch each moving up one spot to 10th and 11th,

respectively, while Daytona 500 winner Kevin Harvick slipped from 10th to 12th.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., began and ended the race in 13th, despite a solid fifth-place finish. But he did cut his margin from 158 behind Busch coming in to 128 behind Harvick heading into next Saturday night's race at Richmond, the final event before the start of the stock car playoff.

"It was so hot out there you kind of get aggravated," said Earnhardt, who looked completely drained after getting out of his car. "I'm tired, real tired."

Told his point deficit heading to Richmond, Junior said, "I don't know much about the system, I never cared to. I just go out there and run as hard as I can. It doesn't look like we're going to make it, but we're not going to quit trying until they tell us we're not (in it)."

Johnson, who took the lead for good after a series of green flag pit stops 22 laps, led 65 of the last 82 laps on the two-mile oval.

He easily held off runner-up Carl Edwards in the waning laps, although it appeared for a while that Edwards might overtake him.

"I thought he was going to be a sitting duck," said Edwards, who overcame a pit collision with rookie Juan Pablo Montoya early in the race. "I said on the radio that I thought it was going to be me and Kyle (Busch). It's immensely disappointing. Running second is terrible."

Kyle Busch finished third, followed by Jeff Burton, Earnhardt, Matt Kenseth, Truex, Brian Vickers and Kurt Busch. Harvick finished 13th.

Kurt Busch, who started from the pole, was happy to be closer to clinching a spot in the Chase — 13 points ahead of Harvick and only 20 behind Truex in 10th and 25 behind Clint Bowyer in ninth.

"I feel pretty solid," he said. "You know there's a guy behind us now to give us a little bit of cushion. It's going to be an interesting race in Richmond."

Americans look as good as gold, but Beijing is still a long way away

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LAS VEGAS (AP) —

Their main course of business had been taken care of the day before, to little celebration. The U.S. may not be able to win the Olympic gold just by showing up anymore, but there was never any real doubt whether the latest collection of NBA superstars would be making the trip to Beijing next summer.

They'll be favored to win it all, of course, despite the embarrassing missteps of recent years. Those kind of expectations have come with the territory ever since the original Dream Team set a standard in Barcelona that could never be matched.

It will be another year before this team is either crowned Olympic champions, or declared a failure like the last Olympic team and the team that lost to Greece in the world championships last year. A lot can happen in that time, and there's still an entire NBA season to play in between.

Judging from the show put on Sunday before an appreciative if undersized crowd, though, this might be a special team.

LeBron, Kobe, Carmelo and company could have mailed it in against Argentina in the finals of the FIBA Americas Championship and no one would have said much. They were playing their 10th game in 12 days, had already

earned a berth in Beijing by beating Puerto Rico the day before, and were playing an Argentine team they had beaten just two days earlier.

The fact that they didn't has to make you think that all the talk about unselfishness, teamwork and playing the game like they were hungry Europeans may not have been just talk after all.

The gold medals hanging around their necks after routing Argentina aren't the gold medals they're after. But those may come easier in China because of the foundation laid in the desert, where

a real team grew out of a collection of superstars in just a few short weeks.

"All the questions about this team have been answered," said Jerry Colangelo, the de facto general manager. "We know who we are now. We didn't know that coming in."

That could be just passed off as just so much smoke because the teams the U.S. beat here aren't the physical and deep teams it will face a year from now. But there was a lot to like about the way a team that began practice at a high school gym on Aug. 14 looked before they all went back to enjoying the summer vacations they interrupted for the national cause.

The American stars showed they can hit the 3, defend when necessary, and share the ball without quarreling. They also showed the usual assortment of highlight reel plays demonstrated so ably in the same UNLV campus arena where most of them held court as NBA All-

Stars just a few months ago.

Most important, though, they showed they can be a real team, not just a collection of individual superstars. And that might be the best thing to come out of a tournament they never really wanted to be in in the first place.

"The best part about it is we all get along. We just bond," Kobe Bryant said. "It's fun."

They should have never been here in the first place, but were forced to suffer the indignity of having to qualify thanks to the loss to Greece in the semifinals of the world championships. It was a game that exposed some glaring weaknesses, forced Colangelo and his braintrust to confront them, and forced the Americans to play in a qualifying tournament just to get in the Olympics.

Not all the weaknesses were solved, and that showed in some defensive lapses and the continuing

inability to defend against the pick-and-roll. Bryant was at times more selfish than he should be, and speed at point guard and muscle in the middle might still be a problem in Beijing.

But the way this team shoots 3-pointers it may not matter. They hit 23 of 36 in the semifinal, James made 8 of 11 by himself in the rout of Argentina, and no one seemed afraid to fire away at will.

The best part is the team figures to get even better next year with the addition of an injured Dwyane Wade, who sat behind the U.S. bench while taking everything in, and some more fine-tuning of the roster.

There's not much left to juggle, though, because this team is close to being complete.

"Everything fits," Colangelo said.

That said, the Americans will always be just one game away from disappointing everyone. They've been

undefeated in qualifying before only to go home without the gold, and they will face a lot tougher competition in China that their 1992 predecessors never had to worry about.

Argentina is the defending Olympic champion, Spain the defending world champion, France will have Tony Parker, and Italy and Greece will be tough. The Europeans all play big and physical inside, and one bad stretch in a 40-minute game might be enough to knock off even this latest collection of NBA talent.

There will be plenty of time to worry about that over the next year, plenty of time to wonder who next year's Greece might be, plenty of time to fret over what might happen if the 3s don't fall.

Right now, though, they look as good as gold.

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Buchholz shows youngsters can pitch no-hitters, too

BOSTON (AP) —

Seconds after Clay Buchholz finished his no-hitter, the rookie's teammates pounced on him in front of the plate.

Josh Beckett flashed a big smile, rubbed Buchholz's head and hugged him.

"A lot better than Curt Schilling did," Beckett shouted.

Schilling came within one out of a no-hitter June 8. And right now, Buchholz stands alone. None of the multimillionaires in the Red Sox rotation has thrown a

major league no-hitter.

Not Schilling, who is making \$13 million this season. Not Beckett (\$6 million). Not Tim Wakefield (\$4 million). Daisuke Matsuzaka (\$6 million) is in his first year in the majors but never threw a no-hitter in eight seasons in Japan.

Total salaries: \$29.9 million. Total pro starts: 1,150. Total no-hitters: 0.

"You have to have great stuff on a certain night," Boston manager Terry Francona said Sunday, "but you have to have breaks,

too."

Buchholz hurled his masterpiece — a 10-0 win Saturday night over the Baltimore Orioles — in just his second major league appearance. Another outstanding rookie, second baseman Dustin Pedroia, saved it for him with a diving stop behind the base. He got up and threw out Miguel Tejada leading off the seventh.

Center fielder Coco Crisp also made several good running catches.

"It was a great day for me

and, hopefully, more to come," a groggy Buchholz said Sunday morning.

Soon after the game, he found about 80 text messages on his phone. He finally called his father, "Skip," back home in Texas about 90 minutes after the crowd stopped cheering. He tried to go to sleep at 4 a.m. and couldn't, so he got to Fenway Park at 8 a.m.

"I'm still living sort of a blur," he said before Sunday's game at his locker where he had Saturday night's lineup card.

"I can describe it a lot of different ways, but I'll just leave it as I'm not very happy right now," the defending champion said. "I'm going to have to actually shoot a really low round tomorrow, and hopefully, it will be enough."

Woods made up a three-stroke margin against Singh a year ago to win the Deutsche Bank. Oberholser doesn't doubt for a second that he can do it again.

"He'll figure it out, I have no doubt," Oberholser said. "He'll figure it out. That stuff doesn't stay with him. That stuff doesn't bother him. That stuff never has, not even when he and I were playing against each

other in college. He's just — he handles all that mental adversity better than anybody else, and that's why he's got 13 major victories."

Wetterich had birdies on two of the first four holes and saved a stroke on No. 5 after a bad drive went into the hazard and it took him a half-dozen tries to drop without landing on the cart path or the TV wires. Then, he hit his approach within five feet.

"After all that was done, I hit a great shot to the green, thank God," he said. "From there on I got myself out of trouble and didn't get in any more trouble and made a few birdie putts."

It's the first time in his career he has brought the lead into the final round. He hasn't been in serious contention at all since Doral, when he played with Woods in the final pairing.

He shot a 1-under 71 to cut a four-stroke deficit to two shots.

"If I go out and shoot 5 under like I did today, it's going to be hard to beat me, unless someone really plays a good round of golf," Wetterich said. "I'm going to go out and try to make the best score that I can. And if someone catches me and beats me, then they did."

James scores U.S. record 31 points, leads Americans over

LAS VEGAS (AP) — LeBron James put a record finish on the Americans' dominance in the desert.

James scored a team-record 31 points, and the United States beat Argentina 118-81 on Sunday to win the FIBA Americas championship.

Dwight Howard made all seven of his shots and scored 20 points, and Carmelo Anthony added 16 points for the Americans, who were never challenged while winning 10 games in 12 days and will head to Beijing next summer as one of the gold medal favorites.

The Americans averaged 116.7 points in the tournament.

The game was largely meaningless, because both teams had already clinched

spots in the Beijing field by winning semifinal games Saturday. But the Americans didn't let up, remaining perfect in four Olympic qualifiers, including 7-0 against Argentina.

James finished the tournament shooting 76 percent from the field — his percentage actually dropped from 76.5 after he made 11 of 15 shots. He was 8-of-11 from 3-point range and also led the tournament in that category, hitting 62 percent.

The game was close for 6 minutes before the United States blew it open with an 18-0 run. The Americans scored the final 15 points of the first quarter, then Chauncey Billups opened the second with a 3-pointer for a 38-14 lead.

Basketball Boosters to hold first meeting Wednesday

The PHS basketball booster club will hold their first meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the ready room at the athletic building.

They will be discussing dates for Meet the

Harvesters, Pack the Pit and Senior night.

Also, the most urgent items on the agenda will include the Homecoming Parade and Meet the Harvesters.

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ment's on the line. It's the fifth time Woods and Mickelson have been paired in the final round over the last 10 years, the first since the 2005 Ford Championship at Doral. Woods has a 3-1-1 advantage, three times leading to victory.

Woods moved into contention with three straight birdies, starting with a 30-foot putt on No. 8. But he three-putted both of the last two greens and would up with a 67.

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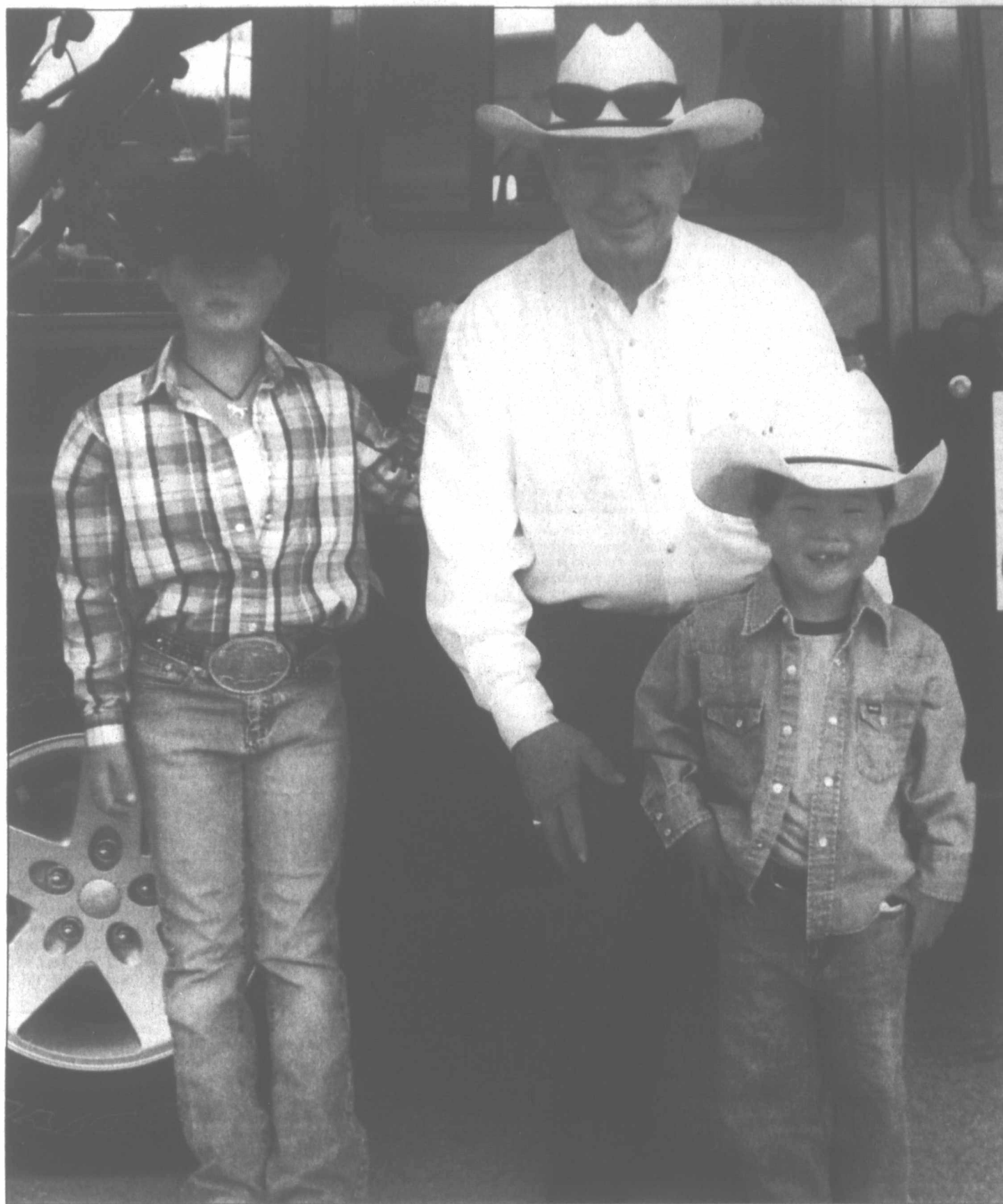
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Grand marshal



Rep. Warren Chisum was the grand marshal at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Parade recently. Riding in the lead vehicle with him were London Lowrey, left, and his grandson Isaiah Chisum.

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Events calendar

- **Sign-up for two new USDA disaster programs** begins Sept. 10. The Livestock Compensation Program compensates agriculture producers for feed losses between Jan. 1, 2005-Feb. 28, 2007. Producers with losses from blizzards in 2006 and 2007 may also be eligible. The Livestock Indemnity Program compensates producers for livestock losses during the same periods. To learn more, log onto www.FSA.USDA.gov on the Internet or contact your local Farm Service Agency.

- **Pampa Community Concert Association** "Presents Live on Stage" is conducting its annual membership drive for three weeks in September starting Sept. 10. Scheduled concerts in Pampa are Edgar Cruz, guitarist, Nov. 5; Saxophobia with Rob Verdi, March 31, 2008; and "Revolution, A Tribute to the Beatles," May 6, 2008. All local concerts will kick-off at 7:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Concerts scheduled in Borger are The Juggernaut Jug Band, Sept. 20; The Celtic Tenors, Nov. 4; and Angela Jia Kim, pianist, Feb. 12, 2008. For more information, Ruth Riehart at 665-3362 or Glennette Goode at 665-9432.

- **The Amarillo Museum of Art** is offering art classes for children and adults beginning Sept. 17. The classes will last eight to 10 weeks. Classes for children include Art Adventure (ages 4-5), Drawing and Painting (ages 6-9, 9-12), Catch a Falling Star (ages 6-9), and Tropical Clay (ages 6-9, 9-12) plus a Christmas Workshop. Adult classes include Ceramics and Oil Painting. To learn more or to register, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.

- **Suicide Survivors Support Group** will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 3 at Briarwood

Church, 1800 W. Harvester, in Pampa.

- **RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program)** will stage its 34th Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet for its volunteers in Pampa, White Deer, McLean and Shamrock at 6 p.m. Sept. 4 at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Ballard. Participants must RSVP by Aug. 28. The Amarillo banquet will be at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 11 at Amarillo Civic Center Heritage Room. Participants must RSVP by Sept. 3. For more information, call (806) 373-8389 or 1-877-373-8389.

- **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Sept. 5 and 19, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

- **The Institute for Natural Resources** will offer a seminar for the medical and health care industry entitled "The Addicted Brain" Sept. 5 in Lubbock and Sept. 6 in Amarillo. The seminar will be worth six credit hours and is open to nurses, pharmacists, dietitians/DTRs, psychologists, social workers, nursing home administrators, case managers, occupational therapists, physical therapists, massage therapists, counselors and other health professionals. To find out more or to register, call 1-877-246-6336 or (925) 609-2820.

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so many children look up to them. To many children, they become role models, whether they want to be or not. If they don't want to be role models, then they should quit their sport and do the kind of work many of them are qualified to do, like picking up garbage or digging ditches.

When you think of all the good and decent people who labor so hard in this country for comparatively peanuts in material rewards, you realize that there is no excuse at all for putting up with indecent behavior on the part of millionaires.

People blessed by good fortune have a civic duty to set a good example for their fellow citizens. Those who choose to act like spoiled brats and scoundrels, whatever their vocation, deserve a strong boot in the butt and public contempt.

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