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Thornberry announces ag disaster programs

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep Mac Thornberry has announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has set sign-up dates for the new Livestock Compensation Program, Livestock Indemnity Program and Crop Disaster Program. The three disaster programs, funded in the "U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007" provide benefits to farmers and ranchers who suffered losses caused by natural disasters in calendar years 2005, 2006 or 2007.

Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive

benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) beginning Sept. 10, 2007. Eligible farmers can sign up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) beginning Oct. 15, 2007, if they suffered quantity losses to their crops. USDA will announce and conduct CDP sign-up for quality losses as soon as possible.

On May 25, 2007, President George W. Bush signed into law the "U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007" (2007 Act). The 2007 Act authorizes LCP, LIP and CDP. It also authorizes funding for the

Emergency Forestry Conservation Reserve Program (EFCRP), Emergency Conservation Program and Dairy Disaster Assistance Program III (DDAP-III). USDA recently announced sign-up for EFCRP and the distribution of funds to 18 states under ECP. USDA will announce and conduct sign-up for DDAP-III as soon as possible. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is charged with administering the programs.

LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses occurring between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster. This can include producers who suffered

losses resulting from blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007.

Livestock producers may elect to receive compensation for calendar year 2007 grazing season losses that are attributable to wildfire natural disaster occurring during the applicable period as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, are eligible as are producers located in counties contiguous to

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People line up to buy a funnel cake from the Calvary Baptist Church booth at last year's Chautauqua. Courtesy Photo

City gears up for Chautauqua

BY KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

The annual Chautauqua celebration hosted by Pampa Fine Arts Association is scheduled once again for Labor Day, Sept. 3, in Central Park. This is an event where families can enjoy arts and crafts, educational booths and food and entertainment. The day starts off at 7 a.m. with pancakes served by the Pampa Rotary Club

and registration for the Fun Run/Walk sponsored by Pampa Regional Medical Center. Those interested in getting a little exercise can register for the one mile walk for \$5 or the 5K run for \$10. All of the entry fees will be donated to the United Way. The one mile walk begins at 8 a.m. and the 5K follows at 8:20 a.m. Throughout the day, free

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McGinty honored with national achievement award

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Gray County Agriculture Extension Agent Brandon McGinty has received the National Association of County Extension Agents' Achievement Award. McGinty was one of seven Texas extension agents nominated, and one of three winners in the state. Winners are chosen for each state.

His nomination cited his work with local cotton producers as well as with local 4-H youth. The nomination also told of McGinty's work to help farmers and ranchers affected by the 2006 wild-

fires.

"This peer recognition for excellence in education programming in agriculture and natural resources and for leadership is a distinctive honor," said Donna Brauchi, district extension administrator in the Texas Cooperative Extension office in Amarillo, in a letter to County Judge Richard Peet. "Brandon's efforts to address the needs and issues in Gray County through quality educational experiences has resulted in increased knowledge and skills among participants

"He has become an active leader

within his association and with youth development and agriculture task forces and committees in the district and state. This involvement has demonstrated his leadership potential, and he is quickly establishing himself as a leader among agents in the district," she said in the letter.

McGinty began a cotton production program in 2004, the year he was named Extension agent for Gray County. Parts of the program are addressed yearly after harvest, and edu-

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McGinty

Model train hobby leads to display

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Robert Chancellor, a 10-year-old who will be a 5th grader at Austin Elementary this year, has loved model trains most of his short life and recently he thought it would be great to share this passion and hobby with others.

He spoke with Anne Stobbe, the director of Lovett Memorial Library, and showed her a prized possession of his to see what she thought. Stobbe and other library officials decided to place some of his trains in the front display case of the library entrance and also showcase a few books pertaining to the hobby.

"I wanted to share this hobby with others and hopefully get other kids interested in

trains," Chancellor said. "Or if kids do not like trains, maybe this will inspire them to get involved in another hobby. My uncle James owned a hobby shop and he is the one that got me interested in trains."

Chancellor and his mother, Kathy, go to garage sales and look for train treasures. They recently found a Marx HO train set in the original box. They believe these are no longer in production. He also has many accessories such as bridges and trees that he's bought with allowance money or they have been given to him as gifts.

"I like to read books about trains and also like to watch movies about them too," Chancellor said. "I can even do the sound of

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Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH
Robert Chancellor stands in front of the front display case at Lovett Memorial Library where some of his model trains are on display along with books on the same subject.

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Soybeans	7.14	Limited	22.43	-0.39
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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

DAVIS, Danny K. — Graveside services 10 a.m. White Deer Cemetery.
 SMITH, Rev. Virgil H. — Services 10 a.m. First United Methodist Church.

Rev. Virgil H. Smith, 87

Rev. Virgil H. Smith, 87, died Saturday, August 25, 2007, in Dumas, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 29, 2007, at First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Dr. Jerry R. Lane, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church of Borger, and Rev. Lynn Wilson, Church of Christ minister of Columbus, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery, with military honors courtesy of the U.S. Army, Fort Hood, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Rev. Smith was born May 21, 1920, in Madison, Illinois. He was a graduate of Southern Methodist University. He married Yvonna Jean Bigham Smith on October 21, 1943, in Battle Creek, Michigan. He was a retired Methodist minister, serving our Lord for 40 years in Texas and Illinois. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving as a military police escort guard during World War II from 1942-

1946. He was a member of the American Legion Post # 57 in Elgin, Illinois, and was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Pearl City, Illinois. Survivors include his wife, Jean Smith of the home; one daughter, Sandi Smith & husband Dennis of Durand, Illinois; one son, Jerry Smith of Amarillo; one sister, Virginia Stewart of Defiance, Ohio; two daughters-in-law, Charlene Smith of Amarillo and Mrs. Jan Oneal of Hobbs, New

Mexico; two grandsons, Michael Smith and Jeremy "J.J." Smith; and two granddaughters, Jami Len Mount and Michelle Smith. He was preceded in death by a sister and two brothers. MEMORIALS: First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, Texas 79066-1981. SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2007. Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com



Smith

William 'Mike' Melear, 51

William "Mike" Melear, 51, died Saturday, Aug. 25, 2007, in Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, August 30, 2007, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum with Rev. Charles Lowry, pastor of Crosspointe Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-

Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. Melear was born Feb. 7, 1956 in Amarillo. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life. He worked for Chase Production and D.E. Chase Trucking for the past 30 years. He was preceded in death by his father, Douglas Melear Sr. on June 6, 1989, and by a brother, Gaylon Melear on August 12, 1993.

Survivors include his mother, Wilma Melear of Pampa; two sisters, Sonja Ellis and Gwen Manning, both of Amarillo; one brother, Douglas Melear Jr. of Jasper; three nephews; and four nieces. Sing the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com



Melear

Danny K. Davis, 51

WHITE DEER — Danny K. Davis, 51, died Saturday, August 25, 2007, in Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 29, 2007, at White Deer Cemetery, with Rev. Leland Lewis, pastor of the First Assembly of God in Pampa, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Davis was born July 1, 1956 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He grew up in Jenks and Woodward, Oklahoma and graduated from Woodward High School in 1975. He spent most of his life as an oilfield truck driver. He graduated from TSTI in 1998 and was close to completing a degree at Wayland Baptist University. He was involved with Boy Scouts

for many years and was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Pampa. He married Sandra Panches in 1985 at Coldwater, Kansas. They moved from Woodward to White Deer in 1991. Survivors include his wife, three very special children of the heart, Rocky McInturf of the home and Jeanne Miller and husband Shanon of White Deer; two grandsons, Haskell Nation of Wellington and Jacob Miller of White Deer; and

one granddaughter, Felicia Miller of White Deer. MEMORIALS: Foundation for the Retarded, P.O. Box 130564, Houston, Texas 77219, or the Texas Commission for the Blind, 7120 I-40 West, Suite 100, Amarillo, Texas 79106. SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 4 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2007. Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

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Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Twenty traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 2700 block of Navajo, the 2400 block of Charles and the 1900 block of Duncan.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of 23rd and Hobart streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Duncan and Worrell streets, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of South Faulkner and the 200 block of West 28th.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 100 block of South Russell, the intersection of 23rd and Dogwood

streets, the 100 block of North Hobart, the intersection of 23rd and Hobart streets, the 100 block of South Naida, the 800 block of South Faulkner, the 200 block of Miami, the 2300 block of Navajo, the 400 block of North Russell, the 1000 block of South Banks, the 100 block of South Sumner, the 100 block of North Sumner, an unreported location, the 1100 block of Seneca and the 300 block of Anne.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block of West Kingsmill. Warrant service was attempted on one occasion. Suspicious person calls were received from the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway and the 100 block of South Starkweather.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 300 block of Anne.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of North Sumner.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of North Dwight and the 1100 block of Varnon Drive.

A threat was reported in the 700 block of North Wells.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of Lefors.

Assault was reported in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive.

One open door was checked.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The theft occurred in

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those counties. Also, producers in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss Notice directly associated with a disaster declaration made by President Bush may also be eligible.

Producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 calendar years must choose only one year for which they want to apply for benefits.

LIP compensates livestock producers for livestock losses between Jan. 1, 2005, and February 28,

2007, which resulted from natural disasters, including losses due to blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, are eligible as are producers located in counties contiguous to those counties.

Also, producers in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss Notice directly associated with a disaster declaration made by President Bush may also be eligible. Producers incurring eligible livestock losses in more

than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 calendar years must choose only one year for which they want to apply for benefits.

CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses to 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops from natural disasters if the crop was planted before February 28, 2007, or, in the case of prevented plantings, for crops that would have been planted before February 28, 2007.

Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year to apply for benefits. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred

in the same crop year. Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP.

More information about LCP, LIP and CDP is available in a fact sheet titled, Agricultural Assistance Act of 2007, found on FSA's Web site, <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> click on Disaster Assistance Programs. USDA is developing individual fact sheets about these programs that will be posted online.

TxDOT to hold aviation meeting

The Texas Department of Transportation's Aviation Division will hold a regional public meeting from 9 -11 a.m. Wednesday at the TxDOT Amarillo district office conference center at 5715 Canyon Drive in Amarillo.

Representatives from the aviation division and local

aviation planners will be in attendance. The meeting will focus on current aviation programs and will touch on the planning and funding of future projects.

For more information, call Paul Braun at 806-570-6301 or visit the Web site www.txdot.gov.

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entertainment will be provided on the stage in the park. A new covered stage has been built over the past few months and this will be the first opportunity for it to be used.

A few churches will be giving away free food and drinks from their booths. Cornerstone Baptist Church

will have free water and Highland Baptist Church will be giving out free Popsicles to those wanting to cool off.

There are some new booths this year where people can get a variety of products and information. BACA, Bikers Against Child Abuse, will be on hand to give out information about child abuse. The Blair Foundation will have information on foster care and adoption. A book fair will be provided by Books Are Fun.

Earl's Engravings will have a variety of wood crafts available for purchase. M.G. Booster will have a train at the park for children to enjoy. St. Matthew's Episcopal Church will sell "Family Favorite Cookbooks" with the proceeds going to Good Samaritan.

Everyone is invited to attend this fun-filled event, but people are asked to leave their pets at home. There is a no pet policy at the event, but this has not

been followed very well in the past. This is done for the safety of everyone in attendance.

The Pampa Fine Arts reports that volunteers are still desperately needed for the event and there are still some openings available for stage entertainment. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer or entertainer, call and leave your name and number on the answering machine at 665-0343.

Award

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ational meetings for producers are held.

He has been an Extension agent since 1997. He was county Extension agent in Howard County from August 1997 to November

1999. He then was county Extension agent for Briscoe County until coming to Gray County.

In addition to the cotton production program, McGinty spearheads an active 4-H program with shooting sports, livestock, horse, veterinary science, rabbit, range evaluation team, meats team and live-

stock teams. Local youths in the programs participate in numerous district and state events, along with eight master volunteers trained in shooting sports, beef, sheep, horse and vet science.

McGinty conducts programs on range and livestock topics, with demonstrations on forage production, weed and brush con-

trols, educational programs on supplemental feeding and livestock selection. He was instrumental in distribution of donated hay, feed and fencing materials for producers affected by the 2006 wildfires.

"We are fortunate to have excellent agents like Brandon in our district and region," Brauchi said.

Trains

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the train puffing down the

tracks and how a train whistle sounds."

Chancellor's mother said the family took a trip to Quartz Mountain in Oklahoma so he could see

and ride on a real train.

"It was my first ride on a real train and I got to ride in the front with the engineer," Chancellor said. "It was very neat, but it was also

very hot up there."

His trains and books about them also will be on display through the end of this month in the front lobby of the library.

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Louisiana. A Social Security card was taken.

Theft was reported in the 700 block of North Somerville. A drum set of unknown value was taken.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of Denver. Taken were an MP3 car stereo, radar detector and laptop computer. Estimated value of loss is \$2,050.

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

Monday, Aug. 27
Sabrina Jeffries, 35, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of West Kingsmill by Pampa Police Department on two counts of contempt of court.

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

Monday, Aug. 27
7:50 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Duncan and Worrell on a motor vehicle accident.

11:15 a.m. — Two units and five personnel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a medical assist.

6:41 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1400 block of Williston on a lift assist.

11:53 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 300 block of Sunset on a gas leak.

Tuesday, Aug. 28
5:42 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1400 block of Williston on a lift assist.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following

calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Aug. 27
7:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Beech and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:50 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Duncan and transported two patients to PRMC.

11:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:14 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a private residence.

9:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Wells and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital.

Teen hacker swaps for car, phones

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The teenage hacker who managed to unlock the iPhone so that it can be used with cellular networks other than AT&T will be trading his reworked gadget for a new car.

George Hotz, of Glen Rock, N.J., said he had reached the deal with CertiCell, a Louisville, Ky.-based mobile phone repair company.

Hotz posted on his blog that he traded his modified iPhone for "a sweet Nissan 350Z and 3 8GB iPhones."

"This has been a great end to a great summer," Hotz wrote.

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Viewpoints

Winter omens come in many shapes and forms

Some people are saying that they think we're going to have a hard winter this year.

Of course, someone seems to say that every year. And if it's said every year, sooner or later it will be true.

I imagine the odds of someone being right about winter are about the same as those for any other forecast. I can think of no other career in which a person can be wrong so much of the time and keep their job.

Weather is tricky. Hurricanes have been known to change direction and make landfall in a different place from their expected paths. Tornadoes may be considered likely, but no one can tell in advance that a tornado will definitely form in a certain area at a certain time and take a certain route.

I think winter weather is the

same. Predictions can be made based on all available knowledge of weather behavior, but in the end, there are always a few surprises.

Science and technology have helped make weather predictions a lot more accurate and easier to determine than ever before. But before the age of satellites, radar and instruments that measure things like barometric pressure, people found a variety of ways to make forecasts about the weather.

Here is some folklore used to determine how rough winter will be:

If the first week in August is unusually warm, the coming winter will be snowy and long.

For every fog in August, there will be a snowfall in winter.

If a cold August follows a hot July, it foretells a hard, dry winter.

When leaves fall early, fall and

winter will be mild. When leaves fall late, winter will be severe.

A warm October means a cold February.

If flowers bloom in late autumn, a bad winter is on the way.

A warm November is a sign of a severe winter.

Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



Thunder in the fall foretells a cold winter.

If onion skins are thin, the winter will be mild. If they are thick, the winter will be cold and rough.

A green Christmas means a white Easter.

The wider the brown (middle) band on a woolly bear caterpillar, the milder the winter.

Some other signs that foretell a tough winter are: corn husks are thick and tight, apple skins are tough, birds migrate early, squirrels' tails are very bushy, berries and nuts are plentiful, horses' coats are thick early in the season, and bees and wasps build their nests up high.

Persimmons, it seems, are valued by some as predictors of the coming winter. The persimmon has many seeds inside, and it is said that upon cracking one open, one can see either a knife, spoon or fork shape. A knife means a mild winter, a spoon signals a moderately snowy winter, and a fork means a rough, severe winter. I could not find any information on which persimmon to believe if I opened more

than one and the shapes did not match.

My opinion of winter is that it makes a nice break from summer if it doesn't last too long and isn't very severe. I am not overjoyed every time I see it snow because I often have to get out and about anyway. I'm not worried about my ability to drive on slick winter streets, but I'm terrified that some other driver will lose control of their vehicle and plow right into me. I also hate to shovel snow, slip and fall on the ice, wear enough clothes to make me look like the Michelin Man's or Pillsbury Doughboy's spouse, and worry about water pipes freezing.

I hope I find a knife in my persimmon, a broad brown band on a caterpillar, thin skin on an onion, and squirrels with hairless tails.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 28, the 240th day of 2007. There are 125 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 28, 1963, 200,000 people participated in a peaceful civil rights rally in Washington, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

On this date:

In 1609, Henry Hudson discovered Delaware Bay.

In 1774, Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American-born saint, was born in New York City.

In 1907, 100 years ago, United Parcel Service had its beginnings as the American Messenger Co. of Seattle.

'The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference.'

— Elie Wiesel
Romanian-born
journalist-author

In 1947, legendary bullfighter Manolete was mortally wounded by a bull during a fight in Linares, Spain; he was 30.

In 1955, Emmett Till, a black teenager from Chicago, was abducted from his uncle's home in Money, Miss., by two white men after he had supposedly whistled at a white woman; he was found brutally murdered three days later.

In 1968, police and anti-war demonstrators clashed in the streets of Chicago as the Democratic national convention nominated Hubert H. Humphrey for president.

In 1973, more than 600 people died as an earthquake shook central Mexico.

In 1987, Academy Award-winning movie director John Huston died in Middletown, R.I., at age 81.

In 1987, a fire damaged the Arcadia, Fla., home of Ricky, Robert and Randy Ray, three hemophiliac brothers infected with the AIDS virus whose court-ordered school attendance sparked a local uproar. (The Ray family moved to Sarasota, Fla.)

In 1988, 70 people were killed when three Italian stunt planes collided during an air show at the U.S. Air Base in Ramstein, West Germany.

Ten years ago: After nearly a year of legal challenges, California's affirmative action ban, Proposition 209, became law.



People should not have to live in fear

Last year, among the nation's 10 largest cities, Philadelphia had the highest murder rate with 406 victims. This year could easily top last year's with 240 murders so far.

Other cities such as Baltimore, Detroit and Washington, D.C., with large black populations, experience the nation's highest rates of murder and violent crime. This high murder rate is, and has been, predominantly a black problem.

According to Bureau of Justice statistics, between 1976 and 2005, blacks, while 13 percent of the population, committed over 52 percent of the nation's homicides and were 46 percent of the homicide victims. Ninety-four percent of black homicide victims had a black person as their murderer.

Blacks are not only the major victims of homicide; blacks suffer high rates of all categories of serious violent

crime, and another black is most often the perpetrator.

Liberals and their political allies say the problem is the easy accessibility of guns and greater gun control is the solution. That has to be nonsense. Guns do not commit crimes; people do.

U p t h r o u g h 1979, the FBI reported homicide

arrests sorted by racial breakdowns that included Japanese. Between 1976 and 1978, 21 of 48,695 arrests for murder and non-negligent manslaughter were Japanese-Americans. That translates to an annual murder rate of 1 per 100,000 of the Japanese-American population. Would anyone advance the argument that the reason why homicide is virtually nonexistent among Japanese-Americans is because they can't find

guns? The high victimization rate experienced by the overwhelmingly law-abiding black community is mostly the result of predators not having to pay a heavy

e n o u g h price for their behavior. They b e n e f i t from all kinds of asinine excuses, such as poverty, racial discrimination and few employment opportunities.

During the 1940s and '50s, I grew up in North Philadelphia where many of today's murders occur. It was a time when blacks were much poorer, there was far more racial discrimination, and fewer employment opportunities and other opportunities for upward socioeconomic mobility were available. There was nowhere near the level of

crime and wanton destruction that exists today. Behavior accepted today wasn't accepted then by either black adults or policemen.

Police authorities often know who are the local criminals and drug lords and where crack houses are located; however, various legal technicalities hamper their ability to make arrests and raids. Law-abiding citizens are often afraid to assist police or testify against criminals for fear of retaliation that can include murder. The level of criminal activity not only puts residents in physical jeopardy but represents a heavy tax on people least able to bear it. That heavy tax includes higher prices for goods and services and fewer shopping opportunities because supermarkets and other large retailers are reluctant to bear the costs of doing business in high-crime

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Walter Williams
Columnist



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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Aug. 20
San Antonio Express-News on the Freedom of Information Act:

The Freedom of Information Act is one of the most effective tools the public has to hold government accountable.

Unfortunately, government officials try to evade accountability by slow and inadequate responses to FOIA requests. Those seeking information have had little recourse.

The Government Accountability

Office found the number of pending FOIA requests carried over from year to year had risen to about 200,000 in fiscal year 2005 a 43 percent increase over 2002. A George Washington University study found requests have been languishing for years, some for a decade, one for 20 years.

Sen. John Cornyn, a champion of government transparency in Texas, has led the effort to make the federal government more responsive to FOIA requests. With Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., he co-sponsored the Openness Promotes Effectiveness in our National Government Act. The Senate unanimously passed the act recently.

The OPEN Act requires responses to FOIA requests within 20 days and bars agencies from collecting fees if they're late. It allows a requester to recoup legal fees if a lawsuit is needed to force an agency to produce information. And it creates an FOIA ombudsman.

The House passed a similar measure in March. Differences between the bills must be ironed out in conference committee, but Congress is on the verge of giving citizens a needed lever to pry open the files of unresponsive and secretive government officials.

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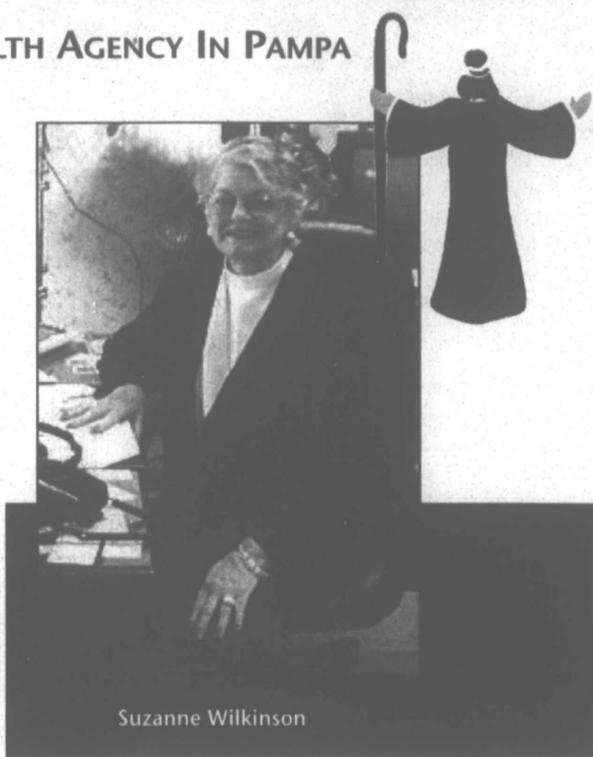
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Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest Road, has its heart in Pampa, but strives to provide quality in-home health care to the entire locality. The agency is symbolic of the care of a shepherd's staff (crook) guiding those in his care to a better path and safety. So are the goals of the Shepard's staff in assisting our clients to a healthier life.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I enjoyed your advice to "Judy in Birmingham, Ala." (June 11), who wondered if 16 is too young to know you're truly in love. Her letter brought back memories for me. My wife and I were 16 when we met in homeroom class. She wore my high school ring on a chain around her neck. We went to different colleges and became engaged six years after we met. At age 26, we finally married. Three children and four grandchildren later, we are still in love at 86. (Not madly, perhaps, but still passionately!) There was never anyone else for either of us. Yes, Judy, love is wonderful. But a word of advice: Keep your hormones under control until you both are mature. P.S. Last month, I gave my wife a ring for our 60th wedding anniversary. It has been 70 years since we first met in high school. — **TUTU KANE IN HONOLULU**

DEAR TUTU KANE: My congratulations to you both. I advised Judy that she is still maturing, and it is better to be older before promising to stay with someone forever. While you and your wife were lucky, the majority of teenage romances do not end up "happily ever after," as some of my readers shared. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I'm 15, and six months ago my first boyfriend broke up with me for another girl. While we went out we told each other that we were in love. He even said he wanted us to get married. That changed in a matter of days. Please tell "Judy" that what a guy says now might not be what he'll do later. Just make sure you don't do anything you'll regret if the guy leaves. — **KNOWS FROM TENNESSEE**

DEAR ABBY: Please tell Judy that 16 is not too young to fall in love. When Gina moved into the house across the street from me, we fell in love almost immediately. I

was 14, she was 13. Although we waited to be married until we were 18, I knew we would be together forever. We have just celebrated our 27th wedding anniversary. Yes, Judy, you can fall in love at 16, but keep in mind that as people grow, they may change, along with their goals and interests. Give yourself time. Keep your options open. You have plenty of time to make a forever kind of commitment. — **GINA'S MAN IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR ABBY: Judy should wait until they get older and live life to the fullest. I thought I was in love at 16. I married the guy, but it only lasted five years. We finally realized that we hadn't been able to live our lives like we should have. If Judy and her boyfriend can still stay together, then they should go for it. I wish her well. — **CRYSTAL IN KENTUCKY**

DEAR ABBY: I met my husband when he was 17 and I was 15. When he asked me to "go steady," I actually took a steno pad and listed all the pros and cons. We dated through high school, then went to college. After my first year of college, Pete gave me a diamond, and we began planning our wedding. Our wedding was June 7, 1963. We recently celebrated our 44th wedding anniversary, and we are still very happy together. We raised seven biological children and a foster son, and are now expecting our 13th grandchild. At 16, there's no need to be in a hurry. Continue to date and develop both as individuals and as a couple. Save sex for marriage. My husband and I are the proof that it can work. — **ANOTHER JUDY, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.**

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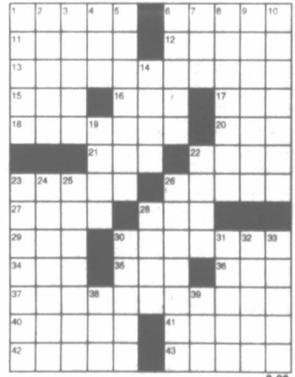
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The fee is \$65 and includes a uniform.

This fee will be for both the Fall and Spring seasons.

Ask about discounts for coaches.

All games will be played on Saturdays at the Soccer Complex in Pampa.

Practice will begin Sept. 5 and the first game is scheduled for Sept. 22.

Special workdays are planned for the afternoons Sept. 8 and Sept. 15, with the purpose of preparing to begin regular season play.

Any and all help is appreciated and volunteers are needed.

If you need more information, please contact Heather Sanders at 665-2053, Leslie Ramming at 665-2652 or Jason Pooley at 665-3809 or 663-7673.

Back to school



The Pampa Harvesters work on running some plays during their first day of after-school practice Monday. Having already started practicing weeks before the first day of school, the Harvesters are preparing for their first game of the season against Perryton Friday.

Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

'Meet the Harvesters' scheduled for Thursday

Due to the construction on the track at the high school, "Meet the Harvesters" will be held later than normal this year.

The event will be held Thursday between the freshman and JV games against Perryton.

The freshman game will

be first, starting at 5 p.m., and "Meet the Harvesters" will follow immediately, at around 6:30.

The JV game will then follow at 8 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to come out Thursday night, support the teams and meet the Pampa Harvesters.

A remorseful Vick pleads guilty, calls dogfighting a 'terrible thing'

By The Associated Press

Michael Vick stood behind a podium, all alone. His amazing speed and quickness was of no use in this predicament. He couldn't scramble away from trouble with one of those nifty moves.

All he could do was apologize. And ask for forgiveness. And start "bettering Michael Vick the person, not the football player."

Looking somber and

speaking without notes, Vick said Monday he was taking full responsibility for his actions after pleading guilty to a federal dogfighting charge in Richmond, Va.

He could go to prison for one to five years.

"I offer my deepest apologies to everybody out there in the world who was affected by this whole situation, and if I'm more disappointed with myself than anything it's because of all the young people, young kids that I let

down, who look at Michael Vick as a role model," he said.

Vick canceled a Tuesday morning radio appearance on "The Tom Joyner Morning Show". Host Tom Joyner said Vick's advisors suggested that the football player shouldn't talk at this time because someone "might take any part of our interview out of context."

Vick called dogfighting "a terrible thing," said he initially lied to the NFL and his

team about it because he was ashamed, and apologized specifically to all those he deceived about a gruesome dogfighting ring: commissioner Roger Goodell, Atlanta Falcons owner Arthur Blank, coach Bobby Petrino and his teammates.

"I need to grow up," Vick conceded.

Acceptance of responsibility is one of the factors U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson will consider in handing down Vick's sen-

tence Dec. 10. The federal sentencing guideline range is projected at a year to 18 months, but Hudson can impose up to the five-year maximum.

Vick has already been suspended indefinitely by the NFL.

"So I've got a lot of down time, a lot of time to think about my actions and what I've done," he said.

"I will redeem myself. I have to."

In Atlanta, the Falcons

said they would not cut Vick immediately because of salary-cap issues. The team intends to pursue the \$22 million in bonus money he already received in a \$130 million contract signed in 2004, looking to reduce the financial burden of his massive deal.

"Cutting him today may feel better emotionally for us and many of our fans," Blank said. "But it's not in the long-term best interests

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Manager Phil Garner and GM Tim Purpura fired by Houston Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — This is not the way Craig Biggio wanted his final season to end. Still, when manager Phil Garner and general manager Tim Purpura were fired, it pretty much told the story of what has happened to the Houston Astros.

Owner Drayton McLane fired Garner and Purpura on Monday, saying the franchise "needed a fresh start" after a plunge to the bottom of the NL Central.

Bench coach Cecil Cooper was appointed interim manager, and team president Tal Smith will serve

as interim general manager.

The 41-year-old Biggio got his 3,000th hit on June 28, the highlight of an otherwise dismal 2007 season. He announced his retirement a few weeks later, but he certainly didn't expect Garner and Purpura to beat him out the door.

"We didn't get it done and two guys are home that are good friends of mine," Biggio said before a reception at Minute Maid Park on Monday night. "It's a frustrating day. You feel bad because the accountability factor — it's our fault, not theirs."

The Astros slumped to 58-73 this year, nine games behind the division-leading Chicago Cubs. They've lost five of their last seven home games, to lowly Washington and Pittsburgh.

"We had really fallen into a pattern of so-so ball," Garner said during a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "We were never able to put together the run, like we made in the previous two seasons. I think there were a number of reasons for that."

The Astros ranked 24th in the majors in batting average (.256)

and runs scored (581). They rank 21st in team ERA (4.68) and their bullpen has blown 20 saves.

"We just didn't play up to the expectations we should be playing to," Biggio said.

Houston became the fourth team to switch managers this season. Baltimore fired Sam Perlozzo on June 18 and Cincinnati fired Jerry Narron on July 1, the same day Mike Hargrove resigned as Seattle's manager.

The 57-year-old Cooper becomes a major league manager for the first time. The five-time All-

Star and two-time Gold Glove winner was the bench coach in Milwaukee in 2002 and managed Triple-A Indianapolis in 2003-04.

Cooper says he has a plan for turning around the Astros. He promoted first-base coach Jose Cruz to bench coach and moved bullpen coach Mark Bailey to the first-base position and planned to unveil some lineup changes on Tuesday.

"I know how to win," Cooper said. "I really do believe I know what it takes to get the Houston Astros over the hump and back to the World Series."

Williams sisters pay tribute in their own way, with 1st-round wins at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Serena Williams kept picking at that pesky pink bow, then pulled it completely off the front of her black dress.

On a night when so much had gone right, she wasn't about to let any wardrobe malfunction stop her Monday at the U.S. Open.

With Janet Jackson in the stands for a tribute to Althea Gibson, the Williams sisters honored the trailblazer in their own way — with wins.

"My outfit was dark, and I definitely played a dark match," Serena said.

Aretha Franklin got the evening off to a rollicking start, belting out "Respect." Then Venus Williams beat Kira Nagy of Hungary 6-2, 6-1 — highlighted by a Grand Slam-record 129 mph serve — and Serena finished off a full opening day with a forehand smash to down German teenager Angelique

Kerber 6-3, 7-5.

"I know every time I step out on the court I play for me and I play for all the other African-American kids out there who have a dream and might not have the means," Serena said.

Roger Federer and Justine Henin played up to their No. 1 rankings with straight-set victories, and American prospects Donald Young and John Isner played well.

There were few upsets. Among the seeded players who lost were No. 17 Tatiana Golovin on the women's side and crowd favorite No. 18 Marcos Baghdatis in the men's draw.

Maria Sharapova and Andy Roddick were scheduled to play their first-round matches Tuesday night.

Back in 1957, Gibson became the first black player to win the championship at the U.S. National

Championship, which became the U.S. Open.

While the main show court on the grounds is revered as Arthur Ashe Stadium, not everyone is aware of Gibson's legacy. Federer admitted he did not know anything about her.

"Nothing, to be honest," the three-time Swiss champion said. "It's before my time. Isn't much I can really say about it. I don't know, I'm sorry."

The Williams sisters hope to raise that awareness. They narrated a video that opened the ceremony.

"I have all the opportunities today because of people like Althea," Venus Williams said. "Just trying to follow in her footsteps."

But stepping onto the Ashe court after the tribute wasn't easy, especially after wrist and knee problems limited her since she won

Wimbledon.

"It was definitely a tough act to follow. ... It was really moving," she said.

"It's like, 'OK. Williams can't lose tonight. That's not part of the plan. It's supposed to be an all-American win tonight.' I was definitely thinking that."

Serena won in her first match since injuring her left thumb at Wimbledon.

"I didn't play well at all. It was a crazy match out there," she said.

Isner and Young were more in a celebratory mood, as was Ahsha Rolle. Playing in her third Grand Slam match, the 22-year-old Rolle upset Golovin 6-4, 1-6, 6-2.

"I was watching a little bit of the (Gibson) tribute. I thought that of all the nights, I've got to do it tonight," Rolle said. "I wasn't scared, I wasn't nervous. I was ready to bring it."



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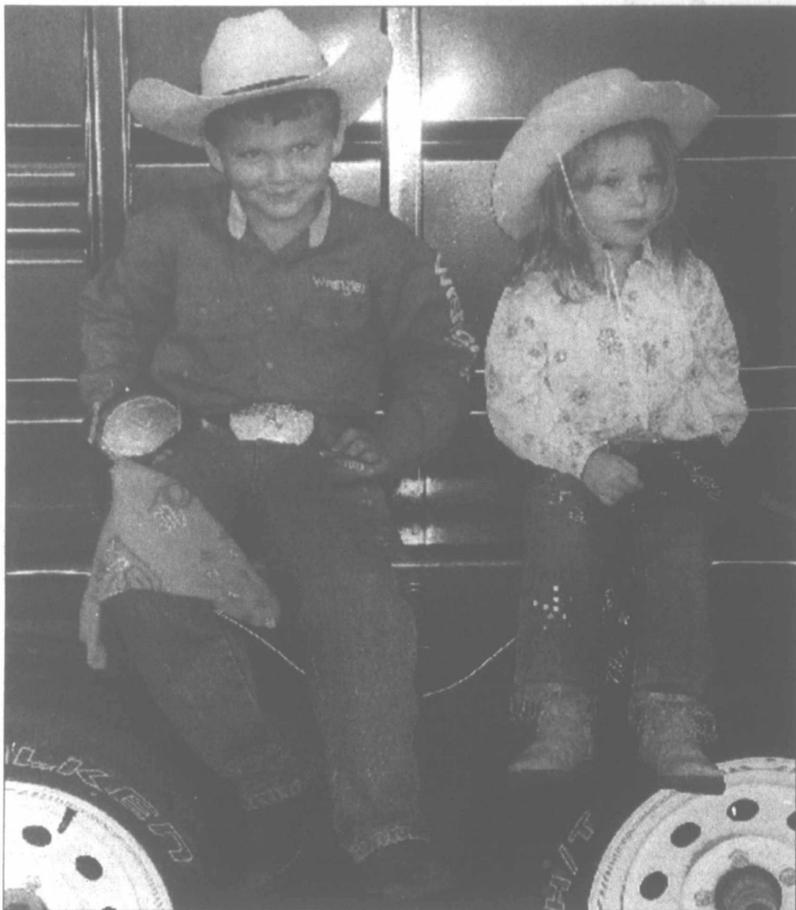
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Colt Quisenberry (left) and younger sister Jenny came over from Miami to compete in the Top O' Texas Rodeo Kid Pony Show last week. Courtesy photo

Kids from Miami compete in Top O' Texas Pony Show

Six-year-old Miami cowboy, Colt Quisenberry, and little sister, Jenny (age 2), competed in the Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show held Aug. 19 in Pampa.

Colt competed in Group II (6-7 years) Calf Riding, Flag Race, Golfette, and Barrels. He walked away with a 1st Place buckle in Calf Riding

and a 2nd Place buckle in Golfette.

Jenny competed in the Group I (5 and under) Walking Lead, Stick Horse Barrels, and Goat Ribbon.

Her horse seemed to want to circle that third barrel several times, but she made a very valiant effort in her events.

All Contestants received a participation ribbon and bandana compliments of Wrangler.

Colt and Jenny are the children of Dustie Quisenberry of Miami and the grandchildren of Larry and Mary Quisenberry of Miami.

FC Dallas hails Denilson as team's biggest addition

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — For FC Dallas, signing Brazilian soccer star Denilson is the equivalent of bringing in David Beckham.

With the 30-year-old attacking midfielder's introduction Monday, the club's owner said it was the biggest addition in team history and among the most important in the 12 years of Major League Soccer.

"I think in the context of the MLS, only the signing of Beckham is bigger," said Clark Hunt, chairman of Hunt Sports Group, which owns FC Dallas.

Denilson played last year in Saudi Arabia. He said the growing popularity of the MLS, aided by Beckham

joining the LA Galaxy last month, helped lure him to North America. He said the continued pursuit of FC Dallas management won him over.

"From the first moment, (FC Dallas) showed me a tremendous amount of attention in wanting me to be here," Denilson said through an interpreter. "I hope to fulfill all the expectations, not only of the coach and of the owners, but also the fans."

The fifth international star signed by MLS this season under a new designated player rule, Denilson will have to wait for his work visa before he can suit up with his new teammates. FC Dallas coach Steve Morrow said that will

take five to 10 business days.

Denilson said his one-year move to Saudi Arabia was more to experience a different culture, and he hopes his move to the U.S. will last significantly longer.

"As soccer players, we have these opportunities to learn more about our world," said Denilson, who cost Spain's Real Betis a then-record \$36 million transfer fee as a 21-year-old in 1998. "I want to stay here for many years. I want to learn English and to be able to adapt to the culture, to everything that is available to me here."

FC Dallas has never won the MLS Cup and is tied for second in the Western Conference.

Newman hopeful of playing in opener; Cowboys cut 9

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys starting cornerback Terence Newman still hopes to play in the season opener even though his painful right heel is "not getting better yet."

Newman said Monday that he has a small tear in his plantar fascia, or tissue in the bottom of the foot.

"It's something that is going to be bothering me for the whole year," said Newman, who has started all 64 games since he was a first-round pick in 2003. "Right now, the problem that I have is that I can't plant on it. There is no way I can plant on my foot."

While Newman met with team trainers about how to treat his foot, linebacker

Greg Ellis was in Alabama to have his Achilles tendon examined by noted orthopedist Dr. James Andrews.

The team also said linebacker Kevin Burnett would have bone chips removed from his foot, though he should be able to play in the regular season opener. Kicker Martin Gramatica has a slightly pulled right hamstring, but hasn't been ruled out for Thursday's pre-season finale against Minnesota.

Coach Wade Phillips said receiver Terry Glenn, who had arthroscopic surgery Aug. 1 to remove loose cartilage from his right knee, will return to practice Saturday and should be able to play in the Sept. 9 opener against

the New York Giants.

The Cowboys released nine players Monday to get their roster to 76 players, one over the limit they have to reach by Tuesday. Among the cuts were second-year receiver Jamaica Rector and nose tackle Montavious Stanley, both who spent time on the active roster last season.

Also released were offensive tackle Jason Hilliard and six rookie free agents: running back Jackie Battle, nose tackle Ola Dagunduro, linebackers Dedrick Harrington and Alex Obomese, and receivers Jerard Rabb and Jamel Richardson. Rector (knee) and Battle (sprained ankle) got injury settlements.

Sosa plans for another season even after being part-time slugger

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Even though he has become a part-time player for the Texas Rangers since joining the 600-homer club, Sammy Sosa still plans for his comeback to be longer than one season.

"If it's not here, it will be somewhere else, believe me," said Sosa, who has started only 10 of the Rangers' last 26 games. "I feel great. Definitely, I want to play another year."

When Sosa returned with his original team this spring after a yearlong hiatus from the major leagues, he said he was coming back for more than the 12 home runs needed to join the 600 club.

Sosa is hitting .247 with 17 home runs and a team-high 74 RBIs in his 100 games for Texas, but it seems likely that he will have to go to another team if he plays a 19th season.

"Given our slow start and

our (trading) deadline activity, we've taken a different course and are going to continue to give opportunity to young players with ability," general manager Jon Daniels said Monday, adding that there haven't been decisions on specific spots for next season.

Sosa hit his 605th career homer Sunday night, a 430-foot drive in the first inning that put the last-place Rangers ahead to stay in a 5-

3 victory over AL wild-card leader Seattle.

That was Sosa's first homer since July 27, five days before the Rangers — who had traded Mark Teixeira, Kenny Lofton and Eric Gagne — told Sosa about their plans to evaluate younger players that would reduce his playing time.

"I was sitting home last year doing nothing and this team gave me the opportunity to be back and play base-

ball again. I'm not going to disrespect nobody," Sosa said. "I feel that I have to deal with the situation that is now, and it's tough."

Sosa was a lanky 16-year-old when he originally signed with the Rangers in 1985, four years before he made his major league debut and then was traded to the Chicago White Sox for three seasons. With the Cubs from 1992-2004, Sosa was a seven-time All-Star, hit 545

of his home runs and became the only player with three 60-homer seasons.

The Rangers gave Sosa a minor league deal this season, and he made the roster in spring training for a base salary of \$600,000.

"Sammy's done just about everything we've asked since day one," Daniels said. "He's been great in the clubhouse, in the community, and on the field — especially versus lefties."

Vick

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of our franchise." Before the wrenching day was done, the Falcons defeated Cincinnati 24-19 in their first home preseason game, a chance for Atlanta's fans to get a sampling of life without their most dynamic player.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of people showed up for the game wearing Vick's No. 7 jersey. His replacement, Joe Harrington, made a good first impression by throwing two touchdown passes.

"It's not something we can sweep under the rug," Harrington said. "Mike is definitely in a bit of trouble, but he's still a member of this team, still a member of this family."

Vick took no questions after his first public statement about the dogfighting ring, and he said little in court. With family members, including his brother and mother, watching from the front row of the packed courtroom, Vick stood flanked by two of his five lawyers and softly answered "Yes, sir" and "No, sir" to Hudson's questions.

The judge, known for his

tough sentences, emphasized his broad latitude in handing down Vick's penalty.

"You'll have to live with whatever decision I make," Hudson said.

U.S. Attorney Chuck Rosenberg said a first-time offender ordinarily might receive no jail time for the dogfighting conspiracy.

"We thought, however, that the conduct in this conspiracy was heinous, cruel and inhumane," he said.

Blank and Falcons general manager Rich McKay refused to say whether Vick would ever play for the Falcons again, though their reluctance to cut ties with the quarterback is related more to complicated legal issues than any willingness to take him back. They've already sent a "demand letter" to Vick saying they will attempt to recoup his bonus money.

"We realize that this situation has tarnished our franchise," Blank said. "We've heard from fans who are embarrassed to wear the No. 7 jersey now. We cannot undo what's been done. But we can and we will recover from this."

The Falcons will receive a \$6 million cap credit for Vick's salary this year because he's been suspended without pay. They are still on the hook for about

\$22 million in prorated bonus obligations spread over this season and the next two. Any bonus money returned by Vick will be credited to Atlanta's cap number.

Baseball Hall of Famer Hank Aaron and former Atlanta Mayor and U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, both members of the Falcons' board, attended a news conference at Blank's corporate headquarters in Atlanta.

"I've never seen someone who had so much ability and has fallen so far," Aaron said. Asked if he expected Vick to return to the Falcons some day, the former home run king replied, "I hope so."

That sentiment was echoed by many Atlanta fans, who cheered Vick as he led the Falcons to the NFC championship game in January 2005, and became the first quarterback in NFL history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season last year.

"I don't see any reason why he shouldn't," said lifelong fan Gwen Tucker, who wore Vick's jersey to the preseason game. "He's an electrifying player. He did bring a hell of a lot of excitement to this place. It's not going to be the same."

A few dozen animal-rights protesters turned out

in Richmond and Atlanta, holding signs such as "Ban Vick Permanently."

In his written plea, Vick admitted helping kill six to eight pit bulls and supplying money for gambling on the fights. He said he did not personally place any bets or share in any winnings, but merely associating with gambling can result in a lifetime ban under the NFL's personal conduct policy.

Three Vick co-defendants who previously pleaded guilty said Vick bankrolled the enterprise, and two of them said Vick participated in executing dogs that were not vicious enough in testing.

The case began in late April when authorities conducting a drug investigation of Vick's cousin raided the former Virginia Tech star's rural Surry County property and seized dozens of dogs, some injured, and equipment commonly used in dogfighting.

While waiting to play a most extraordinary preseason game, the Falcons watched Vick's apology on television.

"He was real sincere," running back Warrick Dunn said. "Most important, I think he took everything on his shoulders. He didn't make excuses and said it was his fault."

UT's Sweed says wrist fine, will play in season opener

AUSTIN (AP) — Limas Sweed laughed and clapped his hands. He even high-fived Texas coach Mack Brown, who faked a wince of pain as if to show how strong the big receiver is.

All of it was to show that Sweed's sprained left wrist — still wrapped in a bandage for support — is healed enough for the senior wide receiver to play Saturday in No. 4 Texas' season opener against Arkansas State.

"I'm ready," Sweed said Monday. "I feel fine."

That's good news for the Longhorns, who have seen their deep and talented pool of receivers thinned by pre-season injuries.

Sweed sprained his wrist, senior Billy Pittman is out for the first game with a shoulder injury and Jordan Shipley is doubtful with a tender hamstring. Those three combined for 96 catches and 20 touchdowns last season. Sweed caught 46 passes for 801 yards and with a school record 12 TDs last season, he was one of the nation's best deep threats.

Coach Mack Brown called Sweed "probable" for the game and Sweed was willing to accept any term the coach wanted to use, if it wasn't quite as strong as Sweed would have wanted. But there was little doubt Sweed plans to be on the field.

"C'mon man, I'm a competitor," he said, adding that the injury may have even made him a better player. He spent a lot of time practicing catching balls with one hand.

Sweed is a key component to the Longhorns' offense, a muscular 6-foot-5, 220-pound mismatch for most defensive backs. He averaged 34.8 yards per catch last season and opted to return for his last season rather than enter the draft.

Sweed injured the wrist in a fall during a scrimmage, then had to fight off rumors that he broke bones and might be out for the season. He's heard so much speculation and been asked so many questions, that Brown came into the room Monday and teasingly called him "Dr. Sweed."



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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) *** Though you might want to put yourself out there, you might choose not to. Roll with events; a startling insight easily pops up. Miscommunication is the norm, as well as power plays. Detach, my dear Ram. Tonight: Do your thing!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** The natural rhythm of the day could prevent you from achieving your goals. Straightening out a conflict could be a major preoccupation. A partner also could be insistent that he or she is right! Tonight: Let that special person be a force in his or her own mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Assume more responsibility, especially if you want a job done a certain way. Confusion earmarks responsibility, and, as a result, decision-making might not be a snap. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** The unexpected surrounds communication and decisions. Not everything happens as you would expect, and perhaps nothing will. Confirm meetings and appointments. Expect to revamp your schedule, and you won't be disappointed. Tonight: Others might need you!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** A partner has a strong sense of determination that could nearly crush your spirit or energy. Actually, the smart move would be to let this person call the shots. Though you might be able to perceive negative end results, he or she might need to see them materialize. Tonight: Keep togetherness as the theme.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** You might want to listen to someone else or let this person take the lead. Sometimes more is accomplished by letting someone have his or her way than to argue. Nothing speaks like the end results. A family member might be demanding. Tonight: Be a yes man or woman!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** All work and no play might make Libra dull. That concern falls to the wayside because whatever you touch has an element of the unexpected. Don't make a problem bigger than it is. Some people respond to different styles of communication. Tonight: Roll on home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Tap into your creativity, as stunning or startling a situation might be. There is always an answer. It is simply an issue of finding the right one. Don't aim for a consensus of opinion in the present astrological climate. Tonight: Let your hair down. You need to.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** On some level you might have the air knocked out of you. Step back rather than react, and you will be on top of your game soon enough. A boss, parent or authority figure might have quite a few suggestions. You might not like them at all. Tonight: Adjust your plans to your needs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** What you thought you heard might be exactly what you did hear. Hold on tight, as the unexpected unleashes its possibilities. You could get upset or kick back and enjoy all the possibilities. Tonight: Don't create drama where there is no need to have any.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** You pull the wild card financially. What you know for sure is that you shouldn't count on anything. What might have been OK yesterday could be tossed today. Do understand there is an element of confusion here. Tonight: Curb spending.

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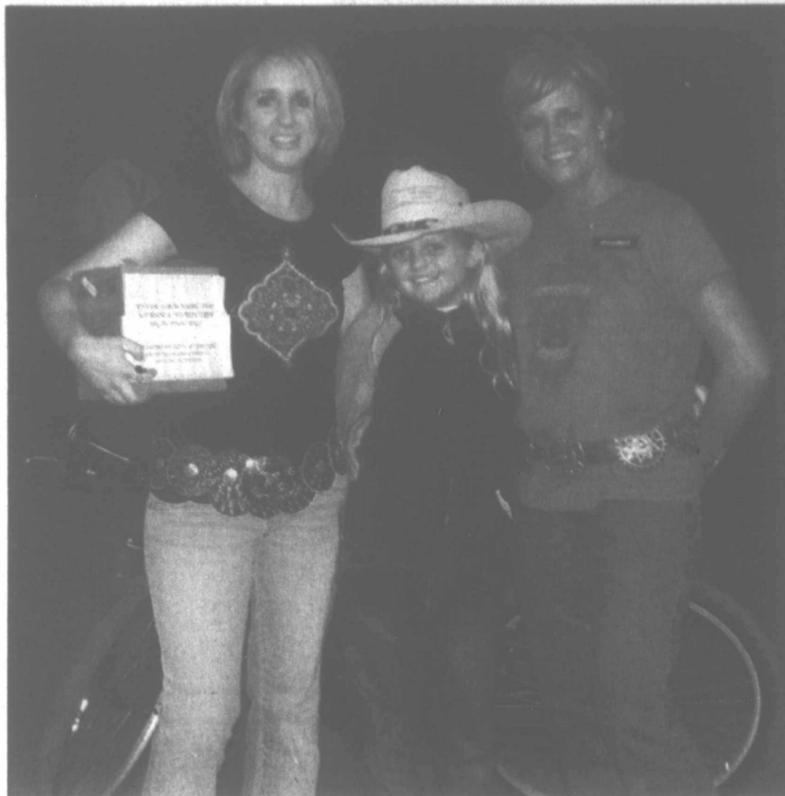
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During the Friday night performance of the Top O' Texas Rodeo, a winning ticket was drawn to give away a Dr Pepper bicycle from Gebo's. The winner was Kyler Ramming, center, pictured with Robbie Locke, left, and Dee Anna Ledbetter, manager of Gebo's.

Judge OKs Noriega extradition

MIAMI (AP) — Former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega can be extradited to France once he completes his U.S. prison sentence for a 1992 drug trafficking conviction, a federal judge ruled today.

Noriega, 73, is due to be released from a Florida prison on Sept. 9.

He wants U.S. officials to send him back to his home country, but France wants him to face charges of laundering about \$3 million in drug profits through French banks and purchases that included luxurious apartments in Paris. Another federal judge last week rejected a claim that Noriega should be returned to Panama because he was held in the U.S. as a prisoner of war.

Noriega's lawyers said they would likely appeal.

"I can assure this court and everyone else: You haven't heard the end of this," said

Noriega attorney Frank Rubino.

Noriega was tried and convicted in the United States after he was captured by U.S. troops who invaded Panama in 1989 in part to oust him from power.

U.S. Magistrate Judge William Turnoff's ruling Tuesday was technically a recommendation to the State Department for Noriega's extradition to France, which has assured the U.S. through diplomatic channels that Noriega will be held there as a POW once extradited.

The ruling was based in part on the decision Friday by Senior U.S. District Judge William Hoeweler. Hoeweler originally declared Noriega a POW but said in last week's ruling that the designation does not make Noriega immune from extradition to foreign countries for other crimes.

Williams

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areas.
So here's the question: Should black people accept government's dereliction of its first basic function, that of providing protection? My answer is no. One of our basic rights is the right to defend oneself against predators. If the government can't or won't protect peo-

ple, people have a right to protect themselves.

You say, "Hey, Williams, you're not talking about vigilantism, are you?" Yes, I am. Webster's Dictionary defines vigilantism as: a volunteer committee organized to suppress and punish crime summarily as when the processes of law are viewed as inadequate.

Example: A number of years ago, Black Muslims began to patrol Mayfair, a drug-infested, gang-ridden Washington, D.C., housing

project. The gangs and drug lords left, probably because the Black Muslims didn't feel obliged to issue Miranda warnings. Black men should set up neighborhood patrols, armed if necessary, and if politicians and police don't like it, they should do their jobs. No one should have to live in daily fear for their lives and safety.

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

Poverty rate declines

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's poverty rate dropped last year, the first significant decline since President Bush took office.

The Census Bureau reported today that 36.5 million Americans, or 12.3 percent — were living in poverty last year. That's down from 12.6 percent in 2005.

The median household income was \$48,200, a slight increase from the previous year. But the number of people without health insurance also increased, to 47 million.

The last significant decline in the poverty rate came in 2000, during the Clinton administration. In 2005, the poverty rate dipped from 12.7 percent to 12.6 percent, but Census officials said that change was statistically insignificant.

The poverty numbers are good economic news at a time when financial markets have been rattled by a slumping housing market. However, the numbers released Tuesday represent economic conditions from a year ago.

The poverty level is the official measure used to decide eligibility for federal health, housing, nutrition and child care benefits. It differs by family size and makeup. For a family of four with two children, for example, the poverty level is \$20,444. The poverty rate — the percentage of people living below poverty — helps shape the debate on the health of the nation's economy.

The figures were released at a news conference by David Johnson, chief of the Census Bureau's Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division.

The poverty report comes five years into an uneven economic recovery, and well into a presidential campaign

that still has 14 months to go. Poverty has not been a big issue in the campaign, and political scientists said they doubted the new numbers would change that.

"The poor are politically mute," said Larry Jacobs, a political scientist at the University of Minnesota. "What rational politician would listen to the poor? They don't vote, they don't write checks, why care?"

Democrat John Edwards has made fighting poverty a centerpiece of his campaign. But, Jacobs noted, "He's struggling to raise money and he's lagging in the polls."

Evelyn Brodtkin, a political scientist at the University of Chicago, said she expects the rising number of people without insurance to get more attention in the campaign.

The share of Americans without health insurance hit 15.8 percent last year, up from 15.3 percent the previous year. Johnson said the decrease was mostly fueled by a decline in employer-provided health coverage.

Median household income — the point at which half make more and half make less — was above the U.S. median in 18 states and the District of Columbia.

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