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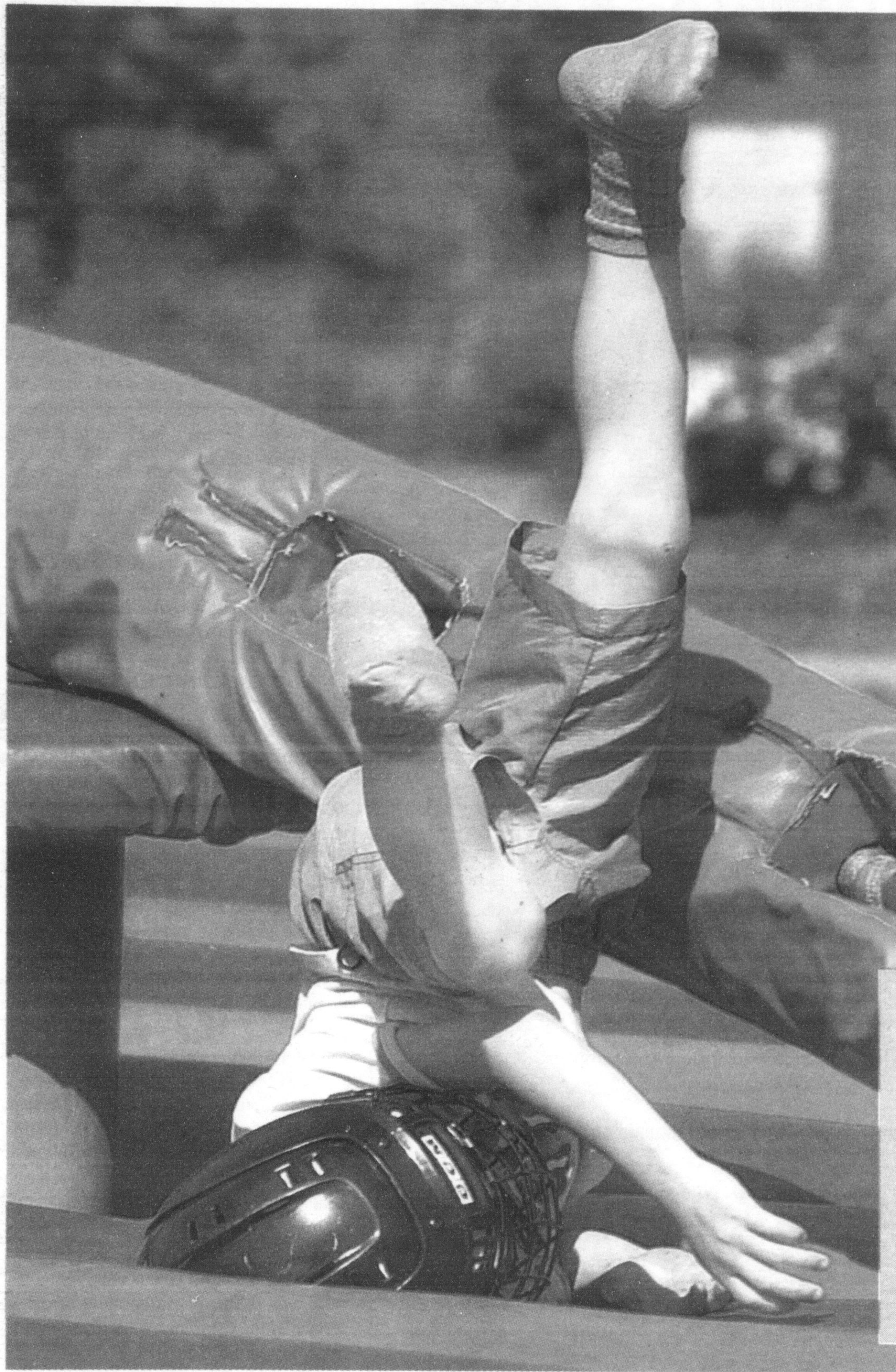
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Six-year-old saved from near drowning

By **STEPHANIE THIESSEN**

The Champion

Police are praising the actions of two young boys while lamenting the fact they were needed in the first place.

The 10 and 11-year-old boys, whose names haven't been released, were instrumental in saving the life of a six-year-old boy who had sunk to the bottom of a swimming pool at a family gathering Saturday.

The incident took place at about 6 p.m. at a Milton home where a number of families were gathered for a barbecue pool party. The boys, at least one of whom is a Milton resident, were playing in the pool when they noticed someone had dipped below the surface and wasn't moving, said Sgt. Jeff Corey, public affairs officer.

They pulled the boy — who was visiting from out-of-town — from the water onto the patio beside the pool.

He was unconscious and not breathing, Sgt. Corey said. An adult called 911 while the homeowner began performing CPR, and the boy regained consciousness.

He was taken to Milton District Hospital by Emergency Medical Services and released Sunday. It's expected he'll make a full recovery.

Sgt. Corey said although the boys displayed quick-thinking and bravery, it

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SGT. JEFF COREY


shouldn't have been necessary.

"Thankfully, tragedy was averted, but it shouldn't have gotten to this stage," he said.

Looking away for a moment can lead to disaster, he added.

"You don't get a second chance when it comes to water. This is a perfect example of how fast and easy it (disaster) can happen," Sgt. Corey said.

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Joust off

Eight-year-old Nick Botelho takes a tumble on the jousting mat at the hands of his older brother Jacob, 13, during Brookville School's Fun Fair Saturday. See another photo in Champion Country.

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