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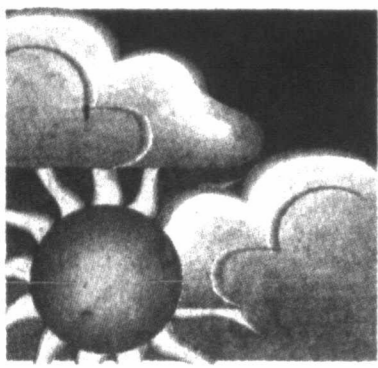
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**PAMPA** — Enrollment for children in the Headstart and Pre-kindergarten classes at Lamar Elementary will be held Aug. 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Although the classes will be held at Lamar, applications will be taken at Baker Elementary, 300 E. Tuke. In order to apply, parents should bring the child's birth certificate, shot record and social security card. Additional items needed are parent's proof of income (current pay stub or last year's income tax return will suffice) and proof of disability or any public assistance.

If parents are receiving public assistance, they must have the food stamp case number, not the Lone Star card. A letter of acceptance will be mailed to the parents of children qualifying for enrollment into the programs.

**PAMPA** — The Pampa Area Cancer Support Group will celebrate its third anniversary from 7-8 p.m. Aug. 21, in the cafeteria of Columbia Medical Center of Pampa.

The title of the evening's program will be Invincible Summer, a short video about the remarkable way emotions can change like the seasons.

Refreshments will be provided including a meat and cheese platter and punch.

Anyone needing a ride to the party may contact Betty Whitson after 5 p.m. at 669-2198 or Linda Norris at 665-2654.

**AMARILLO** — The American Cancer Society will sponsor a "Look Good ... Feel Better" program from 7-9 p.m. Aug. 25, in the American Cancer Society Office, 3915 Bell St., Amarillo.

The program helps cancer patients cope with the unpleasant side-effects of cancer treatment. Cosmetology professionals will be demonstrating quick and easy makeup tricks to help compensate with hair loss and to make a difference in personal appearance and self-image.

To register or for more information, call the American Cancer Society at (806) 353-4306.

- Wyley Feese, 80, retired Celanese Corp., employee.
- Zelma Kirby McQueen, 73, retired employee of Your Laundry and Dry Cleaners.

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## Top security youth prison possible here

By LAURA HALEY  
Staff Writer

At least four Pampa community leaders will take a fact-finding trip to Beaumont in an effort to gather more information concerning the possibility of locating a 660-bed maximum security youth facility in Pampa.

Various community members, as yet unnamed, including representatives from the county's juvenile probation department and the Jordan unit, gathered yesterday evening to discuss options available to the city.

On Aug. 1, the state opened the bidding for cities and counties interested in obtaining one of the four Texas Youth Commission facilities. Members of Pampa's Economic Development Corporation learned of the bidding and called the meeting among community leaders.

Although all at the meeting voiced support for the facility, which would provide an additional 600 jobs to the area, the consensus reached was to delay any further action until representatives of the city, county and PEDC could visit a current TYC facility.

The visit to the state's newest youth correctional facility in Beaumont will give the Pampa leaders the opportunity to decide if it's a project in which they wish to commit to.

If members of the PEDC, the city and county decide to proceed in the bidding process, a letter of intent must be sent to the State of Texas by Sept. 12. Bids must be submitted by the first week of October.

## Unpaid bills prompt Lefors council meet

LEFORS — The city council here will meet in special session Thursday night to figure out how to pay bills.

According to Lefors Mayor Ben Watson, the problem revolves around the city's unpaid bills.

"There were some bills unpaid," Watson said. "When the council meets, these bills are presented to us. We approve paying those bills. That's taken care of by the secretary and the mayor and mayor pro-tem because the checks have to have two signatures."

Once the payment was approved, Watson said today, the checks were made out. The mayor signed the checks, but the companies claim they have not received the checks.

"As far as them being lost in mail," Watson said, "it could have been. They may not have been. Who's to say."

But the companies claim that they have not been paid for four months in a row.

"It doesn't look right," Watson said.

The city owes just over \$40,000.

The meeting Thursday night is an effort to generate more revenue and cut expenses, Watson said.

"We got to take care of this," Watson said. "It has to be done."

Watson was appointed mayor Aug. 4, after Velda Chadwick resigned.

"There have been a bunch of changes," Watson said. "Everybody is trying to figure out where we're at here. It's just a matter of finding out where we're at and working through it."

## Thornberry makes 13th district visits Medicare one topic

Flexibility in government programs is the message Congressman Mac Thornberry is carrying his home district.

Thornberry of the 13th Congressional District was in the Texas Panhandle this week during Congress' summer recess talking about the mass amount of laws passed before the legislators broke, particularly with regard to the Medicare Bill.

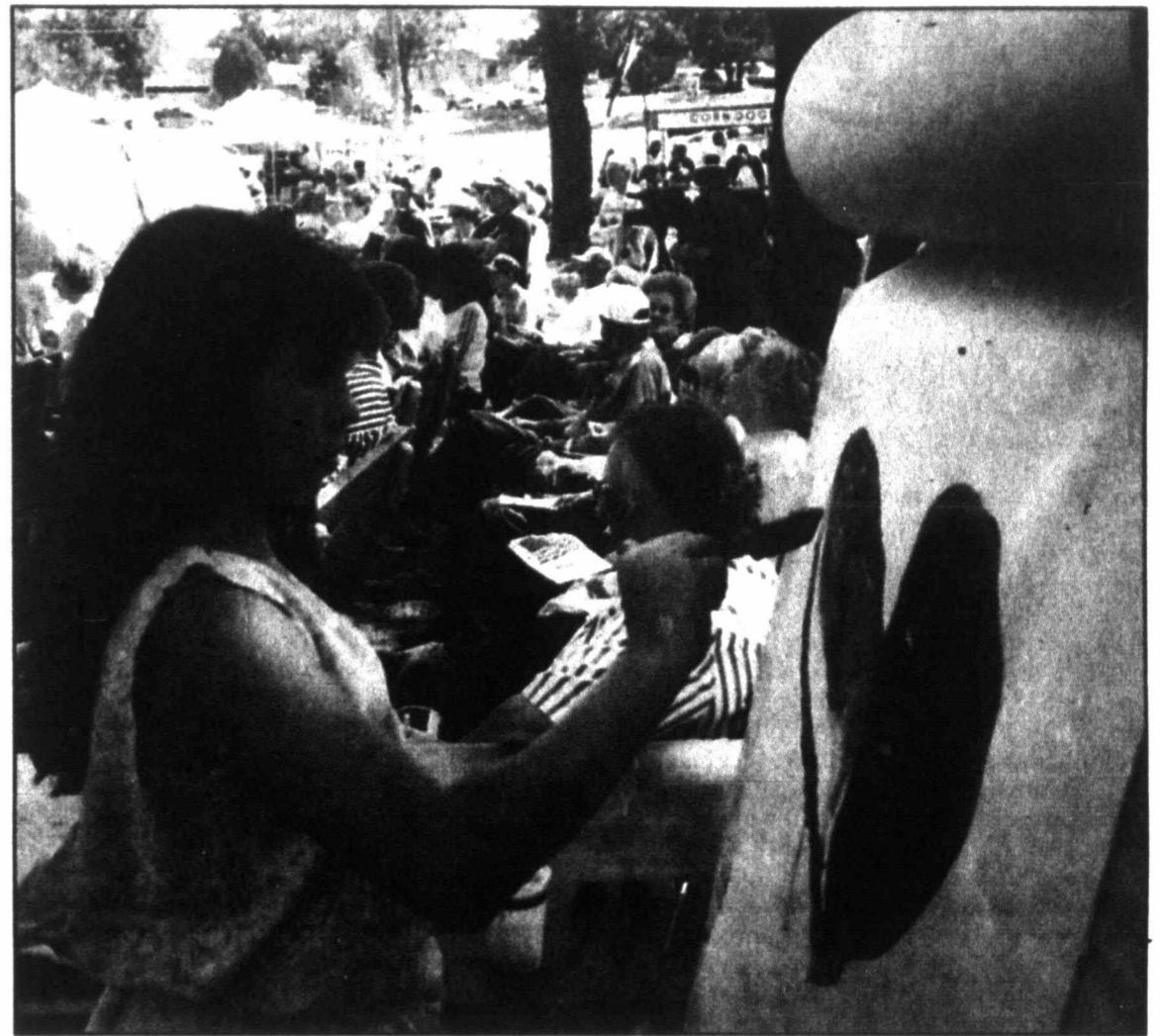
"My concern has been that there was so much in those bills that we passed that very last week that it's hard for people to know what's happening because it's all packaged together," Thornberry said today.

Part of Thornberry's concern dealt with changes in Medicare.

"The bottom line is seniors will have the right to choose the kind of Medicare plan that makes the most sense for them," Thornberry said.

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## Festival fun...



(Special photo)

A serious water colorist, Stephanie Lucero, is painting at last year's Creative Artisans Network easel, which will again be in operation at this year's Chautauqua festival, Labor Day in Central Park. The Artisans also plan a watercolor demonstration and an exhibit at the PFAA tent.

## Pantex, Livermore join to check nuke stockpile Five-year agreement now formal

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — The Pantex Plant operating contractor has signed a five-year agreement with one of the nation's top nuclear labs to help monitor the nation's aging nuclear weapons stockpile.

The agreement between Mason & Hanger Corp. and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory also makes possible collaborations on weapons dismantlement and plutonium storage and conversion into mixed-oxide reactor fuel, officials said.

Lawrence Livermore, a weapons design laboratory in Northern California's Bay Area, will help develop methods and techniques to predict how long weapons components can function properly, officials said.

The five-year agreement formalizes joint efforts that have existed between Livermore and Pantex for years, Lab Director Bruce Tarter said in a statement.

"Our role is to do the technology and work and transfer it to the production plants," he said. "It's

important for all labs within the DOE complex to share their capabilities and their facilities."

Pantex General Manager Bill Weinreich said the agreement will intensify measures to keep the U.S. nuclear arsenal safe and reliable now that the nation has forsaken underground nuclear testing.

"We've always had a surveillance program, but it wasn't as comprehensive as the surveillance program that we're going to have in the future," he said.

Another area where Livermore and Pantex will collaborate is in using a new method developed by Livermore to make TATB, a type of explosive that is not sensitive to heat or shock.

Woltermann said the explosive no longer is produced in large enough quantities to handle the nation's weapons needs.

Livermore scientists also are developing a laser that could be used to cut up high explosives for disposal. The agreement also calls for security improvements at Pantex.

## Summer treat...



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Thanks to the rain, flowers have grown abundantly all over town this summer. These flowers are beautifully displayed in Nina Wolfenbarger's backyard.

## Lawmaker calling for return of prisoners

BOSTON (AP) — A nationally televised report showing the alleged beating of Missouri prisoners in a Texas jail has prompted a call for the return of Massachusetts convicts sent to Texas.

"I was horrified, and I want (acting Gov. Paul) Cellucci to call our prisoners home immediately," state Rep. Barbara E. Gray, D-Framingham, an advocate of prisoners' rights, told The Boston Globe Monday night.

The "NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw" report Monday night showed prisoners sent by Missouri to a jail in Brazoria County being forced to crawl while prodded by stun guns, chased by attack dogs and sprayed with tear gas.

The report so upset Missouri  
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### Trinity Fellowship supply drive



Trinity Fellowship distributed school supplies last Saturday at a party in the church gym to a record number of children. This year, 430 students were registered to receive the free school supplies that members of the church paid for and gave out to local youths. The party also featured food and entertainment for the children as well as short, Biblical presentations. (Community Camera photo)

## Feds weighing interest rate increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unemployment is at a 24-year low and inflation is rising at the slowest pace in more than three decades. But that doesn't mean the folks at the Federal Reserve have stopped worrying.

The roller-coaster stock market, recent weakness in the dollar and a potential inflationary threat from the United Parcel Service strike settlement all loom as possible threats to the current good times.

Those developments and others were certain to be on the discussion agenda today when Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues meet to map their next steps on interest rates.

In advance of the closed-door discussions, private economists were in widespread agreement that there was little chance the central bank would raise interest rates.

"The fact that the Fed won't do anything was pretty well telegraphed by Mr. Greenspan in his appearance last month before Congress," said David Wyss, economist at DRI-McGraw Hill Inc. "Things look pretty good right now. The question is how long that will last."

A sizzling economy has pushed the unemployment rate down to a 24-year low of 4.8 percent, but the tight job market has not triggered inflationary pressures. Prices at the wholesale level have fallen for an unprecedented seven straight months and consumer prices so far this year are rising at an annual rate of just 1.5 percent,

less than half last year's gain.

The Fed nudged interest rates up one-quarter point in March. At subsequent meetings in May and July, Fed policy-makers were content to leave rates unchanged even though unemployment is more than a percentage point below the level once thought to signal the danger zone for inflation.

"The combination of low unemployment and low inflation almost seems too good to be true," said David Jones, economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. in New York. "With growth on track and inflation under control, there is no reason for the Fed to rock the boat."

Fed-watchers note that Greenspan himself called the economy's current performance "exceptional" in his midyear report to Congress last month.

Those remarks were all Wall Street needed to send stocks soaring. Even with momentary swoons such as Friday's 247-point plunge, investors remain generally optimistic. The Dow Jones industrial average recovered 108.70 points Monday.

However, analysts said Greenspan, who expressed concerns about "irrational exuberance" back in December when the market was much lower, is likely to be worried still. The concern: that a sudden reversal

of investor sentiment could send the market into such a steep plunge that it could endanger the economic expansion, already third-longest in history.

Analysts said the Fed is also watching a recent dip in the value of the dollar against the German mark and contract discussions between UPS and the Teamsters union.

The dollar's strength over the

past two years has been a key factor helping to keep inflation restrained by making imports cheaper and keeping pressure on domestic producers who have to compete against those imports.

And while worker anxiety over layoffs and global competition has been cited as a factor keeping wage pressures at bay despite tight labor markets, analysts said the UPS strike could spell an end to that period.

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Register day of Race Fun Run \$4.00 5K \$9.00  
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20-29	20-29	10-11	10-11
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40-49	40-49	16-19	16-19
50+	50+	50+	50+

Pre-registration packets (containing number and T-shirt) can be picked up at registration beginning at 6:30 a.m. in Central Park, September 1st.

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Mail Pre-Registration Fee & Entry Form to Columbia Medical Center, Attn: Terry Barnes, One Medical Plaza, Pampa TX 79065

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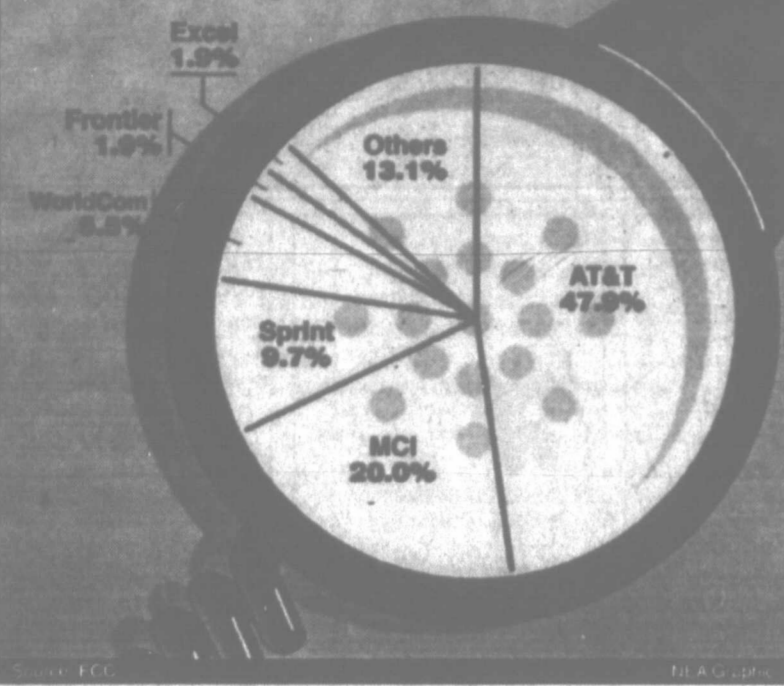
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## Inner-city youth learning farming techniques

PERRYVILLE, Ark. (AP) — No overalls or straw hats in this crowd.

Fresh from Chicago's Cabrini Green housing complex and another development in

feed a family or be sold for cash, said Rex Enoch, global education manager for Heifer International. "Even if these kids don't end up becoming farmers, these projects can help a family who doesn't have a lot of money for food, and it also gives them something to do," says Jonathon Woods, an aquaculture trainer from Toronto.

"Two essential things needed for these projects to work is a desperation for food and accessibility of land — two things quite common in American cities," he said. The idea is a step beyond community gardens, common in Chicago and most other North American cities, to urban farms. Europe already has about 850 of them, Enoch said.

One day is devoted to learning to harvest fish — catfish and trout work best in an apartment environment, with barrels serving as tanks. Composting techniques use earthworms and kitchen scraps to produce fertilizer.

Another technique is how to make cheese from goat's milk — a simple process of heating the milk, separating the curds from the whey, then wrapping the product in cheese cloth.

"We feel really good about doing this," Moore said. "There are a lot of people who can't afford things in our neighborhood. I think when people see what we're doing, they'll want to get involved too."

Milwaukee, a dozen kids are visiting Arkansas to learn how to become inner-city farmers.

Growing cucumbers may keep 16-year-old Helen Marshbanks from joining a gang. Raising catfish under an apartment window sill may put more food on the table for the family of 14-year-old Darius Moore.

For 19-year-old Eric Brown, urban farming is a "cool" complement to playing basketball and watching television. "I want to be a writer when I grow up," Brown said. "But this thing, yea, it's been real cool."

"For me, doing these kinds of projects has kept me out of trouble and out of gangs that are in my neighborhood," Marshbanks said Monday.

All are at a four-day, inner-city farming seminar at the Heifer International Project, an international grassroots organization.

The seminar, held on Heifer's 1,100-acre ranch in central Arkansas, provides some of the budding farmers their first time out of the city. They stay at the "Heifer Hilton" — a barn that sleeps about two dozen.

For many here, growing things isn't new. Marshbanks is already involved in one of Chicago's inner-city gardening projects, where community members grow vegetables, then sell them to restaurants.

The seminar aims to show how to boost inner-city crops and expand into rooftop beehiving, catfish harvesting, worm composting, goat-cheese making and organic farming.

The crops and produce can

# Implant brouhaha: Jury finds Dow Chemical tested, hid information about implants

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Women who argued that their breast implants made them sick wept with joy when a jury agreed that Dow Chemical Co. tested silicone implants on humans and plotted to hide potential health dangers.

Still, the fight for damages in the nation's first class-action trial on implants has just begun. The jury must still decide whether implants actually made anyone sick.

Eight plaintiffs won the right to represent roughly 1,800 women who claimed silicone seeped out through the implants' flexible walls or popped out of ruptured implants, causing immune system-related illnesses that brought on aches, pain and fatigue.

When the verdict was read Monday, women who had sat through most of the trial — even some who are not plaintiffs — hugged each other and wept.

"I'm not crazy any more. I have closure now. They've been proven wrong. That's the impor-

tant thing," said Peggy Musmeci of Metairie. "The doctors we went to — they think we

Houston, who is suing another implant maker. "This is not about money. It's about recognition that

Propes said. "Because we were in no way responsible for manufacturing breast implants and breast implants have been shown scientifically not to make people sick."

"Mighty Dow has fallen again!" said plaintiff lawyer John O'Quinn ...

are nuts. This proves we're not nuts."

"Mighty Dow has fallen again!" said plaintiff lawyer John O'Quinn as he left the courtroom and raised a clenched fist to some of the women in the case. They returned the gesture and then hugged him.

The amount of damages due — if any — hasn't been determined. The women sought unspecified damages — the only kind allowed in Louisiana civil cases — from the Midland, Mich., company.

"I'm just glad that, finally, a jury has decided that yes, there was a conspiracy; yes, there was negligence," said Nancy Welch of

they hid evidence for so many years."

Jurors answered "yes" to all seven questions regarding Dow Chemical's role in the testing of the implants and suppression of information. One question was "Did Dow Chemical knowingly or intentionally remain silent, conceal or suppress information about the harms and dangers of using silicone in the human body?"

Implant makers and Dow Chemical contend that repeated medical studies have not found any relationship between the illnesses and the implants. "Of course we're disappointed. We had hoped for a better result," Dow Chemical lawyer Lorna

### State briefs

#### Math teachers suspended because of subject matter of word problems

LANCASTER (AP) — A "joke" math worksheet that phrased problems in terms of drugs, guns and sex has resulted in the suspension of nearly half of the math teachers at a high school in this south Dallas suburb.

Principal Dwain Dawson, principal at Elsie Robertson High School on Friday suspended Scott Martin, head of the math department, for 60 days without pay and five other teachers for 30 days without pay.

Several parents and students, who attended a special board meeting Monday and said they had seen the worksheet, said it contained questions about percentages posed in references to drug sales, gangs, automatic weapons, drive-by shooting and teen pregnancies.

One question began, "If Hector knocked up six girls in his gang ..." several parents and students said.

More than 100 students received the work sheet. One parent complained about it to school officials and superintendent Bill Ward said his office received several calls about it.

#### Tape shows inmate bit by German shepherd, kicked in groin

CLUTE (AP) — A videotape that spurred Missouri to terminate a \$6 million Texas jail con-

tract shows guards kicking a crawling inmate in the groin and head and allowing a German shepherd to bite the man's leg.

The tape, apparently made for training purposes by a deputy at the Brazoria County Detention

Center and obtained by the Brazosport Facts, also shows guards dragging an inmate with a broken ankle by his arm.

The FBI is investigating allegations of excessive force and brutality during the Sept. 18 incident.

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### 1997 Property Tax Rates in LEFORS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

This notice concerns 1997 property tax rates for LEFORS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property values.

Category	Rate
<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>	
Last year's operating taxes	\$1,024,283
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$1,024,283
Last year's tax base	\$68,928,878
Last year's total tax rate	1.486000/\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,017,889
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$75,064,439
= This year's effective tax rate	1.356020/\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	1.396700/\$100
<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>	
Amount of local taxes needed based on state funding formulas and 1997-98 student enrollment	\$1,035,186
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$75,288,817
= This year's local maintenance and operation rate OR 1996 maintenance and operation rate	1.374953/\$100
- This year's maintenance and operation rate (use greater of 2 rates above)	1.486000/\$100
+ \$0.08	1.566000/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000/\$100
+ Rate to recoup loss certified by commissioner of education	0.000000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	1.566000/\$100
<b>Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances</b>	
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.	
<b>Type of Property Tax Fund</b>	<b>Balance</b>
MAINTENANCE & OPERATION	\$0
<b>Schedule B 1997 Debt Service</b>	
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).	
Total required for 1997 debt service	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	\$0
- Excess collections last year	\$0
- Total to be paid from taxes in 1997	\$0
- State aid for facilities	\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 97.00% of its taxes in 1997	\$0
= Total debt level	\$0
This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 815 N. SUMNER - GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT.	
Name of person preparing this notice: W. PAT BAGLEY, RPA, RTA	
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## Family's Disaster Plan Isn't Neighbors' Salvation

**DEAR ABBY:** We live in earthquake country, and my family has always been prepared for any emergency that may occur. We have a large area in our basement containing bedding, clothing, food, water and medical supplies for a family of four.

We recently experienced a rather alarming tremor, and my neighbor called to express her fright. When I told her we were prepared for emergencies, she replied, "Well, great! Now we'll know where to come just in case."

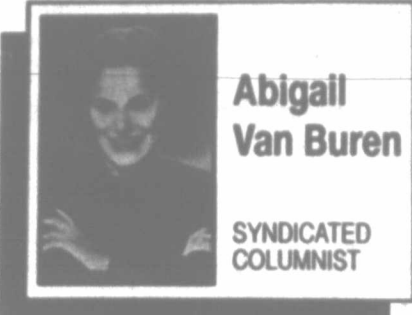
Abby, how could I have answered her without being insulting? Surely neighbors should not be responsible for the welfare of others if they are capable of providing for themselves.

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**DEAR SHOOK:** You could have told your neighbor that in the event of a serious emergency, you and your family might be unable to provide for guests — and if she hasn't already done so, she should see that her family is also prepared. It would have been an honest response, and also good advice.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 71. One year ago I was healthy and leading a productive life. Then my car was rear-ended by a careless driver.

I would never have believed a person could suffer so much pain



**Abigail Van Buren**

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from what seemed like such a small accident. I have been in and out of the hospital several times, in such pain I could not cope with it. The doctor kept me so heavily sedated I remember very little (and sometimes nothing) about several weeks of my life.

To make a long story short: I now realize that I had become totally dependent on all the prescription drugs the doctor ordered. I decided to get off them, but it has been really hard.

I realize the doctor was trying to help me, but I was not aware of how dependent I had become. If I can't get off them, I will be a drug addict. Abby, that's not the way I want to live.

Sometimes the pain gets so bad it's hard not to go back on the pills, but with the help of the Lord and my nonprescription medicine, I'm doing pretty well — which is better than the other way.

**TRYING TO GET UNHOOKED**

**DEAR TRYING:** Although I

respect the healing power of prayer, nonprescription drugs can also be harmful if they are taken in larger or more frequent doses than the directions indicate.

Please ask your doctor for a referral to a physician who specializes in pain management. There are other methods, such as biofeedback, which have been helpful in alleviating chronic pain. You could benefit greatly by checking this out. I wish you the best of luck.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I met on a bus and were married five weeks later. On June 9, we celebrated our 63rd wedding anniversary.

We had a wonderful dinner with champagne so we could toast each other — and we have decided to celebrate our marriage with a similar celebration on the ninth of every month.

We think it's a good idea, because it's too long to wait for another full year to go by.

**LILLI HOLLOPETER, PASADENA, CALIF.**

**DEAR LILLI:** I think your idea has merit. When two people love each other, every day is Thanksgiving and every night is New Year's Eve.

My belated good wishes on 63 years of wedded bliss. May you have many more happy years together.

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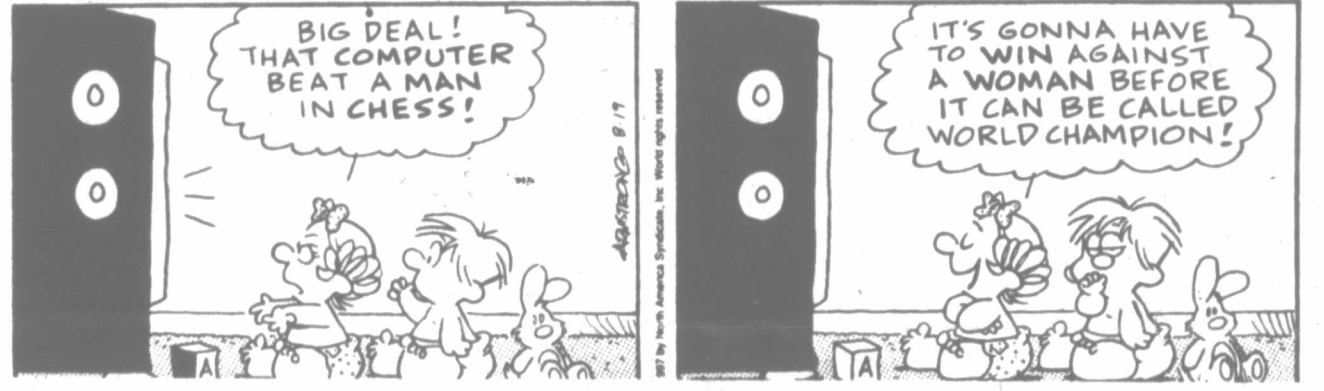
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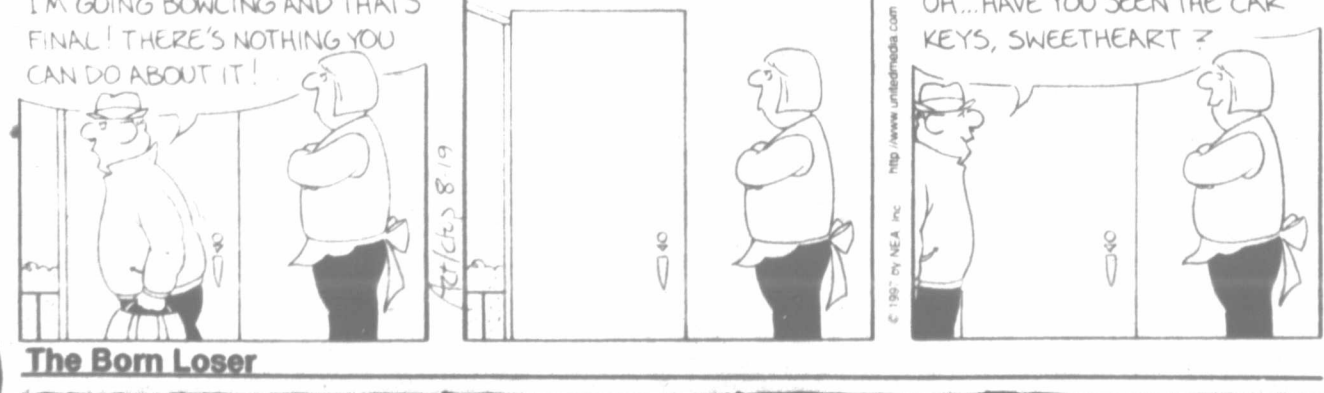
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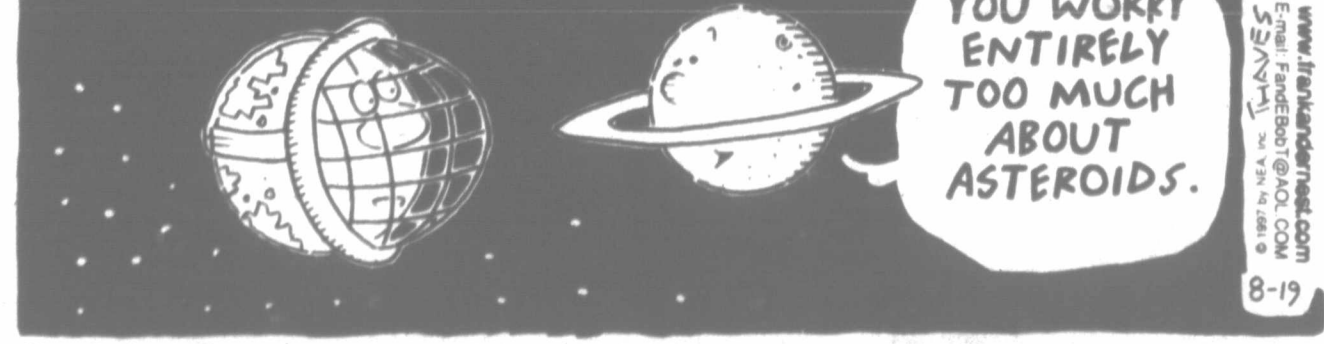
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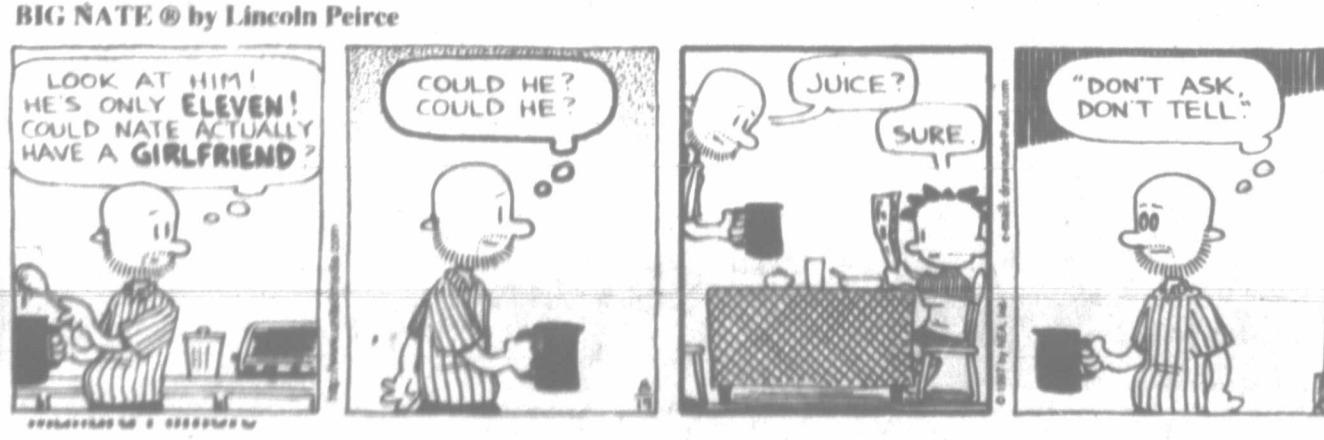
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## Horoscope



Wednesday, Aug. 20, 1997

Involvements you'll have in the year ahead that are imaginative, artistic and creative could turn out especially well. Selectively apply the talents with which you're endowed.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Your best asset today is your ability to convey your interests effectively to others. Causes to which you espouse will win their support. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758 Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** The most rewarding involvements for you today will be situations where you share something in common with the one you love. Emphasize togetherness.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Your strong suit today is your ability to mediate opposing factions. You might be called upon to resolve a problem between two friends.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** This can be an extremely productive day for you, provided you utilize your initiative and ingenuity. Do what needs doing without being told.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Today you should do well in affairs of the heart. You will be even more popular with persons with whom you already have loving bonds.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Devote as much time as possible today to things you can do that will be beneficial to you and your entire family.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Tact, diplomacy and charm are some of the

more formidable assets you possess today. A prospect will be hard-pressed to turn down your sales pitch.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Be alert for opportunities today that might enable you to feather your nest financially. You could find at least two if you look hard.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Strive to be your own person today, irrespective of other considerations. You will function more effectively as a leader than as a follower.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Your perceptions are reliable today, focus on ways to enhance your status in the eyes of others. Follow the dictates of your inner voice.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** It is time to rearrange your habits and let your hair down a little today. Do something that includes a fun-loving friend.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Your popularity is at a high point, so it will be difficult to avoid the spotlight today. Be prepared to attract attention wherever you go.

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"Grandma says it's okay that this life won't last forever — the next one will."



"Marmaduke, I told you to keep those puppies out of my dollhouse!"

### The Family Circus



**Grizzlies**



**Alley Oop**



**Peanuts**



Scoreboard

BASEBALL

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows for American League and National League divisions.

Philadelphia 12, San Francisco 3. Only games scheduled. Tuesday's Games.

Buffalo 1 3 0 .250 49 60. Cincinnati 4 0 0 1.000 128 77. Cleveland 3 0 0 1.000 69 46.

Damon Berryhall on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled C Doug Mirabeli from Phoenix of the Pacific Coast League.

Cut day

Coaches make tough decisions around National Football League

By The Associated Press

Twenty years of experience as an NFL player and coach don't make cutdown day any easier for Tony Dungy.

Nineteen players, including veteran safety Todd Scott, were waived by Tampa Bay, while kick returner Marvin Marshall and offensive linemen Stephen Ingram and Brian Newnam went on injured reserve Monday as Dungy trimmed the roster to 60 players.

Scott, who started the first two games of 1996 before sustaining a season-ending torn Achilles' tendon, was the only surprise.

Dungy, who also coached Scott when he was defensive coordinator for the Minnesota Vikings from 1992-94, still believes the 29-year-old can play in the league.

Three receivers — 1996 draft pick Nilo Silvan, Chris Campbell and Gregory Spann — and line-backers Mark Williams, Eddie Mason and LaCurtis Jones also were released.

Wideout Chris Miller and tight end Kyle Wacholtz were waived along with defensive tackle Michael Thompson of Wisconsin, wide receiver Ronnie Anderson of Allegheny College, and defensive end Nicholas Lopez of Texas Southern.

Also, halfback Edgar Bennett was placed on injured reserve. He will miss the season with a torn Achilles' tendon.

Wide receiver David Dunn will be sidelined until mid-September after breaking his left hand in Saturday's exhibition game against Minnesota.

Dunn, the team's third receiver, caught 32 passes last season, 24 on third or fourth down. The team hopes to have him back by the third game of the season.

BASKETBALL

Women's National Basketball Association. All Times EDT. Eastern Conference.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Rows for various teams.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer. At A Glance. All Times EDT. Eastern Conference.

TRANSACTIONS

Monday's Sports Transactions. American League. ANAHEIM ANGELS—Suspended OF Tony Phillips indefinitely.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Tampa Bay 5, Seattle 0. Toronto 5, Cleveland 3. Milwaukee 5, Texas 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Atlanta 75, Cleveland 49. Florida 71, New York 57.

CENTRAL DIVISION

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows for Houston, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago.

WEST DIVISION

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows for San Francisco, Los Angeles, Colorado, San Diego.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Houston 11, Philadelphia 6. Colorado 6, N.Y. Mets 4. Chicago Cubs 8, San Diego 5.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

N.Y. Jets 3 0 0 1.000 97 63. New England 2 1 0 667 50 38. Miami 2 2 0 500 69 77.

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, OW, Pts, GF, GA. Rows for Kansas City, Colorado, Dallas, Los Angeles, San Jose.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

D.C. 16 9 3 42 54 42. Tampa Bay 14 11 3 36 43 44.

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Can WAC crash alliance party?

DALLAS (AP) — Brigham Young without a star quarterback? Rice challenging for a division title? Colorado State the strongest team in the Western Athletic Conference?

While the WAC spent the off-season fighting to get its champion into a bowl alliance game, the league could be ready for a few surprises.

BYU is without a solid quarterback and coach LaVell Edwards might resort to the running game.

Rice, which won six of its last seven games in 1996, looks ready to challenge the Cougars in the Mountain Division.

Colorado State, led by quarterback Moses Moreno (2,921 yards) and fullback Damon Washington (1,075 yards), appears ready to dethrone Wyoming in the Pacific Division.

"I think Colorado State will be the strongest contender," Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry said.

Rams coach Sonny Lubick welcomes the favorite's role. "I feel very good about this team," said Lubick, entering his fifth season at Colorado State.

"I like recognition. I'd rather be in this situation than the way we've been. Now, we'll just have to see how well we handle these expectations."

BYU has a question mark at quarterback, although Edwards likes both Paul Shoemaker, a junior, and Kevin Fetenik, a sophomore.

St. Louis 3, Atlanta 1. Cincinnati 5, Los Angeles 0. Monday's Games.

"We have a chance to be a good club," Edwards said. "I've got a gut feeling we'll be OK at quarterback. They aren't experienced, but I'm excited about both of them."

BYU has a tough nonconference schedule with a home game against Washington, the only team to beat the Cougars last season, and a road game against Arizona State, the defending Pac-10 champion.

Moreno threw 18 TD passes, but had 12 interceptions. Wide receiver Geoff Turner, with 52 catches, 921 yards and six TDs in '96, should be his top target.

"It will be hard to surpass last year's offensive production," said Lubick, whose team averaged 31.9 points per game — fifth in the WAC.

"San Diego State and Air Force are expected to give the Rams the toughest battles in the Pacific, which includes Wyoming, Fresno State, UNLV, Hawaii and San Jose State."

Jaguars defeat mistake-prone 49ers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — For two years, Rob Johnson was the student, watching from the sidelines while Mark Brunell played quarterback.

Monday night, he showed what he learned. Making his first start in place of the injured Brunell, Johnson threw for three touchdowns and led another scoring drive in the Jacksonville Jaguars' 28-20 exhibition win over the mistake-prone San Francisco 49ers.

"You learn a lot just by watching a quarterback like Mark," Johnson said. "If you don't, you're not going to do well when you get in there."

James Stewart. He also led a drive ending in a 2-yard scoring run by Natrone Means as the Jaguars (3-0) built a 28-6 lead before San Francisco, with reserves on the field for both teams, scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns.

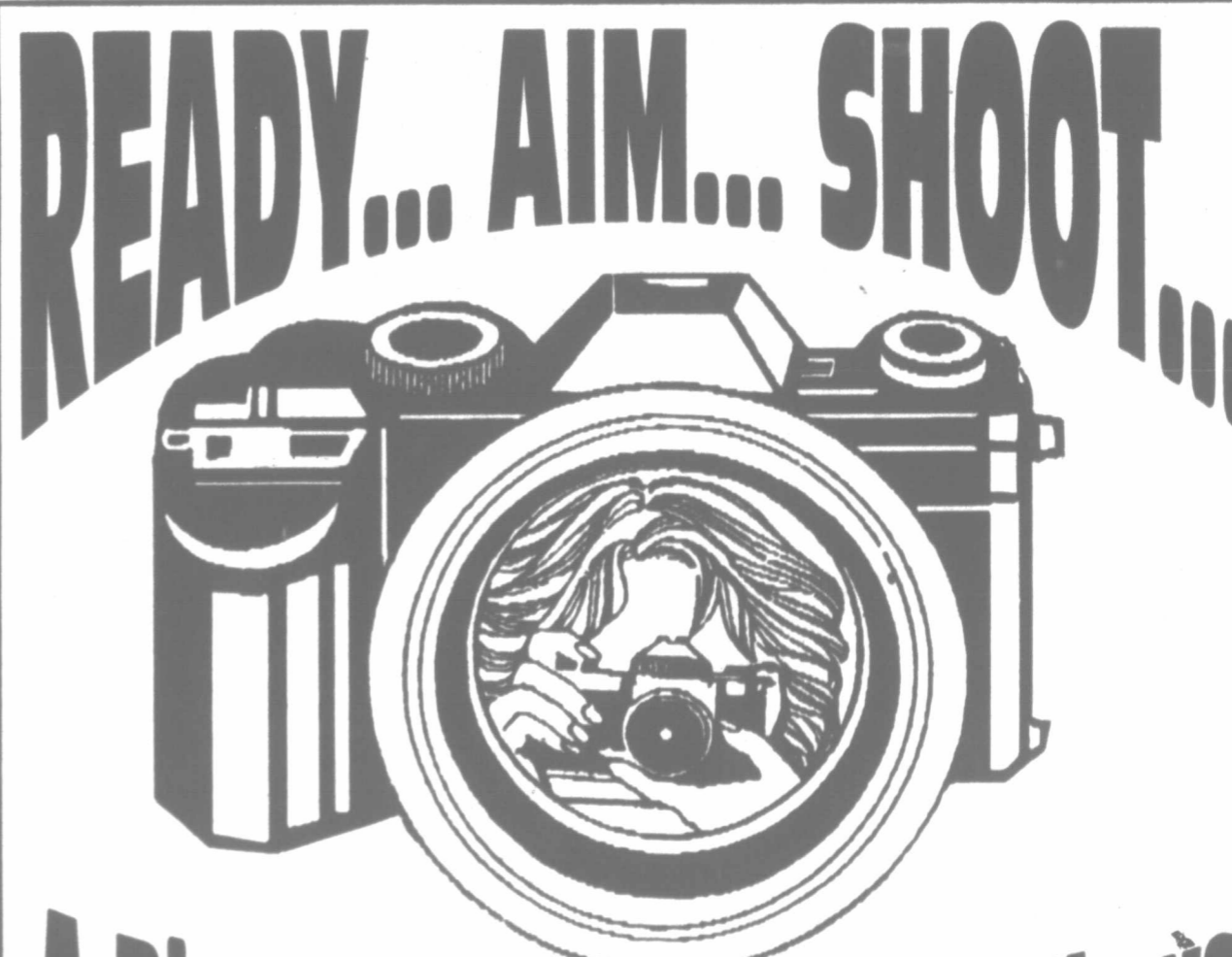
"Everyone expected that type of game from him. He was very cool and showed good leadership on the field," Jacksonville coach Tom Coughlin said.

The Jaguars will be counting on him for just that in the absence of Brunell, sidelined last week by a knee injury that will require about eight weeks of rehabilitation.

The only backup in the NFL not to take a snap last season, Johnson is expected to start the first five or six games of the regular season while Brunell recovers.

"They tried to throw some blitzes and other things at him, but he handled it fine," said McCordell, who had five catches for 127 yards. "We miss Mark, but things go on. Until he gets back, it should be OK."

While Johnson's performance was reassuring for the Jaguars, the 49ers (1-2) were questioning themselves after turning the ball over five times and allowing several big plays.



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## Cancer awareness: 'Drive for the Cure' fund raising effort

AMARILLO — BMW of North America, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, The Autoplex of Amarillo and The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center have teamed up to raise \$1 million to further breast cancer research and build awareness of the disease that afflicts one in nine American women. The "Drive for the Cure" is a nationwide program through which BMW will contribute one dollar for every mile test driven at special events hosted by BMW Retail Centers throughout the country between now and Oct. 31.

The "Drive for the Cure" will feature two caravans of specially marked BMW vehicles that will be simultaneously operating across the US. Contributions will be made by BMW on behalf of each test driver and will result in a gift of \$1 million being made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

The "Drive for the Cure" event in Amarillo is scheduled from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 25 at The Autoplex, 4600 Canyon Expressway. At the event, guests will be invited to participate in the fight against breast cancer by test driving the specially marked vehicles. The "Drive for the Cure" caravan will offer a test drive to participants in the BMW of their choice. It is expected that more than 125 test drives will be tallied at every participating BMW Retail Center, with the Komen Foundation receiving \$1 for each mile driven in each fleet car during the test drives, as well as during highway travel from city to city.

In addition to driving activities, special information programs will be available to educate participants on the importance of breast cancer. The day will also feature The Ultimate Drive Golf Program, a tee-off simulator that lets the participants practice his/her tee shot and help the cause. The machine rates the speed at which the golf ball is hit and will allow the player to know the distance it would have traveled if he/she were on a driving range. Refreshments will be served.

As a select "Drive for the Cure" test-driver, everyone will be given the exclusive opportunity to commemorate their support the Foundation, by signing their name on the of Drive for the Cure Memorial BMW Hero Car, a new 1997 BMW 7 Series decorated with special graphics. The Amarillo Hero is Mary Schooler, a breast cancer survivor and supporter of the fight against breast cancer.

The Amarillo Caravan will depart from The Autoplex in Amarillo at 6:30 a.m. Aug. 26 to drive to Albuquerque, N.M. Twenty-four local people will participate in the drive, including Mayor Kel Seliger. The drivers will be given a police escort out of the Amarillo city limits.

Please call 1-800-972-CURE to schedule your test drive or contact Tracy Dougherty, (806) 359-4673, ext. 207.

## Lottery commission illegally shopping for replacement

AUSTIN (AP) — GTECH is threatening to sue the Texas Lottery Commission over what it calls an illegal attempt to select a new vendor to operate the state lottery.

The company aired its concern Monday in response to the commission's solicitation last week for bids from anyone interested in taking over the services now provided by the Rhode Island-based company.

GTECH had a contract to operate the Texas Lottery that a year ago was extended for five years, through August 2002.

GTECH officials said Monday that the com-

mission cannot simply cancel the deal for any reason as members of the body have claimed. "Any such effort to transfer or replace part or all of the contractual duties of the Lottery Commission and GTECH under the lottery operator contract is unlawful," attorneys David Beck of Houston and Pike Powers of Austin said.

Larry Littwin, the Lottery Commission's executive director, will rule on the protest, which seeks to short-circuit the bidding process.

Commission chairwoman Harriet Miers of Dallas could not be reached for comment late

Monday, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported today.

GTECH, which has run the Texas Lottery since it started in May 1992, got a second look from the commission late last year, several months after the firm persuaded commissioners to renegotiate solely with GTECH rather than seeking new bids.

Miers raised questions about the high-dollar consultants hired by GTECH, including former Texas Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes. Barnes and GTECH severed ties earlier this year, with Barnes and associate Ricky Knox splitting a \$23 million termination payment from the company.

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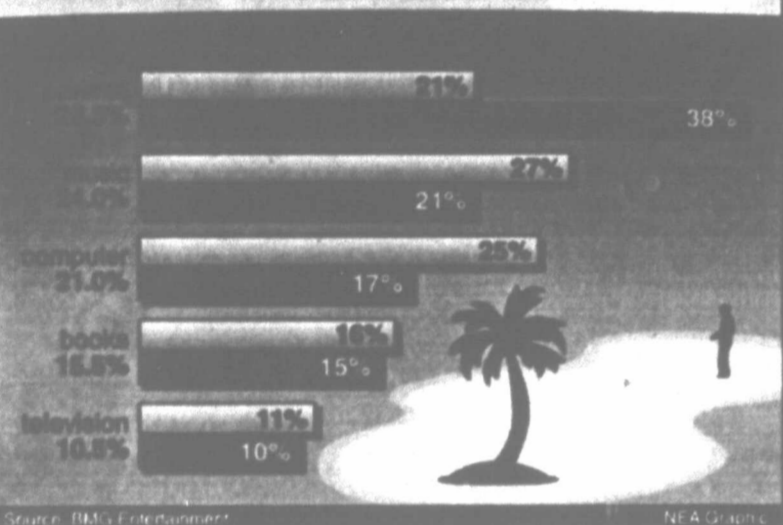
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## Island dreams

### Desert island desires

Percent of 18-24 year olds who say they want selected things with them on a deserted island, by sex, 1997.



Nearly 40 percent of young women said the thing they'd want most on a deserted island is their parents. The top choice for young men was music.

## Panel divided over Gulf War illness

NEW YORK (AP) — A government committee reviewing Gulf War illness is divided over whether to declare that Iraqi chemical weapons contributed to veterans' health problems, *The New York Times* reported today.

Some members say the panel should reverse an earlier conclusion citing wartime stress as the main cause of illnesses reported by Gulf War veterans.

The Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' illnesses issued an interim report to President Clinton in January. It stated that chemical weapons were "unlikely" to have caused illnesses reported by thousands of returning Gulf War troops.

But five of the 11 panel members said in interviews with the *Times* that a new Pentagon report showed that clouds from the gases of chemical weapons may have wafted much farther than originally reported across the battlefield in 1991.

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