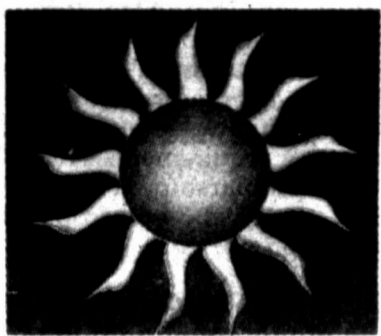


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PAMPA — Ronny Babcock was elected president of the Pampa Optimist Club for the 1996-1997 year. He and the other newly elected leaders will assume office Oct. 1.

Other officers include Bill Simon, first vice president, and Jeff Maxwell, second vice president. The Rev. Lynn Hancock, Robert Wayne Dixon and Rick Harris were elected to two-year terms on the board of directors.

Babcock is employed by Calame, Linebarger, Graham and Peña. He has coached Optimist baseball for seven years and is commissioner of the league for nine and 10 year olds.

He and his wife, Dee, are members of St. Matthew's Church and are the parents of Heath, Chase and Callie Babcock. He was a member of the day school board for six years. He is a past member of the Grandview-Hopkins board of trustees.

Babcock now serves as first vice president of the club.

PAMPA — The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be holding first aid, CPR and disaster training classes this month in Pampa and Howardwick.

Classes scheduled for Pampa include:

- Adult CPR, Monday, May 6, and Monday, May 20, 6-10 p.m.
- Infant/Child CPR, Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m.
- Standard First Aid, Tuesday, May 14, 6-10 p.m.

The Pampa classes will be held at the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell.

Classes scheduled for Howardwick include:

- Adult CPR/First Aid, Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m.
- Introduction to Disaster Training, Monday, May 13, 6 p.m.

The Howardwick classes will be held at the Howardwick City Hall/Fire Station building.

Advance registration is required for all classes by calling the Red Cross office at 669-7121.

AUSTIN (AP) — More than 3,000 Texas Employment Commission workers have been handed more job security by the federal government.

The state government workers, who provide employment services throughout the state, had been worried about layoffs since the Legislature created the Texas Workforce Commission and encouraged communities to take control of job training.

The state had proposed allowing local boards to keep these employees for up to 18 months. If they were kept longer, they would have to become private vendors.

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Area cities, school boards to hold elections Saturday

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

Turnout was light in early voting for municipal and school board elections across the area. The early voting period began April 15 and ended Tuesday.

The general election will be held Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

In **Pampa**, 28 voters cast early ballots in the municipal election. City Commission candidates are Jeff Andrews and Tanita Olsen for Ward 2 and Faustina Curry for Ward 4.

Ten people voted early for the unopposed school board election. Candidates are Pat Kennedy for Place 1, Dr. Jay Johnson for Place 2 and John Curry for Place 3.

In **Lefors**, 12 people cast ballots for municipal positions. City Council candidates are Velda Chadwick, C.E. Hess, Beth Miller and Kenneth Purvis. Mayoral candidates are Derl Boyd, Van Criswell and Robert Jones.

Twenty people voted early for school board candidates. Candi-

dates are Roger Davenport, Richard Harkom and Russell Jackson.

In **McLean**, 15 people cast ballots in the school board race. Candidates include Don Charles Dorsey, Sasha Danelle Fish, Eugene Galley, David Smith Haynes and Charles Lee McClendon. The city election has been cancelled because no candidate is opposed.

In **Grandview-Hopkins** school district, four people cast ballots for school board candidates, including John Mark Baggerman, Larry Stephens and Melvin Wills.

In **Groom**, nine people cast ballots in the city election. Candidates include Don Case, Robert E. Cornett, Jay Lamb and Mary Sue Lyles.

Fourteen people cast early votes in the school board race. Candidates include Steven Anthony, Jo Edward Ball and Tony Treadwell.

In **Skellytown**, 20 people cast ballots in the city council race. Candidates include Dewey Bye, Lonnie Easley, Dwayne Hall, Wydus Hanks, Glen Smith and Ralph Tice.

In **White Deer**, 29 voted in city races. Mayoral candidates include R.T. Laurie and Tom Stamp. City Council candidates include David Harrah, Gary Kotara and Joel Smith.

Thirteen people cast early ballots in the school board race. Candidates for Position Six include Elwood Lee, Tim Packard, Jerry Urbanczyk and Doug Warminski. Candidate for Position Seven is Terry Lewis.

In **Fort Elliott** school district, six people cast early ballots for the school board race. Candidates include Greg Estes, Clyde Jr. Dukes, Bob Finsterwald, Wanda Hefley, Royce Zybach and Wayne Zybach.

In **Wheeler**, 47 people voted early for school board positions. Candidates include Dell Ford and Jay Lewis for Place 1, Dan Sams and Janet Stevens for Place 2 and Mike Smith for Place 3.

In **Miami**, 33 voters cast early ballots in the school board race. School trustee candidates include Pat Peirce, Ted Rankin and Greg Nite. The city election has been cancelled because no candidate is opposed.

House votes to close helium plant

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress took a major step Tuesday toward getting the government out of the debt-ridden helium business, something many lawmakers said should have been done years ago.

The House, by a 411-10 vote, agreed to sell 32 billion cubic feet of helium that has been stored in an abandoned gas field in the Texas Panhandle for three decades and to dismantle the operation.

Under the legislation, which must be considered by the Senate, the government would sell the helium over 20 years, and the proceeds would be used to pay off a \$1.4 billion debt the helium program has accumulated. The operations of the facility would be phased out over 18 months.

Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., called the program a "poster child of government waste" that has survived despite repeated attempts over the years to get rid of it.

"Privatization of the program

will eliminate wasteful duplication of private-sector helium production, which already supplies 90 percent of the domestic helium market," Cox said.

Republicans and Democrats alike supported selling the helium.

The Clinton administration also favors the sale. President Clinton in his State of the Union address cited it as an example of an outdated, unnecessary government program.

The National Helium Reserve, with its helium processing and storage facility near Amarillo, Texas, was created in the 1920s to assure the lighter-than-air gas was available for military blimps and observation balloons. In the 1960s, the Interior Department borrowed \$252 million to expand the stockpile.

Because the program, which supplied helium to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and military users, has not made a consistent profit, the debt to the U.S. Treasury has never been paid off and, with

interest, has grown to \$1.4 billion.

While the bill has widespread congressional support, Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, said the 18-month phaseout would not give workers at the facility enough time to make the transition to new jobs.

Thornberry also criticized a requirement to sell the helium at above-market prices to pay off the debt, saying it would shut out several local businesses interested in buying the facility.

Nevertheless, he said the sale "appears to be inevitable" and expressed hope that some of his concerns might be eased in negotiations with the Senate.

Supporters of the helium program have argued over the years that it doesn't cost the taxpayer anything directly, since it does not receive government funds to operate, and in some years has returned money to the Treasury from helium sales to the Pentagon, NASA and other agencies.

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Watering the ivy



Libby Miller, 621 N. Gray, picks dead leaves out of an ivy plant on her porch after watering it this morning. She had just put the ivy outside so it can get the spring sunshine and fresh air after being kept inside.

Feds call off Hooters probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Don't look for Hooters guys any time soon.

After a four-year investigation, a federal agency has quietly ended its investigation of the Hooters restaurant chain for refusing to hire waiters to work alongside scantily clad waitresses.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission told Rep. Harris Fawell, R-Ill., recently that it will not intervene in a sex discrimination suit that sought to force Hooters to hire men as waiters.

"Denying any American a job simply because of his or her sex is a serious issue which should be taken seriously," wrote Chairman Gilbert F. Casellas. "The particular factual issues raised by

Hooters do not transform this into a frivolous case or a subject for locker-room humor."

He added, since a private class-action lawsuit has been filed, "it is wiser for the EEOC to devote its scarce litigation resources to other cases."

Casellas' letter was dated March 6. The agency's confidentiality rules prohibit it from discussing its investigations publicly, but it can give information to members of Congress.

A Hooters official said the EEOC has not let the chain know directly.

"What we've learned ... is the EEOC won't be pursuing an investigation," said Ed Droste, a founder of the 170-unit restaurant chain.

U.S. Marines kill three Liberians in fighting in Monrovia

Renewed fighting in Monrovia

Twelve days after agreeing to a cease-fire, the country's warlords have plunged Monrovia into the fiercest fighting since battles first broke out April 6.

Update

- U.S. troops were drawn into the violence Tuesday when they fired on gunmen shooting toward the Embassy, which is guarded by about 230 Marines.
- Dozens of victims of the fighting fled to the military training camp where doctors worked as rocket-propelled grenades smashed into the grounds.

Factions

1. NPFL: Charles Taylor and his National Patriotic Front led the initial rebellion against President Samuel Doe's government in 1990. Largest militia fighting today.
2. ULIMO: The United Movement of Liberia for Democracy, developed as a guerrilla force in 1992 to stop cooperation between Sierra Leone's rebel leader Foday Sankoh and Charles Taylor. ULIMO split in 1994.
3. ULIMO-K: The Krahin ethnic group.
4. ULIMO-J: Ethnic Krahin movement's clash with NPFL supporters which sparked last month's renewed fighting.
5. LFC: Liberian Peace Council, a Krahin ethnic group faction.
6. AFL: Armed Forces of Liberia, representing remains of Doe's Krahin-dominated army.
7. The Coalition Forces: Battles Taylor's NPFL faction.
8. Interim government: After a dozen failed peace accords, the faction leaders finally signed a thirteenth on August 19 in Abuja, Nigeria. An interim six-man council known as the Council of State was set up to govern the country, supervise disarmament and organize elections this year.

AP/Wide World Photos

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — African peacekeepers blocked bridges leading into Monrovia with tanks today to keep more gunmen from entering the Liberian capital, as the latest truce collapsed in a frenzy of bullets and shelling.

Twelve days after warlords agreed to a cease-fire, the streets of Monrovia were back in the hands of gunmen. Bodies piled up across the city today, and thousands of civilians fled in panic amid the fiercest fighting since battles first broke out April 6.

The exodus came as fighting entered the residential neighborhood of Paynesville, several miles east of downtown Monrovia, and inched toward adjacent Congo Town, home to warlords Charles Taylor and Alhaji Kromah.

Aid workers and residents contacted by radio said shelling and gunfire were extremely heavy today in Paynesville, which has long been controlled by Taylor's faction.

Sporadic shooting also occurred in the Mamba Point diplomatic section, where U.S. Marines shot to death three Liberians who fired their weapons toward the compound during heavy fighting Tuesday.

Battles were also being waged around Monrovia's besieged Barclay army barracks, whose

floors were bathed in blood after dozens of victims were carried in or dragged themselves through the door.

On Tuesday, rocket-propelled grenades smashed into the grounds of the camp as doctors worked, bringing wails of fear and pain from civilians who thrashed on the floors or on flimsy stretchers.

Warlord Roosevelt Johnson has been holed up inside the barracks with hundreds of armed supporters since April 6, trying to evade arrest on murder charges for clashes in March.

The government troops trying to arrest him include fighters loyal to Taylor and Kromah, members of Liberia's six-man ruling council.

All sides had agreed April 19 to a truce negotiated at the American Embassy, but fighting reignited Monday as government leaders attempted to meet at government headquarters.

George Moose, the U.S. assistant secretary of state for African affairs, had planned to hold talks Tuesday at the American Embassy with government, peacekeeping and faction leaders. But mortars, machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades forced him to cancel the meetings.

The executive mansion is near the military camp, and Taylor and Kromah accused Johnson's

men of attacking them from there.

Moose blamed Taylor for the renewed fighting and warned of a "major catastrophe" if it continued.

"Taylor will be held responsible," Moose said in a telephone interview from the embassy Tuesday. "If he persists in taking power, he should expect a strong international reaction."

U.S. troops were drawn into the violence for the first time Tuesday when they fired on gunmen shooting toward the embassy, which is guarded by about 230 Marines.

"We don't know what (the attackers) were aiming at," Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said in Washington. "Fire came in and it was returned."

Three Liberians were killed and a fourth was wounded by the American troops, who are stationed throughout the sprawling compound. Witnesses said the dead Liberians were Johnson fighters who were running toward the embassy firing their weapons while pursuing rival gunmen.

By Tuesday night, at least nine bodies were seen in the area. The once-plush neighborhood is now blighted by looted United Nations offices, burned-out cars and ramshackle dwellings sheltering homeless civilians.

Thirty-six inducted into National Honor Society



Front row, from left, Elizabeth Clements, Kathryn Killebrew, Thorban Weaver, James Barker; back row, Beverly Schiffman, Mitsziko Mechler, Amy Rainey and Bobby Venal.



Front row, from left, Heather Fernulck, Sarah Gattis, Jennifer Jones, Annie Geiser; back row, Jamie Kochick, Stacy Eubank, Deena Bridges and Ann Carmichael.

Thirty-two Pampa High School juniors and four seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society last Thursday. During the ceremony, students lit candles signifying knowledge, scholarship, service, leadership and character — all requirements for membership. They must hold a 3.2 grade point average as measured by NHS standards. To become members, students must be nominated by teachers and approved by a panel.

Pampa News photos by Cheryl Berzanskis



Front row, from left, Clint Curtis, Kyle Easley, Ryan Davis; back row, Derrick Archer (senior), Keith Jacoby, Misty French, Cami Stone and Meredith Hite.



Front row, from left, Kim McDonald (senior), Kerrey Ford (senior), Amanda Sims, Jennifer Meadows; back row, Jennifer Boren, Jonathan Jackson, Isaiah Nolte and Tori Street.



From left, Tina Dwight, Kristi Carter and Nicole Meason. Not pictured is Derahian Evans, a senior inductee.

States, utilities turn to Texas for wind power instruction

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas electricity producers are taking big steps in the use of wind power, and other states and producers want to learn from their experiences.

Dozens of utility and regulatory officials from across the country gathered Tuesday for the opening of a conference on use of wind power in Texas.

Two projects are operating in Texas, the largest on state property outside El Paso. The Lower Colorado River Authority, an electricity wholesaler, leases the land and produces enough electricity from wind to serve between 1,000 and 1,200 homes.

Huge windmills are built on "wind farms." They turn generators that produce electricity without using other fuels, such as natural gas or coal.

Wind power advocates say the use of wind produces stable electricity without using up another fuel and without putting pollutants and other byproducts into the environment.

"We are absolutely convinced that the Texas wind power project is living, functioning proof that electricity can be generated with wind power at rates competitive" to other sources, Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro said.

Tom Foreman, LCRA marketing manager, said even though the cost of natural gas is affordable now, the cost of it and other fuels are uncertain.

At the same time, he said, wind power technology is improving and costs are stabilizing. He said utilities should invest in various forms of fuel to produce the most affordable service.

Foreman dismissed concerns that wind and other renewable fuels, such as water and solar power, are intermittent sources that can't be relied upon. He said wind power is as stable and reliable as coal or other traditional fuels.

Texas Utilities Services has a proposed plan to set up a wind farm in Big Springs that would produce enough electricity to serve 8,500 homes. It could be in operation by late 1997, the company said. Central and Southwest Services, another large utility, has a project on line in West Texas producing a small amount of wind-powered electricity.

Steve Ellenbecker, chairman of the Wyoming Public Service Commission, said Texas utilities' experience is valuable to other states. But he said the support Texas lawmakers and regulators have for the industry also is important.

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Lawmakers stepping through political mine field on World Wide Web

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than two dozen members of Congress have World Wide Web home pages that point Web surfers to overtly political Internet sites. A House committee is investigating whether they violate congressional rules.

Two members who were directing traffic to campaign sites promptly removed those links after being contacted by The Associated Press.

Existing rules say members can use Internet sites, created by government workers on government computers, only for "official" business —

just like their free postage service.

At last count, 128 members of the House and all 100 senators have home pages on the Wide World Web, the easy-to-use, graphics-based portion of the Internet worldwide computer network. From these home pages, Internet users are referred to pages run by other organizations.

At issue is whether members can point people to political sites on the Web containing information that is well outside the scope of official business and would be against the rules to distribute in other forms.

Most congressional sites pro-

vide links to the White House, the Library of Congress, local governments and provide state tourism information.

But many step into the political world, linking users to the Democratic and Republican National Committees, to interest groups and to partisan sniping on the left and the right.

Rep. Tom Campbell, R-Calif., linked visitors to his own cam-

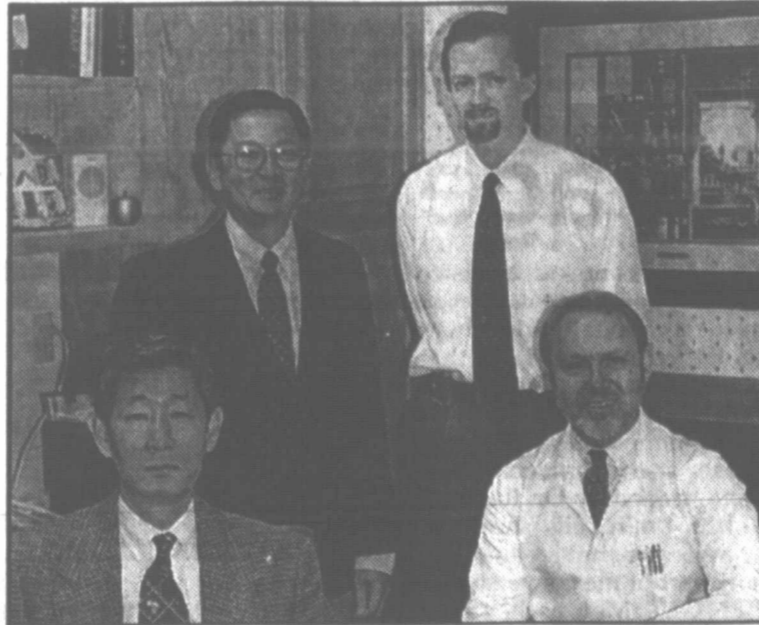
paign committee, to Sen. Bob Dole's presidential campaign, to the Republican National Committee and a host of other partisan sites.

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Joseph W. Erickson Memorial Concert scheduled this weekend

PERRYTON — The Annual Joseph W. Erickson Memorial Concert will be held at the Museum of the Plains on Saturday, May 4, at 6 p.m.

The Erickson Memorial Concert series began in May of 1990 as an annual event in Perryton. It was established by the family and friends of the late Joseph Erickson, a long-time Perryton citizen and patron of music.

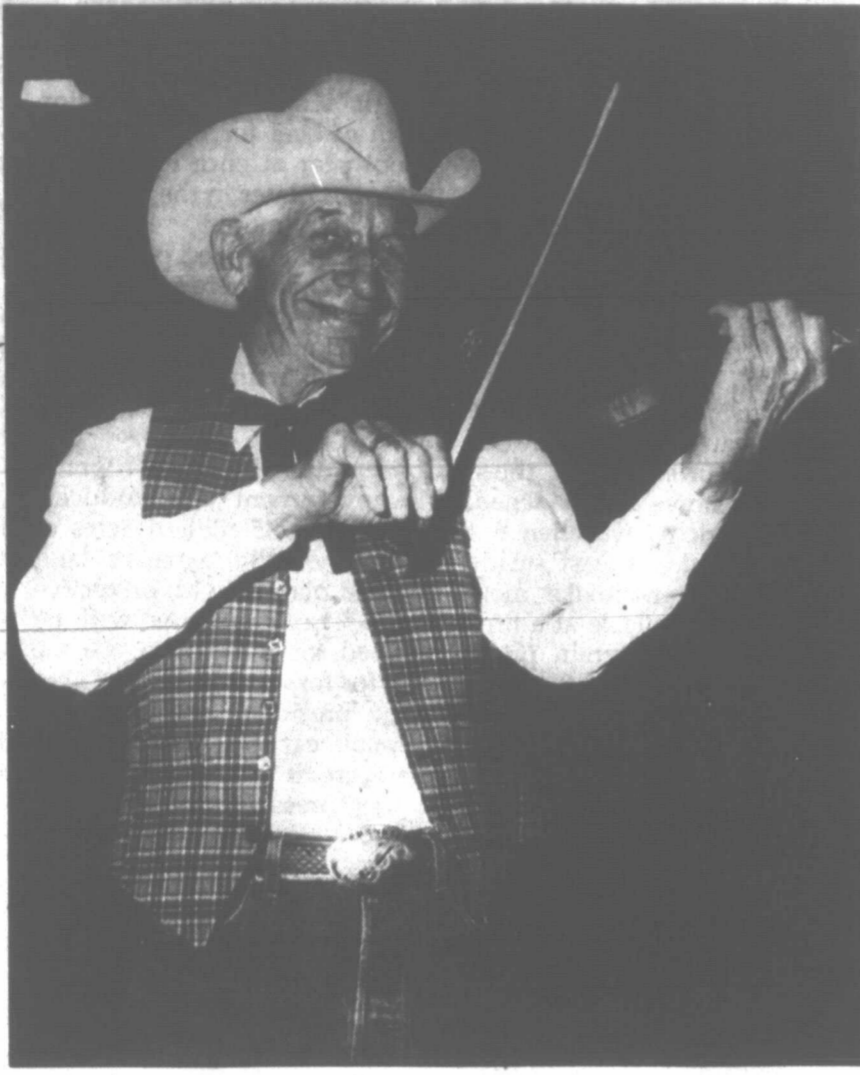
Although several of the concerts have featured guest performers on a church pipe organ, the Memorial Concert was set up to feature a wide variety of instrumental music.

Frankie McWhorter, former Texas Playboy in the Bob Wills band, will be performing with musicians Jack Bailey, Don House, Ronnie Hoeweiler, Lee Barlow, and special guests John, Kris and Mark Erickson. Music will range from hoedown fiddle to waltzes.

McWhorter, leader of the Western swing band "The Over the Hill Gang," was born in Memphis, Texas, not more than 20 miles from the ranch where Bob Wills lived when he played the fiddle at his first dance. He was a big fan of Bob Wills and listened to his recordings religiously. McWhorter bought his first fiddle in 1949 with cowboy wages earned on the famous JA Ranch in West Texas.

McWhorter toured with Wills from 1960-1962. According to him, Wills "made us play over our heads." Off the bandstand, when asked, Wills would take time to teach McWhorter certain selections and fiddle techniques. He was one of many former Texas Playboys who appreciated Bob Wills the man more than Bob Wills the musician.

Wills was a person with whom McWhorter could discuss personal problems: "He had a way of talking about something else and at the same time telling you to get your life straightened out without speaking directly on your problem or preaching to you."



(Special photo)

Western swing artist Frankie McWhorter will be playing at the Annual Joseph W. Erickson Memorial Concert on Saturday in Perryton.

In 1987, McWhorter made an album called *Fiddle Tunes Bob Wills Taught Me*. One of those rare Bob Wills fiddle tunes was used as part of the background for "Panhandle Pilgrimage," an elaborate slide show of Amarillo history. When called upon, McWhorter still plays with the Bob Wills Texas Playboys around the country, and is recognized as the fiddler most able to imitate the Bob Wills style of fiddling today.

McWhorter was inducted into the Western Swing Society Hall of Fame in 1987. He currently runs a ranch near Higgins with his wife Virginia. He "breaks" colts and fillies for working cattle

and is well known as a horse "fixer."

The Museum will open for visitors at 1 p.m. and the grill will be fired up and ready to serve burgers at 5 p.m. Concert time is 6 p.m.

McWhorter's book, *Horse Fixin': Forty Years of Working with Problem Horses*, will be on sale at the Museum, along with all of John Erickson's Hank the Cowdog books. Both McWhorter and Erickson will be available for book signing after the concert. John Erickson is the son of Joseph W. Erickson.

Admission is free and groups and families are welcome.

Congressmen propose ban on sale of X-rated magazines on military bases

FORT LEWIS, Wash. (AP) — Some things about Army life never change: camouflage, crew cuts, big guns and lonely soldiers peering at magazines featuring nude centerfolds.

That explains why a proposal to ban the sale of magazines such as *Playboy* and *Penthouse* on U.S. military bases was met with disbelief at this Army base south of Seattle.

"When we got out of basic training, that was the first thing everybody went for — get a *Playboy* or *Penthouse*," Spc. Alan McDonald, an Army Reservist from Portland, Ore., said Tuesday as he emerged from the base commissary with a bag full of cigarettes.

"I don't know if it's just something to do or if it's something that's been pent up for two months," he said.

Several Republican congressmen are sponsoring a measure to be taken up today by the House National Security Committee that would ban the sale or rental on the bases of any sexually explicit material, including audio or video recordings, and magazines. They say the material under-

mines military families and national defense.

Maryland Rep. Roscoe Bartlett, New Jersey Rep. Chris Smith and California Rep. Bob Dornan wrote colleagues last week that taxpayers are subsidizing the sale of the magazines because they are discounted along with other goods sold on the bases.

"Uncle Sam should not be subsidizing smut," Bartlett said.

Under the proposal, Smith said service members could still buy the magazines outside the base.

The lawmakers sought to bolster their case by releasing a letter to Smith from Bobbi Obal, the wife of a serviceman at McGuire Air Force Base, near Wrightstown, N.J.

"As the parent of three children, one 11-year-old boy, I have complained at how carelessly these magazines are laid around but have never seen any change in the handling of them," she wrote.

That didn't concern soldiers getting a \$7 crew cut at Tom's Barber Shop, just outside Fort Lewis.

"I don't understand it. We're grown men," said Spc. Paul Hurley of Knoxville, Tenn.

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State briefs

Former school trustee, associate indicted

DALLAS (AP) — Former Dallas school trustee Dan Peavy has been indicted on charges he received more than \$450,000 in bribes to help a business associate win board contracts.

The 42-count indictment returned in Dallas Tuesday charges Dan Peavy, 49, with conspiracy, bribery of local officials, extortion by public officials, money laundering and filing a false income tax return.

Peavy's associate, Dallas insurance executive Eugene M. Oliver, also is named in the indictment. Oliver is charged with conspiracy, bribery of local officials and money laundering.

"This case represents a betrayal of public trust," said U.S. Attorney Paul E. Coggins. "The school district could have hired 15 teachers for a year with the \$459,000 that went into Mr. Peavy's pockets."

If convicted, Peavy faces up to 501 years in federal prison and \$8 million in fines. Oliver could receive up to 305 years in federal prison and \$5.25 million in fines.

apparent violation of federal rules, a spokesman for Stockman says.

Aired in Beaumont, the commercial was bought with a \$1,000 check from Don Pickard, a part-time community affairs liaison in the Republican's Beaumont office.

The purchase was "an inadvertent mistake by a political novice who didn't know the rules," Cory Birenbaum, a spokesman for Stockman, told the *Houston Chronicle*.

Stockman's campaign reimbursed Pickard a few days after he wrote the April 16 check, Birenbaum said, adding that Pickard paid with personal funds because radio stations refused to defer payment by the campaign.

Hantavirus strain turns up in Galveston rat

GALVESTON (AP) — A rat captured on the Fort Crockett campus of Texas A&M University at Galveston has been found to have antibodies for the rare and potentially deadly hantavirus.

No human cases of the disease have been confirmed in the county, Dr. Ralph Morris, director of the Galveston County Health District, said Tuesday.

Dr. Daniel Cowan, a pathologist at the University of Texas Medical Branch Center for Tropical Diseases, said the strain of the virus is still being investigated to determine whether it can cause disease in humans.

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Austin City Council approves settlement in nuke suit

AUSTIN (AP) — After seven weeks of trial and more than a week of jury deliberations, a lawsuit over a 14-month shutdown of the South Texas Nuclear Project has been settled out of court.

The Austin City Council met in emergency session Tuesday night to approve the settlement, which calls for Houston Lighting and Power Company to pay the city of Austin \$20 million and step down as manager of the plant.

Attorneys arranged the deal as a jury in Houston remained deadlocked in its deliberations.

After a seven-week trial, the jury began its deliberations on Monday of last week, but on Thursday told the judge it was deadlocked. The judge told jurors to keep trying.

The city of Austin is a part owner in the project and sued HL&P for \$120 million for damages related to a 14-month shutdown of the nuclear plant in 1993 and 1994.

Stockman aide pays \$1,000 for radio ad

HOUSTON (AP) — A congressional aide to Rep. Steve Stockman made an unwitting mistake when he paid \$1,000 for a campaign radio commercial in

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Eugene Helm, 26, shown fixing his niece Darnisha's hair in March, was recently married. Helm gave up the pursuit of a college education to raise two nieces and three nephews. They are the children of deceased siblings and a sister who is a drug addict.

Fairy-tale wedding caps story of young uncle raising nieces and nephews

By LAURA GRIFFIN
The Dallas Morning News

ROCKWALL, Texas - A few minutes before his wedding ceremony Sunday, Eugene Helm had a serious talk with the nephews he has been raising for several months.

"Today is a very special day; it's our family day," he said as he adjusted one of the boys' red bow ties. "God has blessed this family, and we need to stay strong as a family unit. I'm proud of you all."

Helm, 26, dropped out of college in Chicago last year to raise his three nephews and two twin nieces after his mother, who had been caring for them, died. Now he'll have some help - his new wife, Taneen, 25.

The two had originally planned to marry in July, but after Helms' story appeared last month in *The Dallas Morning News*, life became so hectic that they decided to move it up. All of sudden, he was swamped with calls from the news media, well wishers and people providing money and job offers.

"I really needed her to be with me," he said. "It's a blessing that everything's come together and fell into place."

And The Wedding Cottage in Rockwall made the wedding possible, donating a ceremony with all the trimmings.

"I was so touched by what he was doing - that someone that young would sacrifice so much," said Ann Williams, owner of The Wedding Cottage. "I thought, 'Let's give them a great start and some memories.'"

After Mrs. Williams started planning the wedding, other people wanted to pitch in.

By the end of last week, the photography, the flowers, the tuxedos, the cake, the bridesmaids' dresses and the wedding gown were all donated.

Helm had worried that his family and his bride's family would miss out on the big day because they're in Chicago. But American Airlines donated tickets for about 15 to 20 family members.

The 4-year-old twins were flower girls and his nephews - 12, 10 and 7 - were "groomsmen."

Helm said he has been overwhelmed by the response to his story.

He has received hundreds of letters, many with donations of between \$20 and \$100, most of which he has put in a trust fund that was set up for himself and the children. As of last week, that account had grown to about \$72,000.

He has also received two vehicles - a mid-1980s Buick Century and a used van that needs some work - which are keeping him from having to rely on public transit.

In the past month, Helm and children have been on "The Today Show," "Hard Copy" and "Good Morning Texas," and they were flown to Chicago for a brief appearance on the "Oprah Winfrey Show." Black Entertainment Television gave the family \$5,000.

Sunday night, the couple's families planned to take care of the children so the two could have one night alone. On Monday, they planned to look for a house or large apartment to move into.

They said that though they were grateful to the Exodus Ministry for letting them live in a two-bedroom apartment at its program for homeless ex-convicts, they feel they need a larger place and a new environment for the children. Helm is not an ex-convict, but Exodus let him stay with the children after the twins' mother was kicked out of the program for drug use and was later arrested.

"We're not going to take a honeymoon, because we need to get everything settled," said Mrs. Helm. "These kids need a stable environment, and if we can give them that, there's nothing they can't do. We can always honeymoon later."

The family has seen its share of hardships, Helm said. The boys' mother died more than a year ago; her death was followed by the death of their grandmother. They have lived in neighborhoods where they have become familiar with violence and drugs.

"They're just kids, and they have seen to much," he said. "We want them to have a strong family. I want them to know there are good times ahead."

Government to open up land for forage in effort to offer ranchers some relief

WASHINGTON (AP) - The federal government will speed up beef purchases and open more environmentally sensitive land for forage to help ease cattle prices out of their worst slump in 10 years.

President Clinton announced those measures and others Tuesday after a meeting with Republican and Democratic senators. He won praise from the lawmakers and cattle producers, but drew criticism from environmentalists.

Shoppers may notice little impact, because the gap between farm-level prices and those charged at stores has widened, while store prices have fallen. But the action could at least steady cattle markets and make more precious feed available at a time of drought, record grain prices and an oversupply of cattle.

Cattle and calves are the largest single-commodity source of farm income, with sales of \$35 billion to \$40 billion a year. The

average store price of beef fell from \$2.89 a pound in 1993 to \$2.79 in February.

The Agriculture Department said it will buy \$50 million worth of beef for the 1996-1997 school year at once rather than waiting for later in the year, and it could buy more.

"I think it is a good psychological boost out there in the market," said Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

The department will also allow haying and grazing on land idled under the Conservation Reserve Program. The government pays producers to keep the 35 million acres of environmentally sensitive land idle and planted with protective cover. The payments will be reduced for those who use the land for forage.

The president also promised to push exports more heavily, using credit guarantees, and to further press Europe to accept

U.S. beef imports, now banned because of growth hormones.

Glickman will also survey the credit needs of livestock producers and report back in 30 days with recommendations on possible leniency.

An environmental group criticized the plan as an election-year maneuver.

"It could be very damaging to wildlife habitat, and there's been absolutely no study of it, no deliberation of it at all," said Kenneth Cook, president of the Washington-based Environmental Working Group. "It's totally political."

Grain shortages have raised feed costs, while dry weather in the Great Plains threatens range and pasture land. A heavy slaughter of excess animals has created a red-meat glut that is holding down prices.

Also, a cold, wet spring in the East has kept barbecue grills inside longer than expected, the Agriculture Department says.

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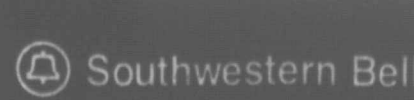
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'The Quest' and 'Truth About Cats' vie for No. 1

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — *The Truth About Cats and Dogs* and Jean-Claude Van Damme's *The Quest* vied for first place at the weekend box office with less than \$300,000 separating them.

The Quest earned \$7.029 million in its debut, while *The Truth About Cats and Dogs*, the romantic comedy starring Uma Thurman, made \$6.769 in its opening weekend and had the highest per-screen average.

Two other newcomers in wide release, *Sunset Park* and *Mulholland Falls*, did not perform as well. *Sunset Park* finished third with \$4.7 million. *Mulholland Falls* was fifth with \$4.3 million.

Last weekend's top-grossing movie, *Primal Fear*, fell to fourth place with \$4.7 million.

The Substitute slipped 56 percent in its second weekend, earning \$2.7 million. Business was also off sharply for *Celtic Pride* and *Mrs. Winterbourne*, which both earned \$1.9 million.

The top 15 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. and Entertainment Data Inc.:

1. *The Quest*, Universal, \$7.029 million, 2,092 locations, \$3,360 per location, \$7.029 million, one week.

1. (tie) *The Truth About Cats and Dogs*, 20th Century Fox, \$6.769 million, 1,413 locations, \$4,791 per location, \$6.769 million, one week.

3. *Sunset Park*, TriStar, \$4.705 million, 1,257 locations, \$3,743 per location, \$4.705 million, one week.

4. *Primal Fear*, Paramount, \$4.704 million, 1,983 locations, \$2,372 per location, \$39.8 million, four weeks.

5. *Mulholland Falls*, MGM, \$4.3 million, 1,625 locations, \$2,650 per location, \$4.3 million, one week.

6. *James and the Giant Peach*, Disney, \$3.6 million, 2,033 locations, \$1,761 per location, \$19.7 million, three weeks.

7. *The Birdcage*, MGM, \$3.4

BOX OFFICE	
Top weekend movies	
Weekend of April 26-28, 1996	
All dollar figures in millions	
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
The Quest \$7.029, one week, 2,092 screens	\$7.029
The Truth About Cats and Dogs \$6.769, one week, 1,413 screens	\$6.769
Sunset Park \$4.705, one week, 1,257 screens	\$4.705
Primal Fear \$4.704, four weeks, 1,983 screens	\$4.704
Mulholland Falls \$4.3, one week, 1,625 screens	\$4.3
James and the Giant Peach \$3.6, three weeks, 2,033 screens	\$3.6
The Birdcage \$3.4, eight weeks, 1,958 screens	\$3.4
The Substitute \$2.7, two weeks, 1,782 screens	\$2.7
Fear \$2.3, three weeks, 1,598 screens	\$2.3
A Thin Line Between Love & Hate \$2.2, four weeks, 1,092 screens	\$2.02

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. AP

million, 1,958 locations, \$1,719 per location, \$109.3 million, eight weeks.

8. *The Substitute*, Orion, \$2.7 million, 1,762 locations, \$1,535 per location, \$10.4 million, two weeks.

9. *Fear*, Universal, \$2.3 million, 1,598 locations, \$1,470 per location, \$15.8 million, three weeks.

10. *A Thin Line Between Love & Hate*, New Line, \$2.02 million, 1,092 locations, \$1,858 per location, \$29.2 million, four weeks.

11. *Celtic Pride*, Disney, \$1.97 million, 1,836 locations, \$1,078 per location, \$6.6 million, two weeks.

12. *Mrs. Winterbourne*, TriStar, \$1.91 million, 1,612 locations, \$1,186 per location, \$6.9 million, two weeks.

13. *Flirting With Disaster*, Miramax, \$1 million, 621 locations, \$1,636 per location, \$10.9 million, six weeks.

14. *Fargo*, Gramercy, \$955,000, 541 locations, \$1,765 per location, \$18.4 million, eight weeks.

15. *Executive Decision*, Warner Bros., \$879,000, 1,240 locations, \$709 per location, \$52 million, seven weeks.

Nation briefs

Scholars discover Louisa May Alcott manuscript

BOSTON (AP) — A beautiful but penniless governess discovers she is an heiress. Her pure heart wins her the love of a dashing English lord.

Louisa May Alcott wrote this romantic tale when she was 18, but few knew about her unpublished first novel until two Alcott scholars found the manuscript in the stacks at a Harvard University library.

The manuscript, titled *The Inheritance*, was found along with a note from Alcott claiming authorship of the story, which apparently was miscataloged years ago.

Russian murder suspect picked up in Boston

BOSTON (AP) — A Russian man suspected in his homeland of killing more than 10 people for their apartment leases was being held by immigration officials for violating the terms of his tourist visa.

Aleksey Yakhkind, 35, was allegedly involved with a group that threatens, tortures and kills people in St. Petersburg, where even the tiniest apartment can be sold for more than most Russians can earn in a lifetime.

Teen killer videotapes mutilating severed head

SPARTA, Mich. (AP) — In the home videotape, a figure dressed in black picks up a severed head, repeatedly slashes it with a butcher knife and removes the brain.

At one point, the person takes off his dark sunglasses and bandana to reveal what police say is the face of a killer.

When detectives arrested 16-year-old Federico Cruz on Tuesday, they found the head wrapped in plastic, sitting outside his house.

"It was bizarre to say the least," Sheriff James Dougan said.

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Third grade — Daniel Resendiz, Lucio Gurrola, Jennifer Bryan, Mateo Campos, Diana Resendiz and Jaime Resendiz.

Fourth grade — Raquel Ramirez.

Fifth grade — Julian George and Drew Wilson.

A-B Honor Roll

Second grade — Blas Gaytan, Victoria Alfaro, Gavin Kane, David Ramirez, Ashley Shaw and Maribel Villarreal.

Third grade — Nicole Bryan, Omar Chavez, Marina Cuellar, Megan Coffee, Felipe Portillo, Timothy Dudley, Omar Kirklan and Jay Kelly.

Fourth grade — Joe Meraz, Joshua Mullen, Nikki Brown and Jamie Chavez.

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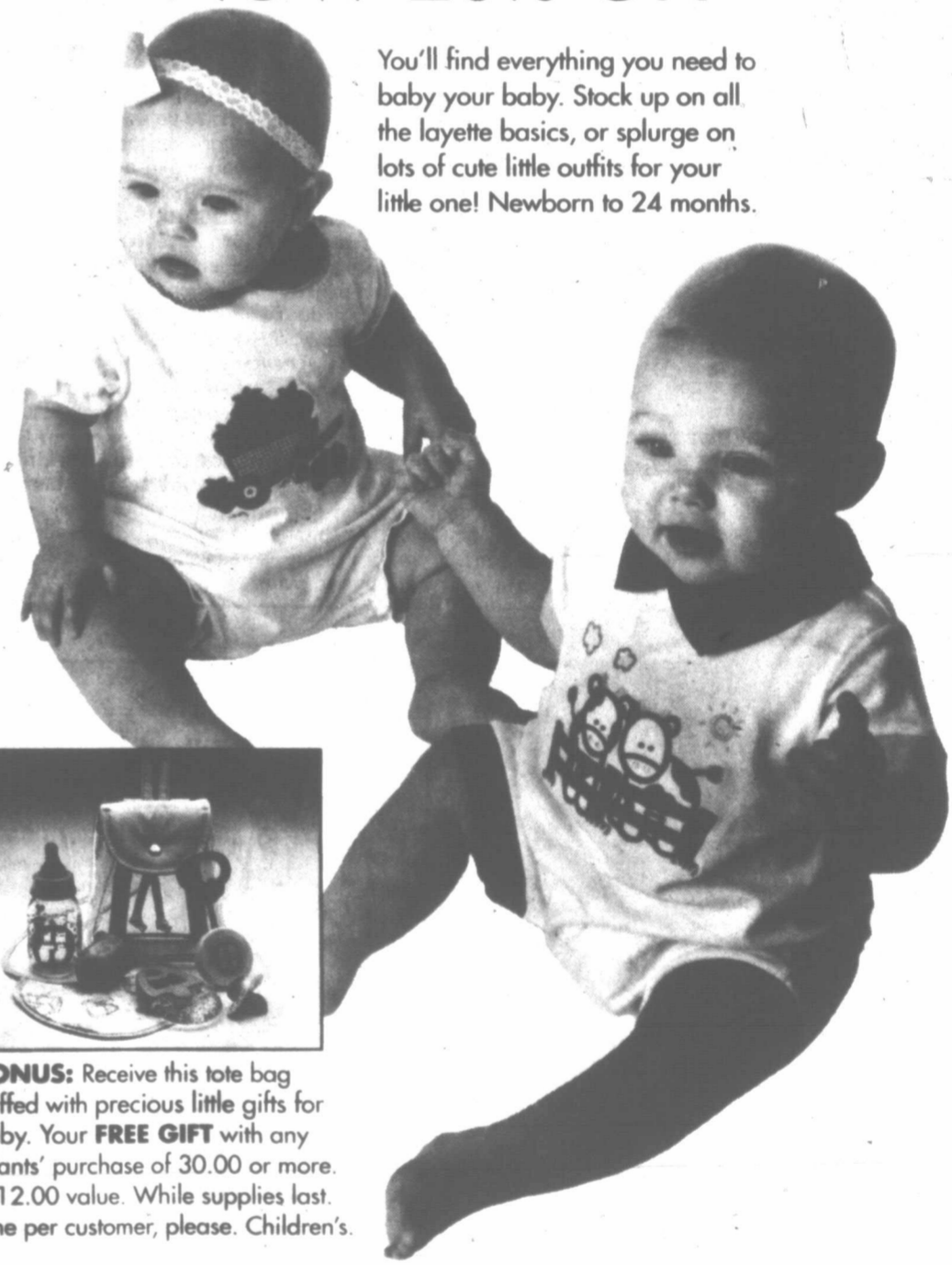
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KRISTIN BULL, MADISON, WIS.
DEAR KRISTIN: Please accept my sympathy at this sad time. Your mother makes a powerful argument for her point of view:

DEAR ABBY: Have you ever faced death with someone you dearly loved? Have you watched a loved one go through excruciating pain or helpless and hopeless suffering, because it's obvious the end is near? I would like to spare my husband, daughters, parents, family and friends, as well as myself. I'm not so much scared to leave this life as I am of the journey that's in store for me. After being diagnosed with ALS, I have prayed for the strength to go with dignity. How can one be dignified while struggling with breathing, swallowing and all other muscular functions of the body? I would love to have a Dr. Kevorkian with me to ease the way.



Abigail Van Buren
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What the world needs are more Dr. Kevorkians! I wish people would allow some flexibility in their thoughts and actions. I am considering being filmed at the end; it would be far more graphic than a letter.

HELEN BULL, MADISON, WIS.
DEAR KRISTIN AND DEAR READERS: The latest acquittal of Dr. Jack Kevorkian by a jury in Michigan, coupled with a recent decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals, which held that the laws against assisting a suicide are unconstitutional, focuses attention on the issue of how a terminally ill patient can request and receive physician aid-in-dying rather than accepting home care or hospice.

The Hemlock Society USA advocates legalization of physician aid-in-dying for competent, terminally ill patients should they choose this method of ending their lives. In order to fur-

ther patients' rights in this area, the Hemlock Society USA is working for the enactment of laws in each state that clearly and succinctly set forth the guidelines for voluntary aid-in-dying.

For more information and to receive two helpful booklets, "Patients' Rights and Resources" and "A Letter to My Physician," as well as membership information, please write to: The Hemlock Society, P.O. Box 101810, Denver, Colo. 80250.

DEAR ABBY: I am a steady reader of your column, which I really enjoy, but I am puzzled by one thing. A lot of letters start with: "Recently I read in your column," etc., or you will say, "Yesterday I published a letter from The Grandparents," etc. Well, not in my newspaper you didn't.

Abby, does each paper sort of do its own thing with your column or what? I read you in The Asheville Citizen-Times in North Carolina. Thank you for answering this.

CHRISTEL FRITZCHING,
LITTLE SWITZERLAND, N.C.

DEAR CHRISTEL FRITZCHING: Yes, each newspaper sort of "does its own thing." If a paper is short of space, it may drop a letter, then run it at a later date when space is available.

domestic involvements. Try to keep calm. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Manage your assignments strategically today. If projects overlap, they will end up in a jumble. Allow adequate time for each task.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You should be selective about whom you lend your cherished possessions to today. If you make a poor choice, your things might not be returned in working order.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A failure to think independently today could create an opening for the wrong people to make decisions for you that will have negative implications.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You might not have the ability to keep a secret today. In fact, you might talk to the wrong person about your plans and intentions. Use caution.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try to conduct yourself in a businesslike manner today if you work on a financial deal with a friend. Do not make unreasonable demands.

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In the year ahead, do not resist if you have to work harder than you have in the past. Your earnings will grow in proportion to your efforts.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Strive to correct or rectify bad decisions today instead of attempting to comply with them. Uncorrected mistakes could result in serious complications. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Use caution when dealing with close associates today. You may experience problems with people who work for you or with you.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) The investment proposals presented to you today should be investigated in detail. Slow down and resist the temptation to embark on a flimsy enterprise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you insist on having your way today, you could alienate a person whose cooperation is essential to the success of your project.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you do not want to be criticized by others today, try not to find fault with their behavior. They will not take caustic barbs lying down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Exercise prudence when managing your resources today. If you give them half a chance, your extravagant inclinations could get the best of your budget.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You might have to contend with extra pressures today in both your career and your



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Yankees rally to beat Orioles in longest nine-inning game

By The Associated Press

The Baltimore Orioles and New York Yankees seemed to be playing in slow motion.

"If you're going to stay out there that long, you might as well win," Yankees reliever Scott Kamieniecki said Tuesday night after the Yankees won 13-10 in 4 hours, 21 minutes, the longest nine-inning game in major league history.

The previous record of 4:18 was set by the Los Angeles Dodgers and San Francisco Giants on Oct. 2, 1962.

"It felt like two days and 17 hours," Orioles first baseman Rafael Palmeiro said. "It was particularly tough because it was so cold."

Tino Martinez broke a 9-9 tie with a three-run homer in the seventh off Keith Shepherd (0-1) as New York rallied from a 9-4 deficit.

"We're a little short of pitching right now," said Orioles manager Dave Johnson, who watched the final hour or so in the clubhouse after home plate umpire Terry Croft ejected him.

In other AL games, Cleveland beat Chicago 5-3, Minnesota routed Kansas City 16-7, Boston beat Detroit 13-4, Toronto beat Milwaukee 9-8, California beat Oakland 7-3 and Seattle beat Texas 8-0.

At Camden Yards, Paul O'Neill and Jim Leyritz also homered as the Yankees sent Baltimore to its 10th loss in 13 games. New York had 17 hits and nine walks,

including four by O'Neill.

Jeff Nelson (1-0) pitched one inning, allowing an unearned run, and John Wetteland got three outs for his fifth save.

Indians 5, White Sox 3. Jim Thome homered and drove in three runs as Cleveland stopped Chicago's seven-game winning streak. The Indians have won eight straight at Jacobs Field, 14 of 17 overall.

Dennis Martinez (4-2) allowed three runs and three hits in seven innings, and Jose Mesa finished the four-hitter, getting three outs for his ninth save in nine tries.

Julio Franco drove in the go-ahead run with a sixth-inning single that ricocheted off Brian Keyser. Kevin Tapani (2-1) gave up four runs, nine hits and four walks in 5 1-3 innings.

Twins 16, Royals 7. Marty Cordova's bases-loaded triple highlighted a 10-run fifth inning at the Metrodome, and Minnesota finished April with a winning record (13-12) for the first time since 1987.

Minnesota had 16 hits, raising its league-leading average to .301. The Twins had just five hits in the fifth, taking advantage of five walks by Julio Valera and Mike Magnante (0-1).

Cordova matched his career high with four RBIs. Denny Hocking drove in a career-high three runs, and Chuck Knoblauch was 3-for-4 with three RBIs and three runs scored.

Dan Naulty (2-0) allowed one run and two hits in 3 2-3 innings. Red Sox 13, Tigers 4. Reggie Jefferson hit two home

runs and Mo Vaughn also homered, sending visiting Detroit to its 11th loss in 12 games.

Tim Wakefield (2-3) snapped Boston's three-game losing streak despite allowing four runs and six hits in five innings, including home runs by Mark Lewis and Travis Fryman.

Jose Lima (0-1) allowed eight runs — seven earned — in four innings.

Blue Jays 9, Brewers 8. Carlos Delgado drove in the winning run with a two-out single off Marshall Boze (0-1) in the bottom of the ninth at the SkyDome.

Delgado went 4-for-5 with three RBIs and Ed Sprague homered twice as the won for just the second time in six games.

Tim Crabtree (1-1) pitched two hitless innings.

Angels 7, Athletics 3. Jim Edmonds went 3-for-4 with a homer, and Mark Langston (2-1) allowed eight hits in seven innings as visiting California stopped a four-game losing streak.

Ariel Prieto (1-2) was tagged for seven runs and 10 hits in four-plus innings, allowing three homers.

Chili Davis and Garret Anderson also homered for the Angels.

Mariners 8, Rangers 0. Chris Bosio (3-1) allowed four hits in six innings and Paul Sorrento homered, giving Seattle a major-league record 44 in April.

Kevin Gross (3-3) was tagged for five runs and nine hits in 3 2-3 innings.

King, Bonds close April with power

By TOM WITHERS AP Sports Writer

April's shower of power ended with Jeff King and Barry Bonds adding their names to some exclusive home-run lists.

King hit a solo homer and grand slam in a nine-run fourth inning Tuesday night in the Pittsburgh Pirates' 10-7 win over the Reds in Cincinnati.

It was the second two-homer inning of his career, and it allowed King to join Willie McCovey and Andre Dawson as the only players to accomplish the feat.

Meanwhile, Bonds tied the major-league record of 11 homers in April by hitting two — a two-run shot and a grand slam — as the San Francisco Giants rallied to beat the San Diego Padres 9-4.

Bonds joined five other 11 players to hit 11 homers in April, including Florida's Gary Sheffield and Baltimore's Brady Anderson, who also did it during baseball's first month. The others are Pittsburgh's Willie Stargell in 1971, Philadelphia's Mike Schmidt in 1976 and the New York Yankees' Graig Nettles in 1974.

As baseball's fly out of ballparks and team ERAs continue to soar,

who knows what May might bring.

King, emerging as a dangerous power hitter, really wasn't sure what he had done.

"I didn't even realize it until I was on the field," King said. "Did I hit two in an inning again? It was kind of funny."

King's latest two-homer effort continued a two-year tear for the first baseman. He hit a career-high 18 homers last season, including two in one inning against San Francisco on Aug. 8, and has nine already this year.

"It's a strange game, to say the least," King said. "I would have been happy with a couple of base hits tonight. I haven't been swinging well. I'm as surprised as much as anybody."

Bonds hit both of his homers off Bob Tewksbury (3-1). His fourth grand slam capped the six-run fifth and his two-run homer in the sixth made it 8-4.

"They were wrong pitches," Bonds said.

Elsewhere in the National League, it was Florida 7, Philadelphia 2; Atlanta 7, Houston 5; Chicago 7, St. Louis 6; Los Angeles 7, Colorado 4; and Montreal at New York was post-

poned by rain.

Marlins 7, Phillies 2. At Miami, the Marlins gave Pat Rapp some unusual offensive punch.

Greg Colbrunn hit a three-run homer for the Marlins, who rank last in the majors in runs scored and batting average. Charles Johnson also homered and drove in three runs, doubling his RBI total this season.

The game was played before 15,252, the smallest ever for a Marlins home game.

Rapp (1-3) allowed seven hits before leaving after losing his shutout in the ninth when Jim Eisenreich hit a one-out RBI double.

Kevin Jordan had two hits for the Phillies, who had their winning streak stopped at five games. Mike Williams (0-2) took the loss.

Braves 7, Astros 5.

At Houston, Chipper Jones broke a tie with a ninth-inning single and Fred McGriff homered on the next pitch as Atlanta won for the sixth time in seven games.

John Smoltz (5-1) allowed five hits in eight innings and struck out 10, increasing his league-leading total to 51. Smoltz has held batters to a .171 average, best among NL pitchers.

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3 Personal, 3 Personal, 5 Special Notices, 14d Carpentry, 14d Carpentry, 14h General Services, 14n Painting, 14r Plowing, Yard Work. Various classified ads including MARY Kay Cosmetics, DON'T Start Another Diet, PAMPA Lodge #966, Ralph Baxter Contractor, Bullard Service Company, HANDYMAN - Home or Business, BUILDING, Remodeling and construction of all types, PANHANDLE HOUSE Leveling, RENT TO RENT RENT TO OWN, ADVERTISING Material to be placed in the Panama News, ADOPTION, BEAUTICONTROL Cosmetics & Skin Care, MARY KAY COSMETICS, TO whom it may concern, 5 Special Notices.

Austin Elementary Honor Roll

Austin Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the fifth six weeks grading period of the 1995-96 school year.

Second Grade A Honor Roll

Cooper Brazile, Justin Brown, Meagan Clark, Lauren Cook, Seth Darnell, Audrey Dunn, D.J. Elliott, Sarah Everson, Dak Fallon, Taylor Fatheree, Angela Hall, Tyson Hickman, Clay Jones, Nikolas Julian, Sunil Kamnani, Whitney Karr and Eric Kingcade. Jarett Kotara, Logan Langford, Antonio Lucero, Jennifer Mackie, Brian McIntosh, Cameron Musgrave, Junior Navarrete, Britney Nelson, Britney Reagans, Lindzi Schaible, Brody Smith, Christopher Smith, Weston Teichmann, Kari Terrell, Elizabeth Thomas and Kylie Winegeart.

A-B Honor Roll

Corbin Biehler, Russ Bradley, Nakayla Courter, Katie Darling, Cody Ellis, Allison Hall, Andrea Hughes, Destinee Patton and Adam Robertson.

Third Grade A Honor Roll

Payton Baird, Patience Ball, Kyle Cambern, Liz Campbell, Tyler Doughty, Luke Dyer, Monica Eakin, Dustin Elliott, Seth Foster, Andrew Fraser, Rebecca Gindorf, Emilea Greer,

Clayton Hall, Aaron Hunt, Keeton Hutto and Lindsey Ledford.

Dusty Lenderman, Heather Martin, Mark Murray, Ann Murtishaw, Royce O'Neal, Stacy Pepper, Anna Schafer, Autumn Schaub, Carissa Snelgrooes, Greg Steele, Dirk Swope, Matthew Velasquez, Meagan Wheeler and Shane Willett.

A-B Honor Roll

Alyssa Bromwell, Shea Brown, Calli Carter, Ashley Garner, Kaysi Knight, Heath Miller, Neil Packard, Tosha Powell and Matt Robertson.

Fourth Grade A Honor Roll

Darrin Allen, Amanda Anderson, Christopher Arnold, Brianna Bailey, Ryan Barnes, Kelsey Caldwell, Jerrod Carruth, Megan David, Clarke Hale, Jessica Hall, Anna Johnson, Jonathan Jones, Tara Jordan and Bobby Ledbetter.

A-B Honor Roll

Alan Arzola, Erica Cochran, Michelle Cox, Krissy Holman, Misty Ivey, Kellen Ketchersid,

Kaitlyn Nance, Johnny Story and Sarita Ware.

Fifth Grade A Honor Roll

Ashley Abbe, Grant Biehler, Abby Bradley, Tristan Brown, Luke Burton, Ross Buzzard, Abby Cavalier, Stacie Clay, Trey Curtis, Amber Driggers, Michael Eskridge, Taryn Fallon, Benjamin Frogge, John Cody Hahn, Kelci Hedrick, Bonnie Holmes, Brad Justice, Tess Kingcade, Evan Ladd and Rhett Lawrence.

A-B Honor Roll

Brandy Ledford, Andrea Lee, Jordan Maxwell, Michael Mechler, Katy Newhouse, Jessica Nicolet, Vanessa Orr, Cara Packard, Sarah Porter, Brent Raney, Garrett Rhine, Megan Shannon, Max Simon, Teryn Stowers, Kelly Tripplehorn, Lauren Walters, Mary Alice Warner, Ashley Willis and Erica Wittliff.

A-B Honor Roll

Justin Anderson, Landon Baker, Amber Bowers, Brittany Brazile, Kaylie Brewer, Annie Chumbley, Julie Craig, Jacob Crain, Kandice Garrison, Price Hall and Lexi Hill.

Denise Mackie, Lindsey Meyer, Britney Moutray, Matthew Murray, Matthew Robben, Joshua Robertson, Brandi Schakel, Jered Snelgrooes, A.J. Swope and Valerie Velez.

Principal bans uniforms with short skirts from class

ROUND ROCK, Texas (AP) — The principal of Round Rock High School says it's OK for cheerleaders to raise spirits — but not hemlines.

Principal H. Lynn Russell says the school's dress code is clear: female students aren't permitted to wear skirts that don't reach their fingertips when their arms are at their sides.

Since cheerleader uniforms don't even come close, they can't be worn in classrooms.

Some students aren't happy. Two weeks ago, the campus newspaper, *The Spitfire*, bashed the

new rule as a damper on school spirit. Head cheerleader Jenn Smith agreed. "I think it's going to ruin school spirit just a little bit. Every sport has its own way, and that has been the tradition for cheerleaders," she said.

For years, cheerleaders at Round Rock and other district high schools have worn their uniforms to class on game days to boost school spirit.

But beginning in August, the practice will be banned under a new districtwide cheerleader's handbook adopted by the school board.



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Last Day To Register: May 30, 1996

Classes Begin: MAY 28, 1996

TIME	DAY	DPT	NBR	SEC	CLASS DESCRIPTION	HRS	INSTRUCTOR
• 1:00-4:50 PM	T/TH	BAS	113	01	BEGINNING KEYBOARDING	3	McKNIGHT
•-LAB 1:00-4:50	T/TH				BEGINNING KEYBOARDING		
• 1:00-4:50 PM	T/TH	BAS	123	01	INTERMEDIATE TYPING	3	McKNIGHT
•-LAB 1:00-4:00	T/TH				INTERMEDIATE TYPING		
• 8:00-12:00 AM	M/W	BAS	142	01	WORD PROCESSING I	3	HAYNES
•-LAB 8:00-12:00	M/W				WORD PROCESSING I		
• 6:00-9:50 PM	M/W	BAS	142	02	WORD PROCESSING I	3	HAYNES
•-LAB 6:00-9:50	M/W				WORD PROCESSING I		
• 2:00-5:00 PM	M/W	BIO	224	01	GENERAL BOTANY	4	LOWRIE
•-LAB 2:00-5:00	T/TH				GENERAL BOTANY		
• 8:00-11:50 AM	M/W	BIO	234	01	HUMAN A&PI	4	WINDHORST
•-LAB 8:00-11:50	T/TH				HUMAN A&PI		
• 8:00-12:00 AM	T/TH	BUS	215	01	BUS COMMUNICATIONS	3	McKNIGHT
• 8:00-12:00 AM	M/W	DEV	M93	01	DEV MATH III	3	McCULLOUGH
•-LAB	TBA	DEV	R00	01	DEV MATH III		
•	TBA	DEV	W00	01	SELF-PACED READING		NOBLE
•	TBA	DEV	W00	01	SELF-PACED WRITING		NOBLE
• 8:00-11:50 AM	T/TH	ENG	113	01	ENG COMP & RHETOR I	3	WILSON
• 6:00-9:50 PM	M/W	ENG	113	02	ENG COMP & RHETOR I	3	SCOGGIN
• 8:00-11:50 AM	T/TH	ENG	123	01	ENG COMP & RHETOR II	3	THOMPSON
• 1:00-4:50 PM	T/TH	ENG	123	02	ENG COMP & RHETOR II	3	SCOGGIN
• 1:00-4:50 PM	T/TH	ENG	263	01	WORLD LITERATURE I	3	THOMPSON
• 6:00-9:50 PM	T/TH	ENG	273	01	WORLD LITERATURE II	3	SCOGGIN
• 6:00-9:50 PM	T/TH	FAA	110	01	INTRO TO FINE ARTS	3	JUENGERMAN
• 6:00-9:50 PM	T/TH	GOV	213	01	AMER NAT'L GOV	3	PEET
• 6:00-9:50 PM	M/W	GOV	223	01	STATE & LOCAL GOV	3	PEET
• 1:00-4:50 PM	T/TH	HST	213	01	AMER HST 1500-1865	3	DINSMORE
• 6:00-9:50 PM	T/TH	HST	213	02	AMER HST 1500-1865	3	DINSMORE
• 6:00-9:50 PM	M/W	HST	223	02	AMER HST 1865-PRESENT	3	RAPSTINE
• 12:00-1:50 PM	MTWTH	MDT	123	01	MEDICAL TERM. II	3	WINDHORST
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• 8:00-11:50 AM	T/TH	MTH	113	02	COLLEGE ALGEBRA	3	BAKER
• 6:00-9:50 PM	M/W	MTH	223	01	CALCULUS II	3	HOWARD
• 8:00-11:50 AM	M/W	NUT	113	01	PRIN OF NUTRITION	3	SULLIVAN
• 1:00-4:00 PM	M/W	PED	110	01	LIFETIME PHY ACTIVITY	1	HAYNES
• 8:00-9:50 PM	T/TH	PSY	113	01	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	3	VINSON
• 8:00-11:50 AM	M/W	PSY	133	02	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	3	WILSON
• 6:00-9:50 PM	M/W	PSY	204	01	CHILD PSYCHOLOGY	3	VINSON
• 1:00-4:50 PM	T/TH	SOC	212	01	SOCIAL ISSUES	3	WILSON
• 6:00-9:50 PM	M/W	SOC	243	01	INTRO TO SOCIOLOGY	3	WILSON
• 1:00-4:50 PM	M/W	SPE	113	01	PUBLIC SPEAKING	3	WILSON
• 6:00-9:50 PM	M/W	SPE	123	01	INTERPERSONAL SPEECH	3	LANE

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First lady's sworn testimony in question

WASHINGTON (AP) — New evidence assembled by White-water prosecutors calls into question Hillary Rodham Clinton's sworn account of a meeting she had with real estate partner James McDougal a decade ago.

The first lady has maintained since the presidential campaign four years ago that she met with her Whitewater partner in April

1985 to discuss an overdue bill from her law firm.

But Gary Bunch, the former president at a McDougal-owned bank that owed the money, said Tuesday night the bill was paid off in 1984. That was well before Mrs. Clinton's meeting with her Whitewater partner. Bunch says he was interviewed by the FBI about the matter recently. Bunch

said the bill — which totaled \$5,894 — was negotiated downward.

Rose Law Firm managing partner Ronald Clark said his firm turned over a fee credit report to Whitewater prosecutors some months ago reflecting a \$5,000 payment on the bill in November 1984. Clark was uncertain whether the two sides agreed to settle for less than the total amount.

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