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Howard County remains clear of strep cases; 26 reported statewide

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Telephones are ringing off the hook at the Texas Department of Health during a recent outbreak of invasive group A streptococcus bacterium that has killed 26 people in the state.

Fortunately, the people answering those calls in Howard County so far have only good news to report.

No cases have been identified in the surrounding area, Texas Department of Health officials said Tuesday.

"To my knowledge we have not have any cases in this area," said Kaye Moore, Outbreak

Coordinator for the Texas Department of Health's Regions 9 and 10.

Since Dec. 1, 117 cases of the bacteria have been reported, most of those in Harris, Travis and Bexar counties, said Doug McBride, public information officer for the Texas Department of Health. The disease has shown up in 29 counties so far, most of them clustered in southeastern and central Texas.

Two cases were reported in El Paso, McBride said, both resulting in deaths.

Ellen Phillips, real estate agent and mother of three, is one of many area residents who

got a scare recently. When her daughter, Amy, came down with a sore throat and dangerously high fever, she was terrified it might be invasive strep.

"I tell you, that one scared me," Phillips said. "Her fever was so high; she was delirious."

Phillips asked her doctor to swab Amy's throat for the strep. After many worried hours, she was relieved when the test came up negative.

"I really sweated out waiting to hear about it," Phillips said.

Phillips daughter recovered in three days. But Phillips concern remains.

"When you have a hot area like Austin, and with the kids

going back and forth, it worries you."

About 15-20 percent of the population carries the strep bacteria in their nose and throat at all times, McBride said. The bacteria becomes deadly when it invades the blood, muscles, or lungs.

The bacteria is transmitted in person-to-person contact that allows exchange of mucus or droplets from the nose or throat, the health department said.

Precautions against the bacteria include good hygiene, taking antibiotics, seeking medical attention if suffering from flu-like symptoms that worsen after

three or four days and seeking medical attention for children with chicken pox who begin to feel more ill after three or four days.

A new telephone hotline to answer questions about a deadly strain of strep bacteria opened last week.

The higher incident rate of strep A infections prompted the Texas Department of Health to open the phone line.

"If those children are robust and healthy and follow personal hygiene," Tabony said, "there isn't any more concern now than at any other time."

Children should be sure to wash their hands several times

a day, and especially after playing outside.

Health officials said the number of strep A cases varies from year to year, and stressed that the infection is still a low risk for most people despite this year's higher tally. Since December, 73 cases have been reported in the state.

Parents of children one year and older have been urged to vaccinate them against chicken pox, which is believed to be a risk factor for strep A.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The phone line will be open through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The toll-free number is (888) 388-6332.

Sheriff's budget Jennings: Overage due to increased workload

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Questions as to why the Howard County Sheriff's Office was over budget in 1997 prompted Sheriff Bill Jennings to give a detailed report to county commissioners during their Monday's meeting.

"I compared last year to 1996 and this should answer some of the questions people have," Jennings said. "What we did last year was go to work."

Jennings said he was first approached by Commissioner Sonny Choate who came to him with questions he had received from county residents.

Several categories were reviewed during Jennings' comparison, which included the following:

•Thefts — 131 in 1996 with 21 cleared by arrest; 82 in 1997 with 49 cleared by arrest.

•Burglaries — 59 in 1996 with 21 cleared by arrest; 38 in 1997 with 20 cleared by arrest.

•Assaults — 68 in 1996 with 26 cleared by arrest; 37 in 1997 with 36 cleared by arrest.

•Robberies — zero in 1996; 1 in 1997 was cleared by arrest.

•Homicides — none reported in 1996 or 1997.

Jennings' report also included stolen property, which amounted to \$240,296 in 1996 with \$48,737 of the recovered. In 1997, \$103,564 in stolen property was reported with \$40,169 recovered.

In the booking division, 512 arrests were reported by the sheriff's office in 1996 compared to 1,083 in 1997. Other agencies' arrests totaled 963 in 1996 compared to 1,188 in 1997.

According to Jennings, total confinement/transfers by the sheriff's office and other agencies totaled 1,475 in 1996 compared to 2,271 in 1997.

Total visitors to the jail was 2,015 in 1996 and 2,316 in 1997.

The average daily population of the Howard County Jail for 1996 was between 28 and 30 inmates.

In 1997, the average was between 38 and 41 inmates.

Total meals served in the jail in 1996 was 28,524 for a total cost of \$43,481.64 or \$1.52 per meal. In 1997, 40,608 meals were served in the jail for a total cost of \$70,122.23 or \$1.73 per meal.

Supplies for the jail totaled \$6,136.70 in 1996 and \$7,702.31 in 1997.

In the civil division, the report shows 1,977 civil documents processed in 1996 with \$55,029.20 in fees being collected compared to 2,016 civil documents processed in 1997 with \$47,215.21 in fees being collected.

A total of 905 warrants were received by the sheriff's office in 1996 with 712 returned compared to 1,332 being received in 1997 with 932 returned.

The sheriff travel/prisoner general fund account showed \$6,893.88 for 1996 and \$5,228.70 in 1997.

Records state the sheriff's office handled three DWI cases in 1996 compared to 38 in 1997. No records for public intoxication arrests were available for 1996, but 89 arrests were made in 1997.

Records were also not available for traffic cases handled in 1996. In 1997, 151 traffic cases were handled by the sheriff's office.

Jennings said some of the budget overage during the later part of the 1996-97 budget year was a carryover of the upgrading costs of the jail, an expense that Jennings inherited upon taking office on Jan. 1, 1997.

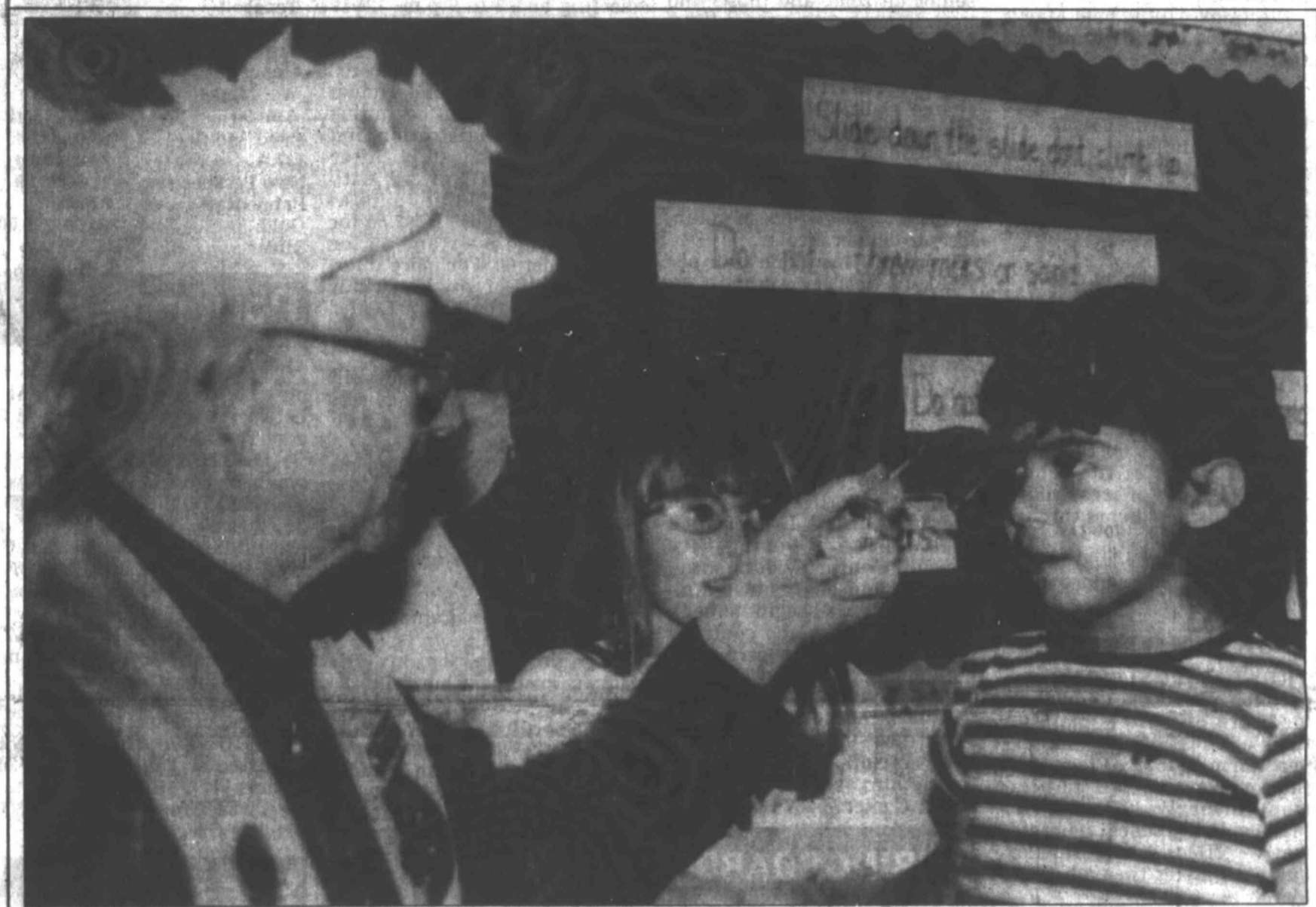
Last summer, because of high mileage on several sheriff's office vehicles and many needed repairs, the commissioners' court approved the purchase of five 1996 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles with less than 10,000 miles on them for \$14,025 or a total cost of \$70,125. The purchase of two new 1997 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles last year was a budgeted item in the 1996-97 budget.

Other expenditures during 1997 included the purchase of new base radio equipment in the amount of \$8,972.06 due to a conflict with the owner of the tower the sheriff's office had been using.

Jennings said that the portable radios assigned to the sheriff's office were old and in need of repairs. The commissioners' court approved the purchase of 18 new radios at a cost of \$425 each or \$7,650.

New Kenwood radios were also purchased for the seven vehicle purchased in 1997 at a cost of \$465 each or \$3,255 total.

For the first six months of 1997, the sheriff's office did not fill the positions of chief deputy and two sergeants positions, according to Jennings.



Lions Club member Elvin Bearden, left, checks out Marissa Nieto's new glasses while Kayla Howard looks on at Anderson Kindergarten Center. The Lions Club routinely holds free eye tests at area schools.

Director: HAP rebounds from tough times

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

A year has made a significant difference in Big Spring's Housing Assistance Program, an agency implicated in a 1996 audit of mismanagement of funds and client files.

Housing Director Mark Gentry was hired last spring and one of his first priorities was to get the city's housing program back on track.

"I was employed by the city as Housing Director on Feb. 24,

1997 and it was with relief that the city's independent auditors of West, Davis and Company coincidentally indicated on Feb. 24, 1998 that the housing agency was again operating within prescribed federal guidelines," Gentry said.

A lot of changes have occurred in the housing department, but nothing that has not been mandated by the Office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Gentry said.

One of the programs adminis-

tered by the Big Spring Housing Agency is the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program, a program in which Gentry likes to keep people aware of changes — something that isn't always easy because of federal regulations and electronic reporting requirements.

"Funding is from the federal budget of HUD," Gentry said. "Including both administrative fees and direct housing payments, the program has a 1998 budget of about \$1.3 million and much of this budget will

find its way directly into the Big Spring economy."

The city's housing agency does operate under the premise that eligibility to receiving a subsidy housing assistance is a privilege and not a right and the department's policy is to provide this assistance only to a properly screened and qualified very-low income applicant, according to Gentry.

"Very-low income is defined as a family whose total income

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Golf fees increase tops council agenda tonight

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Tonight's Big Spring City Council meeting will be the first reading of a proposed ordinance increasing greens fees and membership fees at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Council member will also consider a final reading authorizing Mayor Tim Blackshear to execute a contract of employ-

ment with Golf Superintendent Jack Birdwell.

The issue of fees at the golf course has been an issue for the last 14 months.

The city's Parks and Recreation Board (PRB) recently proposed several changes in the fee structure at the city golf course.

A public meeting on the matter at the city council chambers yielded several comments on

the proposal, but the majority of the two dozen or so people who attended the meeting were pretty positive about the changes, according to Parks Director Becky Crane.

"People are pretty much receptive to the proposed increases, but were concerned that the money they are going to be paying will go to the Golf Course Improvement Fund," Crane said. "The pro-

posed increase should bring in an estimated \$25,000 in additional annual revenue."

"The ordinance that we're taking to the city council has been written to ensure the additional money goes toward the golf course," Crane added.

The proposal includes increasing the annual membership fees for senior citizens from \$250 to

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WEATHER



Tonight, clear. Lows 25-30. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the 50s. Wednesday night, partly to mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s to mid 30s. Extended forecast, Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs 55-65. Friday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s. Highs 65-75. Saturday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Lows 40-45.

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Commissioners examine credit bonuses for deputies

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The issue of certificate pay for Howard County Sheriff's Office employees was brought before commissioners at Monday's meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court, but won't be settled anytime soon.

County Treasurer Bonnie Franklin and Sheriff Bill Jennings told commissioners that in the past, the county has paid deputies an additional \$10 per month for a basic law enforcement certificate and \$15

per month for an intermediate certificate.

"You have to have a basic certificate to begin with to even work for the department," Jennings said.

For this reason, the county stopped paying for a basic certificate, he added.

Jennings' request to the court was to pay \$10 per month for an intermediate certificate; \$15 per month for an advanced certificate; and \$25 per month for a master's certificate.

"We just want you to set up a plan to address this," Jennings

said. "We just want things to be equal."

"This is something we should take up in the budget," County Judge Ben Lockhart said. "I think we should leave things the way they are until we address the budget."

In a separate request, Jennings was granted permission to purchase new rifles and shotguns for his deputies. The move is in order to upgrade the weapons in the sheriff's office.

Jennings told commissioners that he sent three deputies to Garden City on Feb. 2 when the

Glasscock County Bank was robbed.

"If the man had had a rifle and us carrying shotguns, we would have come out in second place," Jennings said.

Jennings also told commissioners he plans to trade his old weapons for 15 new shotguns (about \$4,000) and 15 rifles (about \$3,000). Jennings believes he can get between \$50 and \$75 in trade for the department's old shotguns.

One of the old guns the

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Voters head to the polls; many candidates unopposed

AUSTIN (AP) — Republicans and Democrats were choosing nominees for November today.

Secretary of State Al Gonzales, the state's chief elections officer, forecast a turnout of about 20 percent of Texas' 11 million registered voters.

On Monday, Gonzales urged Texans to go to the polls.

"I imagine many may view the primary as an election for only the true 'party faithful,' but I hope Texans will realize that the policies that affect all of us are decided upon by the people we vote into office," Gonzales said.

The secretary of state's office said turnout for early voting in the 10 largest counties was 1.15 percent for the Democratic primary and 1.17 percent for the Republican primary.

If a candidate fails to win a majority in today's primary, the top two finishers advance to an April 14 runoff.

Two of the top six statewide races in the Republican primary are uncontested, as are four of the top six on the Democratic side.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro is among the unopposed.

Republican Gov. George W. Bush faces one underfunded opponent, Round Rock highway contractor R.C. Crawford.

Neither party fielded more than one candidate for lieutenant governor or state comptroller.

State Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Benavides, is alone in seeking the Democrats' nomination for land commissioner.

In legislative races, only 16 incumbent state lawmakers face re-election opponents in their primaries.

Fifteen of those are in the Texas House, where

Republicans hope to gain control this fall for the first time in more than 120 years.

State Sen. Michael Galloway, R-The Woodlands, is the only incumbent senator facing a primary challenger — home-builder Bill Leigh, also of The Woodlands.

In all, 148 incumbents are seeking re-election to the 166 legislative seats up for grabs in November.

That total includes all 150 House seats and 16 of the 31 seats in the Senate.

Probably the highest-profile race is over the nomination for

attorney general, a job incumbent Democrat Dan Morales is giving up after two terms.

Democratic voters will choose among Jim Mattox, who held the post from 1983 to 1991; Morris Overstreet, a Court of Criminal Appeals judge; and Universal City lawyer Gene Kelly.

Republicans are choosing from three hopefuls: former Texas Supreme Court justice John Cornyn, former state party chairman Tom Pauken and Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson.

The GOP also has a three-way

primary for land commissioner, the office being vacated by Mauro after 16 years. The candidates are Houston businessman David Dewhurst, Bastrop businessman Don Loucks and state Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena.

Also being chosen Tuesday are nominees for state agriculture commissioner, one seat on the Railroad Commission, four places on the Texas Supreme Court, three places on the Court of Criminal Appeals, seven of the 15 State Board of Education seats and all 30 Texas seats in the U.S. House.

Midwest buckles under fury of snowstorm

CHESTERTON, Ind. (AP) — Car windows opened ever so slightly whenever someone trudged up, head bowed against the snow and blinding wind.

"What's going on?" they asked. "How soon before we can move?"

The response again and again — a discouraging shake of the head.

It was the same weary scene hour after hour Monday for motorists stranded on snow-choked roads across the Plains and Midwest, stuck because of a blustery snowstorm that knocked out power to 440,000 people and ushered out what had been a mild El Nino winter with a deadly cold snap.

Eight deaths were blamed on the storm, which lingered into this morning across parts of the Midwest and Great Lakes.

In a tangle of stalled traffic in northern Indiana, 40 mph wind gusts buffeted cars so hard that drivers could feel the jolt. Some got out anyway to wade through thick snowdrifts but couldn't see the jackknifed semis causing all the problems ahead.

All they could see were cars and trucks stretching to both horizons.

"You hear these guys swearing and cussing, moaning and groaning," said Tom

McCormack, a trucker stranded on Interstate 80-90 for most of Monday. "They've got to realize there's nothing you can do about it."

About 10 inches of snow fell on northern Indiana, 11 in Illinois and 12 in Wisconsin. The 15 inches that fell over the weekend in central Iowa were swept into 12-foot snowdrifts in Des Moines by the wind.

"It's bad. There are 4- to 6-foot drifts, and as soon as they can plow, the winds blow the roads covered again," said Sally Sears, cashier at the Flying J Travel Plaza off Interstate 80-35 near Des Moines.

Accumulations were much lower in Ohio, but in Cleveland early today, light snow caused a jetliner to skid off a runway as it landed at Hopkins International Airport.

The 140 passengers aboard the Delta Airlines jetliner, which was arriving from Atlanta, were evacuated without injury after the mishap at about 12:45 a.m.

Earlier, the heavy snow in Illinois nearly shut down O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, the world's busiest passenger hub, before things got back to normal late Monday.

Some 205,000 customers were still without power early today in northern Illinois, and

Chicagoans awoke today to temperatures around 10 degrees. In northern Indiana, 135,000 customers were in the dark — some might not get power until midweek because snow- and ice-packed transmission towers were toppled by howling winds at dawn Monday.

Most of the 30,000 customers who lost electricity Monday morning in southeastern Wisconsin had it back by night.

The blizzard crushed what had been a relatively warm Midwest winter credited to El Nino, the vast Pacific weather system that has brought seemingly endless rain to the West Coast and deadly floods and tornadoes to the Southeast. Cold air had stayed to the north.

"It's weird, because we've all played at least one round of golf this year in February, and then March comes along and kicks us in the butt," said Ben Fortune, manager of Nevada Bob's Golf in Windsor Heights, Iowa.

As the storm churned east from the Plains — where traffic finally resumed across Nebraska, Kansas and parts of Iowa after two days — it made things difficult even for snow-plows and tow trucks. The Indiana State Police at one point pulled its plows off the

roads.

"We hadn't a clue, otherwise, we wouldn't be here," said Luanne Shay, who was stranded in her car on the Indiana Toll Road while returning from Cleveland to her home in Peoria, Ill., with her daughter and mother. "It's been awful. We tried to get off at any service plaza or any exit, but trucks and cars were blocking them."

Indiana declared an emergency in 10 counties in the northwest part of the state, near Chicago. In Skokie, Ill., Mary Lou Colburn cooked dinner on a gas stove in the dark Monday night, just before the power came back on.

"We were ready to sleep in front of the fireplace," she said. "You just sort of have to shift gears. We're some of the lucky ones."

On the toll road, some motorists who needed heat but worried they would run out of gas climbed up into the sleeper cabs of trucks.

"This is unreal," said Bill Shirley, a businessman from Akron, Ohio, who was on his way to Chicago.

"I only have 1 to 2 gallons of gas left. I tried to get off at the last two service plazas and they were booked solid with cars and trucks."

Veteran: Waco standoff worth all the trouble

WACO (AP) — A Vietnam veteran who held officers in a 14-hour standoff while threatening to blow up a Veterans Administration building in protest of the way his disability was being treated says he made his point.

"There's no other way to get them to listen," Jason Leigh said Monday outside a federal courthouse, where he was arraigned on a firearms possession charge. "I tried letters, I tried e-mail, I tried phone calls, I tried friends — I tried everything I possibly could."

Leigh, 48, rammed his 1984 Jeep Cherokee into the two-story VA building early Sunday morning, then demanded \$750,000 from the government and threatened to blow the building up if his demands weren't met, according to an affidavit from ATF agent Jeff Brzozowski.

Leigh, whose disability has not been specified due to confidentiality laws, said he was angry because he felt he was being ignored by veterans officials.

About 9 p.m. Sunday, he walked out of the building

shirtless, with his hands in the air. Authorities credited a Waco police negotiator for befriending Leigh and convincing him to surrender.

On Monday, U.S. Magistrate Dennis G. Green ordered that Leigh be detained without bond until a pretrial detention hearing on Thursday.

"We feel like he is a danger to the community," Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Johnston said. "We don't want people coming to Waco, Texas, thinking it's a place where you can make a point."

Leigh initially claimed to have a high-powered rifle and a backpack filled with enough plastic explosives to "turn downtown Waco into a flower garden." After his arrest, authorities said he had only an antique gun and a "hoax device."

Nonetheless, he was charged with possession of a firearm in a federal facility during the commission of a crime.

John Hurley, Leigh's court-appointed attorney, said he couldn't comment on his defense because he was so new on the case.

Battling expenses add to flap over settlement

DALLAS (AP) — Lavish expense accounts for the private attorneys who helped Texas fight Big Tobacco have joined lawyer fees and financial allocations as another sticking point in the state's record \$15.3 billion settlement.

The flap over expenses, to be paid to attorneys in addition to their estimated \$2.3 billion fee, is just the latest in a showdown over the huge settlement.

Nearly two weeks ago, Gov. George W. Bush requested that hourly fee documentation and expense records for the five private attorneys that worked for the state on a 15 percent contingency basis be delivered to his office by late Monday afternoon.

Ron Dusek, a spokesman for Attorney General Dan Morales, said the report wouldn't be finished by the deadline, but would be delivered this week.

He added that all of the information requested by Bush would not be available because the private attorneys were working on contingency.

"The governor has asked for certain documents, such as 'How many hours the attorneys put in?' Since the attorneys are not getting paid by the hour those documents do not exist,"

he said. "Other documents are private documents belonging to the attorneys that are simply not available to us to produce to the governor."

Bush's spokeswoman Karen Hughes said that is a concern.

"We believe that money belongs to the taxpayers of Texas, and that money should be deposited into the state treasury and the state should pay the attorneys a reasonable fee and reimburse them for their justifiable expenses," she said.

Dusek said the requested information would have to come from the private attorneys themselves.

"The private attorneys told the tobacco industry that their estimated expenses are \$40 million. Now the private attorneys have to justify that \$40 million," he said. "If the tobacco industry disagrees with some of the private attorney's expenses then they can take that up before the arbitration panel or the judge."

By comparison, the state's attorneys have received \$5 million in estimated expenses. And, in Florida, private attorneys who helped settle that state's case received \$12 million in expenses.

All of the money floating

around for expenses needs to be looked at closer," said Ms. Hughes.

"The expenses in the Texas case are much, much higher than in Florida and in Florida the case lasted much longer," she said.

Also weighing in on Monday, state Sen. Troy Fraser said he would seek a state audit of the \$40 million in estimated expenses, because Morales did not require the private attorneys to turn in itemized expenses after their first year on the case.

"I think it's interesting that the private lawyers claimed \$1.75 million in 1996 when they had to report their expenses, and then their expenses jumped to more than \$38 million in 1997, after the requirement was waived by Morales," said Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay.

Dusek said Morales waived the fees after the first year because it was a contingency case.

"That means they don't get expenses unless they win," he said.

Other disagreements since the case was settled earlier this year have been over the disbursements in the first-year's settlement payout and lawyer

fees.

Both of those issues have resulted in a flurry of court filings by state legislators and groups upset with Morales' office.

Bush, who has filed a motion to intervene in the settlement, calls the lawyers' fees excessive and has insisted that taxpayers will lose out by paying that amount. He contends that the Legislature should determine the lawyers' pay.

Morales says both the fees and expenses are being paid by the tobacco industry and should not be subject to legislative review.

"The fess has nothing to do with the Attorney General's office," Dusek said. "We're happy to make public every penny spent by the Attorney General's office. The fess is over the private attorney's expenses and that's unrelated to the state."

U.S. District Judge David Folsom of Texarkana, who approved the settlement and the fees, will hear all challenges in the case.

He has scheduled a March 19 hearing Bush's motion, and a separate motion by a group of seven legislators, asking to intervene.

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Steers drop pair to Midland Lee; 'Dogs fall victim to comeback

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MIDLAND — Big Spring's Steers, their pitching staff depleted from a weekend's worth of work...

Area Baseball

Hyatt's homer ignited the Steers. Run-scoring doubles from Clayton Pate, Brock Gee and Wes Mouton...

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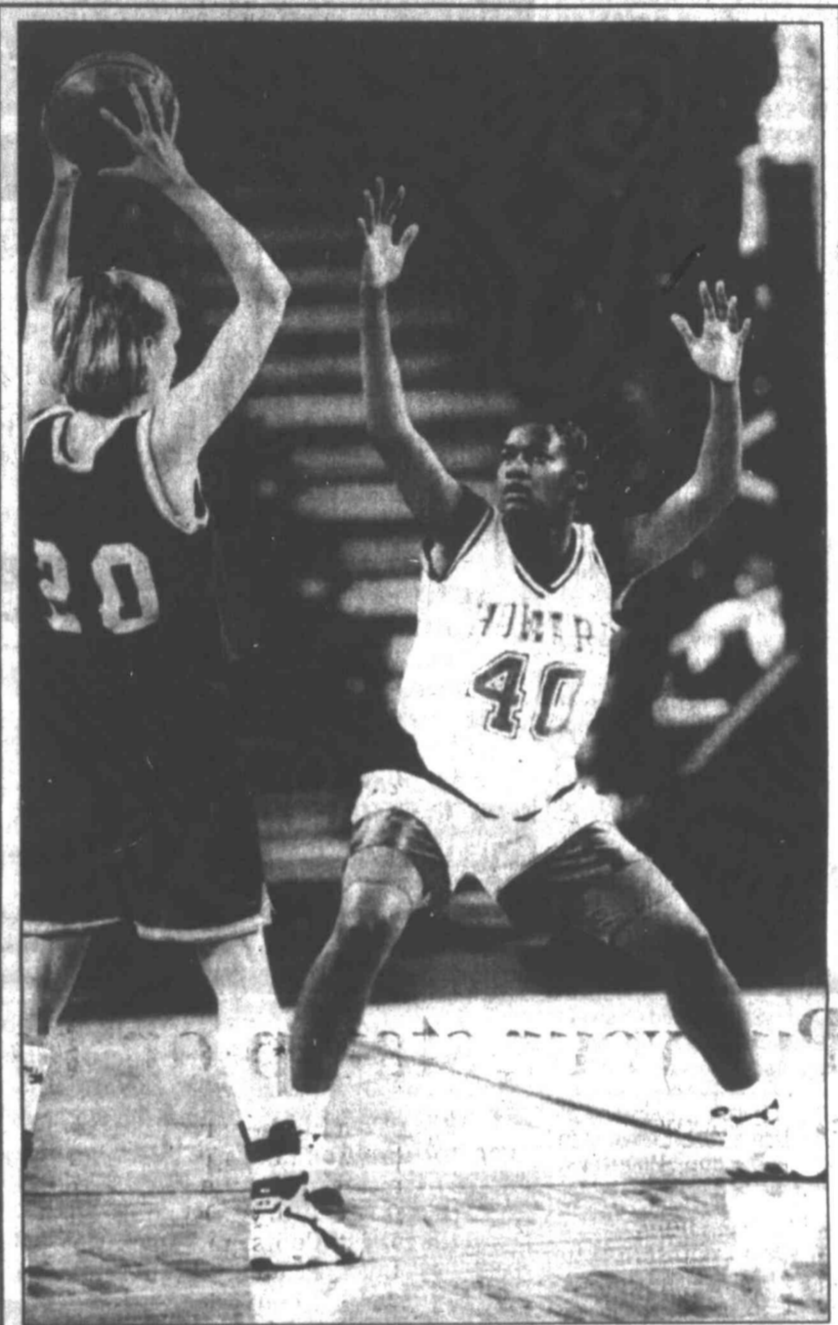
get some games under our belts. It takes some time to reach your stride and we certainly don't want to be peaking right now.

Tennessee leads AP women's poll from start to finish

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From beginning to end, there was only one No. 1 team in women's basketball this season. Tennessee completed a season-long run at the top of The Associated Press poll Monday...

regular season was playing out. But now? 'If there is a team that I've coached that really deserves to have success and be at their best in postseason, it's this team,' Summitt said.



Howard College sophomore Donelle Jones (40) breaks down to provide defensive coverage against a Grayson County player during the opening round of the Region V tournament in Midland.

Without Hakeem, Rockets press Jazz; Suns simply sizzle

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

No Hakeem Olajuwon, Kevin Willis and Mario Elie? No chance. Well, maybe a little chance. The Houston Rockets, minus those three players who were serving suspensions...

NBA ROUNDUP

points, a season-high 21 rebounds and six assists. Utah swept the season series from its division rivals, but is only 1-13 in games it trails after three quarters.

Prairie View looking forward to NCAA tourney debut

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

PRAIRIE VIEW — Six seasons ago, Prairie View didn't win a basketball game. Five seasons ago, they won just one. Two years ago, they lost a game by 92 points.

who the No. 1 team is," said Prairie View forward Julius Marble, one of nine Panther seniors. "We're going to go out there to play and have fun."

secutive games. "I think winning this (SWAC) tournament was a great milestone for the university," coach Elwood Plummer said.

long time," said King Whetstone, a senior guard. "It's not just a win for basketball," added Tamarron Sharpe, who was named Most Valuable Player in the SWAC tournament.

Tar Heels' Jamison, duo of teammates are All-America team

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Antawn Jamison was by himself — as a North Carolina Tar Heel and as the top vote-getter on the AP All-America team. Joining the North Carolina junior forward on the first team today were Arizona teammates Mike Bibby and Miles Simon...

of the year and a second-team All-America last year, was named to the first team on all but one of the 70 three-team ballots and had 348 points. Bibby, the sophomore guard who was named Pac-10 player of the year, had 68 first-team votes and 346 points in the 5-3-1 point system.

who shot 61 percent from the field. "It's humbling to be named one of the best players in the country. Still, it's hard to focus on individual honors at this time of the year."

Bibby followed up a sensational freshman season by averaging 17.2 points, 5.9 assists and 2.4 steals as the Wildcats defended their national championship. He led the team with 67.3-pointers.

Lady Steers boosters set March 19 meeting

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The Lady Steers Booster Club has scheduled a meeting for 6 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

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| Midwest | Odessa | Dallas | FAM | Odessa | Dallas | Midwest | Atlanta | Spanish | Premium | Nashville | Premium | Premium | Premium | Odessa | New York | Discovery | Atlanta | Sports | Sports | Classics | Black Ent. | | |
| 6:30 News (CC) Fortune | Simpsons Home Imp. | News-Lehrer | Waltons | News Grace Under | News (CC) Fortune | News Seinfeld (CC) | (05) Senior PGA Golf | Esmeralda | Adventures in Babysitting | Dallas | Dream (20) Movie: Father, the Hero (CC) | Strong (CC) | Duplantier John Hayes | Law & Order (CC) | Gimme Shelter | Baby/rt 5 (CC) | Last Word Sports News | NCAA | Movie: My Fair Lady | Planet Groove | | | |
| 7:30 Home Imp. Something So | Movie: The Quick and the Dead (CC) | Bridges to Babylon | Diagnosis Murder (CC) | Miss USA Pageant (CC) | Home Imp. Something So | Mad Abo. You Mad Abo. You | Senior Slam (CC) | María Isabel (CC) | (45) Movie: Yesterday & Today (CC) | Nowhere to Run (CC) | Movie: Larger Than Life | Movie: Murder at 1600 (CC) | Light of the Southwest | Biography | Wild Discovery | NBA Basketball | Ski and Snowboard Tour | NCAA Outside the Lines | Up Close | Hill List | | | |
| 8:30 Home Imp. That's Life | Dead (CC) | Hawaii Five-0 (CC) | RIPD Blue (CC) | DateLine (CC) | Primer Impacto Noc | Broken (CC) Gooly Holiday | Best of the Best 3: No Red Shoe | Wak Disney Presents | Dukes of Hazard | Maikus 4 | Line | Bad Moon (CC) | Light of the Southwest | Justice Fias | Movie: The Deep | FOX Sports News | March Mad. Snowboarding | 227 (CC) Midnight Love | | | | | |
| 9:30 NYPD Blue (CC) | Panorama Wing | Riverdance: Live From New York City | 700 Club | News (CC) Nightline | News (CC) Tonight Show | (05) Movie: The Devil's Brigade | Al Ritmo de la Noche | Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse | Dallas | Movie: Napoleon and Roger Miller Remembered | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10:30 News (CC) Cheers | Home Imp. Mad Abo. You | Blue Suede Shoes | Bonanza-Lost Married... With | News (CC) Nightline | Ent. Tonight Politically Inc. | (CC) Late | News Ent. Tonight | Gayle King | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11:30 Nightline (30) Heenan | Vibe | Blue Suede Shoes | Ballet Rocket | News Ent. Tonight | Gayle King | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12:30 AM Ivory Wayne Politically Inc. | Martin (CC) In the Heat of | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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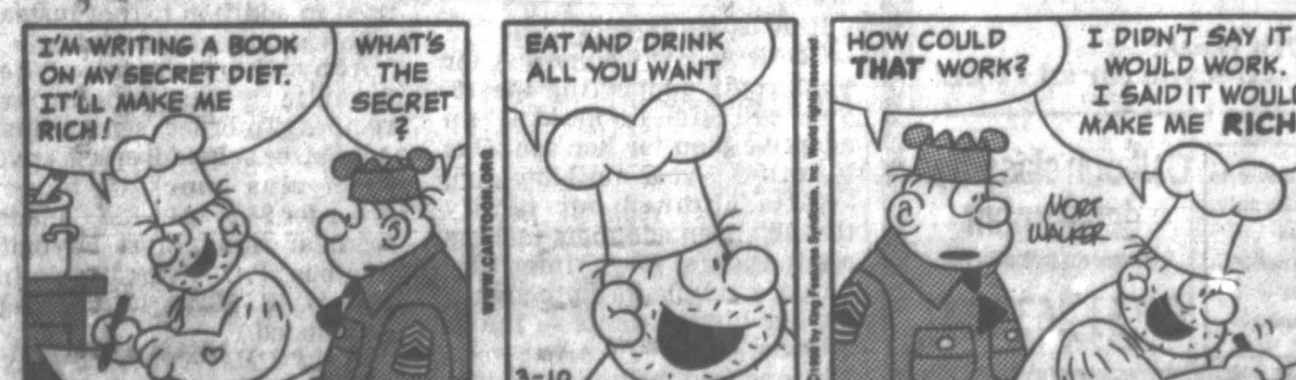
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, March 10, the 69th day of 1998. There are 296 days left in the year.

THE Daily Crossword

296 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell made what was, in effect, the first telephone call. His assistant, in an adjoining room in Boston, heard Bell say

over the experimental device: "Mr. Watson, come here. I want you."

On this date: In 1496, Christopher Columbus concluded his second visit to the Western Hemisphere as he left Hispaniola for Spain. In 1629, England's King Charles I dissolved Parliament and did not call it back for 11 years. In 1785, Thomas Jefferson was appointed minister to France, succeeding Benjamin Franklin. In 1848, the Senate ratified the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the war with Mexico. In 1864, Ulysses S. Grant became commander of the Union armies in the Civil War. In 1880, the Salvation Army arrived in the United States from England. In 1948, the body of the anti-Communist foreign minister of Czechoslovakia, Jan Masaryk, was found in the garden of Czernin Palace in Prague. In 1949, Nazi wartime broadcaster Mildred E. Gillars, also known as "Axis Sally," was convicted in Washington D.C. of treason. She served 12 years in prison. In 1969, James Earl Ray pleaded guilty in Memphis, Tenn., to the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. Ray later repudiated that plea. In 1985, Konstantin U. Chernenko, Soviet leader for just 13 months, died at age 73. Ten years ago: New York Congressman Jack Kemp dropped out of the race for the Republican presidential nomination. Pop singer Andy Gibb died in Oxford, England, at age 30 of heart inflammation. Five years ago: Authorities announced the arrest of Nidal Ayyad, a second suspect in the bombing of the World Trade Center in New York City. Dr. David Gunn was shot to death outside a Pensacola, Fla., abortion clinic. C. Northcote Parkinson, author of "Parkinson's Law," died in Canterbury, England, at age 83. One year ago: The White House and the FBI clashed in a rare public quarrel after President Clinton said he should have been alerted when the bureau told national security officials that the Chinese government might be trying to influence U.S. elections. Today's Birthdays: Talk show host Ralph Emery is 65. Actor Chuck Norris is 58. Playwright David Rabe is 58. Singer Dean Torrence (Jan and Dean) is 58. Actress Katharine Houghton is 53. Newspaper columnist Bob Greene is 51. Rock musician Tom Scholz (Boston) is 51. Actress Shannon Tweed is 41. Actress Sharon Stone is 40.

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ACROSS

- Corrosive substances
- Whippers
- Wet dirt
- Orchid tuber
- Seaside
- Had lunch
- Gilbert & Sullivan opus
- Slangy affirmative
- Waste allowance
- Ring virus, briefly
- Sis's sib
- Sis's son
- Grieve audibly
- Diligent insect
- Legendary Greek author
- Armed conflict
- Persian Gulf nation
- Gandhi's garb
- Temporary money
- Togo's capital
- Woods on the golf course
- Jekyll's alter ego
- Icy rain
- Overdue
- Nabisco cookie
- McBain and McMahon
- Ginger cookies
- Supporter
- Eases
- Overbearing
- Infamous Amin
- Real profit
- Sheet of glass
- Anais, the diarist
- Simple
- Beer barrel
- Patterns
- Exhausted
- Draft letters
- Small land mass
- Chips in chips

DOWN

- Gray shade
- River of Cambridge
- They: Fr.
- Profundity
- Meadowsweet
- H.S. jr.'s exam
- TV reception letters
- See here!
- Flynn of films
- Vacillates
- Address of a long-running sitcom?
- Veicular 180
- Train station
- Most recent
- Mancuriel's targets
- Sign on: var.
- School gatherings
- Tough in Tijuana
- Windmill blades
- Church instrument
- Pitiful artwork?
- Requires
- Just right
- Show flower
- Slow motion shot
- 50 Tidal wave
- 51 Musical composition
- 52 Seaside golf course
- 53 McClurg and Brickell
- 54 Payment for burritos
- 56 Pine product
- 59 Spill the beans
- 60 Attention-getting sound
- 63 Summer quaff
- 64 Well-honed skill
- 65 Hive resident
- 66 Recordings, in brief

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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