### 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 you." 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

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

going back and forth, it worries

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

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

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

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

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

three or four days and seeking 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 tollfree number is (888) 388-6332.



**HERALD** photo/Linda Choate

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.

Mark Housing Director 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 Urban Housing and 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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# 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 com-

missioners 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 reviewed during Jennings' comparison, which included the fol-

lowing: •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

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 collect-

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

Records state the sheriff's office handled three DWI cases in 1996 compared to 38 in 1997. No records for public intoxica tion 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

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 purchased 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.

### Golf fees increase tops council agenda tonight ment with Golf Superintendent the proposal, but the majority of

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 employJack 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

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

the two dozen or so people who attended the meeting were pret-

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

posed increased should bring in an estimated \$25,000 in additional annual revenue." "The ordinance that we're tak-

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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ty positive about the changes, according to Parks Director Becky Crane. "People are pretty much receptive to the proposed increases,

ing to the city council has been written to ensure the additional money goes toward the golf course," Crane added.

### 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

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 shofguns 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 plan to address this," Jennings Garden City on Feb. 2 when the

said."We just want things to be 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 depart-

ment's old shotguns. One of the old guns the

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The Big Spring Police report-

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between 8 a.m. Monday and 8

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MAN, 52, was arrested for revo-

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JAMES RICHARD TAY-

sion of drug paraphernalia.

RICHARD DIAZ LOPEZ,

Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

arrested for public intoxication.

reported in the 3700 block of

25, was arrested for driving

while license invalid.

#### **O**BITUARIES

#### **Bonnie Elaine** Sneed

Service for Bonnie Elaine Sneed, 68, Gail, was 1 p.m. today at the First United Methodist Church in Snyder with Dr. Craig Curry and Rev. Clifton Igo officiating. Burial followed in the Gail Cemetery.

Mrs. Sneed died Sunday, March 8, 1998, at her home in Gail after a lengthy illness.

She was born on May 26, 1929, in Jestor, Okla. She married Norman (Slick) Sneed on Jan. 14, 1952, in Lovington, N.M. She retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone after 30 years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Snyder.

Survivors include: her husband. Norman, of the home; one son, Bill Sneed, Abilene; two daughters, Kay Yeager, Quinlan, and Saundra Bloom, Coahoma; three sisters, Leona Bradley, Ft. Cobb, Okla., Winnie Green and Edith Eller, both of Lawton, Okla.; eight grandchildren; and three greatgrandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Borden County EMS; Gail, 79738.

Arrangements under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home, Snyder.

#### J.B. Barker

Service for J.B. Barker, 88, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel. Mr. Barker died Tuesday,

March 10, 1998, at Mountain View Lodge following a long ill-

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Some seniors indicated they would rather pay the additional \$75 and have unrestricted play rather than pay the \$250 annual membership fee and only be able to play Monday through Friday, according to Crane.

The annual membership for juniors (age 18 and under) and students remains at \$90, but weekend or holiday play will require a daily green fee of \$9, up from \$8 last year.

increase from \$14 to \$15 and senior citizen greens fees will increase from \$12 to \$13.

The proposal also includes increasing the adult annual membership fee from \$325 to \$395 and the family membership fee from \$425 to \$495.

One of the issues golfers, city officials and PRB members discussed last year as the city searched for a new superintendent for Comanche Trail Golf Course was how to get the course on track to becoming self-sufficient or in other words how it can pay for itself.

Last year, the golf course showed a profit of more than \$12,000, the first time the course had made money since it showed a profit of \$4,699 during the 1992-93 fiscal year.

#### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

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J.B. Barker, 88, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

#### NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home**



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William S. Talbott, 77, died Saturday. Services will be 3:30 PM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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If the ordinance to increase the fees at the golf course is approved tonight, council mempers will also have to approve it again on March 24 before the new fee structure can take

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Fifty percent of median income of Howard County includes:

·Family of one, \$12,500. ·Family of two, \$14,000. •Family of three, \$15,750. •Family of four, \$17,500. Family of five, \$18,900.

 Family of six, \$20,300. ·Family of seven, \$21,700. Family of eight, \$23,100.

**Employment** demographics gathered from program data indicates that about 50 percent of the city's housing assistance recipients are considered working poor; about 30 percent are either elderly, retired or disabled; and the remaining 20 percent is shared between the unemployed who are job seekers and/or those who consider themselves unemployable for whatever reason.

"Another related statistic is that about 70 percent of the head of households of all families on our program never achieved a high school equivalent education," Gentry said. "This does coincide with people in the working poor and the unemployed categories who may have only enough marketable skills which earn a minimum wage."

Despite welfare reform measurers, designed to get people back to work and off welfare, being instituted in the last two years, those issues have caused housing assistance to be needed by an increasingly needful group of working poor families.

"This has firmed our resolve to ensure that families who may no longer qualify for assistance; who may be in violation of the zero-tolerance for fraud, drug involvement, criminal activities, gang participation, violence and property damages; or those who have maintained a less than decent and sanitary living environment, are quickly removed from the program and/or prosecuted if the case warrants," Gentry said.

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department has was purchased in the 1930's when Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow hung out in West Texas. Jennings said the old 1931

Thompson automatic machine gun is probably worth about \$4,000 to \$5,000. Commissioners Sonny Choate and Jerry Kilgore suggested donating the old weapon to the Heritage Museum, but Jennings said the only way he could do that was if the museum has a Class Three Federal Firearms License and the gun is disabled.

"I don't take it out of the vault for any reason," Jennings said. "That's how serious a matter this is."

The antique weapon has a 30round stick as well as a 50round drum, according to Jennings.

Choate asked Jennings why he was requesting so many guns and Jennings replied one rifle and one shot gun for each of his deputies, himself and the reserve office on duty during whatever time.

Choate suggested purchasing a smaller number like five each and locking them in a gun cabinet in the sheriff's office, but Jennings said no way.

"Would you like to go to a gunfight with a knife?," Jennings asked Choate. "We have to be ready to go. We don't have time to come by the office and pick up our weapons. The idea is feasible, but not very practical."

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COAHOMA ISD TRUSTEE **OSITIONS** are open for reelection. Candidates for board of trustees may file their applications for the two at-large, three-year positions at the school administrative offices during regular business hours through Wed. March 18.

Elections will be held May 2. Call 394-4839 for more informa-

FORSAN ISD TRUSTEE POSITIONS are open for reelection. Candidates for board of trustees may file their applications for the three at-large positions at the school administrative offices during regular business hours through Wed.

Elections will be held May 2. Call 263-6571 for more informa-

GLASSCOCK ISD TRUSTEE POSITIONS are open for reelection. Candidates for board of trustees may file their applications at the school administrative offices during regular business hours through Wed. March 18.

Elections will be held May 2. Call 915-354-2230 for more information.

GRADY ISD TRUSTEE POSITIONS are open for reelection. Candidates for Districts 1, 2 and 7 may file their applications for the threeyear positions at the school administrative offices during regular business hours through Wed. March 18.

Elections will be held May 2. Call 915-459-2444 for more information.

#### HOWARD COLLEGE

TRUSTEE POSITIONS are open for re-election. Candidates for board of trustees may file their applications for the sixyear-term Place 1, Place 2 or the four-year unexpired position formerly held by Dr. Malone at the school administrative offices during regular business hours through Wed. March 18.

Elections will be held May 2. Call 264-5000 for more information.

### BRIEFS

THERE WILL BE AN orientation to Alzheimer's Disease at 7 p.m. Thursday at Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster.

There will be information on symptoms, diagnosis, stages, medication, support groups, legal and financial issues. For more information call 1-

800-682-1174.

**BIG SPRING ART ASSOCI-**ATION is sponsoring an oil painting workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 21 at the West Texas Center for the Arts, Howard College. The cost is \$28. For more information, call instructor Estelle Howard at 263-1134 or WTCA at 264-5115.

THE BIG SPRING **EVENING Lions Club will hold** its Annual Eyeglass Recycling during the month of March.

Eyeglass collection boxes will be set up at all Big Spring pharmacies, the Lions Club Bingo building, local banks and sever-

al other Big Spring businesses. The used eyeglasses are cleaned, prescription of lens are read and the glasses are placed into the inventory at the Midland Eyeglass Recycling Center, a project of Lions International.

For additional information about the clinic or donating eyeglasses call The Lions Club at 267-3068 or Bob Noyes at 267-

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### BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF Big Spring is holding their annual pancake supper. The even will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday in the Howard College Cafetorium with continuous serving.

Bacon and sausage will be served with the pancakes, and it is all you can eat for \$4.

The proceeds from the pancake supper go to benefit local community youthwork, scholarships and support the Key Club.

Tickets are available at the door or can be obtained from any Kiwanis Club member. Call 267-5768 for more informa-

**VOLUNTEERS WILL HELP** WITH income tax returns at First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Runnels, Mondays from 9 a.m.-noon through the end of the month.

This program is open to all senior citizens, and those who have income from wages, tips, interest or dividends and may be able to receive earned income credit. There is no charge. Call 263-4211 or 398-5522 for more information.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

THE SPRING CITY SENIOR Center and the "Spring City Stompers' will sponsor the Second Annual Line Dance Festival at the Spring City Senior Center Wednesday. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and dancing will begin immediately after lunch and continue until all dancer have performed or about 3:30 p.m. Lunch is served at noon and the cost is \$2.50 for people 60 and over and \$5 for those under 60. For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522 or the Senior Center at 267-1628.

### SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRING-BOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CON-TACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY ·Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168

between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ·Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the

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•MS group, 6:30 p.m., Canterbury South. Call Diane at 263-0148. •Mental Health Center's

Family Education and Support, 5:30 p.m., 319 Runnels. Call Shannon Nabors at 263-0027. WEDNESDAY Downtown Lions Club, noon,

Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821. Line dance classes, 1 p.m.,

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THURSDAY

·Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

·Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon. •Big Spring Senior Citizens

Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older. ·Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic

Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria. ·NA meeting, 8 p.m., St.

Mary's Episcopal Church. ·Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical

Center cafeteria. American Legion Auxiliary

Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084. ·Christmas in April, noon, 1607 E. Third. Call Bob Noyes at 267-5811.

·West Texas Republican Women's Club, noon, Big

Spring Country Club. •Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

### MARKETS

May cotton 68.15 cents, down 2 points; July crude 14.40, up 7 points; Cash hogs steady at 34.50; cash steers steady at 61; April lean hog futures 48, up 22 points; April live cattle futures 65.30, up 20 points.

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# Voters head to the polls; many candidates unoppose

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

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 comp-

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 House,

trol 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 - homebuilder 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

Barry Williamson.

Republicans hope to gain con- 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

The GOP also has a three-way the U.S. House.

primary for land commissioner, the office being vacated by Mauro after 16 years. The candidates are Houston businessman David Dewlfurst, 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

### Midwest buckles under fury of snowstorm

Car windows opened ever so slightly whenever someone trudged up, head bowed against the snow and blinding wind.

asked. "How soon before we can

The response again and again a discouraging shake of the

It was the same weary scene hour after hour Monday for motorists stranded on snowchoked 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

vate 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

The flap over expenses, to be

paid to attorneys in addition to

their estimated \$2.3 billion fee,

Nearly two weeks ago, Gov.

George W. Bush requested that

hourly fee documentation and

expense records for the five pri-

vate attorneys that worked for

the state on a 15 percent contin-

gency basis be delivered to his

office by late Monday afternoon.

Attorney General Dan Morales,

said the report wouldn't be fin-

ished by the deadline, but

would be delivered this week.

He added that all of the infor-

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would not be available because

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"The governor has asked for

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Ron Dusek, a spokesman for

is just the latest in a showdown

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Monday. "They've got to realize there's nothing you can do

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

"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 landed at Hopkins

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 Tom in northern Illinois, and

belongs to the taxpayers of

Texas, and that money should

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the attorneys a reasonable fee

and reimburse them for their

Dusek said the requested

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estimated expenses are \$40 mil-

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have to justify that \$40 million,"

he said. "If the tobacco industry

disagrees with some of the pri-

vate 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 mil-

lion in estimated expenses.

And, in Florida, private attor-

neys who helped settle that

state's case received \$12 million

The private attorneys told

justifiable expenses," she said.

northern Indiana, 135,000 customers were in the dark some might not get power until midweek because snow- and icepacked 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,

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 snowplows and tow trucks. The Indiana State Police at one point pulled its plows off the

"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 truckers.

"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

standoff worth all the trouble WACO (AP) - A Vietnam shirtless, with his hands in the

Veteran: Waco

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 twostory VA building early Sunday morning, 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 offi-

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

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 flowergarden." 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 courtappointed attorney, said he couldn't, comment on his defense because he was so new on the case.

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Battling expenses add to flap over settlement DALLAS (AP) Lavish he said. "Other documents are paround for expenses needs to be lees." expense accounts for the pri- private documents belonging to looked at closer, said Ms. Both of those issues have

the attorneys that are simply "The expenses in the Texas not available to us to produce to case are much, much higher than in Florida and in Florida Bush's spokeswoman Karen the case lasted much longer," Hughes said that is a concern. "We believe that money

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

"That means they don't get expenses unless they win," he Other disagreements since the

case was settled earlier this year have been over the disbursements in the first-year's All of the money floating settlement payout and lawyer

resulted in a flurry of court filings by state legislators and groups upset with Morale's 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 fuss 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 fuss 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



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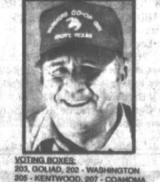
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### OUR VIEWS

# Students study for spelling bee set for next week

chool's out this week in Howard County, but that doesn't mean some students aren't thinking about their spelling words and trying to remember if "i" comes before or after "e." No, not words for a test at school, but rather words that could help them win the annual Howard County Spelling Bee, sponsored by this newspaper and sched-

College Auditorium. This annual event allows the best of the best from each school to compete head-on for the right to advance to the regional spelling bee later this spring

uled for next Tuesday afternoon in the Howard

"The young men and women who will compete in the county spelling bee have worked hard to get to this point," said Herald Publisher Chuck Williams. "While one young person will advance to the regional bee, there truly are no losers once they reach this point."

In this day and age when a person's idea of spelling is to hit the spellcheck button on the computer, it's refreshing to know that there are a group of youngsters still interested in learning in the traditional manner of "readin' and writin' and arithmetic."

Traditionally, there will be five or six dozen folks in the auditorium during the spelling bee. You know, family friends, teachers, judges and folks from the newspaper ... but these kids deserve your support and recognition for working hard to climb another rung on life's ladder.

Please join us in cheering them on.

Mississippi Republican Trent Lott drew lots of laughs this past week, but he seemed to speak a

bizarre truth All the president of the United States needs is to get caught in three or four more sex scandals, said the U.S. Senate majority leader, and his "standing in the polls would exceed 100 percent."

Yuck, yuck, yuck Let's can the laughter for a minute and ask ourselves: How can this be?

Americans are being treated to an awful spectacle of sex, alleged lies and audiotape. It involves the president, a former White House intern with whom he allegedly had an affair and questions about whether he coerced the intern into lying about it if questioned by investigators looking into another sex-related matter. It's all reportedly on tapes produced by someone — a supposed friend of the intern - who wired herself with listening devices so that she could preserve the young woman's musings for posterity.

It's sickening. It's also relevant to our views of the president, despite what current polls sug-

One survey, conducted by NBC News and The Wall Street Journal, put President Clinton's job approval rating at 77 percent, the highest of his presidency. It seems that with each hit that the special prosecutor levels against the president, Americans rush to his defense.

Americans seemingly have learned from the president's ability to compartmentalize certain aspects of his life. Put the personal behavior in one compartment, the public policy issues in another. One has nothing to do with the other, the theory goes.

Except that it does. No one - apparently not even his closest allies — believes that Bill Clinton has been a model of marital fidelity since he became president. You read tepid statements of support for Clinton -"Let's allow all the facts to come out," "The president deserves the presumption of innocence." "We need to concentrate on the important issues" - from the socalled insiders and Friends of

None of these allegations has yet been proven. All that talk of

OTHER VIEWS impeachment has subsided

because Republicans who control Congress don't want to throw out a Democratic president and give his vice president an even greater advantage as he runs for election in 2000. Republicans figure they have a better shot at reclaiming the White House if they keep Clinton in office for

rendering him virtually defenseless against a constant political So, if at the end of this tawdry investigation all we have is proof

the duration of his term while

that the president fooled around with a twentysomething White House aide, what does that say about his judgment or his sense of personal responsibility?

It says he doesn't live by the code of conduct he preaches for everyone else. We've heard him say countless times that he speaks for the millions of Americans who "work hard every day and play by the

Play by the rules? By whose rules?

It also says he doesn't abide by the same code of conduct he demands rightfully of those who serve in our armed forces. Remember Lt. Kelly Flinn? She was kicked out of the Air Force after she had an affair with a married man, disobeyed a direct order to stop the affair and then lied about it when questioned by her superior officers.

But this issue isn't unique to junior officers. Air Force Gen. Joseph Ralston was Clinton's choice to become chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. But he, too, had an adulterous affair in his past, while he was separated from his wife. The ensuing uproar forced Ralston to withdraw his name from considera-

See? This kind of conduct does matter in the peculiar world of the military

It also ought to matter in the equally unique world of presidential power, the one place in this country where one's behavior always should reflect the very best a country has to other.

In reality, however, this is not a puritanical standard of conduct. It merely is a standard that the ovelming majority of us demand of ourselves.

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# We need to restore original constitutional

American politicians these days often want to do things they shouldn't do and not do things they should do. Case in point: drunk driving and immi-

gration. Congress and the president want to blackmail the states into adopting a lower blood alcohol level as a definition of being too drunk to

Charley Reese Columnist

drive. The bill says that if states do not, they will lose part of their transportation

That Congress has to resort to blackmailing the states with their own money demonstrates that they know the federal government has no legitimate authority to define drunk driving. Indeed, it does not. Nowhere in the Constitution -the sole source of federal power - is there any language that could be remotely construed as giving Congress any authority

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to legislate in essentially local

It is disgusting to see the contempt politicians in both parties have for the Constitution.

On the other hand, Congress does have the duty and responsibility to control immigration, but here it refuses to do so. Congress sits by while the Clinton administration corrupts the immigration service. Congressmen have refused to put their money where their mouths are when it comes to controlling illegal immigration. And they have refused to set lower limits on legal immigration. They even undid most of the so-called reforms they had passed the year before.

We suffer a lot of bad government because of this disregard of the Constitution. It is really a pragmatic document that divided the labor of government between the states and the federal government. The federal government, as the agent of all the states, would handle matters that affected all the states such as the common defense, foreign policy and foreign trade.

No one would want to see 50

sets of trade laws. The Constitution intended for the federal government to handle only housekeeping chores domestically - such as building post roads, setting a common standard for weights and measures, creating a common currency and ensuring that we

have an internal free market. That makes a lot of sense. The bulk of governing -- 95 percent, said James Madison would continue to be done by the states. That, too, makes sense. Governments closer to the people are easier for the people to control. State governments are also closer and more knowledgeable about problems in their own states. But instead of the sensible

constitutional government, we have in fact a European-style central government, which presumes to legislate every aspect of everyone's life and to render the states as impotent subdivisions of the federal giant. This style of government, of

course, is impractical. It concentrates too much power in the hands of 546 individuals (100 senators, 435 members of the House, one president, one

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foreign policies and 50 different vice president and nine Supreme Court justices). It invites corruption.

The government is far removed from the people and difficult for the people to control. The only people in America today who have true self-government are those who can afford to buy it. The rest of us are left with a choice of one of two gangs of rich guys who have candidates fronting for

Politicians like to keep people's minds focused on issues such as the definition of drunk driving -- but people should pay attention to principles and to the structure of government.

We need to restore the original constitutional republic. Centralized governments don't work and always evolve into authoritarian or totalitarian governments. America prospered as a republic of republics. As a central government, America has become imperialistic and involved in one war after another.

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### Connecticut third, followed by Put your stamp on the century

By BILL MAXWELL

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Visualize the 1950s. What do you see? What images

best capture the essence of this transitional decade, the prosperous period that brought us suburbia, that bridged the war years of the 1940s and the socially turbulent 1960s? Does the fallout shelter come

to mind? What about drive-in movies? Drive-in restaurants? The Korean War? Remember "I like Ike"? Elvis? 3-D movies? Tail fins and chrome? Polio vaccine? I Love Lucy? Rock 'n' roll? The Hula-Hoop? The interstate system? The desegregation of public schools? Honeymooners"?

Well, the U.S. Postal Service wanted to know what average Americans like about the 1950s and, for the first time, invited the public to vote on the subjects honored on U.S. postage stamps

 starting with the 1950s. The voting was held during February and ballots were available at all post offices nationwide and are on the Internet at http://stampvote.msn.com.

The effort, called Celebrate the Century, was a collaboration between the Postal Service, the U.S. Department of Education and 10 of the country's leading education organizations. Its major purpose was to give citizens a chance to participate in the selection and design of the postage stamps honoring the most memorable and important people, events, places and trends of each decade of the 20th centu-

Celebrate the Century's education component, moreover, is intended to involve 300,000 classrooms of students nationwide in

a comprehensive curriculum that will take students on a field trip through the decades of the 20th century. Designed mainly for students in third through sixth grades, the education series was available to teachers free of charge. It included inschool balloting for students as well as take-home projects for children to discuss with their

Stamps representing the years 1900 through 1949 have already been chosen by the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, a panel of citizens appointed by the postmaster general that meets four times a year to review the 40,000 to 50,000 requests from the public. The committee makes suggestions and recommends future stamps.

The committee probably would have continued to work independently if the Elvis stamp phenomenon had not occurred.

Valoree Vargo, manager of stamp and product marketing for the Postal Service, said the experience taught the agency a lesson in citizenship: "We did a lot of research, and we now understand that people like to be involved up front. That was proven to us during the Elvis stamp ballot, where we asked people to vote on the young Elvis versus the old Elvis. The people became very involved through that vote."

For the 1950s, the public will have 30 choices, of which 15, issued as a sheet, will become stamps based solely on popular vote. Stamp lovers and history enthusiasts will cast ballots for subjects in categories that include history, science and technology, arts and entertainment, and sports and lifestyles. "We at the Postal Service, like millions of other citizens, like to

think of stamps as little pieces of history that are relevant to all Americans because what stamps do is commemorate the people, the events, the trends that have shaped America," Vargo said. "We get requests for everything imaginable, even the hot dog.

"A lot of requests for things just don't fit our strict criteria. For example, a person would have to have been dead for 10 years to be commemorated. We don't commemorate disasters, and we don't commemorate anniversaries until at least their 75th year."

Azeezaly Jaffer, executive director of Stamp Services, said that the response to Celebrate the Century was excellent, with all age groups, including children, casting ballots. The top five vote-getters for subjects epitomizing the 1950s may surprise many people, Jaffer said. In mid-February, Victory Over

Polio was the leader with 87,455 votes: Drive-In Movies, second, with 84,286; Tail Fins & Chrome (cars of the '50s), third, 81,121; Rock 'n' Roll, fourth, with 76,619; I Love Lucy, fifth, with 75,542. Other favorites include Dr. "The Cat in the Hat." World Series rivals (N.Y. Yankees/Brooklyn Dodgers), teen fashions, stock car racing, desegregation of public schools and Rocky Marciano. Again, Celebrate the Century

is, in its own small way, participatory democracy. For the first time in the history of the Postal Service, ordinary citizens - by casting their votes -- can put their personal stamp American history. (Bill Maxwell is an editorial writer

and columnist for the St. Petersburg Times. He can be reached on the Internet at maxwell@sptimes.com.)



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MIDLAND — Big Spring's Steers, their pitching staff depleted from a weekend's worth of work were no match for Midland Lee's Rebels, as the 10-run rule ended both games of a doubleheader Monday at Angels Stadium.

"We knew we were going to run out of pitching," Big Spring coach Bobby Doe said after seeing the Rebels overcome a 6-0 Steers lead for an 18-8, sixinning game in the opener and cruise to a 12-0 win in the nightcap.

"The problem is that we need to get as many games in as we can, so you schedule a lot of games even though you know at some point you're not going to have all the pitching you need," he continued.

Big Spring bats rattled early in the game as Marcus Hyatt took the second pitch of the game out of the park for a quick 1-0 Steers lead.

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Hyatt's homer ignited the Steers. Run-scoring doubles from Clayton Pate, Brock Gee and Wes Mouton, helped build that early 6-run lead, but Big Spring ace Jeff Denton yielded four runs before being relieved by James Darling in the fifth inning.

"Jeff had gone 100 pitches and we wanted to get him out of there," Doe said of the pitching change that yielded anything but the desired results. "The only problem was that James had thrown 140 pitches Saturday and just didn't have anything on the ball. We brought Jeremy Wright in and he pitched to four batters but we couldn't get any of them out."

In the nightcap, Big Spring freshman Clint Bamert turned in a strong performance, but suffered from the cold

weather and defensive errors on the Invitational Baseball Tournament. Steers' part.

"Clint pitched well ... particularly under the circumstances," Doe noted. "It was getting awfully cold and we didn't want to put anyone out there for very long. We committed some errors

behind him, too, and that didn't help." Offensively, the Steers were never able to mount any challenge in the

"It was just one of those games where everything we hit was right at somebody," Doe said. "We were swinging the bats pretty well, it's just that nothing was getting into the gaps or falling in for us. You're going to have those kinds of days once in a while. We had one when our pitching was depleted and it got out of hand pretty quickly."

The Steers, now 3-5 on the season. will return to action at 11:30 Thursday, taking on El Paso Ysleta's Indians in the first round of the Snyder

#### Midland Christian 8. Coahoma 7

MIDLAND - Errors and bases on balls came back to haunt Coahoma's Bulldogs as they dropped an 8-7 decision to Midland Christian's Mustangs.

The loss, coupled with the Bulldogs' season-opening loss to Crane on Friday, leaves Coahoma with an 0-2" record going into today's 4 p.m. game at Midland Greenwood.

"This was one of those games that we should have won ... could have won, anyway," Bulldogs coach Trey Morgan said. "The kids played hard ... we just couldn't finish it off.

"We walked too many people committed too many errors, but those are the kinds of things you expect this early in the season," he added. "That's why we wanted to get the season started and 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."

The 'Dogs took a 7-5 lead into the bottom of the seventh inning, but the Mustangs turned one hit and two walks into the come-from-behind win.

Brandon Hancock took the loss in relief of Bulldogs starter T.J. Green. Hancock gave up four runs, just one of them earned, on the one hit. He struck out two batters, but walked three in his two innings of work.

Green went five innings, giving up four earned runs on eight hits and walked four. He struck out 14 batters.

First baseman Robert Lain paced the Bulldog offensive attack with a 2-for-2 showing at the plate, while Aron Ovalle went 1-for-3 at the plate with two runs batted in. Jerry Mann was 1for-2 on the day and catcher Shawn Rye managed an RBI.

### Tennessee leads AP women's poll from start to finish

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

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 and was a unanimous choice for the 16th straight week, receiving all 40 first-place votes from a national media panel.

The Lady Vols (33-0) got started last November with a 92-54 rout of Mississippi and continued in that vein all season, winning by an average margin of 31 points and giving voters no reason to bump them from the No.

Only in the first two polls did Tennessee fail to get every first place vote. Louisiana Tech was voted No. 1 on five ballots in those two weeks. Then, after Tennessee beat Tech 75-61 on Nov. 21, every first-place vote since has gone to the Lady Vols.

This was the fifth time Tennessee has finished the season ranked No. 1. Louisiana Tech and Texas are next with four No. 1 finishes.

Now it's on to NCAA play and Tennessee's quest for a third straight national title. Only two NCAA champions have gone unbeaten — Connecticut in 1995 and Texas in 1986.

**Tennessee coach Pat Summitt** insists she didn't think much

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, "I guess more than anything I want it for the players."

Texas in 1985-86 was the last team to be ranked No. 1 all season. Louisiana Tech twice lasted all season on top, 1980-81 and

The final Top Ten showed no change from last week as those teams either won all their games or were idle. But there were two newcomers lower down in the list - No. 21 Purdue and No. 22 Drake.

Old Dominion was second and Connecticut third, followed by Louisiana Tech, Stanford, Texas Tech, North Carolina, Duke, Arizona and North Carolina State.

Last week, Old Dominion led Connecticut by only three points in the voting. The margin was much greater this time. 944-912.

Alabama, the only team to get closer than 10 points to Tennessee this season, moved up one spot to head the Second Ten. Then it was Florida International, Florida, Clemson and Western Kentucky, followed by Illinois, Virginia, Vanderbilt, Stephen F. Austin



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. The No. 4-ranked Lady Hawks, 31-2 on the season, will face Walters State Community College, 26-4, in the first round of the National Junior College Women's Tournament in Salina, Kan., at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 17.

# Without Hakeem, Rockets press Jazz; Suns simply sizzle

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

No Hakeem Olajuwon. Kevin Willis and Mario Elie? No

Well, maybe a little chance. The Houston Rockets, minus those three players who were serving suspensions, should have been blown out at Utah. Instead, they extended the Jazz to the limit Monday night, forcing Utah to come from behind in the fourth quarter to win for the first time all season.

'We went out on the road and played five games last week, and this is the toughest game to play, the first one back home,' Karl Malone said after the Jazz got its seventh straight victory, 100.93. "You come back home, it did."
you relax, you get into a comfortzone, and you can get beat." Suns, who were without their

Eddie Johnson had a seasonhigh 37 points, 25 in the first half, for the undermanned Rockets. Olajuwon, Willis and Elie were suspended for their part in a fight near the end of Houston's win at Phoenix on Saturday.

Johnson, 38, hit nine straight shots in one stretch.

"Eddie was just feeling it tonight," said Charles Barkley. who had 10 points and 11 rebounds. "I'd say it was a good game, but we just couldn't get over the hump.

Malone led the Jazz with 29

# 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.

"I knew Fast Eddie was fast, but I haven't seen that before,' Malone said. "We were fortunate to pull it together in the fourth quarter and get the win."

Bryon Russell held Johnson to just two points in the final period. Until then, it was all Eddie.

"It was just one of those nights," Johnson said. "Tonight was the night to let it flow, and

top two scorers, Antonio McDyess and Rex Chapman, McDyess because of that fight with the Rockets. The Suns simply shrugged and routed the Los Angeles Clippers 134-105. Nine of 10 players who suited

up scored in double figures against the NBA's worst defense.

In other games, it was Golden State 93, Sacramento 88, and Orlando 88, Philadelphia 78. The Kings' loss clinched a playoff spot for Western Conference leader Seattle.

#### and Hawaii. Forsan Buffs, Queens turn in about going undefeated as the strong finishes at Water Valley 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. And on Thursday, Prairie View will make its NCAA tour-

nament debut. The turnaround seems miraculous and surely is an amazing feat. However, the Panthers are still just 13-16 and only made the 64-team field by virtue of winning the Southwestern Athletic Conference tourna-

ment. Their reward is a 16 seed and a meeting Friday with No. 1 seed Kansas (34-3), which will be making its 27th appearance in the post-season tourney.

"We're going to show them

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."

The Panthers earned their way into the NCAA tourney by wiping out a 20-point halftime deficit and defeating SWAC regular season champion Texas Southern 59-57 Saturday night.

'Nobody knows too much about Prairie View," Marble said. "This is our chance to show everybody what we have and what we're made of." What most folks know about

Prairie View, about 50 miles northwest of Houston, is a

sports program of frustration. While their basketball team hasn't been much to write home about, its track record is sterling compared to the football team - which has lost 77 con-

"I think winning this (SWAC) tournament was a great milestone for the university," coach Elwood Plummer said. "You know. Prairie View has been around for over 100 years. It's well known for its engineering program, its nursing program.

"The big dance is something every coach looks forward to. I told the guys before we left last Tuesday, we're not going to just win the SWAC tournament. We're going to participate in the NCAA tournament.'

Participating is one thing. Moving on will be another. Prairie View is only the 14th team with a losing record to get into the tourney. Just one

Bradley in 1955 - advanced beyond the first round. "This is the biggest thing that has happened to the school in a

time," 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. "It's a win for Prairie View University itself. "I'm excited and ready for the

game, and Kansas better watch out," Whetstone added. Plummer doesn't want to

throw cold water on the euphoria but understands what his team now is up against. "We can't enjoy it long

because we have to put in a game plan for Kansas," he said. "We're really going to have to use our quickness because Kansas is bigger than we are."

Plummer is in his second tour as coach of the Panthers. He left in 1979 after seven years, then returned in 1990.

**HERALD Staff Report** WATER VALLEY - Forsan's Buffaloes and Queens thinclads turned in a number of strong performances during the Water

Valley Invitational Track Meet.

The best showing of the day by the Buffs was the 45.42 clocking turned in by the 400-meter relay team of Chris Rios, Justin White, Brandon Bingham and Brian Mims. It was Forsan's only first-place finish in the varsity divisions. Bingham, Mims and White

would later team with Paul Kinsey to finish fourth in the 1.600-meter relay with a time of In addition, Kinsey was

fourth in the 110-meter hurdles with a 17.58 time, while Bingham was fifth in the 400 meters with a 56.9-second clocking. Rios was fifth in the 100

meters at 11.8, while White and Mims finished second and third, respectively, in the 200 meters with times of 23.02 seconds and 23.69

The remainder of the Buffs' points came from Corey Walker's fifth-place effort in the long jump. In the girls division, Forsan's

best finish came from the 800meter relay foursome of Tonnie Loera, Jancey Crow, Callie Burt and Krista Thixton. Perhaps frustrated by finish-

ing fourth with a 56.76 clocking in the 400-meter relay, the Queens sprinters cranked it up a notch to finish third with a 2:00.18 clocking.

Porsha Kimble provided a fourth-place finish in the 100 meters for the Queens, finishing with a time of 14.13 seconds, while Ladonna Dennis was fifth in the 200 meters at 2:49.89.

### 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 and Kansas team-

mates Raef LaFrentz and Paul Pierce. While Jamison was one vote shy of being a unanimous selection by the national media panel, the pairs of teammates became the sixth and seventh sets to be voted to the first team, and the first since UNLV's Larry Johnson and Stacey

Augmon in 1991. LaFrentz, the only returning All-America from last season, became the third repeat selection in the '90s, joining Tim Duncan of Wake Forest last year and Shaquille O'Neal of LSU in 1992.

Jamison, the Atlantic Coast Conference player

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. The Kansas teammates were third and fourth in the voting. LaFrentz, the Big 12 player of the year the last two seasons, had 65 first-team votes and 340 points, 39 more than Pierce, the junior for-

ward who received 51 first-team votes. Simon, the Final Four MVP last season as junior, had 18 first-team votes and 162 points.

The 6-foot-9 Jamison was the first Tar Heel to be named ACC player of the year since Michael Jordan in 1984. He averaged 22.9 points and 10.2 rebounds, the first Carolina player to average 20-10 since Billy Cunningham in 1964-65.

"Our guys have done a great job all year getting me the ball and playing as a team," said Jamison,

of the year and a second-team All-America last 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.

"It's a great accomplishment, but it won't mean as much if we don't win the national championship," Bibby said. "Since I'm a team player, my main goal right now is to help the team win it all again, and if that happens, it will make this honor even sweeter."

Simon joined Damon Stoudamire and Sean Elliott as the only players in Arizona history to score 1.500 points and have 400 assists. He averaged 17.3 points, second on the team to third-team All-America Michael Dickerson, and 4.5 assists.

"This is a great honor when you think about all

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

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Think through a change, or rethink a decision about travel or education. You need a change of pace. Don't burn the candle at both ends. Stay centered, and clearly understand your limits. Make an appointment for a checkup. Tonight: Exercise!\*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You see right through others' games, especially a family member's. Don't put up with anything that doesn't suit you. Creativity surges, and you are full of ideas. Unexpected options pop up; emphasize success. Aim for what you want.

Tonight: Where the gang is.\*\*\*\* **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Talk about how to get what you want. Another does an excellent job of expressing his

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you realize. Together, you can take a stand with a difficult child or loved one. Lighten up about what is going on with you. Funds might feel precarious or unstable. Tonight: It's your treat.\*\*\* VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Take your time thinking through a situation that involves a co-worker. You might not feel comfortable with everything that comes up. Understanding someone's motivations helps bring agreement to the home front. Tonight: All's well that ends well.\*\*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take advantage of helpful influences to further a creative project. Be more in touch with needs. Visualize, and ask for the support you need. Be more nurturing. A misunderstanding that occurs in the afternoon will take a big effort to overcome. Tonight: Get R & R.\*\*\*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) The boss adds to your responsibilities, but realize that he is acknowledging your hard work. Question what is going on with a loved one. It might inadvertently cost you a lot. Make a "must" appearance; you gain professionally and emotionally Tonight: Be where all the fun

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

Make long-distance calls, and make pleasing plans that could involve a trip. Emphasize work later in the afternoon, though you might have a hard time focusing on it. It seems as if your personal life occupies the majority of your thoughts. Tonight: Push yourself hard to escape the office!\*\*\*\*

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person.\*\*\*\* PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Plug into work, get the job done and stay focused. Sharing an idea that affects you financially could bring benefits. An associate has a lot to offer and needs to have time with you.

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(I'll call her

and stays late to make up the

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I have a different kind of problem with "Jan." She refuses to listen when I ask her not to drink or eat near the computer. She becomes defensive

when I remind her. Abby, please help me to resolve these sticky situations. Its there a tactful way to get Betty and Sue to arrive on time, and to get Jan to confine her eating to the lunchroom? -

**IGNORED IN ATLANTA** DEAR IGNORED: Ask your boss to put the office policies in writing, which may make them easier for you to enforce. Keep in mind that you were made the office manager for a reason, and that these are business relationships — not friendships. Then, with a clear conscience, do the job you were

hired to do. DEAR ABBY: I was disappointed by your answer to the 18-year-old "crazy and confused" mother who was considering giving her 1-year-old son to a couple at church. You should have encouraged her to exhaust every other option before giving away her child. There are many groups that would help her - such as the church or social services or

volunteers in her community. As a mother of three, I know the early years are hard especially for a girl that young. But it does get easier, and when the children are in grade school, she could go back to school or work to improve her financial situation.

I'm sure she will regret it deeply if she gives away her child. - JOANNE B. IN FRANKLIN, MASS.

DEAR JOANNE: Your letter is only one in a stack of letters I have received from readers who disagreed with my answer.

However, I stand by my answer. Only the young mother knows what she can handle, and she said in her letter that she is unable not only to support two children financially, she is unable to give her boy the love and care he needs. Since she has found a family at church who will love and cherish him, I think she's doing the right thing. If more people chose that path, there might be fewer abused or neglected children.

Read on for another view: DEAR ABBY: Thank you for your reply supporting the 18year-old girl in making an adoptive plan for her son. Our beautiful 1-year-old baby girl, 'Katie," joined our family through open adoption, making a situation of loss -infertility for us, an unplanned pregnancy for her birth parents - into a

In open adoption, the adop-

tive parents and birth parents work out with a lawyer or agency whatever contact they are both comfortable with. With our fully open adoption, we see Katie's birth mom twice a month (which is as much our wish as hers), and her extended family as well. Our baby has another whole branch of family to love her, and they've been able to go on with their lives without regret, being able to see for themselves that Katie is the most loved, cared-for child in the world.

Abby, please ask your readers to consider "open adoption" when making decisions around adoption or unplanned pregnancies. It can be scary when you first hear about it, but I can tell you in all honesty that it has enriched our lives, our daughter's life, and also her birth mom's. Thank you. -M.L.S., CINCINNATI

DEAR ABBY: Recently you printed a letter from a survivor of breast cancer whose tumor was not detected by mammography. She urged all women to do a breast self-examination (BSE) once a month and not to phy. I'm concerned that her comments may discourage some women from having

mammograms. Health professionals agree that BSE is a prudent practice, but women should not rely on it alone. Scientific studies have not shown that BSE is an effective method of reducing a woman's risk of dying from breast

While it is not foolproof, mammography is the only breast cancer early detection tool scientifically proven to save lives. The secretary of health and human services, the National Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society ALL recommend routine mammograms for women age 40 and

older. The truth is, getting a mammogram regularly can save a woman's life. For a woman 40 or older, routine mammography can reduce the risk of dying from breast cancer by 20 to 30 percent. However, mammography may be less effective for younger women, perhaps because their breast tissue is more dense.

Free or low-cost mammograms are available year-round through all 50 state health departments for women who meet age and income requirements. Readers should contact their state health departments to find out whether they meet those requirements. Abby, thanks for your help in

spreading the word about the importance of mammography. Your encouragement may help save lives. - STEPHEN W. WYATT, DIRECTOR, DIVI-SION OF CANCER PREVEN-TION AND CONTROL, CEN-TERS FOR DISEASE CON-TROL AND PREVENTION, ATLANTA

DEAR DR. WYATT: Thank you for taking the time to reinforce this important message. Readers, when I endorsed breast self-examination, it was with the intention that it be used in addition to (not instead of) an annual mammogram.

Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage

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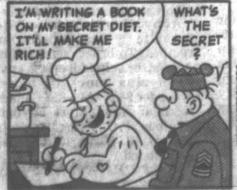


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"I'll be glad when my voice changes. Maybe somebody will listen to me then."

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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"KING'S HORSES AND KING'S MEN? WHY DIDN'T THEY JUST TAKE HUMPTY TO THE DOCTOR?"

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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

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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 '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

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