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Winter weather settles in for an extended visit

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Freezing temperatures and light snow greeted Big Spring-area residents this morning, but road conditions remained relatively safe.

The area is still under a winter weather advisory today, and the Howard County Sheriff's Department is still warning

motorists to proceed with caution on bridges and overpasses.

Early this morning Big Spring had not reported any accidents due to the cold and snow, contrary to the hundreds of accidents reported Thursday and earlier today in South Texas.

The low temperature this morning in Big Spring was 17 degrees. The forecast today

calls for continued cloudiness and cold temperatures with highs between 20 degrees and 25 degrees with a 30 percent chance of light snow.

Tonight's forecast calls for cloudy skies with light snow flurries possible.

The winds will blow 10 to 15 miles per hour, which could drop the wind chill factor down to near 20 degrees below zero.

Last night and early this morning, freezing precipitation fell across Texas from the Red River to the Gulf of Mexico.

Bone-chilling temperatures are expected across much of the state by dawn Saturday.

Temperatures are expected to plunge into the single digits in North Texas by dawn Sunday.

Some of the worst weather problems were in South Texas

where officials at San Antonio closed all freeways and many of the major streets because of icing.

Here in West Texas, there is a chance of additional snow mainly east of the mountains through Saturday.

Low temperatures tonight will be around -5 degrees in the Panhandle and in the teens and 20s elsewhere in West Texas,

from 13-18 degrees in North Texas and in the 20s in the Hill Country and in the 30s elsewhere across South Texas.

Temperatures will remain cold through the weekend. Saturday night the low temperature for the Big Spring area is expected to drop to between 10 degrees and 15 degrees.

The high for Sunday is expected to reach into the 30s.

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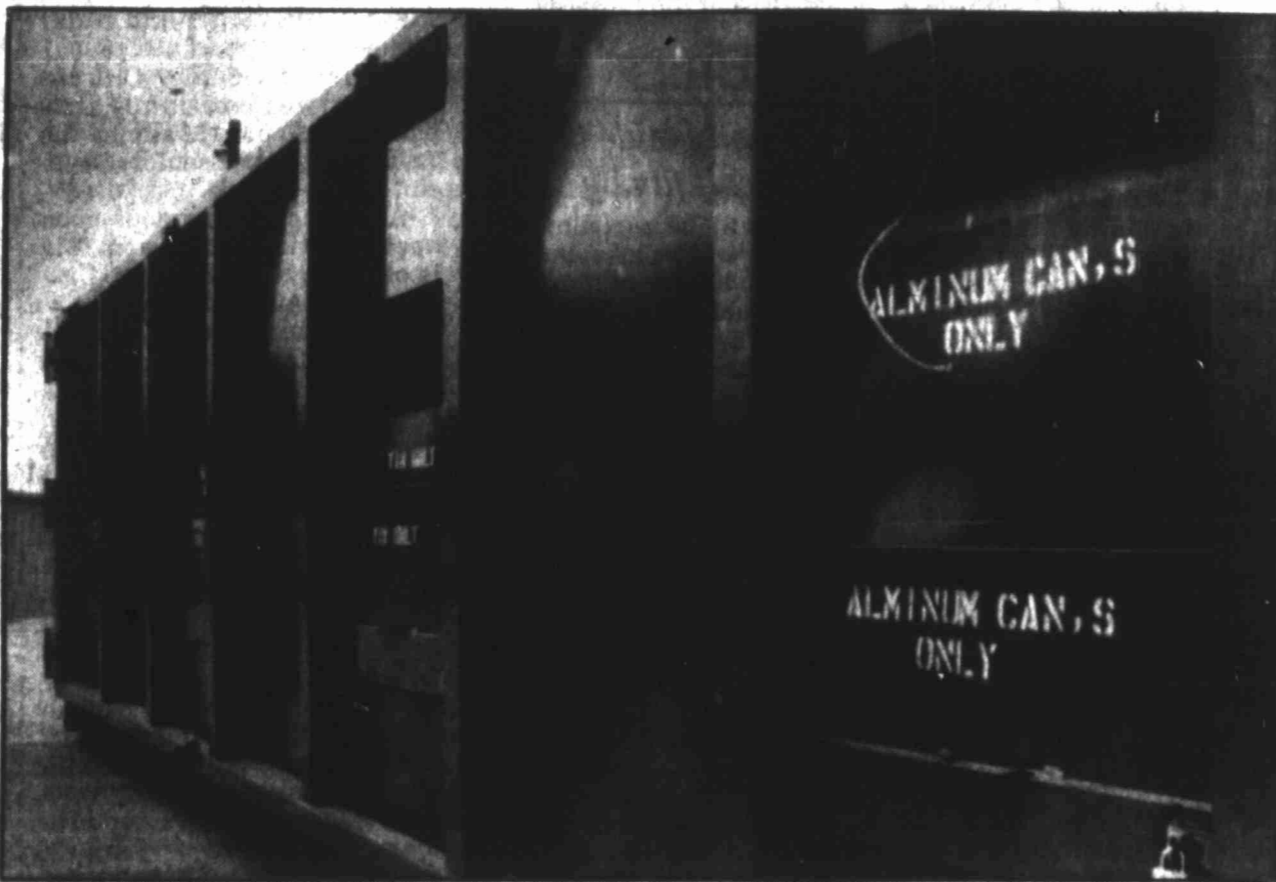
HERALD staff report

As recycling continues to increase in popularity in the Big Spring area, so are the places to drop off recyclable materials.

The Big Spring Herald and the Proud Citizens Committee will continue to sponsor the once-a-month or first Saturday pickups in the Herald's northeast parking lot.

Something new to this effort will be the receptacle used to store the recyclable materials.

Herald Publisher Chuck Williams said the receptacle will remain in place for people to drive by and dump their materials.



A new recycling bin sits on a parking lot north of the Big Spring Herald after it was delivered Thursday. The receptacle is part of the recycling effort sponsored by the Herald and the Proud Citizens Committee.

Walk your way to heart health with mall clinics

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring Mall and The American Heart Association have joined forces to present a free walking clinic. The clinic will be every Tuesday in February at 8 a.m. across from Blum's Jewelers in the mall.

"February is National Heart Month with The American Heart Association, and we wanted to offer a public service as well as support the Heart Association. The Mall Walkers of Big Spring Mall are a very dedicated group and we appreciate them very much. We extend a very special invitation to them to attend these clinics," Mall Manager Tammy Watt said.

The walking clinic will consist of information from The

American Heart Association as well as guest speakers.

Each session will last one hour. Guest speaker for the Feb. 6 clinic will be Dick Helms from Athletic Supply. His topic will be "Proper Walking Shoes."

Maria Barber and her staff from the Aerobic Connection will be guest speakers for the Feb. 13 clinic. Their topic will be "Proper Warm-Up Techniques Before Your Walk."

Nurses Unlimited will host the Feb. 20 clinic. The topic will be "Blood Pressure and Its Effect on Our Lives." They will also check blood pressure free of charge.

Dana Tarter with the Howard County Extension Office will be the guest speaker Feb. 27. Her topic will be "Heart Healthy Nutrition."

Bauer students go batty for birds

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

"Crane collides with airplane," "Peoplofest," and "Brainy Craney is no bird" are just some of the headlines in this year's Crane Chronicles produced by local students.

Fourth and fifth-graders with SIGNAL (Students Involved for Generous Nurturing of Academic Learning) produce a newspaper of sorts from the birds'-eye view of cranes in celebration of Cranefest.

The children meet twice a week at Bauer and come to the campus from all six elementary schools. They learn about the cranes from research, previous chronicles and from Cranefest organizers who visit the class.

The SIGNAL group learns how to put a newspaper together by having the Herald as a model. They learn the format, what deadlines are and how to write a lead.

Moss fourth-grader Jacquelyn Bowen said this type of project helps her and fellow classmates with their communication skills.

SIGNAL teacher Beverly Jeffcoat added, "The students use their creative thinking in preparation for the future. The stories they report on are both serious and humorous just like you would find in a regular newspaper."

"The students have learned cranes are similar to humans and sometimes even smarter in



Coley Collingsworth looks at a board covered with pages of the Crane Chronicles, written by fourth and fifth-grade SIGNAL students at Bauer Magnet School.

er that cranes do not mate until they are two or three years old and the daughter needs to like herself before a boy can like her.

Lauren Chesworth, Moss fourth-grader, wrote a celebrity column announcing the birth of Reba Quackentire's (McEntire) new baby chick.

Chesworth added, "I learned the cranes have hollow bones and can weigh up to 8 pounds."

Landon Jenkins, also from Moss, wrote a sports story about the Florida Cranes, who played the Nebraska Crane Huskers. He referred to touchdowns as flydowns.

The students also learned cranes are very caring and dedicated parents. Once a bird finds its mate, the cranes will stay together until one of them dies. Their nests resemble soggy haystacks and their wingspans can reach up to 6 feet wide.

Cranefest activities tonight include a banquet at the Dora Roberts Community Center at 7 p.m. with Dr. Jim Lewis as the keynote speaker.

Lewis is a national Whooping Crane coordinator with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department in New Mexico.

A walking tour of Comanche Trail Park gets underway at 8 a.m. Saturday, followed by a tour of Scenic Mountain Park. A demonstration by Last Chance Forever, a group that rehabilitates birds, is at 1 p.m. A bus tour to see the cranes leaves the center at 2 p.m.

DOUSING THE FLAMES



Firefighters were called to the scene of a structure fire Thursday on North Birdwell, where a pump house was on fire. Though the damage to the building was \$500, the fire also threatened a mobile home nearby.

U.S. Trivia

Who was the first American to win the Nobel Prize for literature?

Walter Lewis, 1890

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NATION/WORLD

Americans urged to leave
Washington urged American citizens to leave Sudan on Thursday after ordering U.S. diplomats to get out for fear of terrorist attacks. See page 6A.

Boys' bomb plot discovered
Three 13-year-old boys who got their bomb-making know-how off the Internet were caught before they could explode a homemade fertilizer bomb in their junior high school, police said. See page 5A.

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Death penalty
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DEA monitored drug cartel
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TONIGHT'S WEATHER

Tonight: **20** ▲ Highs **10** ▼ Lows

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Saturday: ☁️

Panhandle Basin Forecast
Saturday: Mostly cloudy. Continued cold with a high around 20. Northeast to east wind 5-15 mph.
Sunday: High around 30.

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Jurors take defendant's advice on death sentence

HOUSTON (AP) — Eric Nenno had some advice for detectives who were investigating the disappearance of a seven-year-old neighbor girl: Look for someone like him and then execute him after they find him.

Nenno eventually led officers to the girl's body and confessed that he had killed her.

On Thursday, jurors took the first step toward taking his punishment advice seriously. They decided that Nenno, a 33-year-old plumbing supply salesman, should die by lethal injection for the slaying of Nicole Benton, who was kidnapped and sexual-

ly assaulted.

Nenno displayed no reaction when District Judge Denis Collins read the jury's finding and then denounced him for "robbing our children of their innocence."

The judge then allowed the girl's father and grandmother to confront Nenno. Buddy Benton drew tears from prosecutors, jurors, family members, the court report and courtroom observers.

Benton bowed his head to gain his composure, drew a deep breath and told Nenno: "My daughter was going to give me something for my birthday.

Instead, she was taken away. You've hurt a lot of people."

Benton collapsed back into his seat and Nicole's grandmother, Linda Wilson, stood to finish the message.

"The jury had to go through a tormented time to make a decision on how to protect other children," she said. "I hope you think about the terror you put that child through and never forget." Nenno kept his back to the audience throughout the emotional display and never looked back as he was led into the holdover cell.

Witnesses said Nicole was playing in the yard with other

children last March 23 while her father and his band were celebrating his birthday by playing country-western music in the family's garage.

Nenno, a slight, red-bearded man who lived down the street from the Bentons, then came up and started talking to Nicole. Some of the neighborhood children said they regarded Nenno as someone to be avoided because he was "strange."

In his confession, Nenno said the girl left with him after he promised they would return with his guitar so he could play with the band.

Nenno described the evening

as dream-like. He admitted to detectives that he was realizing fantasies he had experienced all his life — fantasies of fondling girls between the ages of 8 and 15.

But Nicole fought off his advances and he killed her, raped her and hid her body in his attic, he said. While neighbors joined forces to search for the missing child, Nenno met with detectives to share his theories on who did it, why, and how to deal with them.

It would be someone who had to kill or be found out, he said, someone who should die for his crimes. Later, Nenno led detec-

tives to the girl's body.

It took jurors 70 minutes to find him guilty and about 11 hours to conclude he should be executed. Defense attorneys Jerry Guerinot and Anthony Osso argued that Nenno should be sentenced to life in prison. With a life sentence, Nenno would have to serve at least 40 years before parole could be considered.

They argued the strangulation and rape of Nicole was an aberration in Nenno's otherwise unblemished life. Prosecutors Joan Huffman and Chuck Rosenthal argued for the death penalty.

Clown convicted of murder

GALVESTON (AP) — A 26-year-old Santa Fe, Texas, man has been convicted of murder in the July, 1994, rape-slaying of a woman he followed out of a bar.

A jury deliberated about 90 minutes on Thursday before returning its verdict against Timothy John Smith, a part-time amateur rodeo clown.

The body of Melissa Sue Cavender, 33, also of Santa Fe, was found on July 12, 1994, after Smith led sheriff's deputies to a secluded location.

She had been last reported seen leaving Little Red's Pub in Santa Fe to pick up her husband.

Bar patrons told sheriff's deputies they remembered the woman was followed out the door by a man dressed as a rodeo clown, his face covered with greasepaint.

The description led authorities to Smith.

The punishment phase began after a short recess in the court of District Judge David Garner. The state rested its part of the punishment phase about 4 p.m. Thursday, and Garner told the jury to return today to hear the defense side.

Smith faces 5 to 99 years or life in prison. His sentence can include a fine up to \$10,000.

James Charles Fuller, a county jail inmate, testified Thursday that Smith told him he followed Ms. Cavender from the bar, "beat her into submission" in the parking lot with his fists and forced her into his truck.

State briefs

Imposter ran up \$40,000 in credit card bills

HOUSTON (AP) — Jan Buckner had an excellent credit rating and no police record — or so she thought.

Then she discovered that for the past seven years, another woman has been using her name, her Social Security number and a copy of her birth certificate to take on her identity and apply for credit at least 70 times in her name.

On Thursday of last week, in Houston, federal agents arrested a woman identified as Jan Flowers on charges of making false statements to financial institutions by claiming to be Jan Buckner.

Ms. Buckner, a 32-year-old attorney who lives in Chicago but has been working in Houston since October, discovered only recently that she was wanted by creditors and police in three states.

All this time, she suspected nothing, she said, because she had only one credit card and paid her balance in full each month.

After being grounded, air ambulance service returns

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — After a year, a nonprofit helicopter service that transports trauma victims from rural areas throughout South Texas is back in service.

Dozens of fundraisers have enabled HALO-Flight Air Ambulance Service to resume operations. It shut down in December 1994 after the company fell about \$230,000 short on rent payments for its only helicopter.

That left the Coastal Bend with no helicopter ambulance service. The aircraft costs about \$625,000 annually to operate and is leased from Houston Helicopters, based in Pearland outside of Houston.

Through emergency fund-raising events, the helicopter was back in service temporarily last Christmas and New Year's and the previous year's holiday season.

HALO-Flight has held a succession of fund raisers since closing and announced Thursday that it had reaching its goal of raising more than \$200,000 with almost \$100,000 more in pledges.

Woman sues producer, alleging years of sexual abuse

HOUSTON (AP) — A 25-year-old woman whose mother once lived with music producer Huey Meaux has filed a lawsuit accusing him of sexually abusing her from the time she was 9 until she was 16.

In the lawsuit filed Thursday, Shannon McDowell Brasher seeks unspecified damages from the 66-year-old Meaux for the years of sexual abuse and emotional distress.

She said Meaux and her mother broke up when she was 16, but that she stayed occasionally with Meaux "well into her adult years," and that Meaux continued to take advantage of her.

Meaux used illegal drugs to get her to submit to his "sex assaults, exploitation and other perverted and unnatural sex acts," the suit said. He also encouraged others to assault her while he photographed and videotaped the acts, the suit said.

State District Judge Mark Davidson issued a temporary restraining order Thursday sought by Ms. Brasher's attorneys, Dick DeGuerin and Wayne Isgitt.

DEA tracked drug cartel's calls

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The Drug Enforcement Agency covertly monitored telephone conversations of alleged drug cartel members in Mexico between 1987 and 1993 in violation of Mexican law, the Brownsville Herald has reported.

Long before the arrest last month of reputed drug lord Juan Garcia Abrego, DEA agents used information from their tracking maneuvers to pinpoint at least seven different addresses for him, the newspaper reported Thursday.

The tracking process, known as pen linking, denotes every call made from a particular phone, registering the number called as well as to whom the phone is registered and an address.

The DEA kept computerized records of who was talking to whom, as well as where and when, according to a document titled "Drug Enforcement Administration Pen-Link Report: Alphabetical Phone List," dated Dec. 20, 1993.

The link does not enable agents to listen to phone calls,

only monitor where they are going.

The DEA refused to comment on the document, which was obtained by the Herald.

An official with the Mexican attorney general's office in Washington, D.C., said the Mexican constitution prohibits monitoring Mexican phone lines in any way.

"The Mexican government did not authorize this. It's not an authorized process in Mexico, not even for Mexicans," said the official, whom the Herald did not identify.

Juarez businessman sentenced for drugs

HOUSTON (AP) — A Juarez, Mexico businessman accused of heading a Mexican drug trafficking ring that brought 40 tons of cocaine into the United States in 20 months has been sentenced to 35 years in federal prison.

U.S. District Judge Lee Rosenthal ordered Joe Chavez Quezada on Thursday to pay \$500,000 in restitution and fines due immediately.

Chavez was convicted of directing, at least two groups that smuggled cocaine and marijuana into the United States for Colombian drug cartels.

Chavez and his attorney, Mark Hoak, asked the judge to

consider new testimony from five co-defendants who were not called to the stand during his trial. Rosenthal did not allow the testimony.

"This is very strong (testimony) in my favor," Chavez told the judge. "All my rights have been violated since the first day of my arrest."

Three of the witnesses were Colombians who had pleaded guilty and had been sentenced, Hoak said.

"They would have testified that they never heard of this man before in their lives. It was a Colombian operation from the start and he was not the alleged ringleader," Hoak said.

Those matters could be brought up on appeal, the judge said.

One of the drug transportation groups that Chavez directed was responsible for moving an estimated \$10 million worth of 90 percent pure cocaine across the border in El Paso to dropoff sites in Houston, Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles and Newark, N.J., officials said.

Authorities said the Chavez-directed "cell" of smugglers that was arrested in the spring of 1994 was also responsible for moving nearly 17,000 pounds of marijuana by trailer, van, recreational vehicle and train to cities in nine states.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"A problem well stated is a problem half solved."
Charles F. Kettering

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We salute:

Each Friday, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

- Scouts and Scout leaders from the Buffalo Trail Council, who were honored for their service at the group's annual banquet.
- Project Freedom and The Most Excellent Way for their joining of forces to help expand their services. The two groups help persons deal with alcohol or drug abuse problems as well as emotional, physical, sexual and spiritual abuse.
- Dorothy Graves, Big Spring, for being selected as a finalist in the 1996 West Texas National Teen-Ager Scholarship Program.
- The Alzheimer's Association of the Permian Basin for its efforts to form a chapter in Big Spring.
- The Big Spring City Council's official acceptance of the community's long-range master plan.
- Jackie Olson, Howard County auditor, who, for the 10th consecutive year, has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Only about 10 percent of Texas' 254 counties even try to qualify for the award and four years ago, only 23 were honored.
- City of Big Spring officials for their implementation of a recycling program at area schools. The program was made possible as a result of a \$15,000 grant from the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission and the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission.
- Members of the Big Spring Art Association, whose work and efforts help make possible activities such as this weekend's 42nd ArtFest.
- Coahoma High School's UIL academic teams, who performed well at the Greenwood Invitational Tournament. Among the students who won in the competition were Tabatha McIntosh, Kim Gray and Ondra Hallman.



How to bypass the media and get to know the candidates yourself

By ANN McFEATHERS
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — Upset with media coverage of politics? There ARE things you can do about it.

Without getting into whether the media is biased to the left or the right or cruises down the middle (everyone has an opinion on that one), it is clear that nobody is really happy with political coverage. Not the voters. Not the journalists. And, most definitely, not the candidates.

Some think there's too much of a horse race aspect to campaign coverage. Some think it's too much of a personality contest. Some think issues aren't covered well. Others think issues are covered in such a dull way that nobody who isn't trying to fall asleep would read or watch it.

One thing is for sure: there's a lot of political coverage. It's easy to do — some say it's a no-brainer. It's coverage most editors and producers think it's their public service duty to provide. And it is sure-fire filler for broadcasts and newspapers.

As this year's election coverage gets under way in earnest (some think there's already been too much), studies are coming out already on whether

it's been good or bad.

Robert Lichter of the Center for Media and Public Affairs is co-author of a new study on the 1998 and 1992 campaigns that concluded the average coverage of both was shallow, petty, negative and biased. And after studying the TV network news so far this season (starting with candidate announcements last year), he's concluded, "There they go again."

Coverage so far has tended to make politics more of a horse race than ever, he says, adding that 70 percent of evening news coverage of politics on CBS, NBC and ABC has been negative toward the candidates. The only exception, he said, was Colin Powell, who got 75 percent positive coverage and then decided not to run.

Lichter's study found that "despite promises of more voter-friendly election news, media coverage of Campaign '96 has been superficial and negative."

He said Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas was mentioned in 141 evening news stories so far while all the other Republican candidates combined were

mentioned 151 times. That did not count Dole's activities as Senate GOP leader.

Lichter said that 68 percent of the time Dole's network TV coverage was unfavorable. That compares with 55 percent negative coverage of President Clinton, states of news editor Robert D'Avella.

The average "sound bite" message of the day for Republican presidential candidates is 8.3 seconds. (Down from 8.4 seconds in 1992.) That's much lower than Clinton's 14-second sound bite, but that will even out as the election gets closer.

Nonetheless, voters who don't like feeling that their views are being dictated or controlled by TV network news have more choices this year.

The most significant change is that most of the candidates are on the Internet and have home pages. When the Democratic National Committee started its home page recently, according to co-chair Don Fowler, it started getting 20,000 "hits" a day.

That means that people with computers and modems can bypass the media — all media — and see immediately what the candidate is doing or saying or pitching that day. The DNC home page was considered so successful that embattled first lady Hillary Rodham

Clinton got one, too.

The other aspect of political coverage that is changing fast is that a smaller percentage of Americans get all their news from the three TV networks. There are far more cable stations now and there are now going to be more channels with Cable News Network, the 24-hour news channel. This means more exposure in more different settings for more candidates. Someday it may even mean a real debate where the candidates get more than two minutes to answer questions such as "And what would you do about the economy?" The candidates might even mix it up with each other.

In addition to TV, there are far more outlets for news and opinion these days. There are thousands of general newspapers and magazines, radio talk shows, town meetings, specialized publications and newsletters. No longer is it truly accurate to refer to "the media" as if it were a monolithic entity.

Of course, truly hungry voters could move to Iowa or New Hampshire where it may soon be scientifically proven that every voter gets to shake every candidate's hand at least twice.

(Ann McFeathers covers the White House for Scripps Howard News Service.)

OTHER VIEWS

Slow dancing with the Fed

The signs of a slowing economy are ever more obvious. Proof of that was the alacrity with which the major banks followed Wednesday's cut in the Federal Reserve rate with cuts in their own prime rates.

While those cuts should be almost as quickly reflected in the price of mortgage, auto and consumer loans, there is some question how much advantage the general public, already carrying substantial credit-card debt, can take advantage of cheaper credit.

Further proof of the slowing — the Fed prefers the phrase "moderating expansion" — is the final inflation rate for 1995: 2.5 percent, lowest since 1986.

However, unemployment, which has a frustrating tendency to move opposite to inflation, is steady at a relatively low 5.6 percent, although most forecasters expect a slight uptick this month.

The Fed's cut in interest rates, its third in seven months, was, at a quarter percent, fairly gentle medicine, some say too gentle. Fed watchers confidently predict another similarly gentle dose in late March.

And President Clinton is expected to reappoint Alan Greenspan as Fed chairman next month, which should reassure the financial markets since this odd couple of a liberal Democratic president and a conservative Republican economist have had a good run at managing the economy.

Nothing suggests that the nation cannot have a nice, steady easing of the economy into summer and a steady pickup going into fall except for two factors: the president and Congress have made a shambles of the budget and this is an election year.

It wouldn't be the first time that the president and Congress, facing a sour economy under election-year pressure, sought a quick fix by leaning on the Fed to forget inflation and pump out money or enacting an ill-considered and costly stimulus package.

The last thing the economy — or, for that matter, the public — needs as it slows is anxiety.

This should be adequate incentive to Congress and the White House to reach a settlement on the fiscal '96 budget, get to work on the fiscal '97 budget, pass a clean, long-term extension of the debt limit and let the voters sort out the politics of it all in the fall.

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How did mothers manage in the past?

By BETSY HART
Scripps Howard News Service

The other day I was on my cell-phone with a friend. As we talked, I made beds, put away dishes, did some book-keeping and looked after my little one, all in different parts of the house.

After we hung up, I wondered again how my mother could possibly have raised five children without a portable phone. I have vague recollections of her straining the telephone cord around the corner, gesturing wildly at us kids to stop killing each other or to just be quiet while she tried to calmly conduct a conversation. We naturally stayed just out of reach, which tended to make the gestures more animated.

So how did moms a generation ago navigate motherhood without being able to talk and move at the same time?

But I soon realized that's only part of the story. Today's young moms have it so easy compared to our own mothers. We hear about the "stress" the 1990s men endure. Nonsense. Stress is not having a Diaper Genie.

For the uninitiated, that's the marvelous device whereby one twists a dirty diaper into a plastic-lined container, and it and the smell disappears. Of course no one needs ask whether the diapers are disposable.

That wonderful device alone, I'm convinced, is the real reason years have been added to the life expectancy of today's women.

Yes, some moms today who want to do it "naturally" and use that discolor of all baby items, the cloth diaper. I recently attended a baby shower for one such earth-mom who was delighted to receive a stack of the cotton white squares as a gift. (Where does one even buy the things?) The moms in the room were laying 10-to-1 odds that within six weeks of her child's arrival she'll be hoarding Huggies.

Then there's formula and baby foods. When my siblings and I were babies, our mother — like all moms then — mixed Euro-syrup with condensed milk to just the right amount for our bottles. Today it's

"shake and pour" with space-age nutrition. And the array of special baby foods in the grocery store is mind boggling, or would be to a mom of the 1950s or '60s.

Yes, they had prepared foods, but it was generally a choice between washed meat, carrots or peas, and the mom of old was to supplement that with her own strained foods. Today, everything a 10-month-old child eats is both gourmet and neatly canned, bottled or bagged, from "sweet spring vegetable medley" to "ricotta lasagna" to "chocolate yogurt."

But perhaps entertainment is where real advances have been made. When I was a child, there were three television channels, and you took what you got. The question was always how to keep a child occupied while mom prepared dinner.

Today when I and my contemporaries are doing the same — which often means going from the freezer to that mother of all inventions, the microwave — there are two answers. Either pop in one of the 10,000 tapes every child has by the time he

is 3, or flip to the Cartoon Network. Yep, no more waiting until Saturday morning for peace and quiet. Help is always a click of the remote away.

I know, I know, too much television is bad for kids. It's true. But then again too much of the kids can be bad for mom, so maybe here's another case for moderation in all things.

There's much more: carriers that snap into strollers, portable bottle cookers and bottle warmers, and electronic toys that could launch a Space Shuttle.

Yes, today's young moms (and dads) have it easier than those of a generation ago — more stuff and generally fewer kids. But here's what really baffles me:

It is that, with all this stuff, as the mothers of young children, my friends and I are always exhausted and, yes, thrilled when it's time for the kids to nap, so how on earth did our own mothers survive?

(Betsy Hart is a former White House spokesman, is a frequent commentator on CNN and other national public affairs shows.)

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Search for bomb survivors continues

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Still jittery from this week's deadly bombing, thousands of residents telephoned police stations and newspapers today after hearing several explosions in the capital — only to discover the blasts were part of a military rehearsal.

While soldiers were firing field guns to prepare for Sunday's national day parade, searchers inside shattered buildings discovered two more bodies — one charred and limbless — raising the death toll from the suicide bomb attack on Colombia's commercial center to 75.

"It's very slow going because there is so much debris inside. ... We expect to keep pulling bodies out for many more days," said Amal Ranaweera, the leader of the police rescue squad.

Nearby, exhausted rescue workers, who haven't found a survivor since Wednesday, continued their grim probe through the wreckage of about 10 commercial buildings heavily damaged in the huge explosion and fire that the government has blamed on four Tamil Tiger separatists from northern Sri Lanka.

Of the 1,400 civilians injured in Wednesday's terrorist attack — most state bank employees — 1,000 remained hospitalized and nearly 100 were in critical condition.

On Thursday, President Chandrika Kumaratunga said the attack had come in desperation because the rebels have suffered military setbacks, and realize that other Tamils support her plan to give them limited autonomy.

In a nationally televised address, she vowed to "eliminate" any Tamil rebels who played a role in the carnage in Colombo, hundreds of miles from the front lines of Sri Lanka's 12-year civil war.

Tamil rebels accuse the Sinhalese majority, which controls the government and the military, of discriminating against the Tamil minority.

The military rehearsal that spooked Colombians today began at 9 a.m. and continued for 30 minutes, prompting a blitz of calls to newspaper offices and television stations. Stock trading was interrupted for a few minutes until the exchange clarified what was happening.

Russian miners on strike for second day

MOSCOW (AP) — Government officials met with trade union leaders in Russia and Ukraine today in an effort to end a massive strike by coal miners.

Fed up with poor economic conditions, more than a million miners walked off the job Thursday in coordinated protests extending from Ukraine's Donbas region to eastern Siberia near Russia's Pacific coast.

They are seeking hundreds of millions of dollars in back wages and a restructuring of the pay and subsidies system in their industry, still state-owned in both former Soviet republics. Union leaders said today that about 450,000 Russian miners remained on strike and 170 of the nation's 245 mines shut down.

In Ukraine, strike coordinators said about 800,000 of 1.2 million coal miners remained off the job, lowering their estimate of 1 million from the previous day. All but 20 of the nation's 261 mines were partially or fully closed. Russian strike officials met with First Deputy Prime Minister Vladimir Kozlovnikov to press their demands, and both governments planned to debate the crisis.

The Russian government contends it has fully paid its back debt of \$1.6 billion to the industry. But miners say they haven't received it all and want guarantees to ensure prompt payment.

EXPENSIVE BROOCH



A model displays a shell clip brooch with pink topaz and diamonds designed by Verdura at Christie's International Jewelry Department Hong Kong branch on Tuesday. It is estimated between \$12,000 and \$16,000 U.S. and will be auctioned in St. Moritz, Switzerland on Feb. 23 and 24.

Brazil signals major discovery of gold

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Brazil has announced the discovery of its richest gold strike ever — a mine in the eastern Amazon containing at least 150 tons of the precious metal.

The state mining company Vale do Rio Doce discovered the underground mine in Curionopolis, 1,860 miles northeast of Rio in the jungle state of Para, Mining and Energy Minister Raimundo Brito said Thursday.

He estimated the mine holds \$1.6 billion in gold.

The reserve is expected to boost Brazil's annual gold output by 25 percent when mining begins in three years, Brito said. Brazil ranks sixth among the world's largest gold producers behind South Africa, Russia, the United States, Canada and Australia.

Last year, Brazil's official gold production was 63 tons, down from its output during the boom years of the late 1980s of 90 tons a year. "It's possible that the gold reserves are even bigger," said Brito. He said tests have been conducted at 1,400 feet, but officials plan to test another 300 feet deeper.

Brazil's previous largest find was located 35 miles north of Curionopolis at Carajas, where the company has been extracting 10 tons of gold annually.

Vale do Rio Doce spent \$5 million for exploration, and will spend another \$10 million in testing before mining starts, said company President Francisco Schettino.

The company expects to mine about 15 tons of gold a year at the site.

U.S. citizens urged to leave Sudan

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Washington urged American citizens to leave Sudan on Thursday after ordering U.S. diplomats to get out for fear of terrorist attacks.

A Sudanese official called the security fears unwarranted, and accused the United States of trying to bolster a U.N. demand that Sudan extradite three people suspected of trying to kill President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt.

The U.N. resolution was passed Wednesday. The same day, without citing any specific threats, the State Department ordered 25 diplomats and guards to leave Khartoum because of "the continuing concern for the safety of American officials in Sudan."

On Thursday, the State Department recommended that Americans avoid visiting the North African country and suggested that Americans living there "may wish to consider departing at this time."

In Washington, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the evacuation was not connected to the Security Council action but rather based on Sudan's inability to protect Americans from terrorists.

Burns said there were 2,100 Americans in Sudan. Many of them are married to Sudanese nationals, and about 350 of them work for private aid groups.

Sudanese Foreign Minister Ali Osman Mohamed Taha said on national television Thursday that the U.S. decision was "sorrowful, unjustified and was not based on objective reasons."

"All of this is part of a psychological campaign against Sudan in a bid to isolate it in the Islamic, regional and international forums," Taha said.

Relations between the United States and Sudan have been tense since Lt. Gen. Omar el-Bashir took power in 1989 in a coup that ended the Islamic regime.

Financial aid has all but ended, except for emergency relief supplies.

World briefs

U.N. to supervise excavation of Bosnian graves

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — A U.N. investigator travels to a muddy field dotted with human remains today to supervise the first excavation of Bosnia's hundreds of suspected mass graves.

Manfred Nowak, a U.N. investigator looking for missing and displaced persons, will visit the area of Jajce in northern Bosnia, where flooding recently uncovered three mass graves thought to contain 46 bodies.

The dig is the first step in uncovering the war's hidden brutalities, and answering the questions consuming the relatives of tens of thousands of missing.

Journalist who criticized constructions shot

ANTALYA, Turkey (AP) — A reporter for a national newspaper who has written about allegations against a trade union was shot and wounded, a newspaper spokesman said Thursday.

Huseyin Demir, a correspondent in Antalya for the Istanbul-based Hurriyet daily, was hospitalized in stable condition after Wednesday's shooting, newspaper spokesman Tezlim Tosun said. According to Tosun, Demir was returning home late at night when a gunman stopped him in front of his house and ordered him to lie down. He struggled to escape but was gunned down from the back. Demir had been receiving anonymous death threats for a month for articles criticizing unlicensed constructions in this popular resort city on the Mediterranean and about allegations against a local trade union leader, Tosun said.

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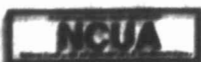
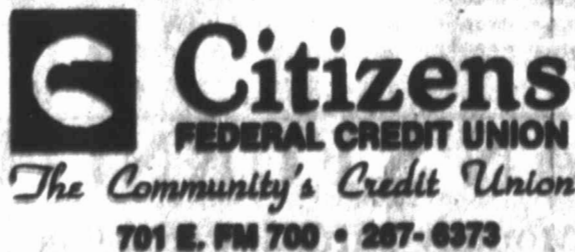
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Milwaukee 108, Denver 102

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Vancouver 2, St. Louis 2, tie
Colorado 6, Winnipeg 4
New Jersey 1, Calgary 1, tie
Los Angeles 6, San Jose 6, tie

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Realignment: The good, the bad, the bus lag



A group of Big Spring defenders look to tackle Sweetwater's Shaun Carr (31) during their game in September. Thursday, Sweetwater rejoined District 4-4A as a result of UIL re-alignment.

Stanton heading west, but few charmed by the idea

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

Stanton school district officials are probably hoping there's some kind of cash award for frequent-driver miles.

If that were the case, the district would be facing a financial bonanza.

When the University Interscholastic League announced its biennial district re-alignment Thursday, it placed Stanton in District 5-2A, the westernmost district among Texas' Class 2A schools.

The district ranges from Stanton on the east to Anthony, on the New Mexico border west of El Paso and also includes Tornillo, Van Horn, Iraan and McCamey.

It is by far the most far-flung district among Texas schools, regardless of classification, and it means that Stanton student-athletes can look forward to roundtrips of almost 18 hours in some instances.

To put things in perspective: The distance between Stanton and Anthony (342 miles) is more than twice that between Big Spring and its most distant District 4-4A member, Pecos.

In the 684 miles it will take Stanton to make the round trip to Anthony and back, the Buffs could travel one-way to Denver and have 14 miles to spare, or to Dallas and back and still have more than 20 miles left over.

At the bare minimum, the Stanton school district will log 6,000 miles transporting athletes to and from games the next two school years.

A Stanton High School employee confirmed that the school had received numerous phone calls Thursday concerning the re-alignment, which

The long and winding road

Round-trip distances and estimated travel times between Stanton and its new District 5 members:

Town	Miles	Time
McCamey	140	2.8 hrs.
Iraan	198	4.0 hrs.
Van Horn	404	8.0 hrs.
Tornillo	607	12 hrs.
Anthony	684	14 hrs.

Note: Travel times are estimated by calculating trips on school buses going 50 mph, and do not take into account stops for meals or other purposes.

takes effect during the 1996-97 school year. Few, if any, of the calls were supportive of the move, she said.

Stanton head football coach and athletic director Mark Cotton were very displeased with the situation.

"I don't think there's any common sense to it," Cotton said. "It's just a bunch of folks in Austin who don't have to come out here and drive all those miles."

At least one school district official, however, was taking the move philosophically.

"I don't like the idea of having to drive that far, but that's just one of the pitfalls of living in West Texas," said school board member James "Pinkie" Jones. "Once you get past Odessa, it's pretty much wide-open spaces... I really don't see what else they could have done."

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Big Spring welcomes Sweetwater back to the fold

By RODERICK RICHARDSON
Herald Sportswriter

Sweetwater's in; Monahans is out.

That was the word for District 4-4A from the University Interscholastic League when its biennial realignment was announced Thursday morning.

Monahans moves down to Class 3A while Sweetwater returns to 4-4A after a two-year absence.

So the question is how does this affect Big Spring's athletic

program. Bill Black, offensive line coach for Big Spring football, says it doesn't matter.

"We don't care who we play [in district]," said Black. "We have Sweetwater in our schedule every year... If anything it makes [the game] more meaningful, since we will play them in district."

"Personally, I hate to see Monahans leave 4-4A. We had a good rivalry."

Because Sweetwater was scheduled to play Big Spring in pre-district competition, the school does have a problem in finding another team to fill the

new void. "Right now Coach [Dwight Butler] is talking to several schools," said Black. "We're looking in several districts; Ft. Worth is one of them."

Ron Taylor, girls' basketball coach, agrees with Black's view on competition.

"I'm glad to see the Sweetwater girls coming back [to 4-4A]," said Taylor. "They were always a big rival to us. I look forward to playing them in district."

Like football, both boys' and girls' basketball teams had Sweetwater on their pre-district

schedule, but Taylor says it doesn't pose a problem.

"It's only one day," said Taylor. "Basketball usually don't have problems getting games like football."

In track and field, both schools often compete in the same meets, so scheduling is no problem in that department.

"It doesn't bother me. We will still run in the same meets," said boys track coach Randy Britton. "Besides, they didn't ask me in Austin how I liked it, so it doesn't make a difference."

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Seahawks threatening move to Los Angeles

SEATTLE (AP) — Owner Ken Behring intends to move the Seattle Seahawks to Southern California, where they would become the fifth NFL franchise to change cities in the past year.

Despite threats by King County to sue Behring if he tries to move the Seahawks, the millionaire land developer from Danville, Calif., is expected to play the 1996 season in the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.

County officials scrambled late Thursday to see if there was a way to delay a move and find a local buyer, reports said. It looked like a longshot. Behring has said repeatedly he will not sell the team.

"I don't see anything that would change his (Behring's) mind. The intention is to move," a team source told The Associated Press Thursday night.

"I'm really depressed," said former team owner John

Nordstrom, who has led a business community effort to negotiate a Kingdome renovation package with Behring.

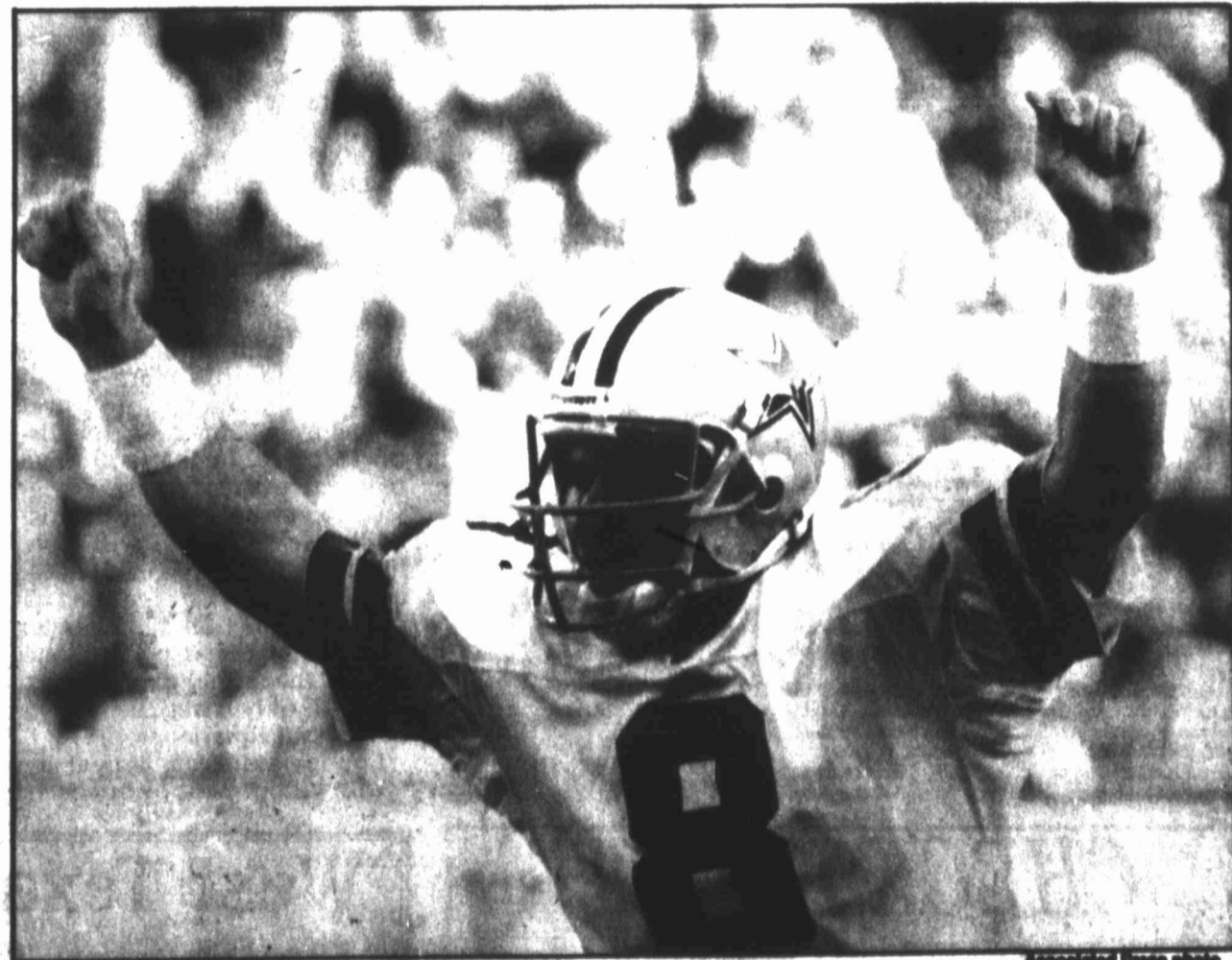
"We worked so hard to bring the team here," Nordstrom told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

"I've tried to work with Ken Behring and be a friend and not an adversary. We worked hard to get Ken on the same page, but it was all uphill. I couldn't catch up."

Behring and county officials emerged from Thursday's meeting grim-faced and saying little, but did agree to meet again today.

"We're still talking, and that's always a good sign," King County Executive Gary Locke said.

King County councilman Pete von Reichbauer, who heads the committee that oversees the Kingdome, told The News Tribune of Tacoma he planned to ask Behring for 30 days to put together a purchase offer.



Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman celebrates a touchdown during the Cowboys' 27-17 victory over Pittsburgh in Super Bowl XXX Sunday.

Aikman slates elbow surgery

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman will undergo arthroscopic surgery on his right elbow next week to relieve pain caused by degenerative arthritis and other problems with his passing arm.

New tests performed on Wednesday discovered the degenerative arthritis and deteriorating cartilage, the player said Thursday.

It will be Aikman's fifth surgery and the second on the elbow. Aikman underwent a similar procedure in 1990 and hopes for an identical result — a pain-free season, at least in terms of his passing arm.

"They're going to clean out cartilage and bone chips," Aikman told the Dallas Morning News. "I don't anticipate problems for next season."

Aikman said he anticipates full recovery before the start of Cowboys training camp in July.

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Basketball

Big Spring at Monahans (B/G), 6/7:30.
Coahoma at Jim Ned (B/G), 6:30/8.
Forsan at Winters (B/G), 6:30/8.
Stanton at Wall (B/G), 6:30/8.
Garden City at Sanderson (B/G), 6:30/8.
Borden County at Sands (B/G), 6:30/8.
Grady at Klondike (B/G), 6:30/8.

Baseball

Howard College at Galveston (DH).

Saturday

Swimming

Big Spring at Fort Stockton Invitational

STATE/NATION

Report: Spurs eye move

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs, unhappy with the Alamodome, are eyeing New Orleans and a new sports arena to be built there as a possible new home, a television station has reported.

KENS-TV cited unidentified sources Thursday as saying top Spurs officials have contacted New Orleans officials about moving the team to an \$84 million sports arena to be constructed in that city.

But Spurs president Jack Diller denied a move to Louisiana is the works.

"It's not true other than to say we try to keep aware of what is going on in every market. New Orleans is only one of probably 25 markets around the United States and Canada that are in the process of building new sports facilities," Diller told KENS.

Wandering briefcase found

WEATHERFORD (AP) — A briefcase owned by San Francisco 49ers receiver Jerry Rice has been recovered in this small town in Dallas Cowboys territory.

A Parker County sheriff's investigator found the briefcase, which Rice last saw over the weekend at the Super Bowl in Tempe, Ariz., during a routine traffic stop of a man driving a rental car Wednesday.

Officer Ken Dabbs asked the driver where he'd been and where he was headed. When the man seemed fidgety, Dabbs got his consent to search the car. That's when he found the locked briefcase.

Inside, he found "a couple of watches," including a Rolex, a billfold with \$1,000 cash and several credit cards, a checkbook, a key to a Mercedes-Benz and other personal items.

ON THE AIR

Basketball

College
Illinois State at Cincinnati,
11 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).
NBA
Phoenix at Cleveland,
7 p.m., TNT (ch. 28).
Chicago at LA Lakers,
9:30 p.m., TNT.

Hockey

NHL
Vancouver at Dallas,
7:30 p.m., PRIME (ch. 29).

Rangers to retire number

ARLINGTON (AP) — Nolan Ryan, who saw the No. 30 he wore with the California Angels retired in 1992, will become only the fifth player in major league history to have his number retired by two different teams.

The Texas Rangers announced Thursday that they will retire Ryan's No. 34 in September, making him the first player in team history to receive that distinction.

"I'm honored to be the first one," said Ryan, his famous hands jammed into his trenchcoat pockets during a brief news conference at The Ballpark in Arlington. "These are the kind of honors it's hard to describe how it makes you feel."

The other players who have had two numbers retired are Hank Aaron (Atlanta Braves and Milwaukee Brewers), Rod Carew (Minnesota Twins and California Angels), Rollie Fingers (Oakland A's and Brewers) and Casey Stengel (New York Yankees and New York Mets).

Ryan, who turned 49 on Wednesday, ended his 27-year major league career in 1993 after five seasons with the Rangers.

In that time, he enjoyed several of his most famous moments, including his 5,000th strikeout and seventh no-hitter.

That makes the Rangers' honor special, Ryan said, "because they both happened here, because of the electricity in the air and the way the fans have supported me."

"He was the greatest player that ever played for the franchise and I think it's entirely appropriate that we do this for him," team president Tom Schieber said.

The Rangers also announced plans to unveil a life-size statue of Ryan in Vandergriff Plaza at The Ballpark in Arlington in September. A sculptor has not been chosen.

Ryan broke into the big leagues with the New York Mets, playing for them in 1968-1971. After being with the Angels in 1972-79, he spent eight years with the Houston Astros, then signed with the Rangers in 1988.

During his career, the right-hander went 324-292 with a 3.19 ERA. He is the majors' all-time leader with 5,714 strikeouts, and his seven no-hitters are three more than anyone else.

Ryan, a shoo-in for the Hall of Fame, also ranks among the all-time leaders in starts, innings, shutouts and wins. He holds or shares more than 50 major league, American League and National League records.

One of Ryan's most famous non-record moments came Aug. 4, 1983, during a game against the Chicago White Sox when he hit Robin Ventura with a pitch. Ventura, 20 years Ryan's junior, charged the mound and took a pummeling from the then 46-year-old pitcher.

Ryan left another memorable image on Sept. 8, 1990, when a line drive off Bo Jackson's bat missed his glove and caromed off his chin, slicing his lower lip with a two-inch gash that soaked two jerseys with blood.

Ryan alluded to both incidents Thursday when asked how he'd pose for the statue.

"It seems the Robin Ventura pose is remembered more than the Bo Jackson pose," Ryan quipped.

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Region IV
13—Gordon, Gustine, Inredell, Morgan, Strawn, Walnut Springs.
14—Aquilla, Buckholts, Coakley, Cranfills Gap, Jonesboro, Ogleby.
15—Bryson, Byrnum, Cornington, Fruittvale, Milford, Trinidad.

11-Men Football
Region I
1—Booker, Claude, Gruver, Shamrock, Vega, Wheeler.
2—East Springdale, Farwell, Happy, Kress, Malador Mottley Co., Nazareth, Sudan, Turkey Valley.
3—Anton, Lorenza, O'Donnell, Petersburg, Smyer, Whiteface.
4—Fort Davis, Fort Hancock, Maria, Rankin, Sanderson, Wink.

Region II
5—Aspermont, Crowell, Knox City, Munday, Paducah, Roby, Rotan, Spur.
6—Alford, Bryson, Parrin-Whitt, Petrolia, Saint Jo, Throckmorton, Windthorst.
7—Bronck, Christoval, Garden City Glasscock Co., Mertzon Iron Co., Miles, Robert Lee, Sterling City, Water Valley.
8—Baird, Cross Plains, Ewart, Gorman, Lometa, Rising Star, Santa Anna.

Region III
9—Blue Ridge, Colleta, Collinsville, Detroit, Era, Ladonia Farnsworth, Muenster, Savoy.
10—Cushing, Oliver Union Hill, Karnack, Mount Enterprise, Overton, Price Carlisle, Tansha.
11—Abbott, Boqueronville, Frost, Itasca, Koppert, Meridian, Santo, Tolar.
12—Bremond, Calvert, Chilton, Corsicana Mildred, Dawson, Normange, Oakwood, Wortham.

Region IV
13—Apple Springs, Burketville, Chester, Cotmeal, Evadale, High Island.
14—Bartlett, Burton, Granger, Louisa, Milano, Thrall.
15—Bartdale Nueces Canyon, D'Hanis, Eden, Harper, Medina, Menard, Rockspings, Sabinel.
16—Aqua Dulce, Asherton, Ben Bolt, Bruni, Falls City, La Pryor, Runge.

Baseball (2-designated small schools)
Region I
x-1—Allison, Biscoe Fort Elliot, Follett, Higgins.
x-2—Booker, Claude, Gruver, Shamrock, Wheeler.
x-3—Farwell, Happy, Lazbuddie, Vega.
x-4—Adrian, Channing, Hartley, Tardina.
x-5—Leters, McLean, Miami, Semmerwood.
x-6—Groom, Hadley, Nazareth, Silverton.
x-7—Anton, Earth Springlake, Kress Lorenza, Petersburg, Sudan.
x-8—Amherst, Cotton Center, Maple Three Way, Speede, Whitmaral.
x-9—O'Donnell, Rosoville Valley, Smyer, Whiteface.
x-10—Brownfield Union, Lakesview Meadow, New Home, Wilson.
x-11—Benjamin, Gores, Harrold, Megargal, Vernon Northdale.
x-12—Chillicothe, Crowell, Malador Mottley Co., Paducah, Turkey Valley.
x-13—Alton Patton Springs, Guthrie, Jayton, Southland.
x-14—Gail Borden, Lamesa, Klondike, Loop, Welch Dawson, Wellman.
x-15—Haskell Point Creek, Rockwater, Rule, Throckmorton.
x-16—Aspermont, Knox City, Munday, Roby, Rotan, Spur.

Region II
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x-18—Collinsville, Era, Muenster, Ponder, Saint Jo.
x-19—Bowie Gold-Burg, Forestburg, Poolville, Slidell.
x-20—Alford, Galford, Parrin-Whitt, Petrolia, Windthorst.
x-21—Bryson, Gordon, Newcastle Strawn.
x-22—Baird, Gorman, Lipan, Santo, Tolar, Weatherford Brock.
x-23—Lueders Avoca, Moran, Trent, Woodson.
x-24—Cross Plains, Ewart, Lometa, Santa Anna.
x-25—Blackwell, Hermleigh, Lorraine, Roscoe Highland.
x-26—Bronck, Christoval, Sterling City, Water Valley.
x-27—Actierly Sands, Ira, Lenora, Grady, Westbrook.
x-28—Christoval, Eden, Menard, Miles.

x-29—Balmorhea, Grand Falls-Royalty, Imperial Buena Vista, Marathon.
x-30—Garden City Glasscock Co., Mertzon Iron Co., Rankin, Sanderson.
x-31—Oak City, Blaine Blanco, Valentia.
x-32—Fort Davis, Fort Hancock, Maria, Wink.

Region III
x-33—David City, Ector, Ladonia Farnsworth, Nodden, Savoy.
x-34—Blue Ridge, Colleta, Sherman Rayburn, Mertland, Trenton.
x-35—Avinger, Cumbly High, Cumbly Miller Grove, Sallis, Sulphur Bluff.
x-36—Campbell, Detroit, Sulphur Springs North Hopkins, Yanda.
x-37—Cheno, Gray, McDevitt, New Summerfield, Overton Laventell Chapel.
x-38—Avery, Blooming, Harriant, Mount, McLeod, Mount Pleasant Chapel Hill.
x-39—Fruittvale, Oliver Union Hill, Chester, Price Carlisle.
x-40—San Wheeler Maria's Mill, Corsicana Mildred, La Rue La Poyner, Trinidad, Wortham.
x-41—Abbott, Covington, Dawson, Frost, Itasca.
x-42—Ansonia-Giles, Starnand, Normange, Oakwood.
x-43—Ethel Blount, Harrold, Ladonia, Neches.
x-44—Cushing, Ladonia, Mount Enterprise, Terrell.
x-45—Broaddus, Douglas, Villa, Zenda.
x-46—Chester, Cotmeal, Goodrich, Livingston Big Sandy.
x-47—Suttonville, Bradlett, High Island, Snygar.
x-48—Apple Springs, Bowland, Garton Cotterville, Legend, Sallis, Paik.

Region IV
x-49—Blum, Boqueronville, Koppert, Marston.
x-50—Bryson, Goring, Goring, Mildred, Pennington, Dennis Day, Janssen, Morgan, O'Quinn.
x-51—Gustine, Inredell, Ladonia, Stephenville-Hubbard, Wink Springs.
x-52—Groom, Itzy, Priddy, Rising Star, Snygar, Tardina.

HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR FEB. 3
ARIES (March 21-April 19) High energy marks this day and the next. Let your imagination go. Take a risk and open a new door. Gather friends together to try a new restaurant, visit a museum or just try something different. Your imagination knows no limits. Tonight: Go a bit wild.***
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Review a family matter; you might choose to put it on hold until you must make a decision, or until you can talk it through with a partner. You get important feedback, but it may not make you happy. Follow your instincts with a family member. Tonight: Entertain at home.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You enjoy a day of browsing through a favorite store or two. Follow your instincts with a loved one. Talks open a door and make the impossible possible. Catch up on others' news. Your playful side emerges. Tonight: Hang out.***
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your spending could go a bit overboard. Question whether an expenditure is absolutely necessary. A partner plays devil's advocate with you; take this as helpfulness, not criticism. Analyze your work arrangement in light of what you need. Tonight: Catch a movie.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Express what is on your mind. Holding in a secret won't serve you. Reveal more of what you are thinking. This is an exciting period of change. You are the leader of the gang right now; your popularity is very high. Tonight: Keep smiling.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Much that goes on needs to stay behind the scenes. You see an issue differently if you absorb someone's ideas. Take time off from the hectic pace. Listen carefully to a friend who has a case of the blues and is asking for help. Tonight: Mystery is provocative.***
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You are in the limelight. Work better with the unexpected. Your sense of humor pays off as you deal with a loved one. Be willing to make a statement by taking public action, if necessary. Stay on top of what is happening. Tonight: Take your bows.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Be ready to sort through mixed messages from a family member. Times are changing with this person; therefore keeping your balance is important as you deal with day-to-day matters. Revise your attitudes. Tonight: Curb spending.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You are empowered by change and feel more in touch with your feelings than you have in a long time. Evaluate your financial and emotional needs within a partnership. Jump with the unexpected, and you'll love what happens. Tonight: Go for new beginnings.***
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BOB BROCK FORD

Serious allergies cause more than just sniffles

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, a few of your readers shared the effects of their allergies. Unfortunately, an estimated 60 million Americans suffer from some type of allergy, including hay fever, eczema, hives, contact dermatitis, and allergies to foods such as eggs, milk, nuts and seafood.



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

People with allergies have super-sensitive immune systems that react to seemingly harmless substances. The most common of these include plant pollen, dust mites, cockroaches, stinging insects, animal dander, mold and mildew. Multiple sensitivities are common, and many people with allergies are also sensitive to irritants — tiny airborne particles that irritate the nose, eyes and lungs. Common irritants include strong fumes from perfume, cleaning fluids, wood smoke and cigarette smoke.

Many people are unaware of the link between allergies and asthma, which is a serious and sometimes life-threatening disease. In approximately 70 percent of the 13 million Americans with asthma, allergy is the primary trigger. The asthma death rate in the United States is more than 5,000 per year, and growing — especially in urban communities and among children and the elderly. Asthma is characterized by an inflammation and/or an obstruction of the airways.

Symptoms vary, and may include coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, chest tightness or excessive mucus. In addition to allergies, asthma can be triggered by respiratory infections, exercise and dry, cold air.

The fact that asthma and allergies are so common causes their impact to be overlooked or trivialized. If you suspect you have asthma or allergies, see a doctor for a proper diagnosis. You can help your doctor by keeping a diary of your symptoms and the circumstances when reactions occurred. Your doctor can conduct tests that may confirm your suspicions. Asthma and allergies can be controlled by eliminating allergens at home, work and school, and by strictly adhering to a medical treatment plan that may include regular medication. — DAWN MARVIN, ASTHMA AND ALLERGY FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

To obtain a free packet of information about allergies and asthma, contact the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, 1125 15th St., N.W., No. 502, Washington, D.C. 20005, or call the toll-free information line: 1-800-7-ASTHMA (727-8462). (Please allow three to five weeks for delivery.)

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FRIDAY FEB. 2

Table listing TV channels (KMBD, KPEJ, KERA, etc.) and their respective programs for Friday, February 2, 1996.

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THE Daily Crossword by Roger Jurgovan

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Thursday's Ruzzle solved: CAPRA LAURE ZEEB, ALFORD ALOE ETRÉ, BASSI LIFT STIR, WHELLOFORTUNE, QUE ALAI, BOP MAD BREAD, DEL JAMES ISLET, STAYERUNLOTTERY, EATER READY URR, LEANOR DYE YVE, YHREN UFO, YHRECARDIOMTE, HEAR TRAY REACH, EASE ACHE CACHE, ALAD ROSS ELTON.

Good movies in store for the weekend

Articles reviewing movies: 'BED OF ROSES' (XX) Mary Stuart Masterson; 'BIODOME' (X) Pauly Shore; 'DEAD MAN WALKING' (XXXX) Sean Penn and Susan Sarandon; 'MR. HOLLAND'S OPUS' (XX 1/2) Richard Dreyfuss; 'OTHELLO' (XXX) Kenneth Branagh; 'FROM DUSK TILL DAWN' (XX) Director Robert Rodriguez.

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MOVIES 1 advertisement listing movies like 'BLACK SHEEP', 'THE JUROR', 'DON'T BE A MENACE', 'FATHER OF THE BRIDE 2', 'SCREAMERS'.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Historical events for February 2, 1996: Today is Friday, February 2, the 33rd day of 1996. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 2, 1943, the remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major victory for the Soviets in World War II. On this date: In 1536, the Argentine city of Buenos Aires was founded by Pedro de Mendoza of Spain. In 1653, New Amsterdam — now New York City — was incorporated. In 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the Mexican War, was signed. In 1870, the "Cardiff Giant," supposedly the petrified remains of a human discovered on a farm in Cardiff, N.Y., was revealed to be nothing more than carved gypsum. In 1876, the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs was formed in New York. In 1945, during World War II, President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill departed Malta for the summit in Yalta with Soviet leader Josef Stalin. In 1961, the 600 passengers of a hijacked Portuguese ocean liner, the Santa Maria, were allowed to disembark in Brazil. In 1971, Idi Amin assumed power in Uganda, following a coup that ousted President Milton Obote. In 1980, reports surfaced that the FBI had conducted a sting operation targeting members of Congress using phony Arab businessmen in what became known as "Abscam," a code name protested by Arab-Americans. In 1987, the White House announced the resignation of CIA director William Casey, who was hospitalized and had undergone brain surgery. In 1990, in a dramatic concession to South Africa's black majority, President F.W. de Klerk lifted a ban on the African National Congress and promised to free Nelson Mandela.

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