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Clinton takes over to 'trumpet's call'

WASHINGTON (AP) - Bill Clinton starts his clean-slate presidency today with a few last rounds of celebratory handshaking before getting down to work on the world of problems he has inherited.

For the most part, the new people in Washington - the Clinton people - were feeling their way along, and the government was in the hands of Bush administration holdovers and career civil servants.

New administrations are always slow to take off.

"People keep bumping into each other," said Dee Dee Myers, the president's press secretary. "At one point I got lost and walked past the Oval Office and saw the new gold drapes," she said, adding: "They're

lovely."

Four years ago, George Bush admitted on his first day that he got lost wandering the corridors of the White House - and he'd had eight years as vice president under his belt.

Three key Clinton Cabinet members - Defense Secretary Les Aspin, Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen - won speedy Senate approval on Inauguration Day and are taking charge of their agencies. Further Senate confirmations were likely today.

The first order of business today promised to be fun for Clinton, who thrives on human contact.

He was welcoming 2,500 members of the public to their new home on

Pennsylvania Avenue - a symbol intended to show that he wants to run an open administration. He used to do the same thing in Little Rock, Ark., where he was inaugurated governor on five occasions. But Little Rock produced fewer eager well-wishers - maybe several hundred at best.

The Clinton inauguration team had to run a postcard lottery to pick people who would be invited for the White House walkthrough. Some 85,000 applied.

The handshaking is likely to be shared by Clinton's wife, Hillary, and daughter Chelsea; school for her doesn't start until next week.

A second reception, for Arkansas, was on tap, and the members of the

Democratic National Committee also were expected to stop by.

The Clintons could only hope that the open house proceedings will be less rowdy than those of 1829, when populist Andrew Jackson threw open the White House to all and sundry.

Old Hickory's mob of well-wishers stood on chairs in their muddy boots, fought for the refreshments and generally trashed the executive mansion.

Clinton took office at noon Wednesday, the 42nd president and, at age 46, the youngest since John F. Kennedy. A quarter of a million people witnessed his oath-taking.

The Clintons spent the afternoon watching the inaugural parade, then,

dressed in their finery, they partied at 12 inaugural balls until the early morning hours.

And they surely had fun. At the Arkansas Ball, a beaming Clinton boomed: "Does Hillary look good, or WHAT?"

He took his wife for a few twirls on the dance floor and tooted the saxophone with some of America's greatest musicians.

"Tonight, I'd rather play the sax," Clinton said, "but tomorrow, I'd rather work on my economic plan."

Clinton tentatively scheduled a first meeting of his Cabinet today - including those still awaiting confirmation.

Congratulatory messages poured

in to the White House from world leaders. Russia's Boris Yeltsin asked for a prompt meeting. Pope John Paul II encouraged peace-building efforts. British Prime Minister John Major said Clinton's success is important "to everyone and beyond."

Iran's government-run Tehran Times sent a chilly message: "Any sign of goodwill will be responded to by goodwill ... while hostility will be repaid by hostility."

One further bit of transition business remained. Socks the family cat was still in Arkansas. Clinton's aides said they thought it would be best if things settled down in the White House before Socks moved in.



Tennis, anyone?

Members of the Hereford High School tennis team were busy scraping snow off the courts Wednesday afternoon so they could get in a practice session. Following a 3-inch snowfall Tuesday

morning, the temperature warmed up Wednesday (as noted by the students wearing shorts), and the white stuff started melting rapidly during the afternoon.

Vote near on school financing plan; would require constitutional change for CEDs

AUSTIN (AP) - Senate Education Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff says it's natural that some senators have questions about his school funding proposal, since the Texas Supreme Court has three times thrown out previous laws.

"All we can do is take our best shot," Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said. "If they don't like this one, I'd like to see what they have to offer."

Ratliff said the committee may vote Friday.

Questions at a Wednesday hearing included whether the plan would allow unconstitutional funding disparities among school districts, and if the elimination of some special funding allotments would doom the measure in the House.

Ratliff's measure would continue the current "Robin Hood" system of school funding, in which some local school property tax money is redistributed within single or multi-county education districts, or CEDs.

The system, passed by lawmakers in 1991, was meant to meet a Supreme Court order to equalize funding among property-rich and poor school districts. Schools are funded mainly through local taxes and state aid.

But the Supreme Court said the current plan violates the state constitution by imposing a statewide property tax, and by levying a property tax without voter approval. It has ordered lawmakers to come up with a constitutional measure by June 1.

Ratliff has proposed a constitutional amendment to keep the CED system. That would require two-thirds support of the Legislature and voter approval on a statewide ballot.

If the constitutional amendment failed, a backup provision would allow voters in education districts to decide on authorizing the CED tax.

In CEDs that didn't authorize a

90-cent tax - up from the current 82 cents - school districts would be limited to spending \$3,470 per student.

Districts participating in the CED system could spend more. But even the richest districts would be limited to \$5,200, a cap meant to hold down funding disparities.

However, the poorest school districts could raise a maximum of about \$3,800 per student under the

plan, according to staff. Sen. Greg Luna, D-San Antonio, questioned whether that difference would be constitutional.

Texas Education Agency lawyer Kevin O'Hanlon noted that without a constitutional amendment, Ratliff's plan would allow a rich school district that wasn't in the CED program to raise the \$3,470 per student at a much lower tax rate than a poor district.

Luna also predicted problems in the House because Ratliff's plan would eliminate extra funding for school districts with high education costs, and for many small school districts.

And Sen. Bill Haley, D-Center, said the state got tangled in a school funding lawsuit in the first place by not putting as much state money as promised into the system.



How many tickets do you want?

Jerry Jackson, left, and Shirley Garrison, right, make sure George Olson has plenty of tickets for the Golden K Kiwanis Chili Supper Saturday evening at the Hereford Senior Citizen Center. Hanna's chili will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. and tickets are \$3.50 each. Children under 6 will be admitted free.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Excerpts from President Clinton's inaugural address.

"When our founders boldly declared America's independence to the world and our purposes to the Almighty, they knew America, to endure, would have to change. Not change for change's sake, but change to preserve America's ideals - life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness. Though we march to the music of our time, our mission is timeless."

"Today, a generation raised in the shadows of the Cold War assumes new responsibilities in a world warmed by the sunshine of freedom but threatened still by ancient hatreds and new plagues."

"On behalf of our nation, I salute my predecessor for his half-century of service to America, and thank the millions of men and women whose steadfastness and sacrifice triumphed over Depression, fascism, and Communism."

"Our Founders saw themselves in the light of posterity. We can do no less. Anyone who has ever watched a child's eyes wander into sleep knows what posterity is. Posterity is the world to come - the world for whom we hold our ideals, from whom we have borrowed our planet, and to whom we bear sacred responsibility.

We must do what America does best: offer opportunity to all and demand responsibility from all.

"This beautiful capital, like every capital since the dawn of civilization, is a place of intrigue and calculation. Powerful people maneuver for position and worry endlessly about who is in and who is out, who is up and who is down, forgetting the people whose toil and sweat sends them here and pays their way."

"When our vital interests are challenged, or the will and conscience of the international community defied, we will act - with peaceful diplomacy when possible, with force when necessary."

"I challenge a new generation of young Americans to a season of service - to act on your idealism by helping troubled children, keeping company with those in need, reconnecting our torn communities. There is much to be done - enough for millions of others who are still young in spirit to give of themselves in service, too."

"Today, we do more than celebrate America; we rededicate ourselves to the very idea of America ... an idea tempered by the knowledge that, but for fate, we - the fortunate and the unfortunate - might have been each other..."

"And so, at the edge of the 21st Century, let us begin with energy and hope, with faith and discipline, and let us work until our work is done. The scripture says, 'And let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season, we shall reap, if we faint not.'"

"We have heard the trumpets. We have changed the guard. And now - each in our own way, and with God's help - we must answer the call."

Baghdad calling for 'new page' with U.S.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - State-run newspapers today called for a "new page" in U.S.-Iraqi relations as U.N. weapons inspectors landed in Baghdad, testing assurances that they will be able to do their work unhindered.

"We had a good reception," Paul Brough, an American who heads a 25-member team of chemical weapons inspectors, said as he arrived at the experts' hotel. His team is part of a U.N. group that flew into the Habbaniya military airport outside the city.

The dispute over unrestricted travel inside Iraq for U.N. weapons teams was one of the issues that prompted George Bush to order attacks on Iraq during his last week as president.

Saddam Hussein apparently hopes for better treatment from Bill Clinton.

Inspectors had waited in Bahrain for two weeks for Saddam's government to relent on its demand that they use Iraqi planes rather than U.N. aircraft.

Under the terms of the U.N. resolutions that ended the Persian Gulf War, the inspectors are overseeing the destruction of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction. The U.N. insists they be able to work free

of Iraqi oversight.

Asked if he were worried about the possible dangers of attempting the flight, Brough said: "No, we're not concerned about that. We are just anxious to get back here and get the job done."

He said the team would be in Iraq for three to six months, then be replaced by other experts, by rotation, as it goes about destroying chemical weapons.

'Stolen' car found quickly

We've all heard of computers that seem to have a mind of their own, but a Hereford motorist may be wondering if his car has a mind of its own.

Police received a report Wednesday that a vehicle had been stolen in the 600 block of E. Park Avenue. Officers went to the scene to investigate. After questioning the motorist, the officers looked around the scene and spotted the car a short distance away.

It seems the motorist had left the car running, with the gear shift in the "Park" position, and it apparently slipped out of "P" and drove off all by itself. Case solved!

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Life!

Medicine for the public

"Was it something I ate?" Most of us have wondered at one time or another if an upset stomach or other ailment was caused by a food allergy. In fact, almost one out of three people either say that they themselves have a food allergy, or they modify the diet of their family because they think someone else in the family has one.

Common adverse reactions to foods include eczema and "milk and soy allergy" in infants and children. A more serious reaction is anaphylaxis, a systemic, life-threatening shock reaction that results in a number of deaths a year in the United States.

Here are some things you can do about food allergies;

-With your physician, identify the food to which you're sensitive and stay away from it.

-If you have a severe allergic reaction, seek medical help immediately.

-Educate yourself. Talk to your physician and find out all you can about food allergies.

U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston S. Churchill signed the Atlantic Charter in 1947.



Gearing up for tournament

The public is invited to participate in the Hereford Pilot Club's 42 tournament which will begin at 7 p.m. Friday in the ballroom of the Hereford Community Center. Tickets, which can be purchased from club members or at the door, are priced at \$5 per person. Several door prizes will be given away including the grand prize of a card table and chairs. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to benefit the community. Practicing for the tournament are club members, from left, Linda Minchew, Marcie Ginn, Margaret Bell and Gerry Taylor.

Mozart study continued by Hereford Music Study Club

Mary Carter presented a continuation of the Mozart study when members of the Hereford Music Study Club met Jan. 11 in the home of Pat Fisher. Marcella Bradly served as co-hostess.

The musical portion of the program consisted of Mozart compositions: "Alleluia"; "Ave Maria" presented by the vocal ensemble of Pat Fisher, Claudia McBrayer, Sue Sims, Susan Shaw, Tina Langhennig, Jody Skiles and Frances Parker, accompanied by Evelyn Hacker; and "Sonata in G" with Evelyn Hacker playing the piano.

President Barbara Manning opened the meeting and members read the Federation Collect. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Cheryl Betzen.

Others present were Mary Thomas McBrayer, Sue Sims, Susan Shaw, and a guest, Camille Betzen.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: This letter is in response to the woman who answered a personal ad in the paper and then wrote to warn your readers against it. She knew what she was talking about. Here's my experience:

I placed such an ad and received 12 responses worth following up. Bob (not his real name) was above average in intelligence, but he had no outside interests and too many problems with his kids, ex-wife, etc., etc. "Carl" never called back even though he said he would. "Pete" it turned out, was living with a woman. "David" was a kind, sensitive person but still carrying a load of hate for his father who died 10 years before. "Lloyd" had such a foul mouth and nasty attitude I hung up on him.

What prompted me to write this letter is the frightening experience I had with "Gerald." I answered his ad for "a sophisticated, moral, single, white Christian woman," and we met for coffee. He was tall, handsome and well-dressed. When I asked him to tell me about himself, he replied with a nervous laugh, "I'm Mr. Wonderful." He said his ex-wife was a workaholic who was never home, and he was starved for companionship. After about

10 minutes, I responded to a gut feeling and decided not to see him again.

One week later, the newspaper headlines read, "Man slashes ex-wife's throat, then drives to the police station." The name rang a bell. Sure enough, it was "Mr. Wonderful."

According to his neighbors, he was a "nice guy." His wife's neighbors reported that he tormented and abused her. They described the woman as a kind and loving person who held two jobs to get her kids through college.

So please, ladies, don't take a chance with strangers. Stick with people in your own circle. Lord knows what could have happened to me had I gotten involved with that creep. Never Again in San Antonio

DEAR SAN ANTONIO: Thanks for the warning. For years, I have cautioned against becoming involved with strangers, but I would be less than honest if I did not tell my readers that I received several dozen letters along the following lines. This one is from Florida:

DEAR ANN: I was visiting my sister in Miami, I picked up a

Shopping News and saw an ad in the personals section, placed by a single, 31-year-old man. He was looking for a non-smoking, non-drinking, Protestant woman between 25 and 30, who loved camping, music and poetry, and wanted children and a good life.

I fit the description perfectly and called him up. "Jay" and I met for lunch the next day. We dated for four months, and we were married in my sister's home. That was 12 years ago.

We now have three children and are very happy. I could not have found a better man had I searched the world for years. If you print this letter, no name please. My parents and friends think I met Jay in church. --Lucky in Florida

DEAR FLORIDA: I'm happy your Shopping News Romeo turned out so well. Consider yourself lucky. I go back to my original position that strangers looking for intimacy can be dangerous. If "Mr. Wonderful" was so terrific, why would he have to advertise to find a mate? Surely somebody would have noticed his sterling attributes and snatched him up. But there are exceptions to every rule, and apparently you found one. Congratulations.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Former "Diff'rent Strokes" star Todd Bridges says he found racist epithets spray-painted across the front of his house.

"I couldn't believe that someone would do something like that," said Bridges, who is black. "It said, 'This is war, get out porch monkey.' It was bright fluorescent orange."

He said police were investigating. Bridges, 27, was arrested last month on drug charges in the latest of several run-ins with the law in recent years.

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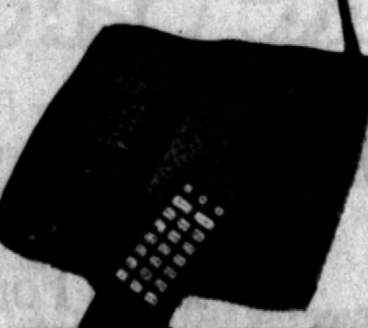
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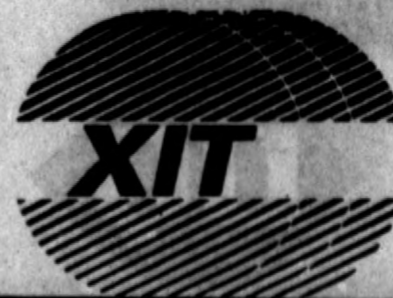
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SPORTS

Dallas Cowboy mania rages out of control

By MIKE COCHRAN
Associated Press Writer
DALLAS (AP) - Such splendid madness.

Cowboys fans, already becoming a bit bonkers, whipped themselves into a frenzy even before Dallas torpedoed the 49ers in San Francisco Bay.

Now, with their heroes in the Super Bowl, the ecstasy is too much. Way too much.

It didn't help a whole lot that George Bush put the presidential seal of approval on the Cowboys' victory and that Bill Clinton quickly scrambled aboard their chuck wagon. "I've got to be for them," Clinton told CBS anchorman Dan Rather on the eve of the presidential inauguration.

It's that Arkansas connection, you know, with Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones.

At least Clinton's got an excuse. Not so for the new and more boisterous Dallas fans, some of whom are downright road-lizard crazy.

In snagging numbers, they are buying anything silver and blue, vaguely silver and blue or something that might turn silver and blue under certain conditions.

Blue bread is big in the Metroplex, and a place in Fort Worth was even dispensing blue-hued hamburgers.

"They're kind of unappetizing, but my sister said a true Cowboys fan will appreciate them," Melva Escalante of Quickway Shopping told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"We've sold some hideous things," said Chris Homer, a manager trainee at a shop in Austin, new home of the Cowboys' summer training camp.

How about a paisley Cowboys cap in yellow, orange and red flavors?

"If you wrote Dallas Cowboys on a piece of toilet paper, it would sell," said a sales clerk at another Austin sports store.

Better yet, follow your heroes to Pasadena for the Super Bowl showdown with the Buffalo Bills. Something called Bruce Hall Sports has this nifty package, promoted naturally in blue ink:

Roundtrip airfare to Los Angeles via Las Vegas where you'll spend three nights at the Flamingo Hilton, partying, brunching, gambling and whatever.

Extras include golf, shows and casino credit.

Your "Super Bowl Dream Weekend," as it is modestly billed, will set you back \$1,795 per person, but if you've got your own ticket just knock \$450 off the price.

What the heck. Everybody's

getting goofy.

A Dallas restaurant chain issued a "media alert" Wednesday disclosing that it had slashed a spicy chicken item, Buffalo Wings, from its menu.

"TGI Friday's wants to help take a bite out of Buffalo," it said.

Hey. Don't behead the messenger. Figure this: An enterprising North Dallas schoolkid shows up for class Wednesday morning with nearly 100 Cowboys T-shirts and sweatshirts.

And sell 'em all before lunch.

According to another news bulletin, hundreds of callers are burning up a toll-free hotline to the Texas Stadium Pro Shop in Irving. They're ordering everything from diaper sets decorated with Cowboys logos to \$2,000 laminated sterling silver helmets.

How about a new Cowboys logo: \$\$\$\$\$\$.

"Some people spend \$500, \$1,000 - one product after another," said

Karen Cope, a pro shop employee. "They want to have one of everything in the store."

It gets worse. Men are buying sequined, silver, star-shaped dangle earrings at the pro shop. And wearing them.

"They're blatantly women's earrings," said Deanna Warren. "You get some weird ones out here."

Not to worry, Deanna. They're everywhere. And the game's 11 days away.

Capriati wins despite virus

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) - It was raining, it was pouring. The whole day was boring. Baseliners slugging it out indoors, a four-hour delay outside.

Then came the night and enough excitement to more than make up for it, thanks to Jennifer Capriati's incredibly gritty comeback.

The 16-year-old seventh seed, recuperating from a virus that forced her to withdraw from the doubles

competition Wednesday with a 103-degree temperature, fought back from a set and two service breaks down to beat Argentina's Florencia Labat 6-7 (8-10), 7-5, 6-2 today in a second-round match.

She spent all day Wednesday in bed and underwent blood tests at a hospital. The stomach pain was so bad she thought she might default. But the fever went down today and she decided to give it a go.

"I started to sweat it out," Capriati said. "I felt good, especially as the match went on. The adrenaline kept me going."

Capriati, wearing a sleeveless sweater in the cool night air and an American flag cap with the bill turned up, appeared almost dazed during the early changeovers.

She clenched her stomach, took medication in the second set and ventured to the net much more than usual in an apparent effort to end points quickly. Balls she normally would have tried to track down went by for winners as she tried to conserve energy.

Capriati twice fought back from service breaks in the first set and staved off three set points, but squandered two of her own and lost the tense tiebreaker when she hit a pair of groundstrokes into the net.

The left-handed Labat, mixing her game well, then broke in the first game of the second set and managed the trick again to pull ahead 4-1 and had five game points that would have given her a 5-1 edge, but was hampered by two double-faults.

Capriati, refusing to cave in, won five of the next six games, including

a stretch where she took 15 of 17 points.

"It was like this thing came over me," Capriati said.

The unseasonably brisk weather, the product of south winds that sweep up from Antarctica, had fans swapping their T-shirts and shorts for sweaters and jeans in the 64-degree midday conditions.

It was a sharp contrast to Wednesday, when everyone sweated in 129-degree heat under a baking sun that had tempers flaring.

"The huge drastic temperature change made the conditions heavier. As a result, I didn't think I served as well," Sampras said. "It was cool today, and the court was playing slow. When it's hot, it plays quicker."

Sampras had 13 aces to offset his eight double faults against Larsson, who had 20 forehand winners to only three for the American in the serve-and-volley duel.

The misty, swirling morning drizzle forced officials to close the retractable roof on Center Court and push back the schedule on the outside courts.

That meant the only early action had No. 5 women's seed Mary Joe Fernandez, still a little rusty from a bad bout of the flu she contracted two weeks ago, struggling to beat surprisingly tough Shi-ting Wang of Taiwan 7-6 (7-1), 6-4.

Although Fernandez, a two-time finalist here, has tried to add a net game under coach Harold Solomon, she remains primarily a baseliner. So

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Baseball owners consider changes

NEW YORK (AP) - Baseball owners are considering radical change, like expanding the playoffs to eight teams, dividing leagues into three divisions and creating interleague play.

The new schedule format committee has sent a survey sent to about 10,000 fans to find out their thoughts on these non-traditional ideas.

"We're looking at all out options," said Philadelphia Phillies president Bill Giles, a member of the committee studying format changes. "We're meeting, talking, strategizing. It will be a while before we know the direction we can go. The great majority (of fans) want a change of some kind. The question is how best to make the change."

The eight-page questionnaire, sent to about 2,000 people randomly and then to about 8,000 season-ticket holders, was developed by Audits & Surveys. It states: "Major league baseball is looking at ways to make late season games more meaningful for the fans and to create more exciting postseason play." It then asks if fans would like:

- two teams from each division making the playoffs.
 - three divisions in each league with the division winners and a wild-card team in each league's playoffs.
 - realigning teams within each league.
 - shifting teams from one league to the other.
 - interleague play involving 10-28 games each season.
 - eliminating the designated hitter, expanding it to the National League or allowing its use during interleague games in AL ballparks.
 - more day games or night games on both weekends and weekdays.
- "We want to make the product as good as it can be," said Atlanta Braves president Stan Kasten, another committee member. "We always have to be looking at that. It would be important even if we were in a boom time, and clearly we're not in a boom time."

According to owners, data collected from the first batch of surveys shows younger fans are in favor of change while more avid fans are against it. The committee, chaired by Boston Red Sox president John Harrington, hasn't received results from questionnaires sent to season-ticket holders.

"I would hope that at these upcoming meetings, either in February or March, that they'll have very strong recommendations to make," said Milwaukee Brewers owner Bud Selig, chairman of the ruling executive council.

Any changes would need the agreement of the Major League Baseball Players Association.

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Cavaliers edge Suns in Barkley's absence

By The Associated Press

It depends who you ask how much of a key the absence of Charles Barkley in the Phoenix lineup was in the Suns' 123-119 loss to the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Barkley, barred from playing in Wednesday night's game at the Richfield Coliseum by a one-game suspension handed down by the NBA earlier in the day, was conspicuous by his absence.

After all, the wide-body forward leads the Suns in scoring (26.4 points) and rebounding (12.8).

"We didn't have Charles as the post player we like to go to, and we had to scramble on the perimeter," the Suns' Kevin Johnson said. "He

wasn't there to turn mistakes into good plays with offensive rebounds and blocked shots."

The Cavaliers, who had their own problems with players missing games because of injury, weren't interested in hearing Phoenix gripe about playing without Sir Charles.

"They had more talent left out there than we did," said Cleveland's Gerald Wilkins. "That's no cake team."

Barkley drew the suspension and a \$10,000 fine for chasing after the officials following a Phoenix loss in New York on Monday.

Cleveland, however, was missing John Williams, on the injured list with a sprained hand, and Mike

Sanders, who suffered a bruised knee in practice. The Cavs then lost point guard Terrell Brandon to a hip pointer in the second quarter.

Wilkins replaced Sanders and scored 19 points. Mark Price scored 12 of his 26 points in the final quarter, putting Cleveland ahead for good 100-98 on a shot from the lane with eight minutes remaining.

Cedric Ceballos replaced Barkley and scored 10 points in the first quarter. But he had just four points the rest of the way. Richard Dumas led Phoenix with 23 points.

Celtics 121, Hawks 106

Robert Parish grabbed 15 rebounds in a lopsided third quarter as Boston

took advantage of Kevin Willis' sore back in posting the victory over Atlanta.

With Xavier McDaniel getting 11 of his season-high 27 points, the Celtics outscored Atlanta 31-15 in the third period to take a 93-78 lead. The lead ranged from 11 to 20 points the rest of the way.

Knicks 114, Hornets 91

Patrick Ewing had 30 points and 13 rebounds in three quarters for the Knicks, who enjoyed leads of 22 points in the first half and 28 in the second. New York is 16-3 at home, with one of its defeats coming against Charlotte on Dec. 10.

Larry Johnson led Charlotte with

19 points, but he had no rebounds in the first half and finished with just four.

Trail Blazers 110, Timberwolves 94
Cliff Robinson had 22 points, 14 rebounds and a career-high eight assists to lead Portland past Minnesota.

Portland continued its domination of expansion teams, improving to an NBA-best 41-1 against the league's four newest teams.

76ers 115, Heat 112

Heat center Rony Seikaly finished with 28 points and 17 rebounds.

Miami scored a season-high 70 points in the first half and a franchise record-low seven in the third quarter. The 76ers rallied from a seven-point deficit in the final 47 seconds of the

fourth period to force an overtime before eventually winning.

Jeff Hornacek scored 27 points for Philadelphia.

Seattle 111, LA Lakers 101

Ricky Pierce scored 10 of his 26 points and Shawn Kemp 12 of his 24 in the first quarter as Seattle opened a 28-8 lead, then held on for the victory over the Lakers.

Warriors 120, Jazz 113

Tim Hardaway had 28 points, including a three-point play with 1:40 left that helped Golden State preserve its victory over Utah, ending the Warriors' five-game losing streak.

Chris Mullin added 27 points and Chris Gatling equaled his career high with 19. Karl Malone's 30 points and 12 rebounds led the Jazz.

Heels hand Virginia its first loss

By The Associated Press

The longest current Division I winning streak in the country can now be found about four miles from the Canadian border, in snowbound western New York.

Niagara University holds that distinction today with a victory streak of 11 games, thanks to Virginia's 80-58 loss to North Carolina Wednesday night that ended the

Cavaliers' best-in-the-nation streak at 16.

Elsewhere in the Top 25 Wednesday, No. 5 Michigan beat Minnesota 80-73, No. 19 Vanderbilt downed No. 8 Arkansas 102-89, No. 11 Arizona edged Arizona State 91-87, No. 20 Pittsburgh defeated Boston College 81-70, and Wisconsin surprised No. 24 Ohio State 76-67.

If you've never heard of Niagara,

don't be surprised. The Purple Eagles play in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference with the likes of Siena, Canisius and Iona - not exactly household names.

Niagara (11-1) has come back from a season-opening four-point loss to St. John's with 11 straight by an average margin of more than 13 points. Their 86 points per game average is 15 better than last year, when they finished 14-14.

No. 3 North Carolina 80, Virginia 58

At Chapel Hill, N.C., the Tar Heels pounded the ball inside in the second half and turned a seven-point halftime lead into a 29-point edge at one point.

North Carolina (15-1, 5-0 ACC) got 14 points from light-scoring forward Kevin Salvadori. The

Cavaliers (11-1, 4-1) were led by Doug Smith's 16.

No. 5 Michigan 80, Minnesota 73

At Minneapolis, Chris Webber's two dunks capped a 21-12 second-half spurt that helped Michigan (14-2, 3-1 Big Ten) hand Minnesota (10-4, 2-3) its first home loss of the season.

No. 19 Vanderbilt 102, No. 8 Arkansas 89

Vanderbilt (14-3, 4-1 SEC) now has knocked off three teams that were ranked in the Top 10 when the Commodores played them - Louisville, Kentucky and Arkansas. Billy McCaffrey hit four straight technical free throws after Razorbacks coach Nolan Richardson was ejected with 15:50 remaining, bumping the lead to seven points.

Bad free throw shooting costs Tech against Owls

By The Associated Press

Rice had four problems, but Texas Tech couldn't take advantage of enough free throws to knock the Owls out of the unbeaten ranks in Southwest Conference play.

Rice starters Brent Scott and Scott Tynes each fouled out in the final 1:30 and Adam Peakes suffered a knee injury in the first four minutes and was unable to return.

But the Red Raiders missed eight free throws in the second half of their 67-59 loss to the Owls on Wednesday night.

It was the second straight close SWC loss for the Red Raiders, who dropped a 61-59 decision to Southern Methodist. The Raiders hit 3 of 12 free throws against Rice.

"I may be the worst free throw coach in America," Tech coach James Dickey said. "We missed six down the stretch that killed us and it

wasn't just one guy.

"Our defense was good enough to win but we're killing ourselves with our free throws."

Rice (9-4, 4-0 in SWC games), extended its winning streak to seven games and handed the Red Raiders (8-5, 0-2) their third straight loss.

Marvin Moore scored 21 points to lead the Owls.

Will Flemons led the Red Raiders with 24 points.

Mike Wilson scored 22 points to lead Southern Methodist to a 79-65 victory over Texas Christian allow the Mustangs to remain unbeaten in conference play.

The Mustangs won their fifth straight to improve to 10-4 overall and 3-0 in SWC play. Rice is 4-0 and Houston is 3-0 in league play.

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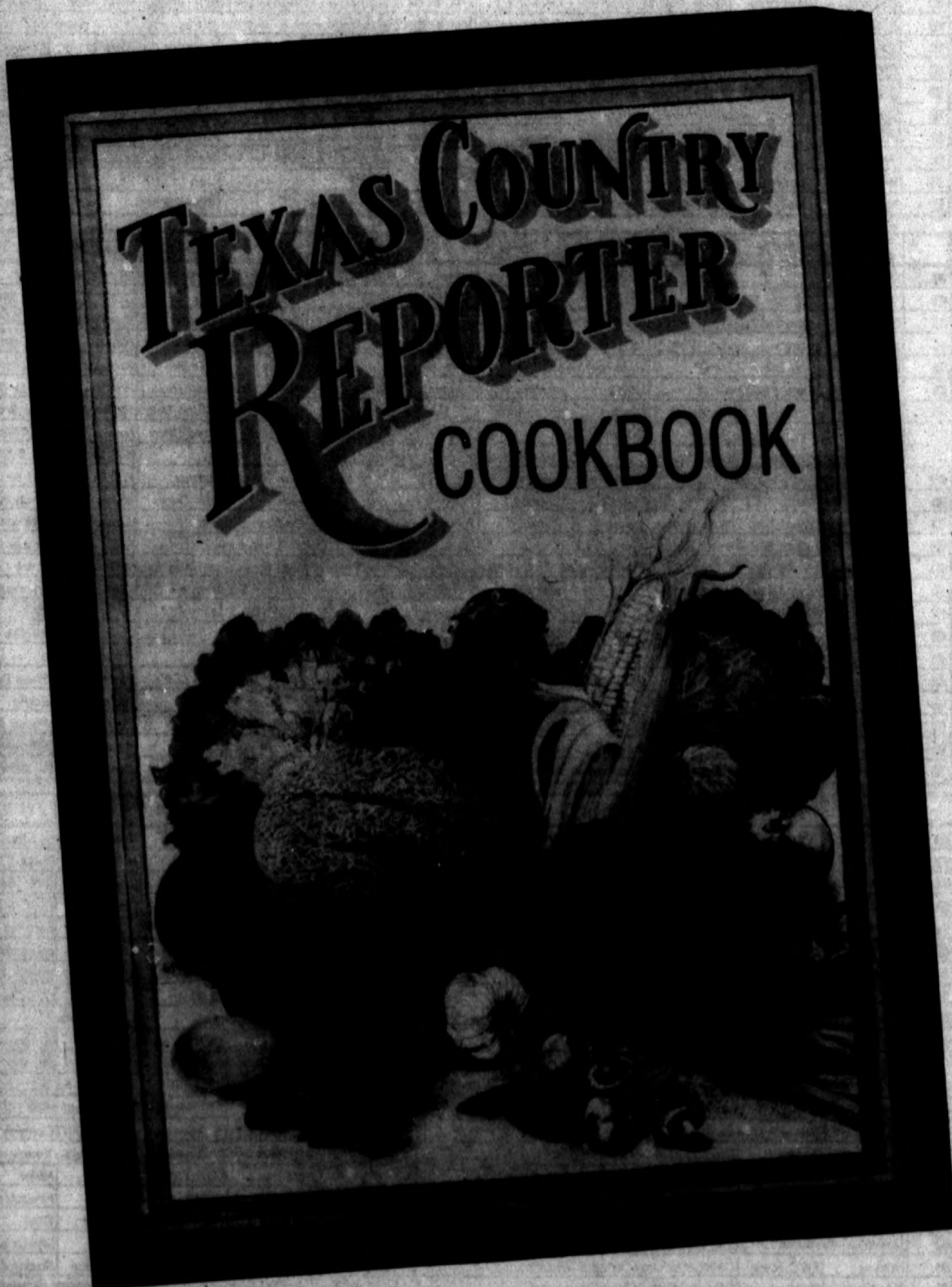
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The public is invited to attend the Hereford Chamber Singers' concert performances at 7 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday in St. Thomas Episcopal Church. There is no admission charge, however, donations will be accepted. The concert will include music by composer Carlie Burdett of Amarillo, a former Hereford resident, and other original works composed especially for the Chamber Singers. Charter members who continue to be active members include, back row from left, Joe Flood, Bell Devers, Bobby Boyd, and front row from left, Dr. Duffy McBrayer, Jane Gulley, Linda Gilbert, Jan Walser, Bera Boyd and Dr. A. T. Mims. Some 26 persons comprise this year's edition of the Hereford Chamber Singers who have spent many hours singing to entertain their friends in Hereford and the area, across the Panhandle and state, and two foreign countries, Australia and Romania.



Around 45 percent of all people on earth now live in or near cities.

DEAR DR. LAMB: I am a 33-year-old male. In the past year, I have had two inguinal hernia operations on the left and right sides of my groin. After my last operation, I am still having discomfort, even after a considerable amount of healing time. I went back to my doctor, but he could not find any sign of a possible hernia. He did say that the discomfort will go away, but it will take some time.

Can you tell me if there is any way of testing that can be done to determine if a hernia is still present other than visually, or by the doctor's hand? I am a little worried.

DEAR READER: It is possible under certain circumstances. If a person with an inguinal hernia swallows barium and the loop of intestine is herniated at the time the X-ray is taken, the hernia can be seen outside the abdominal cavity. However, if the loop of bowel is inside the abdominal cavity, you will not be able to tell that there is still a passageway through the abdominal wall.

Recurrence of inguinal hernias used to be rather common. In the general surgical practice, the recurrence rate has been about 25 percent. New techniques have greatly reduced the recurrence rate.

Today, many surgeons use a polypropylene mesh patch over the hole that permitted the hernia to occur. Even these were not as successful as one would like originally. Dr. Irving Lichtenstein, a surgeon at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, says this was because the hole was sutured shut and the patch placed over it. Eventually that broke down the patch. He and others now just suture the patch over the hole, completely covering it, and do not try to cinch the hole shut. With this

technique his team has had only two failures in 1,200 hernia repairs. One report indicates the recurrence rate was only one in 357 cases. In almost all cases of failure, it has been because the hernia hole was not completely covered with the mesh.

You need to know more about the difference between direct and indirect inguinal hernias, femoral hernias and what can be done about them, so I'm sending you Special Issue 36-03, Groin Hernias, Inguinal and Femoral. Others who want this issue can send \$3 with a long, stamped (52 cents), self-addressed envelope for it to THE HEALTH LETTER/36-03, P.O. Box 5537, Riverton, NJ 08077.

DEAR DR. LAMB: Can you help settle a family dispute regarding health and indoor house temperatures? The "cools" prefer 60 to 65 F (day to night variation). The "warms" believe it should be 10 degrees higher. The warms concede an environmental and economy argument, but think that is outweighed by the suffering of persistent colds and sore throats. The cools are convinced that a warmer home risks health problems due to poorer adaptation to winter temperatures and side effects of very low humidity. Age is not a factor. The cools are 25 to 40 years younger than the warms.

DEAR READER: Both warms and cools can forget about the temperature having any real role in causing colds and sore throats. That includes the changes in temperature from being warm inside, then going outside to the cold. Colds are caused by germs, not temperature. Lack of humidity will dry nasal secretions and skin. A humidifier can help here. Elderly people should not be in

rooms below 65 F because of the risk of hypothermia, a much more common problem than most realize. How about a compromise of around 70 for all rooms, along with adequate humidity.

Dr. Lamb welcomes letters from readers with health questions. You can write to him at P.O. Box 5537, Riverton, NJ 08077. Although Dr. Lamb cannot reply to all letters personally, he will respond to selected questions in future columns.

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Auditions for "TEXAS" scheduled in Lubbock

Auditions for "TEXAS" the internationally acclaimed outdoor musical drama written by Pulitzer-prize winning author Paul Green, will be held in Lubbock, on Sunday, Feb. 7.

"TEXAS" uses song, dance and dramatic dialogue to tell the story of early settlers in the Texas Panhandle during the late 1800s. The spectacular scenery of Palo Duro Canyon State Park serves as the backdrop for the play lauded by the National Institute of Outdoor Drama as "the best attended outdoor drama in the nation."

This outstanding summer production offers salaried cast members the opportunity to perform before full houses every night. In 1992, "TEXAS" welcomed 100,022 visitors from every state and 89 foreign countries. An average of 1,613 people filled the 1,724 seats in Pioneer Amphitheater to 94 percent of its capacity.

Director Neil Hess is looking for actors, singers, dancers and theatre technicians to fill 140 salaried positions for the show's 28th season. Anyone, 18 years or older, is invited to try out for the show.

Auditions will be held in M.O. #1 (Choir Room) in the Music Building on the campus of Texas Tech University from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 7. Individuals interested in joining the cast must bring a picture and references.

The script calls for four men and four women in leading roles. In addition, there are six male supporting roles. Actors will present a 2-3 minute memorized scene that will accentuate outdoor voice and presence. Actors will often double as member of the chorus and should also prepare a 1-2 minute vocal numbers.

"TEXAS" music uses all voice ranges in chorus, solos and men's quartets. Singers should bring one prepared number of their choice. No "Pop" or "rock" hits will be accepted. Singers may bring their own accompanist or one will be provided.

Most dances in "TEXAS" are choreographed for men and women with ballet or modern dance training. Performers with less formal training are use din the folk dance sequences. Dancers are auditioned in a group and should bring appropriate workout clothing.

Positions are open for musicians experienced with violin, upright string bass, acoustic guitar, banjo or accordion.

"TEXAS" has a worldwide reputation for the superb quality of its sound and lighting effects. Individuals with hands-on experience in all areas of technical theatre are encouraged to apply for a position with the show. Work with this production will enable technicians to expand their experience in sound, wrangling, stage craft, lighting, stage management, pyrotechnics, and costume design and construction. Men and women will be personally interviewed for these positions.

Hospitality crew members are the show's first and last contact with patrons. This group of 40 sells tickets and programs, works concessions and the barbecue, conducts tours, entertains on the patio and seats visitors. Performing interviews will be conducted to fill all hospitality positions.

Rehearsals for the 28th season of "TEXAS" will begin May 16. The show opens June 9 and plays nightly Monday through Saturday. An additional performance is planned for Sunday, July 4. The show will close on August 21, 1993.

Auditions for "TEXAS" also will be held in the following locations: Norman, Okla., Sunday, Feb. 14; Canyon, Sunday, Feb. 21.

For additional audition information or for reservations for "TEXAS," call (806) 655-2181 or write P.O. Box 268, Canyon, Texas 79015-0268.

Hints from Heloise

Q. I have an electric simmering-potpourri crock and would like to make my own potpourri for it.

A. Do you have a recipe for a do-it-yourself fragrant potpourri? — A. Baxter, Omaha, Neb.

A. Here's one that's easy to make and smells great too!

You'll need 2 cups of rose petals, 2 cups of rosemary, 2 cups of mint, 2 whole cloves, 4 cinnamon sticks and 1/2 cup of whole allspice.

Mix all together and put in a large jar. Heat enough white household vinegar to cover, then pour it in the jar. Let the mixture stand for about a week.

Now it's ready to use in your electric simmering-potpourri crock. — Heloise

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Other uses for plastic foam peanuts:

- Save and reuse as future packing material.
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- Use to refill dog-bed stuffing or a beanbag chair.
- String and decorate for a play necklace and bracelet.
- Sprinkle with perfume and put in a potpourri container.

PREWASH SPRAY

Dear Heloise: I love your recipe for laundry prewash! It works wonders on everything from blood to ground-in dirt to ketchup. With three young children, I find it indispensable.

Recently I saw in your column a request for the recipe because the woman had lost it. Here is my way of remembering.

I bought a plastic spray bottle and wrote the directions on the side of it with a permanent marker (along with a caution: "Contains ammonia").

Now, when I run out, I just have to look on the side to see how to make more. — Jacque Traffas, Sharon, Kan.

For those who missed it, mix equal parts of dishwashing liquid you use for hand-washing dishes (that doesn't contain any bleach), full-strength ammonia and water.

When using this homemade prewash spray, be sure and wash the clothes immediately. Letting it set on the clothes could create a problem. — Heloise

TOOTHPASTE TUBE

Dear Heloise: For years I've battled with the foil-type toothpaste dispensers, trying to keep the spent end rolled up so the toothpaste will flow out evenly.

Lately, I've found that binder clips (large clips used to hold paper together when it's too wide for paper clips) are an excellent mechanism to keep the dispenser rolled up. — Kim Peterson, Houston, Texas

SOUND OFF

Dear Heloise: I hate seeing wilted parsley served on food plates in restaurants. This parsley looks like it has seen better days — and nights too. — Edna Egan, Brownsville, Texas

PLASTIC BAGS

Dear Heloise: I have a recycling hint that has been very helpful to me.

I use plastic newspaper bags for my yarn. I just slip one bag over a skein of yarn; it keeps it from unwinding or tangling.

I usually have several colors in the same basket and find that the bags help to keep them upright so I can just pull the end, use as much as I want, then tuck the end back into the bag when I change colors. — Bertha Weers, Hannibal, Mo.

MOVING

Dear Heloise: We move quite a bit due to my husband's job. Through the years we've picked up some good tips to make moving easier.

We pack a few things such as clothing for one day, towels, soap, toilet tissue, coffee and our coffee pot, plus a few dishes and silverware in a couple of boxes and take it with us.

It's very tiring the first night to go through boxes, so these come in handy. — Terry Albright, Lansing, Mich.



The tarantella, a popular Italian folk dance, gets its name from the city of Taranto. According to folklore, the people there danced the tarantella as a cure for the bite of the tarantula spider.

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Film to be shown tonight at library

"The Three Stooges Go Around the World in a Daze" is the featured film to be shown at 7 p.m. today in the basement of Deaf Smith County Library. Admission is free and popcorn will be available for 25 cents a bag.

The film, which is a spoof of the Jules Verne classic, is the first Three Stooges' feature movie to be shown at the library.

NEW YORK (AP)—Ted Williams hasn't forgotten that Joe Garagiola hit better than he did in the 1946 World Series.

Williams batted .200 (5 for 25) in the Boston Red Sox's series loss to the St. Louis Cardinals, while Garagiola hit .316 (6 for 19).

The two appeared together Wednesday on "Late Night With David Letterman."

"My prize pupil out here out hit me 150 points during the Series and he loves to bring it up all the time," Williams said. The Red Sox outfielder is the last player to hit .400 in one season (.406 in 1941).

"It was the first time I was going to see Ted Williams live," recalled Garagiola, who was a catcher with the Cards in 1946.

In a game in 1980 in San Francisco, the 49ers rallied from a 35-7 deficit to defeat New Orleans, 38-35.

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