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Today's weather OUTLOOK

Front stalls over Texas

Skies were mostly cloudy early today across the state as the trailing end of a cold front stalled over Central Texas.

Scattered light rain was reported across the state with early-morning temperatures ranging from the 30s in West Texas to the 50s across the southern portion of the state.

North Texas can expect cloudy skies with a chance of rain today and tonight. Highs will reach into the 50s and lows will hit the 40s.

Cloudy skies and rainy conditions can also be expected across much of the region today. Highs will range from the upper 50s across south central and northern areas to the lower 70s across the Coastal Bend and deep south Texas.

West Texas will also be blanketed in clouds today. A chance of rain is possible for the southern parts of the south plains by this afternoon through tonight.



Mostly clear skies

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low in the mid-20s, southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny and warmer with a high 55 to 60, southwest wind 10 to 20 mph.

Extended forecast

Sunday: Partly cloudy, low around 30, high in the lower 50s.

Monday: Partly cloudy, windy and cooler, low in the mid-20s, high in the mid-40s.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, low in the lower 20s, high in the mid-50s.

Hereford weather

Thursday's high, 44; low, 15; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.

Inside Today

"There were good things I heard tonight, but I was surprised by the amount of negativity. I think they missed an opportunity to go deeper."

— **Mary Westfall** of Durham, N.H., giving her assessment of the Republican presidential debate.



■ **Bush, McCain, leading rivals for GOP nomination, clash in hot debate dominated by taxes and homosexuals in the military.** — **Page A12**



AG IN THE CLASSROOM

HISD students can learn where they get their food

By **Dianna F. Dandridge**

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Food grains, natural fibers, electricity, wildlife, livestock and water availability affect the daily lives of people, but too often too little thought is given to the origin of a product or who produces it.

Fourth-grade students throughout Hereford Independent School District on Thursday made a point of finding out about the luxuries and necessities coming from agriculture when they participated in the 3rd Ag in the Classroom Fair at the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn.

The program, which takes months to coordinate, incorporates the production, marketing and uses of agricultural products along with safety factors that are often forgotten or unrealized.

Children watched as a Holstein milk cow ate and drank her fill and was then hooked up to a mobile milking machine while they enjoyed a cup of ice cream. Other students had the opportunity to run cotton through a cotton gin, grind fresh peanuts into peanut butter, or munch on hot popcorn.

By the end of the fair, stu-

dents had viewed the powers of electricity, climbed on tractors, made the acquaintance of a number of farm animals, discussed the underground water system and even played a wildlife-trivia game.

All of this may not appear to be educational material, but for many children, even in this rural community, agriculture is no longer a daily part of their lives. Sponsors and coordinators expressed the belief that getting children involved in agriculture, at an early age, can make for a lifelong appreciation of things far removed from the technologically advanced day.

Presentations were not strictly limited to just agriculture, but also include other activities which are either affected by agriculture or directly impacts rural life.

Students learned electricity has been on some farms for less than 50 years. Combining this information with fact that milk is piped through large refrigerated pipes to even larger refrigerated tanks, made the students aware of how important electricity is to the dairies.

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Farwell couple buys seed firm

By **Dianna F. Dandridge**

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Timing, opportunity and common goals were reasons for the sale of a long-time agri-business, George Warner Seed Co. co-owner Bill Lyles said.

Lyles said Thursday he and George Warner had discussed the possibility of selling the company if they could find a buyer who would meet their primary goals: maintaining the name, reputation and research done by the company, and a commitment to keep all current employees.

"Maintaining the name and reputation of our company and assuring employee security

were our foremost concerns," Lyles said. "It's probably time to bring in some 'new blood' with some new ideas."

The new owners, Jerry and Pam Monk, reside in Farwell and currently own and operate Kelly Green Seeds Inc. The purchase price was not disclosed.

"We met with employees this morning and it went quite well," Monk said. "At this time, we see no changes for our customers or clients and we fully plan to pursue some of the research programs which were begun

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Jerry Monk of Farwell (left) and Bill Lyles, co-owner of Warner Seed Co. announced the sale of the Hereford business.



Accident victim aided — Hereford emergency personnel worked Thursday to remove Gracie Brown from her car after the 1994 Geo Metro she was driving collided with a 1990 Ford pickup driven by Johnny Trotter at the intersection of County Road 4 and Country Road 1, west of Hereford. According to emergency officials, Brown was southbound on CR 4 when Trotter pulled in front of her when leaving CR 1.

U.S. jobless rate is at 30-year low

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's unemployment rate held steady at a three-decade-low of 4.1 percent in December as 315,000 workers found jobs, the biggest gain since July.

The Labor Department reported today that December's jobless rate matched November's 4.1 percent, the lowest since a 3.9 percent rate in January 1970.

For all of 1999, the unemployment rate averaged 4.2 percent, the lowest since 3.5 percent in 1969 during the Vietnam War, making last year one of the most golden job

markets in years. In 1998, the unemployment rate averaged 4.5 percent.

Stock investors seemed to take the news in stride. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 140 points in the first hour of trading and the Nasdaq index, regaining ground lost in major sell-offs earlier this week, was up 80 points.

The bond market, worried that strong wage and job growth could lead to inflation in the future, reacted negatively. Bond prices fell as yields on the bellwether 30-year Treasury bonds climbed

to 6.57 percent from 6.55 percent late Thursday.

Employers added 315,000 jobs to their payrolls in December, much more than the 230,000 range many analysts were expecting. Workers found jobs at construction companies, engineering firms, health care centers and retail stores. But manufacturing continued to lose jobs.

President Clinton today credited information technology with helping "to create the unprecedented prosperity we enjoy at the end of the 20th century." He said the jobless rate for all of 1999 was

4.2 percent — "the lowest in 30 years, the lowest annual unemployment rate since 1969, the lowest unemployment rates for African-Americans and Hispanics ever recorded."

In October, 222,000 workers found jobs; the government had estimated 234,000.

For the year, employers added 2.7 million jobs, compared with 2.9 million in 1998.

"American workers are faring well in this economy," said Labor Secretary Alexis Herman. "They are sharing in our nation's prosperity and this is prosperity that is broadly shared," she said.

Average hourly earnings, a key gauge of inflation pressures, rose by 0.4 percent to \$13.46 in December, in line with the rise some analysts were forecasting. That was the largest gain since September.

While wage and job growth are good developments for workers, economists and members of the Federal Reserve worry that the combination could produce inflation down the road. Their shared concern is employers trying to lure scarce workers to fill job openings lure them with higher wages and benefits.

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Local roundup

Lions accept nominations

Past Presidents of the Lions Club are now accepting nominations for the Hereford "Citizen of the Year." Submit nominees name and a short resume as to why he or she should be Hereford's Citizen of the Year. Nominations must be received by noon on Jan. 11 at the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce or mailed to P.O. Box 192.

Ministerial Alliance meeting

The Hereford Ministerial Alliance will meet at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 11 at the Ranch House.

Koobraey 2000

The public is invited to the annual Koobraey (yearbook spelled backwards) event Thursday, Jan. 13 at the High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 and doors close promptly at 7 p.m. Advance tickets are available in room 102 at the High School.

Food Pantry collects Y2K food

The Hereford Food Pantry, 609 Park Ave., will be taking special collections of canned and staple goods which might have been purchased in lieu of possible Y2K problems, and which residents may not have room to store. Hereford Food Pantry is open from 1-5 p.m. Mon. and Fri. If unable to deliver the food to the Hereford Food Pantry contact Sally Walker at 364-5163 or Lajean Henry at 364-5324 and they will pick it up and deliver.

AC offers Hereford classes

Amarillo College will offer registration for Hereford classes from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12 at Hereford High School.

Courses offered will include business administration, computer information systems, criminal justice, English, government, history, math, office technology, psychology, reading and speech.

For more information contact Brian Hedrick at 363-7627.

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News digest

Killer may have worked at college

LEXINGTON, Ky.—A man accused of killing two teenagers in Kentucky and Texas may have worked at a college here the day of the Lexington girl's murder.

Documents show Tommy Lynn Sells probably worked at Transylvania University from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. An invoice from the school's accounting office authorized a temporary labor agency that Sells worked for to pay him for eight hours' work on Thursday, May 13 — the day Haley McHone was murdered.

Sells, who police describe as a rail-riding transient from Del Rio, Texas, never picked up the check.

Later that day, the 35-year-old was arrested at 11:52 p.m. when police found him intoxicated and passed out on a street corner, court records show. At the time, Sells had been living, homeless, in Lexington for about two weeks, police said.

ELSEWHERE: COLLEGE STATION: Texas A&M has spent at least \$292,000 on costs related to the deadly November bonfire collapse and has set aside another \$225,000 for investigation of the accident, records show.

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Obituaries

LELIA THURMOND CALDWELL

Jan. 6, 2000

Services for Lelia Thurmond Caldwell, 76, of Hereford will be 11 a.m. Saturday at West Park Cemetery with Harold L. Green officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Rix Funeral Home.

Mrs. Caldwell died Thursday at her home.

She was born Nov. 26, 1923, in Hereford and graduated from Hereford High School in 1939. She married Pete Caldwell on Aug. 19, 1940. She worked for C.R. Anthony's for many years as a bookkeeper. Mrs. Caldwell was very active in the Hereford Senior Citizens and a member of the Avenue Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Tommie Lee Caldwell of Woodland Park, Colo., Doug Caldwell of McKinney; three sisters, Leah Goldstone of Eureka, Calif., Willie Carder of Amarillo, Lyn Green of Phoenix, Ariz.; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1992.

The family suggests memorials be made to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice or the Don & Sybil Harrington Center.

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WALTER R. GALLEY

Jan. 5, 2000

Services for Walter R. Galley, 94, formerly of Hereford, will be 2 p.m. Saturday at West Park Cemetery with Rev. Paul McClung officiating. Services are under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Galley died Wednesday at the Bertram Community Care Center.

He was born Nov. 5, 1905, in Traer, Iowa, to Charles Peter Galley and Elfeeda Childs.

He came to Deaf Smith County in about 1912, where he lived in a "half soddy" for a number of years. He graduated from Hereford High and moved to Wichita, Kan., where he met and married his first wife, Martha Posey. He returned to Deaf Smith County where he farmed until 1957. He later moved to Colorado, Arizona, and finally back to the Bertram area.

He is survived by his current wife, Dorothy Galley of Mesa, Ariz.; one son, Clifford H. Galley of Burnet; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, one sister, his first wife and his daughter.

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Hard lesson learned - Emergency crews responded to a reported vehicle-pedestrian accident late Thursday afternoon. They arrived to find Catalina Ruiz, 37, had left her vehicle parked and running near the library. Reports indicate Ruiz's vehicle slipped into reverse and Ruiz was struck when she attempted to catch the vehicle.

College entrance scores up

Study reports fewer dropouts, more college attendance

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite widespread public perception that America's public schools are failing, an analysis of two decades of government data reveals SAT scores are rising, more students are achieving in math and science and college enrollment is up.

A report issued today by the Center on Education Policy and the American Youth Policy Forum compares U.S. schools in the 1980s with classrooms of the mid- to late-1990s and concludes there are many positive trends.

The study, "The Good News About American Education," found that fewer students are dropping out, students are taking more challenging courses

and more students with disabilities are finding their way into mainstream classrooms.

"Critics and reformers are overemphasizing the bad and slighting the good. We're saying that of course we have to do better, but we've moved a far distance in 15 years," said Jack Jennings, a former Education Department official who now directs the Center on Education Policy, which advocates for public schools. "The public sounds like it's giving up on the public schools, and we have to take a long, deep breath."

The report acknowledges that much work is yet to be done but was based on statistics from the Education Department that generally paint a brighter picture. The study notes that the overall dropout rate declined by 4 percent and the rate among black youth dropped 8 percent between 1972 and 1997, the latest year

for which figures were available.

Among the study's other findings:

—Scores on the math portion of the SAT increased 17 points and verbal scores increased 2 points between 1983 and 1999.

—Scores on standardized science and math achievement tests improved among 9-, 13-, and 17-year-old students between 1982 and 1996.

—14 percent more students went on to college in 1997 than in 1983.

Looking at school crime overall between 1993 and 1997, the study found the rate dropped from 155 to 102 incidents per 1,000 children. Violent crimes dropped by 19 incidents and seriously violent crime decreased by 4 incidents for every 1,000 students, the study said.

The report did not include a recent spate of school shootings in Colorado, Oregon, Arkansas and elsewhere.

"Although recent, tragic school shootings have reminded the nation that violent death at school is intolerable no matter how rare an event, children are safer in schools than in the community or at home," the report concludes.

Samuel Halperin, a senior fellow with the American Youth Policy Forum, said that even if the recent shootings had been included, the crime rate in public schools still would have declined.

"It's always the spectacular thing that gets everyone's attention, but we have to get the whole picture," he said. "This report is not saying crime is not a problem. We're just saying that it's declining."

Jeanne Brennan, a spokeswoman for Education Trust, an advocacy group for poor minority students, said the study is shortsighted on gaps in achievement between minorities and white students.

Halperin acknowledged that the disparity is "much too large" but said statistics show the gap is narrowing. For example, among 9-year-olds the difference between black and white students' math achievement scores was an average of 29 points on a standardized achievement test in 1982, while the difference was 25 points in 1996.

"We're not saying by any stretch of the imagination that we're where we ought to be. We're just saying let's stop all the incessant bashing and look at some of the real numbers," he said.

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Texas lottery

Cash Five

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:
24-1-10-23-33

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
2-4-0

High courts tackle TAAS

Harvard study shows test hurts minorities

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texas' public school test hurts minority and low-income children, according to two Harvard University studies that will be presented in Washington today.

A San Antonio federal judge is also expected to decide today whether the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills infringes on the rights of black and Hispanic students when used as a graduation requirement.

The reports, commissioned by Harvard's Civil Rights Project and disputed by Texas officials, say minorities disproportionately fail tests that determine grade promotion or graduation and are the biggest victims of the tests' secondhand effects.

"Almost nobody in the testing business seriously believes that that's an appropriate use of tests," Gary Orfield, a Harvard education professor and co-director of the research center, told the San Antonio Express-News. "It has the potential of denying a high school diploma and making unemployable hundreds of thousands of minorities across the country."

Orfield said the timing of the TAAS decision and the Washington presentation is coincidental.

The studies are two of 12 reports to be published later this year in a book about the impact of high-stakes testing on minorities.

Four researchers from the University of Texas and Rice, Columbia and Michigan State universities conducted the TAAS studies. In October, two of them testified in the San Antonio trial for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, which filed the lawsuit in 1997.

The Civil Rights Project researchers concluded:

— Pressure to raise TAAS scores leads teachers to spend class time drilling students on practice exams and test-taking strategies.

— Teachers ignore other subject areas when required or encouraged to substitute TAAS preparation for the curriculum in those courses.

— TAAS preparation crowds out other forms of learning and more engaging projects such as library research, science experiments and long-term writing assignments.

"The test itself, and the system of testing and test preparation, have in poor and minority schools come to supplant the opportunity for high quality, meaningful learning," the report concludes.

But a Texas Education Agency spokeswoman told the newspaper that the study applies only to a small number of schools.

"It looks like a lot of the report is based on anecdotal information, and I'm sure you can find a small number of schools that spend too much time on TAAS preparation," Debbie Graves Ratcliffe said. "But as you've heard us say many, many times, the TAAS test is based on the curriculum. If teachers teach the TAAS test, their students will pass."

The second study, which is less critical and summarizes the use of such tests in Texas, New York and Minnesota, points out that while the gap between minority and white TAAS scores at the 10th-grade level has shrunk over time, it remains in the double digits.

"Although the increasing cumulative pass rates from 1996 to 1998 are encouraging," the study says, "the overall impression is that these tests are, and will remain for some time, an impediment to the graduation prospects of African-American and Hispanic youth."

LIFESTYLES

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New years celebrations were held at King's Manor Methodist Home and Westgate Nursing Home. Activities began during the afternoon for Westgate residents. Social worker Shelly Moss is shown in photo at right dancing with one of the residents. Some hearty souls at King's Manor, in photo above, managed to stay up and toast in the new year with sparkling grape juice.



Girl Scout cookie sale kick-off begins with Saturday breakfast

Hereford Girl Scouts will begin their annual cookie sale Saturday.

A kick-off breakfast will be held for the Girl Scouts at the Hereford Community Center. The girls will receive their order forms and will have until 3 p.m. to collect as many cookie orders as they can.

The top 10 sellers for the day will receive prizes donated by local merchants.

Cookies available this year include the old favorite plus a new cookie called "Animal Treasures" which is a shortbread cookie layered on one side with chocolate and embossed on the other side with an endangered animal design.

"Girl Scouts have safety rules they must follow, so we are asking everyone not to invite the girls into their homes," Lorna Haws, cookie

sale coordinator, said. "And if you will be moving within the next month, please furnish a forwarding address."

The cookie sale will continue through Jan. 24 and the price is still \$2.50 per box. Delivery of orders will be between Feb. 19-March 10.

Booth sales will be held at various locations around town with times and places to be announced.

What's for Lunch

School Menus

HEREFORD I.S.D.

Breakfast

MONDAY-Pancakes with syrup; or cereal, buttered toast, fruit punch juice, milk choice.

TUESDAY-Breakfast pizza; or cereal, buttered toast, orange quarters, milk choice.

WEDNESDAY-Scrambled eggs, 1/2 cinnamon raisin bagel; or cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk choice.

THURSDAY-Little smokie, biscuit and jelly; or cereal, buttered toast, mixed fruit, milk choice.

FRIDAY-Cinnamon tasterie; or cereal, buttered toast, apple juice, milk choice.

Lunch

MONDAY-Lasagna, garden

salad with dressing, seasoned corn, cornbread, apple crisp, milk choice.

TUESDAY-Steak fingers with gravy, fluffy potatoes, black-eyed peas, angel biscuits, "candied" apple half, milk choice.

WEDNESDAY-Stromboli, tater tots with catsup, mixed vegetables, orange cream bar, milk choice.

THURSDAY-Chicken fajitas with picante sauce, lettuce and tomatoes, Spanish rice, refried beans, pear delite, cinnamon roll, milk choice.

FRIDAY-Chili dog with mustard, border beans, steak fried with catsup, fruit salad, yellow brick cookie, milk choice.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL
MONDAY-Pigs in a blanket, vegetarian beans, tater tots, pineapple, milk.

TUESDAY-Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, mixed fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Tacos, pinto beans, tossed salad, peach crisp, milk.

THURSDAY-Ham and cheese melts, french fries, corn, cherry cobbler, milk.

FRIDAY-Nacho grande, refried beans, lettuce-tomato, raisin oatmeal cookie, milk.

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Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Readers: I just came across an article in the November issue of the Mayo Clinic Health Letter. It said studies indicate that people who enjoy "social support" — good relationships with family, friends and partners — tend to live longer, healthier lives. Here are some suggested tips for meeting new people:

1. Be a "joiner." Join a community organization, a special-interest group or a book club. Scan community calendars and senior center listings for ideas. Create your own group.
2. Travel. Contact a travel agent about special tours for older people or singles.
3. Be a good sport. Attend local spectator events. Meet fellow golfers on the driving range. Take classes in a new sport, or join an exercise class.
4. Get a pet. Pets are attention-grabbers. Take advantage of their magnetic personalities by making conversation with people who stop and talk.
5. Study up. Take a class in finance, gardening, computers

or cooking. Finish your degree, or earn another one. Check community colleges for adult-education classes.

6. Share your knowledge or talent. Teach what you know — financial planning, cooking, sewing, music, and so on.

7. Volunteer. Read with elementary students. Visit a homebound neighbor. Work at a local shelter, food bank or meals program. Be a mentor to a youngster or colleague.

8. Be neighborly. Invite a neighbor over for dinner. Start a friendship by asking a favor.

9. Attend worship services. Studies show that older people who attend religious services live longer than those who don't attend services.

Dear Readers: This news story, which appeared in the Toledo Blade, was sent to me by Tracey Elmore of Maumee, Ohio. It was written by Carl Ryan, a Blade staff writer. The many so-called authorities on marriage would do well to check in with Floyd and Millie Bucher. He is 101 years old, and she is 97. These

two speak from 78 years of experience.

Floyd and Millie live in a nursing home in Springfield Township, Ohio. Floyd says the secret of a lasting marriage is, "Keep your mouth closed when you get angry." Millie says her best advice is, "Keep your secrets. Don't let people know all your business. Then, they can't cause so much trouble."

Floyd met Millie in Toledo's Walbridge Park, and they married in 1921. Even though they had no money, Floyd said those days were great. He and Millie would play cards after supper, and the loser would have to do the dishes. Their financial circumstances improved when Floyd, who only had a sixth-grade education, founded his own construction company in 1945. His grandsons run the company today.

Before starting his company, Floyd was a homebuilder, and earned enough money to enable his wife to quit her job at a paper box company when

their three children began arriving. Their daughter, Jane, said her father's lack of education never kept him from being a quick study when he wanted to get something done. "He could learn to build a stairway by reading a book," she said.

When Millie's health began to deteriorate, Floyd took care of her for seven years, until the duties became more than he could handle. She moved into the nursing home in May. He followed a month later. They live in different parts of the home, because Millie needs 24-hour care, but they visit each other every day. Floyd says, "The Lord has been very good to us. Life is grand."

Ann Landers' booklet, "Nuggets and Doozies," has everything from the outrageously funny to the poignantly insightful. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Nuggets, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562.

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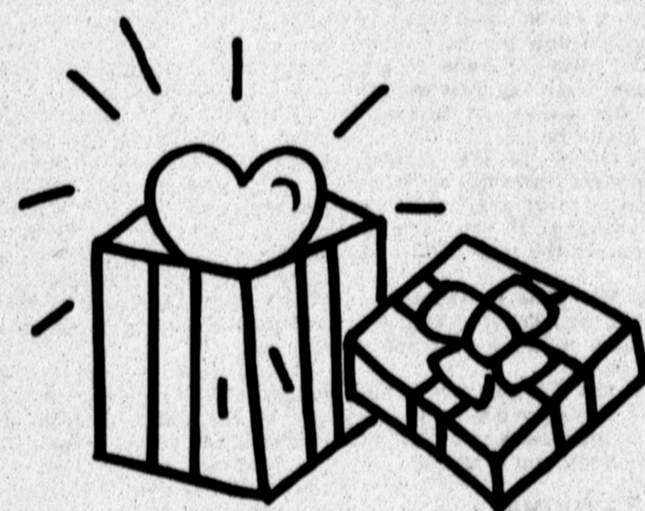
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CHURCH NEWS

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FAITH MISSION CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Come and worship with us at Faith Mission Church of God in Christ, 307-309 Brevard.
Sunday School is at 10 a.m. We teach it like it is.
Morning worship is at 11 a.m. We preach it like it is.
Richard Collins, pastor, said, "We neither take from, nor add to, what's written in The Book."

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Tammy Passmore and the members of Wesley invite you to visit our services each Sunday.
Sunday school is at 10 a.m. and the worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday evening worship service begins at 6.
The first Sunday of each month is Communion Sunday.

TEMPLO EL CALVARIO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. Josue D. Garsa, pastor, and Ben Gonzales, minister of youth, invite you to the bilingual services at Templo El Calvario.
Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. with worship at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Monday youth services are at 7 p.m.
Wednesday evening service is at 7.
There is a children's service during the Sunday and Wednesday evening services.
A nursery is provided for all services.
For more information, call 364-5686.

SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH
Brother Ella Parson and the congregation of Summerfield Baptist Church extend a warm welcome to come and worship with us. We are located 8 miles west of Hereford on Hwy. 80.
Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m.
Sunday evening worship service is at 6. The Wednesday service begins at 7 p.m. The study is on Proverbs.
There will be no meetings for Acteen youth, R.A.s or G.A.s until the end of January.
We have a nursery, and transportation is only a phone call away.
For more information, call 357-2535 or 364-5657.

BARN CHURCH
Pastor Randy Bird invites everyone to attend the Barn Church services every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Bring your friends and come for fellowship and a wonderful time of celebrating the abundant blessings God has given us.
Barn Church is located 6 miles west on Harrison Hwy. And then 2 1/2 miles north on Hwy. 1057.
Check the schedule of events in this month's newsletter to find out about January activities at Barn Church.

AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Jim Bulin and the congregation of Avenue Baptist Church, 130 North 25 Mile Avenue, invite you to worship with them.
Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship follows at 11. Rev. Bulin's sermon title will be "The Christian Life: Carnal or Spiritual," from Romans 8:1-8. We will observe the Lord's Supper during the morning worship.
There will be a Deacon's meeting Sunday at 5 p.m.
The evening worship service is at 6. Rev. Bulin will continue The End Times series with "Stars and Candlesticks, Part 1" from Revelation 1:20-2:29.
The Ladies Prayer group meets at 6 p.m. Monday. Choir practice is 7:30 p.m. Monday.
Avenue Baptist is bringing a Bible study to the residents of Hereford Care Center at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. Feel free to join us as we study and sing in ministry to these good people.
Women on Mission will meet every Wednesday at 12 noon. All women of the church are invited to bring your lunch and meet in the fellowship hall. The Children on Mission will continue to meet each Wednesday at 6 p.m. Children K through grade 6 are invited to come and bring their friends as we study about God and missions, do crafts and have fun.
Wednesday night is the regular monthly business meeting at 6:30. There will be a short prayer service before the meeting. If you have a prayer request call the church office at 364-1664.
The Youth ABC time is Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All young people are invited to participate in the youth group.
Avenue Baptist Church has Bible teaching and Bible preaching. If you are looking for a church and a place to serve God, we invite you to join us.

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rejoice always. Of His Kingdom there will be no end.
On the First Sunday after Epiphany, the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ, our rector The Rev. Dr. Lamuel G. Salik, will be the celebrant for Sunday morning services at 11 at St. Thomas.
We extend a cordial welcome to our visitors and newcomers. All baptized persons are invited to receive communion at the Lord's Table.
Refreshments and fellowship take place in the Parish Hall after the Sunday services. Gary Brommer is Epiphany King. There will be Epiphany cake served.
The Wednesday night Litany of Healing Services starts at 7 with the Laying on of Hands and Communion. At 7:45, there is Bible study and fellowship in the Parish Hall.
Heavenly Treasures Day Care meets at St. Thomas on Monday through Friday. For information on enrollment, please call Sylvia Martinez at 363-6468.
In case of emergency call Jerre Clark at 364-0943.
Anyone in need of pastoral service including counseling or visiting or any questions, please call Father Salik at St. Thomas 364-0146, home 364-57008 or cellular 346-3485.
If you need a ride to church, call 364-0146 and leave a message.

GENESIS CHURCH
Pastor Jesse Rinoones and the congregation of Genesis Church invite you and your family to join in worship and praise this Sunday. Our Spanish speaking service begins at 9 a.m. followed by Bible study classes for all ages at 10 a.m. Our English speaking service begins at 11 a.m. You are invited to make plans and bring the entire family to worship together with us.
Membership class, Genesis 101, is at 6 p.m. Sunday for all who would like to be part of this church family, current and new members. Come and discover God's love and purpose for you. You will be comforted and challenged by the word of God, spoken through Pastor Jesse. God has something special prepared for you.
The church is located just outside the city limits on N. Hwy. 385. Please accept this as a personal invitation for you and your family from Pastor Rinoones. For more information call 364-2034 or 364-5765.

GOOD NEWS CHURCH
Sugarland Mall
Pastor David Alvarado and the Good News congregation invite you to come and worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us in the spirit of love.
Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Weeknight services are at 7 p.m.
If you have any questions or you need prayer, please call Pastor David Alvarado at 364-5239. God bless you.

NEW HOPE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
18th and Avenue H
The members of New Hope Church of the Nazarene and their pastor Tony de Aquino invite you to worship with them.
Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship is at 10:30. Evening worship is at 6 on Sunday and 7 on Wednesday.
The youth meet Friday at 7 p.m.
There are monthly meetings for men and women.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Travis Curry and the members of Bible Baptist Church would like to invite you to worship with us each Sunday morning at 10 for Sunday School and at 11 for the worship service. We also meet at 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 p.m. on Wednesday.
We would like to be a blessing to you and to your entire family.
We are located at 1204 Moreman, on the corner of Greenwood and Moreman. If you need more information or transportation, please call 364-3102 or 364-5157.

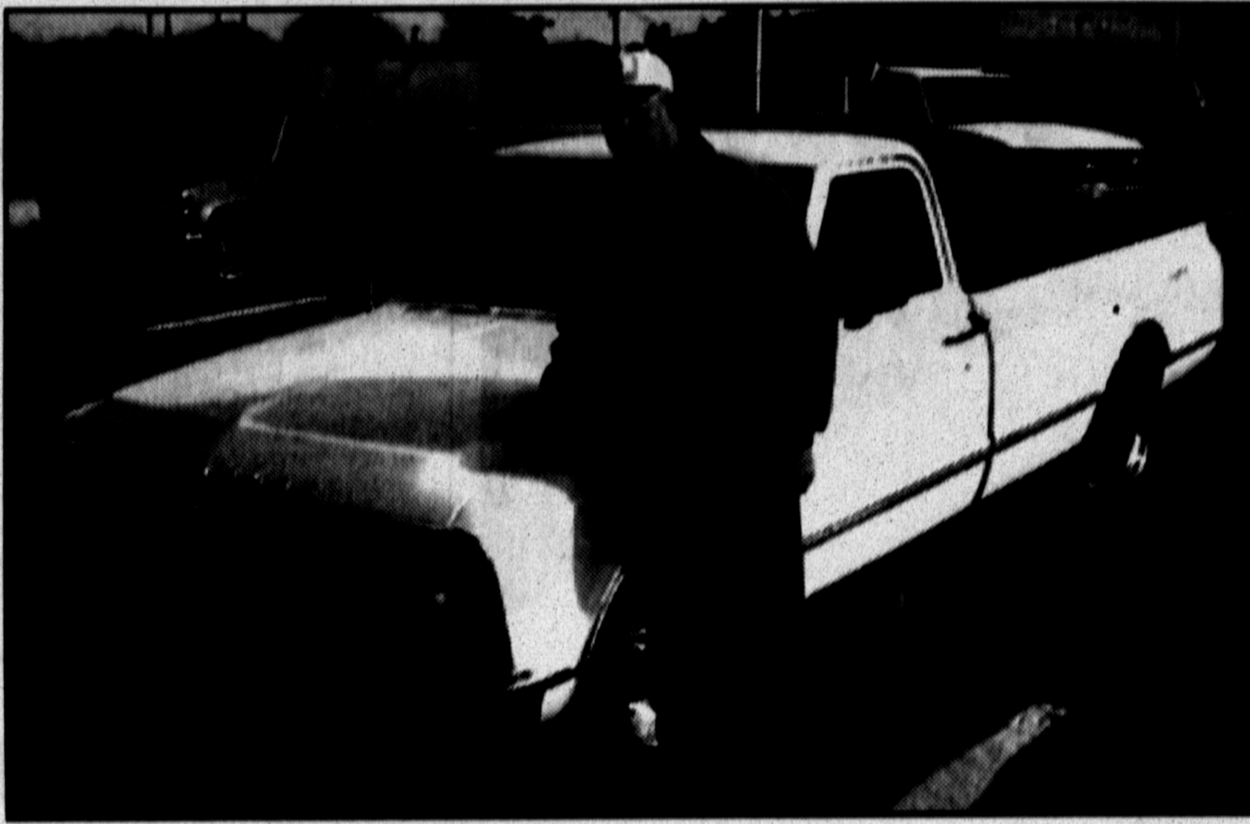
WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
Westway at Westway Baptist urge each of you to join with us as we worship. Each week we are blessed by joining together in prayer, praise and worship.
Come and be encouraged as Pastor Mark Purifoy preaches Christ and Him crucified, arisen and alive.
Sunday school is at 10 a.m., morning worship is at 11 and Sunday evening Bible study is at 6.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Pastor Mike Sullivan and the church family of Hereford First Assembly of God would like to invite you to worship with us this Sunday. In our morning worship service at 10:45, Pastor Sullivan will speak on the subject, "Hungering for More of God." We believe there needs to be more than just a knowledge of God, there must be a desire to be intimate with Him. If you desire more than just religion in your life, this service is for you.
Sunday evening at 6 we are starting a monthly series entitled, "The Heartbeat of Our Pastors." Our guest will be Rev. Richard Collins, pastor of Faith Mission Church, and his congregation. This will be a wonderful time of strengthening of the body of Christ.
Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m., with coffee and doughnuts served prior to all those that come early to solve the world's problems. Preparational prayer begins 30 minutes before the services.
During the week, our Ladies Burning Bush group meets for prayer and study on Tuesdays at 10 a.m., and our Royal Rangers and Missionettes programs meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday is Family Night, with Team Trinity Youth, our Children's Service, and our mid-week prayer and Bible study for adults in the sanctuary. All that starts at 7 p.m. A nursery is provided for all services.
If you have a home church, be faithful to it. If not, come be with us or any of the great churches here in Hereford. You and your family need to be impacted by the love of Jesus Christ. If you need a ride, prayer, or general information, please call 364-0305. At First Assembly, you come in to worship, but go out to serve.

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
Christians need protective gear just like bikers, skaters and football players. What is this special gear and how are we supposed to use it in our daily lives? Join Pastor Brady Boyd this Sunday as he begins a series entitled, "The Armor of God." Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. at 401 W. Park Ave. and professional childcare is available.
Trinity Fellowship believes in a passionate expression of worship that glorifies God, a commitment to prayer and service and a devotion to developing a lifelong intimacy with Christ.
Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. and is designed for children and adults of all ages. We have one adult class that is studying Francis Frangipane's book "The Three Battlefronts," and another that focuses on the marriage relationship.
Son Seekers children's church and Sunday school is a true worship and teaching experience designed just for children.
Each Sunday night, our youth meet for ministry and worship at 6. This is a special time of praise and worship, teaching and fellowship that will encourage your teens to radically

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY
Christian Assembly is a non-denominational church. We have Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday nights at 7 there is prayer meeting at the church, and the "in home" youth group, RU4 HIM. There is also a women's prayer group that meets at 2 p.m. Thursdays.
We don't look alike. We don't act alike. We don't dress alike. We aren't all the same color. We are all alike in wanting to welcome new people and love them, so please feel free to join us in worshiping and seeking the Lord. You can also call 364-0974, 364-2284 or 364-7342 for more information.

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
Come worship with us each and every Sunday at 10:25 a.m. and 6 p.m. Bible Classes are held Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for all ages.
We are located at the corner of Sunset and Plains.
We would like to invite everyone to hear "In Search of the Lord's Way" by Mack Lyon each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. on Channel 4, Amarillo.
We would love to have you come and study God's word with us.



Proud owner of the classic Chevrolet pickup awarded in a drawing held by the youth of First United Methodist Church is John Bunch. Funds from the event will benefit the "One-Eighty" youth program.

serve Jesus.
Trinity Fellowship has begun a strategic time of intercessory prayer and worship each Wednesday at 7 p.m. We are targeting specific issues that are confronting our city and families.
The next citywide worship service will be Jan. 16 at Trinity Fellowship Church and will feature Roger Hodges and his worship band. The service will also be a time to pray for the sanctity of life and healing for those who have suffered from the pain of abortion.
Youth Breakthrough 2000 is scheduled for Jan. 22-24 and Jan. 26 at four different local churches. These youth services will feature worship, prayer and a message from Dave Boyd of Trinity Fellowship Church in Amarillo.

COMMUNITY CHURCH
Pastor Dorman Duggan and the congregation of Community Church invite you to come and worship and praise with them Sunday morning.
Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. and the morning worship service starts at 10:30. A nursery is provided.
The Intercessory Prayer Group meets Monday at 6 p.m.
Tuesday morning at 9:30 the Ladies Prayer Group meets.
On Wednesday we have our Children's Church and Youth Group meet at 7 p.m. Also, we have our Home Groups for anyone over 18-years-of-age. Call 364-8866 for information on places and times for Home Groups.
For more information or if you need prayer, call 364-8866 or 364-2423.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Pastor Ed Warren and the church congregation invite the public to all services at the church located on S. Hwy. 385 and Columbia St.
For additional information, call 364-3487.

COUNTRY ROAD CHURCH OF GOD
401 Country Club Drive
Pastor Woody Wiggins and the church congregation invite the public to attend all services and activities at the church.
The following is the regular schedule of services.
Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Services are conducted at 6 p.m. each Wednesday.
Thursday evening prayer service is at 6 p.m.
Gospel singing will be held the last Sunday of each month starting at 5 p.m.
A nursery is provided during all services.
Pastor Wiggins says, "Come and experience what God is doing here - a church where the Spirit is alive and God is moving by His power, a church full of love where you are somebody and Jesus is Lord."
Our 24 hour prayer line is 364-5390.

FRIO BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Larry Perkins and the congregation of Frio Baptist Church welcome all to worship with them. The church is located 5 miles south of Hereford on Hwy. 1055.
For more information call 276-5380 or 276-5616.

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY
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Our minister is Tom Bailey.
NEW BEGINNINGS ASSEMBLY OF GOD BILINGUAL CHURCH
The congregation of New Beginnings along with Pastor Armando Pinales and his wife, Nilda, would cordially like to invite you to join us this Sunday morning at 9:45 for an incredible study. There are classes for all ages, so bring your kids.
Sunday evening praise and worship is at 6.
Wednesday night Bible study is at 7. Youth service is at 7 p.m. Friday.
The ladies meet for prayer and Bible study on Thursdays at 7 p.m.
If you need prayer call 363-0104.
God bless you. See you in church. We are located at 503 E. 13th St.

FIRST UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Pastor Warren McKibbin is pleased to announce the opening of an Acts 2:38 Bible believing church. We welcome all for a truly down to earth praise and worship experience with our Lord.
If you are seeking answers, come and let's worship together in the name of Jesus. If you are looking for a blessing and still believe in miracles, then this is the place to come. We are one big happy family of God.
We invite all to attend our services at 2 p.m. Sunday.
For further information, call 1-800-454-6051.

DAWN BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Charles Ellingburg invites you to come and worship with the Dawn Baptist Church.
Sunday School classes for anyone from Nursery through Adult III begin at 10 a.m. Adult III will still be studying Jonah. Everyone is welcome for Sunday school.
Sunday morning service is at 11.
Evening service starts at 6 with singing of favorite hymns.
Wednesday night at 7 is Bible study with a fellowship dinner.
We are still praying for the growth of our church and 10 new members.
If you need a church to worship and hear the Word, then Dawn Baptist Church is the place for you. If you have further questions, you may call Pastor Ellingburg at 258-7330.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
San Jose Catholic Church wishes you and your loved ones a very prosperous 2000 filled with faith, hope and love.
Weekend liturgies are at 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday, El Bautismo del Senor and at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Baptism of the Lord. Our celebrant for this weekend is Msgr. Joe E. Bixenman.
At 7 p.m. Monday there will be 15 Anos formation for teens interested in celebrating their 15th birthday in the church.
Baptismal Formation is at 7 p.m. Tuesday and also the Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults.
Total Youth Ministry meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday.
Communion service and Charismatic Prayer meeting are at 7 p.m. Thursday.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

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for those who might fit into such a mix of ordinary people.
We enjoy hot coffee and refreshments at 9:15 a.m. A loving but loosely structured Sunday school for all meets at 9:30. Gathered worship begins at 10:30. We will worship meaningfully and intentionally until 11:23 and then dismiss so that those who so choose can make the 11:35 Dallas at Minnesota kickoff.
And, by the way, Feb. 6 marks FOB's 10th anniversary as a duly constituted church. Dr. Doug Manning will return to preach on that Sunday as we celebrate 10 years of love and surprises.
A supervised nursery is available at all services.
The FOB facility is located at 245 N. Kingwood (at Moreman).

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
First Church extends a warm welcome to their morning worship services at 8:30 and 10:45 Sunday. Dr. Tom Fuller will bring the message titled "Here's What to Hear" from Matthew 25:1-13. The anthem will be "O Magnify the Lord," sung by the Sanctuary Choir under Bill Nelson's direction.
United Methodist Men will convene for a breakfast meeting at 8 a.m. Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.
Winners of the Sunday School Scramble will be honored at the Banquet of Champions in Fellowship Hall on Sunday immediately following the second worship service. Members of the non-winning classes are asked to bring covered dishes to feed the winners: Kindergarten 3 and 4-year-olds, High School and Homebuilders.
John Bunch was the winner of the classic Chevrolet pickup awarded in the drawing benefiting the "One-Eighty" youth program.
Junior high and senior high youth will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Sanctuary Choir practices at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.
The Church Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Ward Parlor.
Singles Mingle will host a church-wide Game Night and covered dish meal at 6:30 Jan. 15 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Immanuel and Pastor Erik Stadler invite you to come worship with us Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We are located at the corner of Avenue B and Park.
We hope to have you join us at any one of our services or activities at Immanuel. If you have questions, contact Immanuel Lutheran Church at 364-1668.
HEREFORD CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Pastor Ted Taylor and the Nazarene congregation invite you to join us at 10:30 a.m. Sunday for our morning worship service. Pastor Ted's message will be "Holy Boldness" taken from Acts 7:51-60.
We would love for you to be here for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. We have all the children's grade classes and a number of adult classes for you to choose from.
Sunday nights, through the month of January, Pastor Ted's class will study the "Early Church," living counter-culturally like the early church in the book of Acts.
Wednesday evening at 7, Pastor Ted begins his study on "David."
Ladies Precept Bible Study will meet from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday beginning this weekend.
Pastor Carol invites the children to Children's Church at 10:30 a.m. Her Power Point this week is "Build your life on the right things." Word Rangers, the puppet team and K-4-K-5 Jesus and the SonShine Band will meet Wednesday from 7:15-8:15 p.m.
Teen Disciple Now Weekend is this weekend through Sunday luncheon after morning service. There is no Team Ministry Sunday, but we will have open gym at 7:15 p.m.
Susie will hold her Bible study at 10 a.m. on Jan. 14 in the sanctuary. A nursery is provided.
Bring your favorite dish and join us for our Faith Promise Program at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 15 in the new Fellowship Hall. Dr. Chuck Galley from the Nazarene Theological Seminary will speak at the morning service on Jan. 16.
Our church, along with other Ministerial Alliance churches, has proclaimed Jan. 16-23 as "Sanctity of Life Week" and will be praying for the unborn children of our nation.
Nazarene Kid's Korner Day Care is open on Wednesday and Friday from

7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. We are planning to see the movie "Stewart Little," so watch for details. For more information, call NKK at 364-8161 and talk to Monica Holcombe.
ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
This weekend the Catholic Church celebrates The Baptism of the Lord and it's also Vocations Awareness Week. The scriptures are Isaiah 42:1-7, Acts 10:34-38 and Mark 1:7-11. All are welcome to worship with us at St. Anthony's liturgies at 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday.
Baptism Class for January is at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Teacher's Lounge.
There will be a Reunion-Social for R.C.I.A. candidates after the 6 p.m. liturgy on Jan. 23. Location and more details will be provided later.
The Second Annual Follies will be held Jan. 25, starting with the noon meal. All high school youth who are interested in being involved in the show are asked to be in the cafeteria at 4 p.m. this Sunday.
Retrouville, a weekend retreat for hurting marriages, will be held at Bishop DeFalso Center Jan. 31-23. Call 363-8913 for more information.
Amarillo Right to Life will hold its annual Walk for Life on Jan. 23. Call 372-9993 for details.
Women at the Well, a spirituality group for women will present "The Power of Freedom: The Bent-Over Woman," from 7-8 p.m. on Jan. 24. Call 383-1811 to learn more.
Helen Noyes is the new chairperson for the Family Affairs Commission. Helen replaces Connie Backus who now assumes the position as co-chair of St. Anthony's Parish Organization.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
The friendly folks of First Presbyterian Church welcome you to our fellowship and service of worship. At our 10:30 a.m. service this Sunday, David Watts will preach a sermon titled "By Faith," based on Joshua 6:20-21 and Hebrews 11:1.
We have a variety of Sunday morning classes for all ages and for people with special challenges as well as mid-week Bible studies and a men's book study. Come and take part in the opportunity to grow in faith and increase in love.
Everyone is welcome to join us for our time of Sunday morning fellowship and a cup of coffee in the Large Fellowship Hall of the back parking lot. We start at 10:10 a.m. and wrap up before worship.
Junior and Senior High youth groups meet at 7 p.m. Sunday at the church with youth director Doug Gumfroy.
Prayer Group gathers in praise and intercession at 6 p.m. Monday.
Check out our new Playgroup for Moms and their young children. They meet from 10:15-11 a.m. Wednesday. Call Amy at 363-6967 for more information.
Youth and children's Wednesday night program, LOGOS, meets from 6:15-7:15 p.m. Dinner is served.
The Sanctuary Choir meets at 8 p.m. Wednesday for practice.
All men are welcome to join Mike Schueler for a light breakfast and book study of "The Man in the Mirror" by Patrick M. Morley Friday at 6:45 a.m.
Come see what's happening at First Presbyterian Church. We'd love to welcome you as one of the family. Contact us at frstpres@att.net or 364-2471. We're located at 610 N. Lee St.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH
The Temple Baptist Church congregation and the pastor, H. Wyatt Bartlett, invite everyone to join them Sunday morning for worship. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship is at 11.
Wednesday evening join us for prayer and Bible study as we do throughout the year. Temple Baptist will be happy to pray for your request anytime in the year 2000.
Starting this Sunday, we will once again have new sessions for Adult Discipleship Training and for the 1st-6th graders in TeamKID. The new TeamKID theme is "God's Way, My Way." TeamKID will meet Sundays at 5:30 p.m. and Adult Discipleship Training is at 6:45 p.m.

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Editor's Note regarding Church News
The Hereford Brand publishes Church News items as a community service. Churches in Deaf Smith County are invited to submit information about upcoming church activities for publication in the Church News listing. Information must be submitted to the Brand offices by 5 p.m. Wednesday for the following Friday's paper. News items may be edited for length.

SPORTS

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Jazz beat Mavericks, 102-95

DALLAS (AP) — Don Nelson was so upset with Karl Malone and the officials that the Dallas Mavericks coach physically confronted the massive Utah Jazz star.

Nelson bumped Malone in the third quarter after the Dallas coach was ejected for arguing about a foul call on a play involving Malone in Utah's 105-92 victory Thursday night.



Karl Malone "I was taught when I was little to respect my elders, but you're totally out of line when you get in a player's face," said Malone, who had 24 points and 11 rebounds. "He crossed the line and I have no respect for that."

Malone said a physical confrontation between the 59-year-old Nelson and the 6-foot-9, 260-pound power forward would be, "like a Volkswagon and an 18-wheeler."

"That's the first time a coach has bumped me in 15 years," Malone added. "I realize he's an older fellow, but he's probably overmatched."

Nelson and Dallas center Shawn Bradley were ejected in the second half, and Jazz coach Jerry Sloan was tossed out with 3:37 to play. There were eight technical fouls in the game.

Nelson was ejected with 6:04 left in the third quarter when he was hit with a double technical for arguing a call by referee Scott Wall.

Bradley was whistled for a foul against Malone, whose knee struck Bradley's midsection as Bradley tried to draw a charge. Bradley was on the floor for several minutes before he was helped to the locker room.

Nelson continued to argue the call after Bradley left the court, and Wall ejected Nelson. The Mavericks coach then confronted Malone, bumping Malone before the two were separated and Nelson was escorted out of the arena.

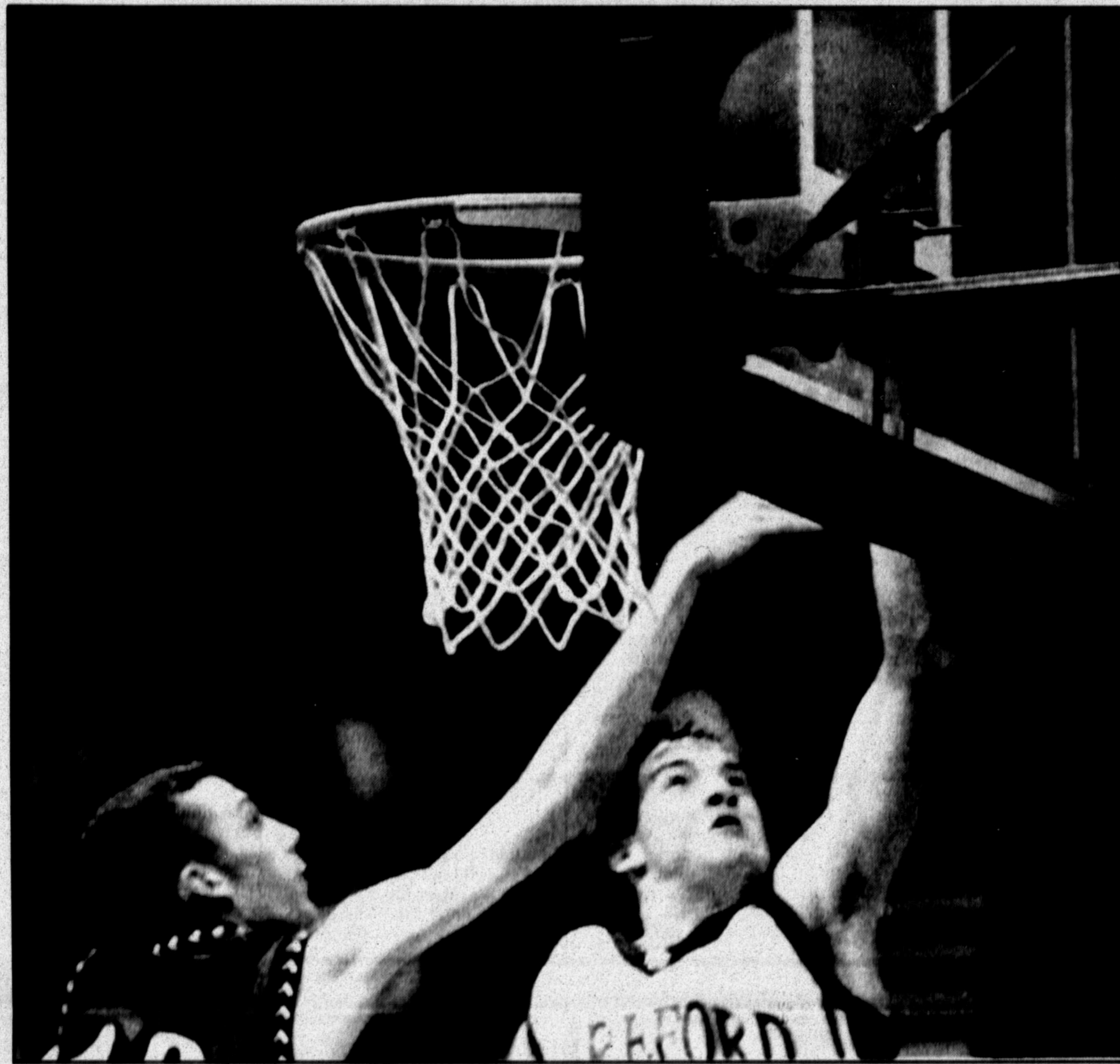
Nelson's son and top assistant coach, Donnie, took over the team, and Donnie Nelson was slapped with a technical with 4:53 left in the third quarter for going into the court to protest a no-call.

Bradley returned to start the fourth quarter, but picked up his second technical of the night for an automatic ejection.

Neither Don Nelson nor Bradley were available for comment.

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Tuning It Up



Slade Hodges, shown here laying a basket in against Canyon, will lead the Whitefaces this Monday night when they host Clovis at 7:30 p.m. The Clovis game will be the final tune-up game for District 3-4A play, as they start district play next Friday, Jan. 14 against Pampa at the Whiteface Gymnasium at 7:30 p.m.

Heat burns Rockets, 111-99

MIAMI (AP) — Alonzo Mourning put a dreadful performance against the Vancouver Grizzlies behind him in a hurry.

Mourning, coming off a 12-point, eight-rebound effort in Miami's loss to Vancouver, had 28 points and blocked nine shots in the Heat's 111-99 victory over Houston on Thursday night.

"He was phenomenal," said Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich, who will coach Mourning in the Olympics. "We didn't have anyone to deal with him. ... He just overpowered us."

Mourning was 12-of-15 from the field as the Heat beat Houston for the eighth straight time.

Steve Francis has 22 points for the Rockets, who have lost six straight on the road and 10 of 13 overall.

The rookie wasn't impressed with Mourning, saying the star center got away with fouls on some soaring dunks.

"He fouled me every single time," Francis said. "I was over the rim. ... I'm going to lift weights tomorrow and get my legs stronger so next time I play him I'll put it on his head five times."

Jamal Mashburn had 19 points and Dan Majerle added 16 for the Heat.

Without retiree Charles Barkley or injured Hakeem Olajuwon up front, Mourning had his way down low against Carlos Rogers and a lumbering Thomas Hamilton.

"I thought Zo was about as efficient as he could get on offense and blocked shots," coach Pat Riley said. "We made a conscious effort to drive the ball, execute the offense and we attacked the rim."

Mashburn and Mourning scored 10 points apiece in the third quarter to help the Heat extend an 11-point halftime lead to 89-67 heading into the fourth quarter. Eight of Mashburn's points came during an 18-6 run.

George wants what Aikman has

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jeff George did what many of his critics thought was unlikely: carry a team to the playoffs. Now, he's out to win a postseason game for the first time in his checkered career.

"This is the best supporting cast I've ever been around and I'm excited about that," said George, a 10-year veteran who lost his only playoff appearance, 37-20, at Green Bay in 1995 when he was with the Atlanta Falcons.

George, who got run out of Indianapolis, Atlanta and Oak-

land, leaving a trail of annoyed teammates, coaches and fans, signed a one-year contract with the Minnesota Vikings for the veteran's minimum of \$400,000 last winter.

He took over Minnesota's prolific offense when Randall Cunningham struggled to match the magic of last season and was benched only 5 1/2 games into his new \$28 million contract.

George, who was 37-74 as a starter before this season, guided the Vikings (10-6) to an 8-2 record and a wild-card

berth Sunday against the Dallas Cowboys (8-8) at the Metrodome.

Along with his newfound winning ways, George's me-first attitude was absent in Minnesota.

"There's nothing to prove," George said. "This team's proved it. It's not me. We're 8-2 as a team. Not one guy can do it. I'm just around a great group of guys, a great supporting cast and just trying to win like the other guys."

George could command about \$6 million now, that he's

turned around his troubled career. But he knows what would truly vindicate him: a Super Bowl ring.

Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman, who has three Super Bowl rings, said that fair or not, quarterbacks are judged chiefly on the number of titles they've won.

"All you've got to do is look at guys who have great playoff success who haven't won a Super Bowl and that's a tag that they get hit with," Aikman said. "And I don't think that's necessarily fair."

But as a quarterback, ultimately that's how we're all judged. ... I don't think any owner in this league cares what happens in the regular season."

Even when he was backing up Cunningham, George professed to still be one of the top quarterbacks in the league. He proved it by throwing for 23 touchdowns with only 12 interceptions.

Aikman agreed that George has great ability.

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Deion ready for challenge of Moss, Carter

IRVING (AP) — Now that nothing is sprained, strained or sore, Deion Sanders finally is ready to challenge Randy Moss and Cris Carter.

"I'm going to do my best," Sanders said, smiling. "We're going to have a good time."

Sanders hobbled through Dallas' 27-17 loss to Minnesota earlier this season because of hamstring and groin problems. He missed the Vikings' 46-36 victory Thanksgiving Day 1998 because of a toe injury that required offseason surgery.

Without Sanders to slow either Moss or Carter, the Cowboys were helpless.

Moss caught three touchdowns passes totaling 163 yards and Carter had seven catches for 135 yards in the victory last season, then they combined for 15 catches, three touchdowns and 207 yards in November.

Round III comes Sunday in the Metrodome in a first-round playoff game.

Sanders, who is considered the NFL's best cover cornerback, knows his performance will go a long way in determining how the Cowboys handle Moss and Carter, the NFL's most productive receiving tandem.

"I'm better this time," Sanders said. "I think it will allow us to do more things and not just sit back and wait on what they're going to do. We'll be able to force them into situations."

"But even if you had Lester Hayes and Mike Haynes, I don't know if you'd have enough talent to match up with those guys."

While fans would love to see Sanders and Moss go head-to-head on every snap, Dallas coaches won't allow it. They prefer mixing up their coverages to avoid being predictable.

Still, Sanders mostly will line up on the right side of the defense, often before Minnesota is done with its huddle. Once quarterbacks stand over the center, they make sure to find Sanders.

Jeff George sure did two months ago.

Of the 15 times Sanders lined up against Moss, George went that way only twice. The battle was a draw as Sanders knocked down a long pass and Moss had an 8-yard catch.

"Deion's unbelievable," George said. "When he's not healthy he's unbelievable. Just his presence on the field is unbelievable."

"But that doesn't mean you shy away from the guy. We have every bit of confidence in our receivers and our running game."

The respect teams show Sanders shifts pressure to the other side of the field. And that's where Dallas has been vulnerable.

Injuries to would-be starter Kevin Smith and top backup Kevin Mathis have increased the playing time of converted

safety Charlie Williams and undrafted rookie Duane Hawthorne. Although whoever is out there gets help from a safety, it's not always enough.

The back of Williams' jersey is all over the tape from the last game against the Vikings, especially on Moss' big plays. Teams also have started picking on Hawthorne, who is generously listed at 5-foot-10.

The good news for the Cowboys is that Smith and Mathis might both be back for the first time since the previous Vikings game. Each has been in and out of the lineup since then.

"I thought the guys who were on the field the two previous times were not healthy," Dallas coach Chan Gailey said. "So even if Kevin Smith and Kevin Mathis don't make it back, at least the guys who are on the field will be 100 percent. We'll gain an advantage there. Then if we get either of those guys back, it'll help our chances of being able to match up."

Sanders is glad to have help and he's happy to be healthy himself.

But there's one more thing he'd like to see.

"I wish our offense would let that clock tick down to the last second before we snap every ball," he said, "because the more you keep those guys off the field, the less opportunities they have."

Virginia Tech's Beamer gets coaching award

HOUSTON (AP) — Frank Beamer, the Virginia Tech football coach who led the Hokies to their best season in school history last year, is this year's winner of the Bear Bryant Award.

During Beamer's 12 years at the helm, Virginia Tech has won seven consecutive bowl games and three Big East Conference championships. Beamer has averaged nine victories a year since 1993.

"I am extremely honored to receive this prestigious award named after such a legendary coach," he said after receiving the award Thursday. "I have the utmost respect for the other finalists. This event is a great time for old friends to get together and support a worthy cause."

A dinner and silent auction

to raise money for the Dallas-based American Heart Association accompanied the award presentation. Former President George Bush was guest speaker for the dinner at the Westin Galleria Hotel.

Beamer beat out six other finalists for the honor, presented by the National Sports-casters and Sportswriters Association.

They were: Barry Alvarez, University of Wisconsin; Bobby Bowden, Florida State University; Mike DuBose, University of Alabama; June Jones, University of Hawaii; Glen Mason, University of Minnesota; and Bob Pruett, Marshall University.

The 1999 Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award recognizes a top collegiate foot-

ball coach who organizers of the honor say best exemplifies the characteristics that made Bryant arguably the best motivator in the history of organized athletics.

The Hokies' winningest coach, Beamer has an overall record of 88-60-2 through his dozen years at the school.

The Hokies finished the season in the No. 2 spot in The Associated Press college poll with an 11-1 record.

Virginia Tech's only loss came Tuesday in the Sugar Bowl national championship game to Florida State, 46-29.

Beamer also won AP coach of the year honors, Walter Camp Football Foundation/Street and Smith's Coach of the Year and Big East Conference coach of the year.

Astros sign Dwight Gooden to minor league contract

HOUSTON (AP) — Dwight Gooden, once the ace of the New York Mets, is getting what might be his final chance to pitch in the majors.

Gooden agreed to minor league contract with the Houston Astros — essentially a tryout — on Thursday.

"I don't hold any illusions of grandeur out that at 35 years old we're going to see the Doc Gooden of 26 or 28 years old," Astros manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "But knowing Doc, I'll take my chances while he's on the mound."

Gooden was 3-4 with a 6.41 ERA last year in 22 starts with the Cleveland Indians. A shoulder strain hampered him, and Cleveland dropped him from its postseason roster.

"I just don't have the velocity I had at one time on a

consistent basis," Gooden said. "I think now I'm a more complete pitcher, I'm a smarter pitcher."

Houston is looking to add pitchers after trading Mike Hampton to the Mets last month. The Astros traded Hampton after he decided against a contract extension.

The Astros also needed insurance to protect their pitching depth in case Scott Elarton isn't ready to return from shoulder surgery in time for next season.

Shane Reynolds and Jose Lima, who agreed Wednesday to an \$18.75 million, three-year deal, are the only two pitchers assured of spots. That leaves Gooden to compete with Chris Holt, newcomer Octavio Delgado and Elarton, if he's ready.

During his 11 years with

the Mets, Gooden's fastball brought him a string of awards, including Rookie of the Year honors in 1984 and the NL Cy Young Award in 1985. At age 20, he was the youngest-ever Cy Young winner.

But a drug problem led to two suspensions in 1994, and Gooden was suspended for the entire 1995 season.

He returned with the New York Yankees in 1996 and stayed there until joining the Indians in 1998. With 188-107 record and 3.46 ERA, Gooden is fourth among active pitchers in wins.

"I think the National League is a better league for him because he can help himself with the bat more than most pitchers can," Astros manager Larry Dierker said.

Mavs

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"I thought I was going to have to jump on his back and slow him down. That's what he is, he's a competitor and he's feisty," Donnie Nelson said of his father.

Asked how his father would have fared against Malone, Donnie Nelson said, "He's got a real good sucker punch."

Sloan got into the act,

picking up two technicals with less than four minutes left to earn his ejection.

"It was a little crazy out there," Sloan said. "We were glad to come away with the win."

"Emotion runs high every once in a while," Jazz guard Jeff Hornacek said.

Bryon Russell added 20 points for the Jazz, and John

Stockton had 12 points and 10 assists. Utah has won five straight and 11 in a row against Dallas.

Dallas lost its fifth in a row with future owner Mark Cuban looking on from his baseline seat. Cuban, an Internet billionaire, agreed this week to buy majority interest in the Mavericks from Ross Perot Jr. for \$280

million.

Michael Finley had 30 points for the Mavericks, who've lost nine of 10 and six in a row at home. Dirk Nowitzki added 24 points, and Cedric Ceballos had 21 points and 14 rebounds.

Utah put the game away with a 16-4 spurt, capped by Greg Ostertag's basket with 5:28 left that made it 89-75. Malone's 15 third-quarter points allowed the Jazz to maintain the lead.

George

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"I think Jeff is as talented a quarterback as there is in the league," Aikman said. "He's got tremendous arm strength. He can make all the throws and he's got good mobility within the pocket. There seems to be some turmoil that's surrounded his career. But I think he's an awfully talented player."

All season, George refused to talk about his troubled past, which includes a sideline spat with then-Falcons coach June Jones in 1996, and he doesn't much like

talking about his future and where his next big paycheck will come from.

But the opportunity to keep throwing to Cris Carter and Randy Moss, who combined for 2,654 yards receiving, the second-highest total in NFL history, will play a big role when George decides upon his next destination.

"It's the perfect offense for me," George said of the seventh system he's run since entering the league as its top draft choice in 1990.

"I keep saying it week in

and week out, four Pro Bowl linemen, three Pro Bowl receivers, Pro Bowl running back, I'm excited," George said. "So, I like our chances."

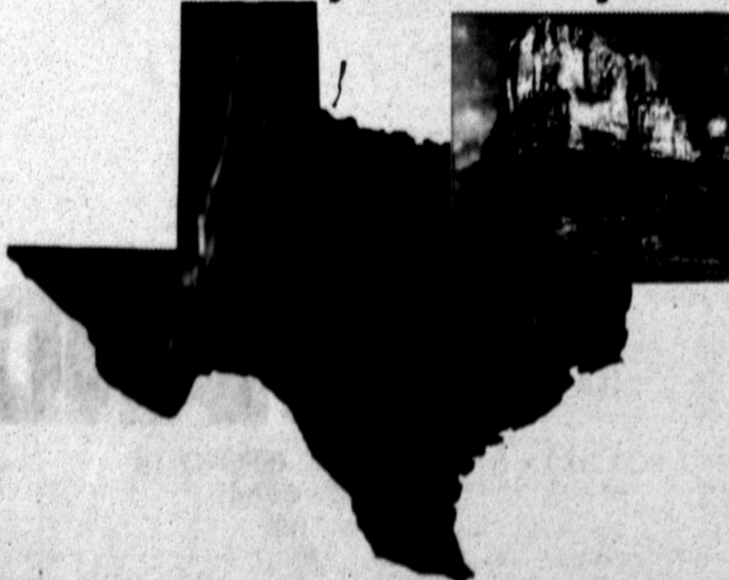
Carter caught 12 touchdown passes from George.

"I think he understands the type of receiver I am," Carter said. "And I think we think alike. I understand his personality. I think our personalities are very similar."

"Even though we haven't played even a full season together, I think that we have tremendous chemistry."

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Tax plans get GOP's top billing

■ Speaker won't rule out bid to pass bigger tax measure than the one Clinton vetoed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Their grand tax cut plan thwarted by a presidential veto last year, Republicans say they'll return to work this year with several narrowly aimed tax relief bills aimed at helping married couples and parents planning for education costs.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., concluding a two-day leadership planning session Thursday, did not rule out another late-year attempt to pass a bigger tax bill similar to the 10-year \$792 billion measure President Clinton rejected last year.

But he said, "we need to get out there early." Congress reconvenes on Jan. 24.

Other specific tax goals mentioned by Hastert and other GOP leaders included a plan, coordinated with Clinton, to spur investment in poorer communities, legislation to block new Internet taxes and tax breaks for people who adopt children with special needs.

Reflecting the new era of budget surpluses, Hastert also said Republicans are working on a plan to eliminate the portion of the national debt now held by the public. He said the plan would envision ending the public debt in 10 to 15 years, a commitment that aides said could mean less money for fundamental Social Security reform.

The Clinton administration has also outlined steps to buy back the public debt by 2015. The national debt consists of the \$3.7 trillion owed the pub-

lic in treasury bills and savings bonds — the public debt — and another \$2 trillion in Social Security and other trust funds.

The last time the debt was eliminated was 1835, when Andrew Jackson was president. The national debt crossed the \$1 trillion mark in 1983 and rose sharply through 1997, when it has slowly gone down with the advent of budget surpluses.

In describing this year's session, House Majority Leader Dick Armey referred to the "three T's" — tax relief, trade and technology.

The GOP leaders said they would work to win China's accession to the World Trade Organization, pass a bill opening up trade with Africa and the Caribbean and support legislation left from last year to standardize laws on computer encryption and electronic signatures on e-trade contracts.

Passing legislation is always more difficult in an election year, and Hastert acknowledged that "certainly presidential politics will be a major concern" in the second half of the year. He said congressional Republicans would coordinate policy with the GOP presidential nominee, Frontrunner George W. Bush has offered a tax cut plan that is even more ambitious than the plan defeated last year.

Provisions to address the education savings account and the extra tax burden faced by some married couples who file jointly were both part of that GOP tax package.



DENNIS HASTERT
Speaker of the House outlines GOP legislative agenda.

Cuban exiles protest decision

News digest

MIAMI — By this time next week, 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez is supposed to be back in Cuba with his father, as ordered by the U.S. government.

However, the international fight has heated up over where to put the boy plucked from the sea after his mother and stepfather and eight others drowned trying to reach the United States.

Gov. Jeb Bush has appealed to President Clinton to reverse the order made by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, a ruling Attorney General Janet Reno said will stand.

While the issue appears settled in Washington, Cuban-Americans in Miami have made the case a cause celebre, taking their anger over the decision into the streets. One exile group called for more protests throughout Miami again today.

Demonstrators skirmished with police Thursday, with hundreds blocking intersections and cutting off access to the busy Port of Miami. A motorist plowed through a group of protesters blocking an intersection, knocking two people to the ground.

The disruptions lasted into the evening, and police in riot gear used tear gas to disperse a crowd.

"We won't stand for this!"

shouted Manny Guetierrez, 21, who was standing on the hood of a car. "We don't care about the police. We will continue to demonstrate no matter how much force they use."

Army secretary to visit site of alleged massacre

WASHINGTON — The head of the Army will travel to South Korea next week where he will visit the site of an alleged massacre by American troops nearly 50 years ago.



JANET RENO
Attorney general says INS decision to return 6-year-old boy to Cuba will stand.

Army Secretary Louis Caldera will lead a delegation of American officials to discuss progress in investigating the alleged mass killing of civilian refugees by U.S. troops in the early weeks of the Korean War.

Caldera will meet with South Korean government officials and visit the village of No Gun Ri, where witnesses say U.S. soldiers killed hundreds of civilians in August 1950.

Caldera will be accompanied by Lt. Gen. Michael Ackerman, the Army's inspector general, who is heading the investigation. Also making the trip is a six-member steering committee appointed by Defense Secretary William Cohen to oversee the investigation.

Chinese admit quake killed more than 15,000

BEIJING — Thirty years ago, a powerful earthquake struck in the dead of a winter's night, killing 15,621 people in southern China. But the devastation remained hidden until survivors gathered this week to mourn the dead.

Breaking three decades of silence, several state-run

newspapers reported today that the Jan. 5, 1970, earthquake that struck a relatively isolated part of Yunnan province with a magnitude of 7.7 had been covered up by authorities amid the chaos of the ultraleftist Cultural Revolution.

At the time of the quake, the official Xinhua News Agency ran a brief report noting that it had occurred but it reported a lower magnitude and omitted information on casualties and damage, the Beijing Morning Post newspaper reported.

Today, keeping such information secret would be difficult due to loosening controls and greater ease of communication throughout the country. The communist leadership still keeps tight control, however, over information it considers sensitive.

The death toll of 15,621 from the quake in Tonghai county in Yunnan would make it China's third most deadly this century. The worst was the July 28, 1976, earthquake of magnitude 7.8 to 8.2 in the eastern city of Tangshan, which killed 240,000. A magnitude 8.6 quake on Dec. 16, 1920, killed 100,000 people in the northwestern province of Gansu.

News of the quake came to light after the newspaper *Yangcheng Evening News* reported that relatives of the victims had gathered on Wednesday in Yuxi city in Yunnan for a memorial service.

"A large memorial meeting was held to warn people to be more aware about earthquakes and disaster prevention," said an official at the Yuxi Seismology Bureau who identified herself only as Ms. Ma. "Thirty years ago, there were warning signs, but people paid little attention."

Irate Muslims threaten holy war in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia — About 80,000 Muslims protested in the capital today,

threatening to declare a holy war in defense of Islam if the government doesn't halt religious fighting in the country's eastern islands that has left nearly 1,000 dead in past weeks.

Across the street from the presidential palace, the demonstrators waved hundreds of banners reading "We are ready to die in defense of Maluku Muslims" and "Stop the killings of Muslims." Those in the crowd chanted "Jihad," or "Holy War," and "Allah Akbar," or "God is Great."

The rally, held after morning prayers at Jakarta's National Monument Square, followed a series of smaller protests by Muslims in the capital in recent days. Police estimated that 80,000 people had gathered in the vast park.

By the government's count, about 990 people have died in fighting between Christians and Muslims during the past two weeks in Maluku and North Maluku provinces, some 1,600 miles northeast of Jakarta. The country's security forces have deployed thousands of troops to the islands, and officials say the violence has subsided in recent days.

The two provinces of Maluku and North Maluku, known as the Spice Islands during Dutch colonial rule, have been wracked by fighting between Muslims and Christian mobs for the past year. About 1,800 people have been killed since the violence began, according to government estimates.

An influx of Muslims from Indonesia's other islands over the past two decades has changed the religious makeup of the provinces, where the Christians used to have a small majority.

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INSIDE

Stones roll to No. 1

'Satisfaction' tops list of 100 greatest songs in rock history

NEW YORK (AP) — Every air guitarist knows the riff — da, da, da-da-da, da-da-da — and anyone who has ever been a teen-ager can relate to the lyrics.

The Rolling Stones' "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" topped the list of the 100 greatest rock songs in a VH1 poll of 700 people in the music industry.

The 1965 song about rock's favorite subject — sex — has one of the most recognizable guitar riffs in music. Keith Richards said it came to him one night while he was sleeping.

"It kind of sticks up as an anthem for the time it was released and for every generation that came since," Todd Schwartz, VH1 programming director, said after the list was released Thursday.

The Beatles had nine songs on the list, easily the most. But their best, "Hey Jude," came in at only No. 9.

"The Beatles had so many songs that the vote got divided," Schwartz said.

Madonna, Fleetwood Mac, Neil Young, U2 and R.E.M. were shut out of the Top 100 for the same reason: Voters couldn't decide on one song.



Rolling Stones (from left, above) Charlie Watts, Mick Jagger, Keith Richards and Ronnie Wood are shown in 1998 as they launched a world tour. In 1965 (inset) the band members were (clockwise from top) Brian Jones, Watts, Richards, Jagger and Bill Wyman.

Aretha Franklin's "Respect" came in second and Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven," a staple of FM radio in the 1970s, was third.

Rounding out the top 10 are "Like a Rolling Stone" by Bob Dylan; "Born to Run" by Bruce Springsteen; "Hotel California" by the Eagles; "Light My Fire" by the Doors; "Good Vibrations" by the Beach Boys; "Hey Jude"; and "Imagine" by John Lennon.

Five Stones cuts made it, with four each by Elvis Presley and Led Zeppelin. Bob Dylan had three plus his composition "All Along the Watchtower," but voters liked Jimi Hendrix's version better.

The list's oldest song was

"Rock Around the Clock" by Bill Haley & His Comets, released in 1955. The newest was Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit," from 1991.

Nirvana's hit was the only one from the 1990s to make it. Schwartz said it may be because VH1's voters were even older than the network's usual audience. VH1 aims at age 30 and up.

Among the musicians to vote on VH1's panel were U2's Bono, Johnny Cash, Art Garfunkel, Bonnie Raitt, Lou Reed and the late Curtis Mayfield.

VH1 will count down the list in a special that runs over five nights, starting Jan. 17, featuring video clips and interviews.

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 • Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.
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years ago."

Both Lyles and Monk said there will be synergistic opportunities, such as sharing of certain personnel, research and storage facilities, but George Warner Seed and Kelly Green Seed will be operated as separate companies.

Monk said he thought the Warner Seed name has something to offer just by its reputation and well-known product line. He also said he hopes the research will benefit both companies.

Fair

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The Ag in the Classroom fair was sponsored by the High Plains Water District, Southwestern Public Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Agri-Food Masters, the Mobile Dairy of Southwestern Dairies, Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce, Texas Farm Bureau and Deaf Smith County Extension Service.

U.S. abortion rate hits a 20-year low

ATLANTA (AP) — The number of American women who received abortions in 1997 was the lowest in more than 20 years, with experts citing everything from reduced access to clinics, more willingness to use contraception and changing attitudes about the procedure as causes. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Thursday that 20 of every 1,000 women of reproductive age (15 to 44) had abortions in 1997, the same rate as the previous two years.

But the number of abortions for every 1,000 live births dropped from 314 in

1996 to 305 in 1997 — the lowest since 1975.

The preliminary estimate of 1,184,758 legal abortions in 1997 was 3 percent less than the 1,221,585 abortions in 1996 and the lowest number performed since 1978.

The CDC cited several factors for the decline, including access issues, an increased willingness to use contraceptives and possibly different attitudes about the moral implications of abortion.

For the first time, the annual CDC report included a breakdown from some states showing the number of abortions performed through surgery and via drugs.

Hard times for country

"What we're doing is we're giving away the music to other formats and we're frustrating the fans of our own format."

Evelyn Shriver, president, Asylum Records/Country

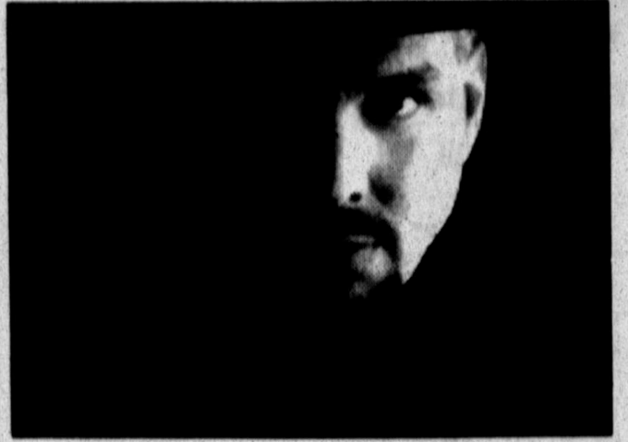
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — It's a true country heartbreaker: Sales of country music declined 4.5 percent last year even as sales for the record industry overall jumped 6.1 percent.

Country music sold 69.3 million albums last year, according to SoundScan, a Hartsdale, N.Y., company that tracks music sales and released 1999 figures on Wednesday.

The most successful was Shania Twain, whose "Come On Over" album sold 5.6 million.

Industry officials said country is no longer the fad of the moment, as it was in the 1980s when Garth Brooks became a superstar.

Also, they said consolidation of the radio industry has led to tighter playlists as conglomerates put pressure on stations to be more profitable. That makes it harder to develop new stars and cultivate record buyers.



Courtesy Photos
About the only bright spot in country music last year were Shania Twain (left) and Garth Brooks — and Brooks is hinting he may soon be retiring from music.

Another reason given for the drop is that many traditional country music fans have become alienated by the influence of pop on country.

"What we're doing is we're giving away the music to other formats and we're frustrating the fans of our own format," said Evelyn Shriver, president of the country division of Asylum Records.

The record industry overall sold 754.8 million albums in 1999. But among country performers, only Ms. Twain and the Dixie Chicks (with 3.5

million sales of "Wide Open Spaces") made the year's list of top 10 sellers.

The country industry is reliant on a select group of superstars. Brooks, the Dixie Chicks and Faith Hill each have two of the 10 best-selling country albums of the year. And four of the top 10 were released in 1998.

"Trying to add some artists to that mix and create diversity is a priority for us this year," said Ed Benson of the Country Music Association, a trade organization that pro-

motes country music. Brooks, 37, the biggest-selling artist in country music history, has indicated he may retire at the end of 2000 to spend more time with his three young daughters. That could be a big blow to Nashville.

Nashville has survived such trends before. The industry rebounded from a decline in the mid-1980s to reach unprecedented heights. Even now, far more country albums are being sold than a decade ago.

Forbes ad slams Bush on taxes

DURHAM, N.H. (AP) — A day after George W. Bush promised to cut taxes "so help me God," Republican presidential rival Steve Forbes accuses him in a new TV ad of breaking a no-new-tax pledge as governor of Texas.

"His record as far as taxes are concerned is a record of broken promises," Mary C. Williams, head of the Houston-based Taxpayers for Accountability, says in the ad that begins airing today.

Slated for broadcast in New Hampshire and Boston markets, the ad will cost Forbes' campaign about \$200,000 this week — and is part of a series of ads that promise to be critical of the front-runner for the GOP presidential nomination.

Bush, Forbes and their four Republican rivals debated Thursday night. They met

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again tonight in South Carolina and in Michigan on Monday.

In the debate Thursday, Bush vowed not to raise taxes. "This is not only no new taxes. This is tax cuts, so help me God," he said.

In Forbes' ad, Williams says Bush signed her group's pledge in 1994 to not support sales or business tax increases. She says he broke the pledge in 1997, repeating a charge she made earlier in the presidential campaign.

Bush's campaign has said the Texas governor supported

a bill containing tax increases because the Democratic-backed measure needed to clear the House to keep his tax-cut package moving through the Legislature. That bill didn't become law, but Bush eventually did sign a \$1 billion tax-cut package — one of two major tax cuts during his tenure.

Critics say many taxpayers saw little of that reduction because it was eaten up by rising property values. But Bush has said a provision raising the homestead exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000 was real relief, particularly for owners of moderately priced homes.

Bush's campaign has dismissed William's organization as a fringe group. Aides also say he never signed the pledge.

The ad features a brief shot of the Taxpayers for Accountability pledge sheet with a

signature that appears to be Bush's. Campaign officials have said they don't know where the signature came from, though they believe it was produced by an automated pen.

Forbes, who has made a flat tax proposal the centerpiece of his political career, has argued that Bush should be held accountable for backing tax increases — no matter what the circumstances were.

Forbes was accused in his 1996 presidential bid of running negative ads. Aides say his spot is not an attack.

"The test for any ad is, is it true and is it relevant? We have the documents that back up the truthfulness of the ad," said Forbes aide Keith Appell. The campaign is releasing copies of the pledge and other documents today.

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Leading rivals clash

■ Taxes, gays in the military dominate the first of back-to-back Republican debates

DURHAM, N.H. (AP) — In the first of back-to-back debates, the Republican presidential candidates split on the question of whether gays should be allowed to serve openly in the military.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain said they supported the Clinton administration policy now in effect — which members of their party long have reviled. "I'm a 'don't ask, don't tell' man," declared the front-running Bush, who opened the debate with an all-but-unequivocal tax pledge similar to one that later caused trouble for his father, former President Bush.

Their rivals, however, said gays should not be permitted to serve openly.

Meanwhile, McCain again defended his action as chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee to prod the Federal Communications Commission to act on a license request from one of his campaign contributors.

The Arizona senator has made campaign finance reform a cornerstone of his presidential campaign, saying that money is "corrupting" the political process.

"Most objective observers believe the FCC hasn't done their job," he told a questioner. "That's my obligation as a senator and as the chairman of a powerful committee."

Bush, McCain and their ri-



George W. Bush (left) and John McCain (right) engage in heated discussion while Gary Bauer watches during Thursday's Republican presidential debate in Durham, N.H. The candidates will debate again tonight in South Carolina.

vals — Steve Forbes, Alan Keyes, Gary Bauer and Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah — meet again tonight in South Carolina, and on Monday in Michigan.

Thursday's debate was the most boisterous yet, a fact apparent to voters.

"There were good things I heard tonight, but I was surprised by the amount of negativity," observed Mary Westfall of Durham, a self-labeled Democrat who said she came to the debate undecided. "I think they missed an opportunity to go deeper."

On gays in the military, McCain said the existing policy could be fine-tuned. But in apparent agreement with Bush, added, "I cannot change a policy that's working."

The "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which the president and others have said has not worked well, requires gays in the military to keep their sexual orientation a secret.

Bauer said the pledges Wednesday night by the two

Democratic candidates to ensure that homosexuals can serve openly in the military were "idiotic."

"The Joint Chiefs of Staff have one purpose, to keep the United States out of war, and if they fail that, to win any war we're getting into," he said. "Our party ought to find our voice and say that we will not put that kind of requirement on our military."

An animated Keyes said, "I will return to the ban on homosexuals in the military." Forbes said open gays should not be allowed, saying the military is "not an agency for social experimentation."

On taxes, an aggressive Bush opened with a pledge to cut them.

"If there's a recession, it's important to cut taxes to make sure the economy grows. ... It's also important to cut the taxes where there's times of plenty. ... It's important to cut the taxes to make sure Washington, D.C., does not spend the surplus," he said.

He was asked whether he was saying "no new taxes, so help me God" — a reference to the no-new-taxes pledge his father broke after winning the White House.

"This is not only no new taxes. This is tax cuts, so help me God," replied the junior Bush.

The political subtext explained the course of the hourlong debate. Bush's tax-cut pledge was designed to strike a chord in a state where residents are fiercely proud that there is no income tax.

Similarly, McCain's chances for victory in New Hampshire rest with independents, and his defense of his actions before the FCC seemed an effort to reassure those attracted to his image as a reformer.

The debate was feisty, as none of the men hesitated to interrupt each other.

"I'm going to stay here and take some time myself," Hatch said at one point, as he jockeyed for airtime.

Pentagon sees gay debate as just talk

WASHINGTON (AP) — Talk on the Democratic presidential campaign trail about liberalizing the policy on allowing homosexuals to serve in the military is seen from inside the Pentagon as little more than that: talk.

"Candidates for political office are certainly free to do that and must do that in order to explain their views to the American people. But I would not speculate as to what that may or may not mean a year from now," Rear Adm. Craig Quigley, a spokesman for Defense Secretary William

Cohen, said Thursday.

Former Sen. Bill Bradley and Vice President Al Gore both had said Wednesday night they would make sure that homosexuals could serve openly. Gore added a new twist, however, when he said he would not nominate anyone to the Joint Chiefs of Staff who did not agree with his position on gays serving.

Gore has criticized the current "don't ask, don't tell" policy, set in law by Congress in 1993, that permits gays and lesbians to serve as long as they don't openly state

their sexual preferences.

Presidents don't normally set litmus tests for members of the Joint Chiefs, whose collective opinions are conveyed to the president by the Joint Chiefs chairman, by law the president's chief military adviser. A president usually takes for granted that the four service chiefs will carry out his orders.

If the next president decided he wanted to change the law on gays in the military, he almost certainly would face the same firestorm of dissent in Congress that

greeted President Clinton in the early weeks of his first term.

Clinton entered office saying he wanted gays to be allowed to serve openly, but opposition in Congress and among military leaders left him with no choice but to accept a compromise.

In remarks to reporters Thursday, Clinton said he still believes that gays and lesbians ought to be allowed to serve so long as they obey the Uniform Code of Military Justice, which prohibits homosexual contact.

FLAG FLAP

GOP hopefuls dodge touchy Carolina issue

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A huge, three-day Confederate rally and re-enactment begins here today — the same day Republican presidential candidates will be in South Carolina to debate.

Mere coincidence, the rally's organizers say. But it's one very touchy issue for visiting candidates. In this state, where some call the early Republican primary the "Gateway to the South," a bitter argument over the Confederate flag flying above the statehouse is no minor local issue.

Heritage Coalition Chairman Chris Sullivan, one of the rally's organizers, says it certainly will sway how he votes in the Feb. 19 primary.

"If a candidate for president were to decide he was against what the flag represents, that would certainly have an impact on my decision," he said. "I think a lot of people would share that view."

The Republican candidates debate tonight in West Columbia, a day after they faced off in Durham, N.H.

Supporters say the banner stands for defiant defense of freedom and Southern heritage. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People sees a symbol of slavery and has called for a tourism boycott of the state.

The Republican candidates, have done their best to avoid the issue — though not always successfully.

Publisher Steve Forbes said it was a local matter. So did Texas Gov. George W. Bush — but in a way that stirred things up.

Arizona Sen. John McCain said, "To me personally, I understand how it could be offensive to some people, but I had ancestors who fought in the Confederate Army and I thought they fought honorably."

McCain also said he had resented it when the NAACP announced a boycott of his state to pressure officials to approve a holiday honoring the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Bush, pressed this summer about the South Carolina tourism boycott, said, "My advice is for people who don't live in South Carolina to butt out of the issue."

The NAACP suggested Bush follow his own advice.

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