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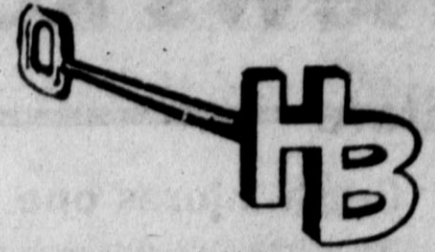
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Saul warns against violations of law

By KIMBERLY THOGMARTIN
Staff Writer

Local merchants who violate the Sunday sales law will be "vigorously prosecuted" by the Deaf Smith County Criminal District Attorney's Office.

Criminal District Attorney Roland Saul made that announcement to Hereford merchants by way of a letter delivered last week. "We will prosecute not only those employees who do the actual selling but any employer who compels, forces or obliges his employees to sell any of the prohibited items," the letter read.

Commonly known as the "Blue Law," Article 9001 of Vernon Texas Civil Statutes makes it an offense "for any person, on both the two consecutive days of Saturday and Sunday," to sell any of a long list of items such as clothing, household appliances, jewelry and tools.

Violations of the law are a misdemeanor offense, Saul explained, with each separate sale constituting a separate offense. For the first offense, punishment is by fine of not more than \$100. Subsequent convictions are punishable by a jail term not to exceed six months, a fine of not more than \$500, or both.

Hereford has not yet followed the example of other Texas cities in defying the law, and most local merchants interviewed did not seem to think that would happen.

"We haven't even considered it," claimed Julius Bodner of J.C. Penney in Sugarland Mall. He also said he has had no customer requests to remain open on Sunday.

Bodner's sentiments were echoed by Lajeane Henry of the Pants Cage and Louise Ferguson of Louise's Dress Shop.

"The Retailers Association is lob-

Sunday sales prohibited

bying against it very heavily," Henry pointed out. She said they recently surveyed merchants across the state to determine their feelings about Sunday shopping but she has not learned the results of that survey.

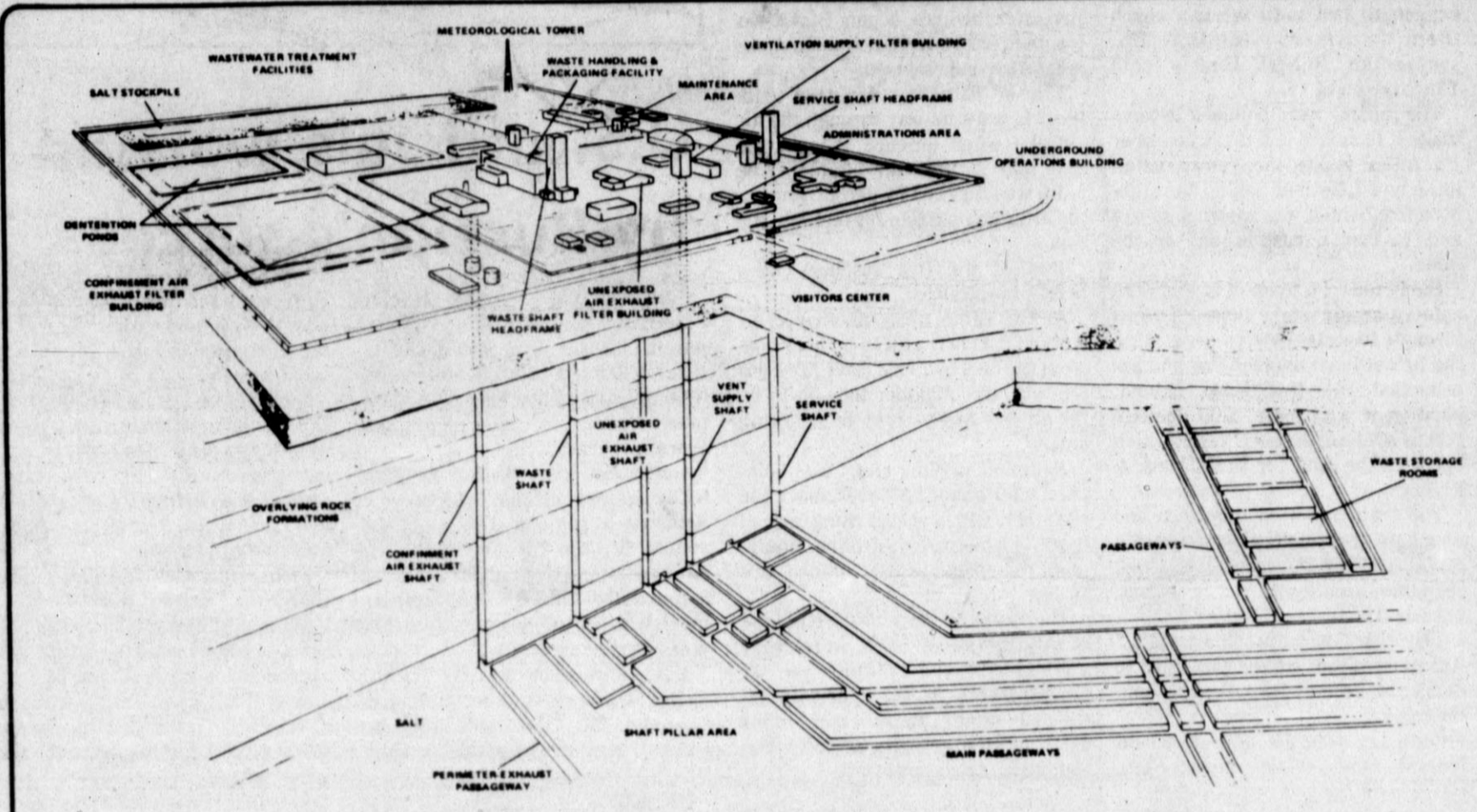
At least one discount store, TG&Y, plans to be open on Sunday afternoon. The local store manager refused to comment, but the manager of a TG&Y in Amarillo said the order came from headquarters in Oklahoma for all the chain's stores to open Sunday. The TG&Y stores in Potter and Randall counties all opened last Sunday.

Ed Copen, owner of the Western Auto store in downtown Hereford, said he appreciates the Blue Law and has no desire to open on Sunday. Copen also pointed out that whether or not people agree with the Sunday sales restriction, it is the law.

"If a store expects the district attorney's office to prosecute its shoplifters, then it should cooperate with the DA on this," he claimed. "I don't mind being quoted on that, although I guess TG&Y won't like me saying that."

Boots and Saddle, a local western store, had planned to stay open Sunday afternoon but owner Butch White said he changed his mind after getting Saul's letter. Despite his original plans to stay open for Christmas shoppers, White said he thinks the Blue Law "is a good one and we need it."

Saul said the only response he has received from the letter is from merchants who "are glad we sent it."



Nuclear Dump Facility Concept

Above is depicted the U.S. Department of Energy's plan for the nation's first high-level nuclear waste dump.

Earlier this week, DOE officials announced a nine-square-mile section in

northern Deaf Smith County is one of three "preferred" sites for the repository.

Easterwood selected chamber president

Rex Easterwood, Hereford attorney, was elected Thursday as president of Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce for 1985. He will be installed in January.

Easterwood is the current vice president and is active in the Hereford Hustlers, the goodwill ambassadors of the chamber. He will succeed Bobby Owen as president.

Other new officers elected were Bill Harris, vice president; and Steve Nieman, treasurer. Harris is a vice president and local manager of Security Federal Savings & Loan, and Nieman is a partner in the Gililand-Nieman Agency.

Succeeds Owen in leadership role

A date for the January installation dinner will be announced, according to Owen. The executive committee is also making plans for a directors' retreat in January or February.

In other business at the monthly board meeting Thursday, directors heard committee progress reports, and plans for the annual C of C banquet were discussed. Mike Carr, executive vice president, announced that Dr. W.C. Newberry will be the banquet speaker.

The banquet has been scheduled Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Bull Barn.

Tickets, at \$10 each, will go on sale Jan. 2. Carr said Newberry comes "highly recommended" as one of the top banquet speakers in Texas.

Carr also gave reports on the business seminar conducted recently by the chamber. Twenty-six firms were represented at the seminar on shoplifting and fraud. The chamber sports committee hosted two football

playoff games here, and Carr reported the visitors were "very pleased" with the hospitality shown to them. Arvella Lauderback reported on the Christmas Lighting contest sponsored by the Women's Division.

Four new directors will also take office in January. They are Harris, Doug Manning, Terry Bromlow and Mike Bowles. Retiring directors will be Owen, John Stagner, Irene McKinster, and Danny Boyer.

Special holiday fund exceeds \$6,000 mark

Led by a \$250 contribution from the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Hereford, along with a number of \$100 donations, the Christmas Stocking Fund total climbed about the \$6,000 mark Thursday.

The \$250 check from the VFW was the second largest contribution to the fund this year. Earlier, Champion Feeders had contributed \$300 to the stocking fund. Contributions will be accepted through the holiday season.

The CSF is a non-profit group which uses all funds donated to help as many needy families as possible during the Christmas season. About 500 individuals were helped last year when contributions totaled more than \$7,600.

Many names of less-fortunate families have been submitted to the Social Services office at the courthouse, and a screening committee selects the most needy families to be helped with the CSF funds. One application lists a Mrs. M., a young mother working in a local restaurant, who is struggling to take care of two young children. She does not receive any assistance from local agencies. A friend suggested coats for the small children.

In another case, a single father is working fulltime while trying to raise three children. He receives no outside financial help, and a neighbor says Christmas would be brighter for this family if the children could receive clothing and shoes.

The caring and sharing spirit of many Hereford citizens will make Christmas have a special meaning for families such as these. Take your contributions to The Hereford Brand office, 313 N. Lee, or mail to the CSF, Box 673, Hereford.

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Crop yields up, prices said terrible this year

By KIMBERLY THOGMARTIN
Staff Writer

Crop yields this year were above average, but the markets remained "terrible."

That's the situation as described by John Fuston, county executive director of the Agricultural and Stabilization Conservation Service.

The county's biggest crop was dry land wheat, with 120,000 acres grown during 1984. The yield per acre averaged 18 to 20 bushels, Fuston said. The 65,000 acres of irrigated wheat harvested made 60 to 65 bushels per acre.

Fuston contends

Deaf Smith County farmers raised 40,000 acres of dry land milo, which averaged 1,500 to 1,800 pounds per acre. The irrigated variety, with 60,000 acres grown, averaged 5,000 to 5,500 pounds.

The county's 10,000 acres of irrigated cotton made about 400 pounds an acre, with the 3,500 acres of watered barley yielding 60 to 70 bushels per acre.

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Local Roundup

HHS auditorium to host rally

Texas Gov. Mark White is to be in town for a nuclear waste repository-related rally Saturday morning, with Hereford High School's auditorium now confirmed as host.

According to the governor's office, the rally is to commence at 10 a.m. White is supposed to leave town an hour later.

Among those expected to accompany White on the journey are State Attorney General Jim Mattox and Agriculture Secretary Jim Hightower. Several state House and Senate members are also expected to show up.

The rally is being staged, White's office reported, to show state leaders are united in opposition to the nation's first high-level nuclear waste dump being placed in the Panhandle.

On Wednesday, U.S. Department of Energy officials announced Deaf Smith contained one of three "preferred" sites for the repository.

Event regarding Ethiopia slated

Hereford's "Save a Life in Ethiopia" committee has planned a city-wide caroling and prayer service this evening beginning at 6:00 in Park Plaza Center.

Bill Devers, director of Hereford Chamber Singers, is to lead the singing. A short program of prayer and announcements is scheduled to follow.

THURSDAY'S HIGH: 54 (normal: 51 record: 75 (1894))
OVERNIGHT LOW: 37 (normal: 24 record: 3 (1924))
PRECIPITATION: .11 inches between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7:00 this morning

OUTLOOK: Mostly clear tonight with a low in the lower 20s and light winds from the northwest. Saturday is expected to be fair and have a high in the upper 40s along with light and variable winds. Sunday through Christmas Day (Tuesday) is expected to be partly cloudy with lows in the middle 20s to lower 30s and highs in the 50s.



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Hereford Bull

By O.G. NIEMAN



That feller on Tierra Blanca Creek says enough money can buy anything...with the exception of peace of mind.

It is important to build character and, sometimes, it is important to rebuild.

The day after Christmas, area citizens have the opportunity to give the gift of life. It's the regular monthly blood drive day at the Community Center, Wednesday, Dec. 26, from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

A special plea for blood donors for Al Harris is being extended by Amstar employees of Dimmitt. Many of those employees will be making the trip to Hereford Wednesday to donate blood to Harris, and local citizens are invited to help in that drive.

Not too many citizens of Deaf Smith County were surprised when the DOE named our county as one of the top three preferred sites for the nation's first high-level nuclear waste repositories.

The Hereford-based POWER group (People Opposed to Wasted Energy Repositories) had a strong feeling all along-based on DOE hearings, that Deaf Smith would be one of the preferred sites.

It was interesting to note Senator-elect Phil Gramm's response to the announcement of the sites. He still claims Texas will not be chosen, saying there are "other considerations" besides the DOE preferences.

According to Gramm, the Hanford site in Washington remains the most

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Lifestyes

Aurora Dominguez to serve on committee

Aurora Dominguez, a seventh and eighth grade language arts teacher at Stanton Junior High School, has been selected to serve on a Texas Teacher certification testing program advisory committee.

Her role is critical to the development of certification tests which will have a long-term effect on teacher education in Texas. The Texas Education Agency selected Dominguez for her professional knowledge and experience to ensure that the certification tests developed will truly reflect the content of the bilingual education (1-6) filed as it is

taught and understood in Texas schools.

The Texas Education Agency recently contracted with National Evaluation Systems, Inc. (NES) of Amherst, Mass. to develop and administer the first set of 33 tests for the teacher certification testing program. Legislation mandating this testing was passed in 1981. Eventually, the program will encompass approximately 90 tests.

Members of the advisory committee will include public school teachers and college faculty. The committee will play a crucial role in the development of the teacher certification tests. Committee members will be responsible for reviewing, based on their experience with content knowledge of the field, all test materials produced during the test development process.

A series of four conferences have been established at which the advisory committees will review test materials.

Dominguez is currently the vice-president for the Texas Classroom Teachers Association. She is married to John Dominguez, principal at Shirley Intermediate School. They have a son, Dominique.

Honor roll includes residents

Amarillo College's fall honor roll includes three Hereford residents: Gayla Buckner of Route 3 majoring in vocational nursing; Robert B. Murray, Jr. of 506 B Avenue G majoring in air conditioning and refrigeration; and Mary Suzy Wall of 817 Country Club majoring in art.

The scholastic honor roll at Amarillo College consists of students completing at least twelve hours with a 3.4 or higher grade-point average. In all this fall 226 students are on the honor roll out of the 6,146 student body.

Fall registration for all credit courses will be Jan. 9 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the College Union Building on the Washington Street Campus only. For additional information contact the Registrar's Office January 2nd.



In everyday speech, about 60,000 words are used.

Sugar Works gathers for demonstration

Sugar Works Club met recently in the home of Paula Gamez for a demonstration by Martha Shuler of Friona.

Shuler illustrated how to make white chocolate snowmen, chocolate Christmas trees, chocolate covered cherries and chocolate rocky road wreaths. She also showed rice crispy chocolate calling cards, peppermint bark and ritz and triscuit delights.

Members present were Barbara Edwards, Gamez, Mary Lou Abendschan, Carol Odom, Juanita Diaz, Anita Diaz, Sue Rogers and Sherry Davis.

Members also met the next night to repair and assemble a gingerbread house for the Satellite Center which was delivered earlier this week.



Some people believed they could calm a whirlwind by throwing ashes into it.



Enjoying Display

Natalie McWhorter, left, and Lezly McWhorter, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Steve McWhorter, enjoyed looking at all of the figurines and animals on display at the Deaf Smith County Museum. The museum currently has its Christmas decorations out and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Ann Landers Complaints



DEAR ANN LANDERS: My daughter is a high school sophomore. This fall she bought the 1984 yearbook.

I saw several photos of football players, cheerleaders, basketball games and various other sports. I also noted many pictures of the crowds at these events.

I could find no mention of the National Merit Scholarship finalists (the school had five), no picture of the girl who took her science fair project to the nationals, no picture of the award-winning problem-solving bowl team, no mention of the young man who presented a top-notch paper at the National Science Symposium. These major accomplishments went uncheered and unnoticed.

It is difficult to keep students interested in activities that require brain work if they get no recognition. Athletes, however, are virtually worshipped—not only at this school, but everywhere.

I hope the faculty advisors who supervise the yearbook for 1985 will give some space to students who have achieved something in the intellectual areas.—Illinois

DEAR ILL.: Unfortunately, football and basketball are more exciting to most folks than a science fair project. They also bring in more money. I hope the faculty gives serious thought to what you have written. Your complaints have merit.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: There ought to be an organization to help people who are almost destitute

because we have responded to so many mailings requesting money for "worthy causes." I feel an obligation to share what little I have with those less fortunate but the demands have become so numerous I can barely make ends meet.

How did I get on so many mailing lists? I believe it is unfair of organizations to whom I have contributed to give my name to other groups seeking money. I am 84 years old, living on a fixed income. Any advice?—Disgruntled In Monroe, La.

DEAR MONROE: Welcome to the club. My advice to you is to be extremely selective and give modest amounts only to those causes closest to your heart.

I'm afraid you'll be even angrier when I tell you the lists of contributors are SOLD to fund-raising groups. That's why your mailbox is so jammed.

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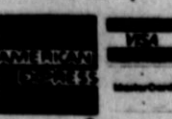
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NFL's best player

Dolphin player cops AP award

Sports

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Sports Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Dan Marino, who record-shattering passing led the Miami Dolphins to a 14-2 record, was named the National Football League's Most Valuable player by The Associated Press today, less than two years after he was passed over by 26 teams in the first round of the 1983 NFL draft.

Marino threw 48 touchdown passes, an unheard-of average of three per game, in shattering the old record of 36. He also became the first NFL quarterback to throw for more than 5,000 yards in a season — with 5,084, he averaged 318 per game.

That enabled him to win the MVP award over Eric Dickerson of the Los Angeles Rams, who in most years would have been a shoo-in after breaking the NFL record for rushing yardage in a season with 2,105, 102 more than O.J. Simpson's mark, set in the 14-game 1973 season.

But Marino, who was the sixth quarterback taken and the 27th overall choice in the 1983 college draft after a so-so senior year at Pitt, got 52 votes in the balloting among three sports writers or broadcasters covering each of the 28 NFL teams to 18 for Dickerson. Walter Payton of the Chicago Bears, who shattered Jim Brown's all-time rushing mark and finished the year with 13,-247 was third.

"It's exciting," Marino said of the award. "It's something special because there are so many great players in the league. I think I'm fortunate because I've been able to play with great players on my team to help me accomplish a lot of good things. That's why an award like that will make me feel good because it just shows those guys were able to help me out."

Marino also helped his teammates and his team. Mark Clayton, a second-year receiver, caught a record 18 touchdown passes, for example. And the when the Dolphins' defense, beset by injuries, began to yield points in increasing numbers, Marino just turned up the volume, throwing four TD passes in each of his last three games.

"I knew that if the records came it would be nice," says Marino. "But it's even more exciting to be on a winning team and in the playoffs."

One of Marino's attributes is his resilience. In his final game, against Dallas, he threw two interceptions that helped the Cowboys come back from a 14-0 deficit to tie the game at 14-14. But then he threw two long touchdown passes to Clayton to give them a 28-21 victory.

In Borger tourney

Whitefaces beaten

The Hereford Whitefaces are set to play for third place today at 6:30 p.m. in the Borger Holiday Basketball Tournament against another District 3-5A team, Plainview.

Hereford was sent to the third place game by Vernon Thursday night, 70-60. Plainview, also finding itself in the losers' bracket, was a 78-51 loser to Borger.

According to Hereford coach Mike Fields, poor free throw shooting may have been the difference Thursday night between a Whiteface win and loss. The Herd hit only 14 of 32 free throw attempts, including four of 14 the second half.

"We didn't play real well," he said, "but they had some good athletes. When they started pressing us and put us on the line, we just couldn't hit the free throws that would have put

us ahead. And a lot of free throws that we missed were front ends of 1-and-1 foul shots."

Fields claimed his team had a comfortable margin early in the first half before Vernon started pressing. At halftime the score was 33-32, Hereford.

Rodney Torres led the Whitefaces with 18 points. Kevin Redus also scored in double figures with 17. Bobby Baker added 9.

Vernon, a Class 3A state semi-finalist in football, put on the floor a 6-foot 5-inch player and a couple of players who were 6-3.

Hereford already has beaten Plainview once this season. The Whitefaces and Bulldogs met Dec. 11 in the HHS gym for a league ball game, Hereford winning 61-54.

Guides Seattle to 12-4 mark

Knox coach of year

SEATTLE (AP) — When star running back Curt Warner was injured in the first game of the National Football League season and lost until next year, the Seattle Seahawks were largely written off for 1984.

Instead, they wound up with a 12-4 season mark and a wild-card berth in the NFL playoffs, making Coach Chuck Knox a runaway choice Thursday as The Associated Press Coach of the Year.

Knox, 52, who spent 10 years with the Los Angeles Rams and Buffalo Bills before coming to Seattle in 1983, praised his players and staff assistants for the Seahawks' success.

"They're the ones who deserve the credit. So many people worked so hard and overcame a lot of adversity," Knox said. "I don't think I ever had a staff do a better job or a group of players accept a challenge like these players have."

Despite the award, he said, "I'd rather have Curt Warner and not the acclaim."

Last year, when Warner rushed for 1,449 yards as a rookie, Knox guided the Seahawks to a 9-7 record, their first playoff berth and an upset playoff victory over the Miami Dolphins.

In the first game of the current season, however, Warner, was lost with a knee injury in a 33-0 victory over Cleveland.

Known for a run-oriented "Ground Chuck" offense, Knox turned to a passing offense

featuring the combination of Dave Krieg to Steve Largent and rookie Darryl Turner, and relied on a half-dozen running backs. His leading rusher, David Hughes, gained a mere 327 yards for the season.

"There was a dark moment when Curt was hurt, and then (wide receiver) Paul Johns. We had to adjust from being a running team to being a passing team," Knox said.

He said the signing of Franco Harris, released by the Pittsburgh Steelers after a contract dispute, was the turning point, even though Harris was subsequently released after gaining only 170 yards in 68 carries.

"Getting Franco was an emotional uplift because it showed the players we were going out and doing something about trying to replace Curt," Knox explained.

His .643 winning percentage for 12 NFL years places him third behind Miami's Don Shula and Dallas' Tom Landry among active coaches with more than 100 regular-season games. In those 12 years, he has produced six division champions and put three other teams in the playoffs.

Knox was selected in balloting by three writers or broadcasters covering each of the NFL's 28 teams. He finished with 48 votes to 11 for Dan Reeves of Denver. They were followed by Don Shula of Miami, Bill Walsh of San Francisco and Bill Parcells of the New York Giants.

NBA roundup

Matthews pulls out Jordan, Chicago

By The Associated Press

Michael Jordan has been the shooting star for the Chicago Bulls this season, and he was again. But it was Wes Matthews who saved the game.

Jordan scored 34 points Thursday night to help the Bulls down the Atlanta Hawks 132-129 in double overtime in the National Basketball Association.

The game wouldn't have gone that far, though, without Matthews. With Atlanta leading 121-118, Matthews hit a three-point shot with three seconds left to force the game into double overtime.

"We just got all of our three-point shooters into the game and let them go," Chicago Coach Kevin Loughery said in explaining his last-second strategy. In other NBA games, Utah nipped Detroit 117-116, Kansas City dumped Portland 118-113 and New York tripped Cleveland 112-97.

Jordan, who had just six points at halftime, connected on a stuff to give Chicago a 127-125 lead with three minutes left and then followed with a driving layup to give the Bulls a four-point margin.

"I did get off to a slow start," Jordan said. "But I was passing to the big guys."

Atlanta Coach Mike Fratello said he was impressed with Jordan, but said he thought the rookie got a little help from the officials.

"I don't mind if guys earn their points. I don't like when you give them their points," Fratello said.

Glenn Rivers scored 30 points for the Hawks. His foul shot with 45 seconds left in regulation sent the game into overtime tied 105-105.

Rivers kept Atlanta in the game during the first overtime before fouling out with 1:09 left.

"I played a good game, but I would rather have scored 10 points and won the game," Rivers said.

Quintin Dailey scored 26 for Chicago and Dominique Wilkins scored 26 for Atlanta.

The game was played in New Orleans, where the Hawks will play 12 times this season. This was Atlanta's fourth game of the year in New Orleans and the contest drew 5,647 fans.

Jazz 117, Pistons 116
Rickey Green made two foul shots with 16 seconds left to put Utah ahead, and Darrell Griffith in-

tercepted a Detroit pass with two seconds remaining to seal the victory.

Green scored Utah's final four points as the Jazz overcame a 116-113 deficit in the final minute. Adrian Dantley led the host Jazz with 41 points while Griffith and Thurl Bailey added 24 apiece.

Isiah Thomas paced the Pistons with 38 points, 16 of them in the final quarter. Detroit held its biggest lead, 96-91, early in the fourth period.

Knicks 112, Cavaliers 97
Bernard King, the NBA's scoring leader, tallied 28 points and Rory Sparrow added a season-high 20 as New York led the entire way. It was the Knicks' 14th straight victory over Cleveland at Madison Square Garden.

New York bolted to a 12-2 lead and was ahead 54-37 at halftime. The Cavaliers got within 78-67 after three quarters but could not make a run at the Knicks.

Johnny Davis scored 16 points for Cleveland and World B. Free had 15.

Kings 118, Trail Blazers 113

Kansas City asserted itself on the boards in the second half and, helped by Eddie Johnson and LaSalle Thompson, rallied past Portland in the fourth quarter.

Johnson scored eight of his 26 points in the final period while Thompson got nine of his 13 in the fourth quarter in boosting the Kings to their fourth straight victory. It was the sixth consecutive loss for the Trail Blazers.

National Football League playoffs glance

National Football League Playoffs At A Glance
By The Associated Press Wild Card Games
Saturday, Dec. 22
L.A. Raiders at Seattle
Sunday, Dec. 23
N.Y. Giants at L.A. Rams

AFC Semifinal Winners
NFC Semifinal Winners

Super Bowl Sunday, Jan. 20
At Palo Alto, Calif.
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Conference Semifinals Saturday, Dec. 29
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Sunday, Dec. 30
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In Holiday Bowl tonight

BYU continues quest for No. 1 ranking

By **HERSCHEL NISSENSON**
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Brigham Young has picked up another convert — albeit an unwilling one — in its drive toward a possible national college football championship.

"If they beat us, they have every right in the world to be declared national champions," Michigan Coach Bo Schembechler, who earlier in the week refused to get involved in the controversy over No. 1, said Thursday.

But even if No. 1-ranked Brigham Young, at 12-0 the nation's only undefeated major-college team, beats 6-5 Michigan in tonight's Holiday Bowl, it probably will do nothing to squelch the noise emanating mainly from the Orange Bowl and Coach

Barry Switzer of second-ranked Oklahoma.

And if BYU loses, the Orange Bowl will change its tune from an Oklahoma-vs.-No. 4 Washington game that "could be" for the national championship to one that "will be." Plus, it will be another blow to the Western Athletic Conference's already questioned prestige and will reinforce the I-told-you-so's.

"I think it's real neat and great to have the national championship hopefully decided before Christmas," said BYU Coach LaVell Edwards. "I can assure Michigan that if they are going to win, they'll have to play the best they've played all year long."

Not only is tonight's game the biggest in BYU's 63-year football

history, it marks the first time the nation's No. 1 team has played in anything but a New Year's bowl. The Holiday Bowl's invitation to Michigan has drawn almost as much criticism as BYU's supposedly soft schedule.

"Many of you are apprehensive about our being here with a 6-5 record, and I don't blame you," Schembechler said. "But we've never been in a football game I didn't feel we could win and we're going into the football game Friday night with the idea that it will be a Michigan victory. We're used to big games and we've won a lot of them."

This is the seventh Holiday Bowl and the seventh time BYU, as WAC champion for the ninth year in a row, has been the host team. The only

other time BYU came here with an undefeated team was in 1979 when the Cougars were 11-0 and ranked ninth, but lost to Indiana 38-37.

Harris picks

Here's how the Harris Rating System sees the state championship football games this weekend, by class:

Class 5A
Odessa Permian (15-0) by 3 over Beaumont French (11-4).

Class 4A
Tomball (14-0) by 6 over Denison (15-0).

Class 3A
Daingerfield (14-0-1) by 7 over Medina Valley (15-0).

Class 2A
Groveton (12-3) even with Panhandle (11-2-2).

Class A
Munday (15-0) by 8 over Union Hill (13-1).



New Surroundings

Deane Jones, director of Hereford Big Brothers-Big Sisters, is seated at her desk in the organization's new offices located at Hereford and Vicinity YMCA, 500 15th St. Office spaces opened in the new Y Tuesday morning for staff members and other such organizations as Big Brothers-Big Sisters and the United Way.

Signs new pact with 'Pokes

Hogeboom hopes to start

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys quarterback Gary Hogeboom says he's hoping — but far from sure — that his new three-year contract will translate into a starting quarterback job next season.

"I don't know about that yet," he said Thursday night. "I haven't talked to coach (Tom Landry) to see how he feels about it."

Hogeboom, 26, signed the new agreement with the National Football League team Wednesday. He would not disclose its terms, but the three-year contract is reportedly worth at least \$1.25 million — which draws nigh to veteran quarterback Danny White's \$550,000 annual salary.

Hogeboom would have entered the option year of a three-year \$600,000 contract next season.

He has been caught up in a see-saw battle for the starting quarterback's job since an injury forced him from that spot in mid-season and Landry replaced him with veteran quarterback Danny White.

Landry has hinted he'll trade one of the two players next season, and both Hogeboom and White have said they had rather be traded than play a backup role next season.

But Hogeboom says his new contract "has nothing to do with the situation we're in now as far as Danny and myself" and that the agreement's timing is pure coincidence.

He said the contract had been hammered out much earlier in the

season, but that "we just hadn't got it signed, maybe because of some wording here and there."

Landry declined to finger his trading choice Thursday night.

"I haven't made my mind up as to who will be the starter," he told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "I didn't even know that he had officially signed. I have no timetable as to when I'll make a decision. That will again depend on what I hear after talking to both of them."

Hogeboom started 10 games in 1984 and ended this troubled year with a quarterback efficiency rating of 63.7, one of the worst in the league.

"I'm happy with it," Hogeboom said of the contract. "That's why I signed it — I thought it was best for me."

White, 32, refused to come to the telephone when The Associated Press called his home Thursday night.

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Local Church News

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

The Christ Mass will be celebrated at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Christmas Eve, beginning with a musical program at 10:30 p.m. Several choral presentations will be interspersed with congregational singing of carols.

The worship will begin with a Service For Evening during which the Christ Candle will be lighted as the symbol of the coming of Jesus Christ as the Light of the World. From the Christ Candle the candles of the congregation will be lighted, symbolic of the spread of light as the Word of God spreads throughout the world.

After the musical interlude, the Holy Eucharist of the Nativity of Our Lord will be festively celebrated. Visitors are cordially invited to come and celebrate God's gift to the world.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

A '50's Roller Rag' is scheduled from 10 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Monday Dec. 31 at the Galaxy in Canyon. Music will be the latest '50's hits and Christian music.

Cost is \$4 per person and refreshments will be provided. Highlight of the evening will be the crowning of the "Nerdest."

On Sunday Dec. 30 a youth group reunion for members of the past six years has been scheduled. A pot luck lunch will be provided after worship services and everyone is asked to bring a dish.

An "I Can" course will be taught on Monday mornings at 7 a.m. during the spring semester. The cost is \$25 which includes a text and workbook. Those interested, are asked to sign up at Ted Taylor's office by Jan. 15.

The following poem was submitted by the staff at the Hereford Church of the Nazarene.

The Innkeeper

He missed it all—
The keeper of that Syrian inn.
He did not mean to,
But the crowds were great, rooms few,
And many guests had gold to give.
Had He not heard, "A man must live?"
There was no room for Nazareth folk.

He missed it all—
Though angels sang His lullaby
And listening shepherds praised,
Though wise men came by starlit ways,
He was too busy for the angel's song.
He saw no star; he planned no wrong
Against these Nazareth folk.

We, too, may miss it all—
The wonder of His coming.
We may not mean to:
But tasks are many, hours few—
Life rushes us with hurrying feet—
While song and star we fail to greet.
May we not slight the Nazareth

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. David Combs of Hamlin, former Hereford residents, announce the birth of a daughter, Crystal Amara, born Nov. 30. She weighed 7 lb.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Tooley of Hereford and Mrs. Connie Combs of Perryton. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Lucy Moore of King's Manor.

In Sweden, the Christmas season is ushered in on December 13th by "St. Lucia." In reality, she is the eldest daughter of the family.

Dressed in white and wearing a wreath with candles on her head, she brings coffee and cakes to the other members of the family.

On this same day, young Swedish men and women wearing long, white robes serenade their friends and bring them refreshments. Called Lucia brides and Star boys, the young women carry candles and the young men carry silver stars.

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The Westway Baptist Church will present a Christmas cantata, "A King Comes," by Michael Parks at 11 a.m. Sunday at the church. A special 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon Communion service is slated that afternoon in place of the regularly scheduled evening services.

"A King Comes" is an inspiring presentation of the Biblical account of the birth of Christ, with narrations from the Bible, interspersed with original musical numbers depicting Christ's birth.

The choir will be directed by Kenneth Varner with solos by Mary Varner and Chris Fuqua. Narrator for the Christmas presentation will be George Crafton of Hereford.

Charles Vick, pastor, invites everyone to celebrate Christ's birth.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rev. W. Seybert of Derby, Ks. will preach during Sunday morning worship services scheduled at 11 a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The public is invited to the Christmas Eve service of carols and lights at 7 p.m. Monday. An open house will be held at the Ed DeLoziers' home, 301 Stadium, immediately following the service.

The Stephen Series will not meet this week or next. Classes will resume Jan. 3.

A special Christmas offering will be taken this Sunday. This offering is "over and above" title pledges and will go to support missions both at home and abroad.

First United Methodist Church

A Christmas Eve service of Holy Communion will be held in First United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Monday, closing a series of special Advent services on Sundays through December.

Dr. Weldon Butler, pastor, will officiate for the Communion hour and music will be in charge of John Avery, who has directed music and drama in the preceding services. No evening meetings are scheduled Sunday, and the regular morning worship will be held at 10:55 a.m. with the public invited.

The church office will be closed Monday and Tuesday. Choir rehearsals will not be held again until the school vacation ends after New Year.

Caroling at King's Manor and at homes of shut-ins has been an activity of adult and children's groups this week. Most of the church organizations have had pre-Christmas parties in December, including the annual Administrative Board dinner Thursday evening.

John Tyler

John Tyler became the 10th president of the United States at the death of President William Henry Harrison on April 4, 1841. Although a vice president only 31 days, Tyler was well prepared for the top job. The son of a governor of Virginia, Tyler spent his whole life in politics, having served in the House of Delegates, the Virginia legislature, the U.S. Senate and as governor of Virginia.



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