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Four officers shot, man dies in gunfight

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Three police officers were wounded — two critically — after a man grabbed an officer's gun and shot them while they were trying to breakup a domestic disturbance at a Denny's early Friday, authorities said.

Police shot the man to death.

Officers were called to the restaurant in the northeast section of the city about 3:30 a.m. because of a fight between the man and his girlfriend, police spokeswoman Sandy Perez said.

The man had gone to the restaurant to confront the girlfriend, who was there with another man, Perez said. When police arrived, a scuffle ensued, and the man punched an officer and grabbed his gun, and then shot three other officers before he was shot to death, authorities said.

Attempts to reach employees at the Denny's were unsuccessful. Calls to the restaurant were met with a busy signal.

DEATHS

- Pauline Word 'Go Go' Brown**, 79, services pending.
- Willie Mae Donnell**, 83, retired psychiatric nurse.
- Helen Marie Rutledge**, 81, homemaker.
- Velda Irene Spillane**, 82, retired bookkeeper.

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Police warn of local theft scam

By **NANCY YOUNG**
 MANAGING EDITOR

Local residents are warned to not allow strangers into their homes, said local police officials.

In recent weeks there could be as many as 20 residents of Pampa who have become victims of thieves due to allowing people they didn't know into their homes, said Public Information Officer Donny Brown of the Pampa Police Department.

"Over the past several weeks the Pampa Police

Department has taken several reports of suspects entering homes in the late night and early morning hours and taking items," he said. "What the suspects — mainly white females — are doing is going to the doors knocking asking for assistance."

Brown said in some instances there has been one female, but in others there have been two. He said the females are reported to be 20 to 30 years old.

Pampa PD officials ask that anyone who has been a victim to these people in recent

weeks and not reported it to contact the local police department as soon as possible to assist them in their investigation.

"The females are telling the residents that their car has broken down and they are needing to contact someone for help," he said. "Once inside they distract the resident long enough to take items from the home."

Victims have been from a varied range of ages, he said, saying there have also been some elderly victims.

Several items have been

reported taken in the home thefts, including cash and prescription medications.

Brown said the police department has received reports the incidents have occurred in all areas of town.

"This week the reports have been primarily from the southeast side of town, but they've come in from all over town," he said.

Pampa Police Department seeks assistance from the public by asking residents not to admit strangers to their homes.

"The Pampa Police

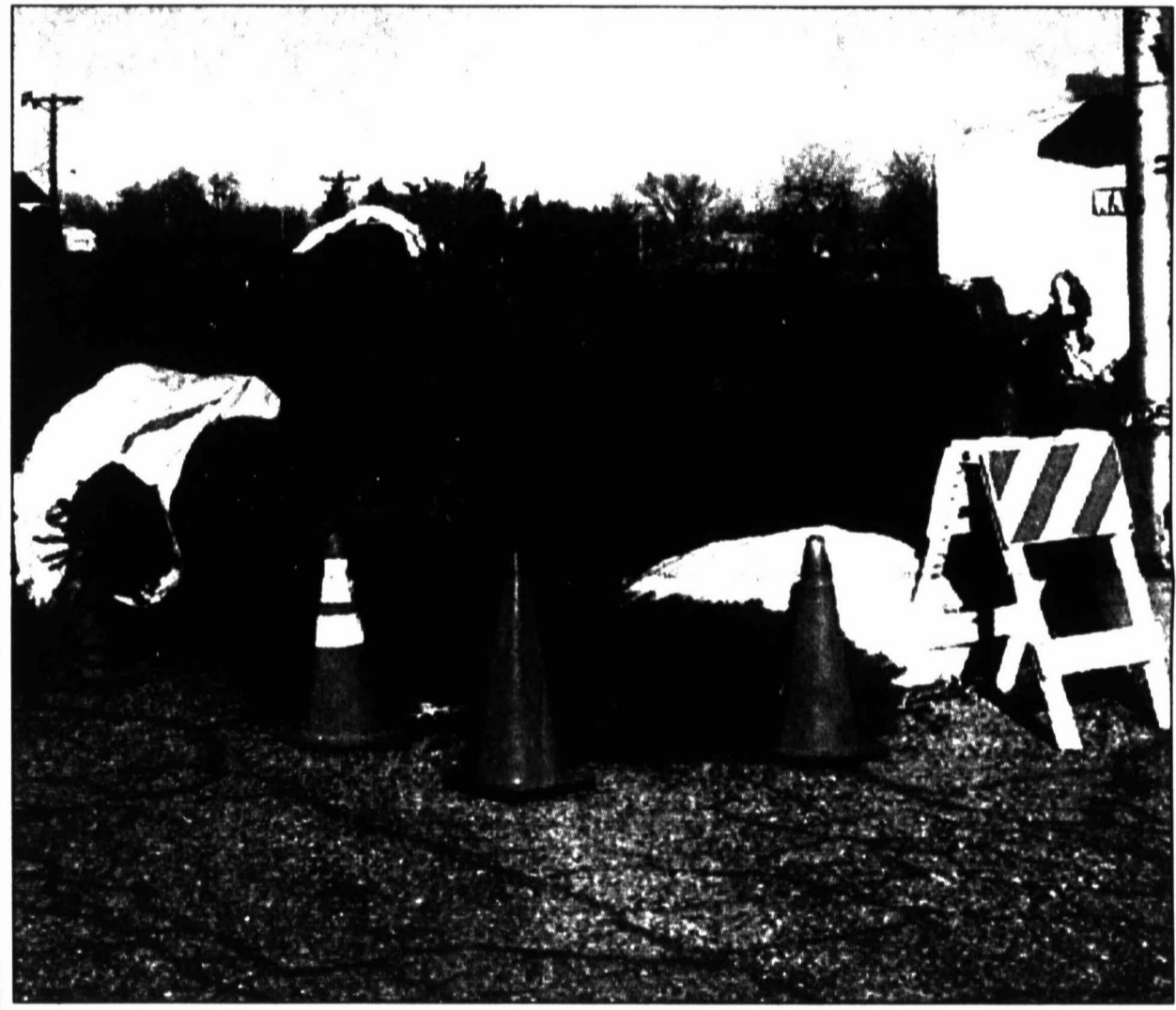
Department would like to encourage residents that if someone comes to your home in the late or real early hours of the night or morning, requesting assistance, to tell them you will make the call for them," he said. "We encourage you to contact the police department at that time and explain the situation. It is not necessary to contact 9-1-1 unless it is an emergency."

Pampa Police Department number is 669-5700.

"Avoid becoming a victim yourself; do not open the door for them," said Brown.

Time to recycle those Christmas trees

By **NANCY YOUNG**
 MANAGING EDITOR



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

The 2002 Christmas trees will soon be recycled into mulch by Clean Pampa, Inc. Pampans may dispose of their trees at the Warner-Horton parking lot, 900 N. Duncan.

That stack of discarded Christmas trees is growing in the Warner-Horton parking lot at 900 Duncan. Clean Pampa, Inc., is again sponsoring its annual Christmas tree recycling campaign — "Chipping of the Greens."

Local residents who had real Christmas trees for the 2002 holiday may take those trees to the Warner-Horton parking area to be recycled.

The safe and efficient method of Christmas tree disposal is designed to save valuable landfill space, eliminate fire hazards by prompt removal, enable the city's solid waste department to concentrate on increased residential refuse, and reduce solid waste operational costs, officials said.

Residents are urged not to put their trees in the alleys or alley dumpsters as city officials said the city side-loader trucks are only able to pick up dumpsters.

Bill Hildebrandt with the City of Pampa said the project reduces the bulk in the dumpsters.

Pampans may take ornament-free Christmas trees to the parking lot at 900 N. Duncan where the annual "Chipping of the Greens" will be held on Jan. 11.

Trees should be placed within the designated barricades at the Warner-Horton parking lot, said Paula Goff with Clean Pampa.

Trees will be chipped into mulch on Jan. 11 and will be available to the public at no charge across the street from Hobart Street Park.

"Chipping of the Greens" is a free service to the community, but Clean Pampa, Inc., does accept donations, officials said. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Clean Pampa, Inc., at 665-2514.

State Department seeks budget boosts to battle AIDS, war on terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department is seeking substantial budget increases to fight the global AIDS epidemic and to counter terrorism, including more than \$1 billion in new funds to tighten security at embassies, officials say.

High on the department's wish list is \$100 million to hire an additional 399 officers for Secretary of State Colin Powell's initiative to promote U.S. foreign policy, said the officials, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

The battles against terrorism and AIDS, a more quiet foe that claimed 3.1 million lives around the world in 2002, have helped shape the department's request to the White House budget office for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

President Bush is to submit his budget for fiscal 2004 to Congress early next month. In the meantime, Congress has not completed action on the department's spending requests for the current fiscal year, which include more than \$16 billion to combat terrorism.

The 2004 budget will aim to sustain a broad effort against terrorism that involves economic assistance, foreign military training and economic development.

A wave of anti-American and anti-Western sentiment has translated into attacks and spurred increased security at U.S. embassies.

Powell's initiative is designed to fill vacancies in the foreign service and to place new emphasis on teaching foreign audiences what the United States is trying to accomplish.

A senior department official declined to provide the precise amount that department would seek in counterterrorism spending.

Powell, meanwhile, has given high priority to the struggle against the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

(See BUDGET, Page 5)

South Korea to offer compromise solution to North Korea and U.S.A.

By **PAUL SHIN**
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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korean President-elect Roh Moon-hyun will offer North Korea and the United States a compromise to end the nuclear standoff, charting a new diplomatic course for the longtime U.S. ally, an aide said Friday.

But the North Korean ambassador to China insisted that Pyongyang would not bend until Washington agrees to a nonaggression treaty.

In Seoul, the head of the Roh's transition team told a Korean television interviewer that the plan — details of which were not released — would require concessions both from President Bush and North Korean leader Kim Jong Il.

"The president-elect plans to present his own solution around the middle of this month," Lim Chae-jung said.

Lim said Roh, who will meet Bush shortly after his Feb. 25 inauguration, is taking "a very cautious approach" because it is "a matter that affects the destiny of our people."

The United States rejects contact with the North unless it unilaterally closes its newly reopened nuclear program, which

Washington claims will enable the North to produce nuclear weapons.

The Bush administration was also expected to insist on the presence of U.N. inspectors, a demand the North was likely to strongly resist.

The North's ambassador to China, Choe Jin Su, restated Friday that his government rejected any U.S. preconditions on the talks and again demanded a nonaggression treaty as Pyongyang's precondition to shut down the nuclear program.

"If the U.S. legally assures us of security by concluding a nonaggression treaty, the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula will be easily settled," Choe said.

However, "the U.S. should respect international agreements and respond with dialogue toward the DPRK without any preconditions," the ambassador said, referring to his government by the initials of its formal name.

Choe defended the North's decision to restart its plutonium-based nuclear program last month and accused the United States of threatening the North with nuclear weapons. He said the North was forced to act when a U.S.-led coalition in October cut off energy aid promised under a

1994 nuclear freeze agreement.

"We are compelled not to implement" the 1994 agreement, Choe said at a news conference. "The situation is getting worse and worse."

Washington says it turned off oil supplies to North Korea because Pyongyang acknowledged in October the existence of a second, uranium-based nuclear program, which violates international arms control agreements.

Last month the dispute escalated when the isolated Stalinist dictatorship removed monitoring seals and cameras from its nuclear facilities at Yongbyon, expelled U.N. nuclear inspectors and signaled it may withdraw from the global nuclear arms control treaty.

Choe said North Korea would be willing to discuss conditions for again freezing its nuclear program with the United Nations' International Atomic Energy Agency "when the time permits."

Shim Yoon-joe, head of the North American affairs department in the South Korean Foreign Ministry, said on television that North Korea should agree to scrap its nuclear weapons program as a first step toward dialogue.

"If North Korea makes its position clear on its uranium- (See KOREAS, Page 5)

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RELIGION

Churches see less offerings

By JAMIE REID
 BEAUMONT ENTERPRISE

BEAUMONT — The ushers at Wesley United Methodist Church lately haven't gotten as much of a biceps workout as usual on Sundays.

A decline in coins, checks and bills has made the collection plates a bit lighter for the ushers, according to the Rev. Marty Vershel, the church's pastor.

"I think there's a lack of confidence in the economy," Vershel said of why people are more reserved in emptying their wallets, pockets and pocket books when the collection plate comes around. "How many people will wake up tomorrow and worry about not having a job?"

A decline in offerings has become a problem for churches throughout Southeast Texas, church leaders said.

Collections are crucial to a church's survival, they said. Donations pay bills, salaries, fund programs, buy supplies and help missions with collections.

The Rev. Bryan Brown at Port Arthur Temple Methodist Church blames the economy, not parishioners, for the financial struggle.

"At this church, we're just a flower growing in a pot," Brown said.

Church leaders said that pot is tighter than past year's, but they are not yet cutting programs.

Vershel, whose church attracts about 950 to Sunday services, said he has begun

shaving from church spending to stay within his budget. The church has delayed buying new computers and depends on parishioners to bring candy and food to church events. In the past, the church provided these items, he said.

Vershel isn't the only church leader to find creative ways to save money.

At Port Arthur Temple Methodist Church, the Rev. Bryan Brown asks parishioners to groom the grounds rather than have the church pay professionals to do the work.

At Westgate Baptist Church in Beaumont, minister of administration Jeff Sandusky has learned the art of prioritizing. He won't skimp on utilities, but he's cutting down on church mailers, which save money on stamps and office supplies.

The Rev. Michael Jamail,

vicar general of Catholic Diocese of Beaumont, said the diocese is looking to increase donations, although dire financial straits are nowhere near. In fact, parishioners surpassed a \$1.3 million goal on the annual Bishop's Faith Appeal by donating \$1.64 million.

The diocese managed to skirt a struggling economy and a much-publicized national sex scandal, Jamail said. The Boston diocese, where the Catholic sex scandal began, may declare bankruptcy because it is paying court settlements.

But in Southeast Texas, the money is flowing. Jamail credited faithful parishioners and open accounting for the proceeds.

Catholics typically give less money to their church than the average Protestant, according to an expert on the matter.



(Courtesy photo)

Children of the World international children's choir is to perform at First Baptist Church of Pampa at 10:45 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 12.

International children's choir to sing at First Baptist Jan. 12

Children of the World, an international children's choir from World Help service organization, will perform at 10:45 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 12, at First Baptist Church of Pampa.

This group of 23 orphaned and disadvantaged children from Nepal, India, Burma, Uganda and the Philippines has spent months traveling coast to coast to generate compassion and inspire individuals to get involved in helping meet the needs of children around the world.

Working in more than 50 countries, World Help has seen the desperate needs of children around the world.

According to a press release from the organization, 200 million children suffer from hunger and 35,000 die each because of lack of food, while 25 million have no home.

"Children of the World" are to perform in more than 150 concerts during their 10-month tour including Walt Disney World, Paramount's Great America, Atlanta Fest and Lego Land.

Last year's debut choir recruited more than 1,500 new American sponsors and raised funds for building projects to improve the quality of life for thousands of needy children around the world.

Avoid lure of living in yesterday

I was reading the other day in Galatians 2 and I began to think about how many people today are in love with yesterday. It seems that everywhere I go, I hear someone talk about the "good old days."

The Bible teaches us that God is not behind us but in front and urging us to move on to greater victories, a person will either grow in grace or he will stagnate in yesterday. Like the pull of a magnet, the lure of yesterday will draw you away from the responsibilities of today, and it will greatly limit your usefulness. Why is yesterday so dear to most people?

I. It is familiar. No one prevents the unknown to the known. Even the most adventuresome person will find this true when he is honest with himself. This is one reason why death holds such fear for man. It is a state from whose land no traveler returns, and we know so little about it. The cautious traveler would rather go 10 miles out of his way to follow a highway he knows than to take a chance on some professed new short cut. We use



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products of a given brand name over against some new and perhaps equally good brands because we know them from experience. Our psychological and spiritual patterns develop along the same lines.

II. It never offends anyone. Few people get offended over their long agos. But today demands change if we are going to be able to meet the needs of tomorrow and that is uncomfortable. To ask a man to change his thinking or his ways is to question the value or the lasting value of his yesterdays, and that is an offense to some people, particularly those who have prepared little for today and expect to do less for tomorrow.

III. It costs nothing. Yesterday demands nothing

of today, no struggle and no discipline. If we live all the time in yesterday, we can live a long time on the work we used to do and we do not have to do anything now. Peter's relapse into yesterday at Antioch did not cost him anything at the moment. And until called into question by Paul, he was able to maintain a comfortable friendship with the gentle Christians and the ceremonial Jewish Christians. Had he not had this relapse, it might have cost him the alienation of some friends in Jerusalem who were unwilling to live in today. Had Peter graciously but firmly insisted upon friendship and love for the gentle Christians that were equally as warm and meaningful for the Jews, it might well have severed some relationships that had lasted through the years.

IV. When the lure of yesterday settles in one's life, he begins to develop a yesterday psyche. We see this in church life when an individual decides he has served his time and now he is going to take it easy. "I've served my time" is another way of saying, "I've had all I want of tomorrow. I've had all I want of today. Now I want to live in yesterday." That is a serious sickness.

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Peter was a great man and his greatness was evident even here in this error. Paul said Peter did not need an accuser; he stood condemned by his own act. But when rebuked, Peter accepted in humility and changed his ways. That is a characteristic of greatness. He broke the hold that yesterday had on him and became a man of great tomorrows!

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Bush thanks Fort Hood troops

CRAWFORD (AP) — President Bush is rallying the troops at Fort Hood, an Army base in Texas that probably would send thousands of soldiers to the Persian Gulf in the event of war with Iraq.

Bush was to review troops in formation at the base Friday and give a speech expressing the nation's gratitude and lunching with Army personnel.

Fort Hood, the country's largest military base, is home to the 1st Cavalry Division, a highly mobile unit that relies on helicopters and tanks.

It is also the home of the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), which uses advanced digital systems to provide soldiers with a view of entire battlefields and who is on it, faster communication and more accurate firepower.

Fort Hood has more than 41,000 troops, but had little role in the war in Afghanistan. During the 1991 Gulf War, about 25,000 troops were deployed from there. While many soldiers have been sent to the Gulf region as part of the effort against terrorism, none has been sent there as part of the current buildup for possible war with Iraq, said Maj. Jay Woods, a base spokesman.

On Thursday, the president said he's skeptical that Iraq's Saddam Hussein will voluntarily rid his country of weapons of mass destruction as required by a new U.N. resolution. But he repeatedly said he's not on an inevitable path to war with the Iraqi leader.

"I'm hopeful we won't have to go to war," Bush said.

The Fort Hood trip marked the first time Bush had left his Crawford ranch for official White House business since arriving for vacation Dec. 26. On New Year's Eve, the president spoke with reporters during a visit to a local diner with first lady Laura Bush.

Thursday morning found Bush on semipublic view but still in vacation mode, as he invit-

ed about a dozen journalists on a four-mile hike around his ranch.

The 90-minute excursion on a cold, wind-swept winter morning — Bush estimated it covered the northeastern third of the 1,600-acre Prairie Chapel Ranch — had reporters scrambling to keep up as the president moved up and down hills, into rocky canyons and through muddy beds. Falling behind meant missing out on Bush's nonstop commentary on the diversity of the flora and fauna on his rambling "little slice of heaven" in central Texas.

"There's the great outdoors and you're supposed to be in it," said Bush, as he showed off a canyon called The Cathedral — one of seven on the ranch — newly cleared of brush to reveal a half-circle limestone overhang with a cascading waterfall.

The names of each tree he passed easily tripped off his tongue, as did those of birds, animals, fish and rocks. He clearly reveled in the surroundings, excitedly pointing out the property's abundant wild turkeys ("fantastic"), a spring unexpectedly bubbling out of rocks on a forested hillside ("special") and The Cathedral ("wait until you see this place").

Later, bounding toward a rocky 90-foot ledge, Bush pronounced it "a great place to sit down and think — which I have done, I want you to know."

But for a president not often given to quiet contemplation, it is as much his love of the physically demanding work on the property as its scenic opportunities that draws him.

As a result, the tour focused on his progress in clearing thick, suffocating cedar growth from around hardwood trees and opening up the prettier corners of the ranch. The project he happily acknowledges may never be finished is as much a personal salve as the fulfillment of a pledge to his wife, who feared at first that their many overgrown acres would remain inaccessible to them and their visitors.

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KOREAS

based nuclear weapons program and announces its willingness to scrap it, that can set the stage for dialogue with the United States," Shim said in a television interview.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported that one proposal under study will require North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons program in exchange for a written guarantee of security from the United States.

"The starting point of any solution should be North Korea publicly stating a willingness to scrap its nuclear weapons program," Yonhap quoted a South Korean Foreign Ministry official as saying.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told the news agency that the U.S. position is that it would never

accept a treaty with North Korea that would require congressional ratification.

South Korea plans to present its final proposal at meetings with the United States and Japan to be held in Washington on Monday and Tuesday, Yonhap said.

The government wouldn't immediately comment on the agency report.

Bush on Thursday sharply rebuked the North Korean leader, saying he has "no heart for somebody who starves his folks," Bush said, however, he remains confident of a peaceful solution to the deadlock.

President-elect Roh, a former human rights lawyer, supports dialogue to resolve the dispute. He believes military force or economic sanctions could backfire and result in catastrophe.

The border between the two Koreas is the world's

most heavily militarized, with more than 2 million troops massed on both sides. Millions of people were killed or injured in the 1950-53 Korean War. About 37,000 U.S. troops are currently stationed in South Korea.

Seoul has stepped up its diplomacy and plans to use upcoming inter-Korean Cabinet-level talks to urge North Korea change course.

Church plans healing service

SKELLYTOWN — River of Life Church, 411 Chamberlain, plans a special healing service at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4. Anyone who has a need or knows someone who does are invited to participate. For more information, call 848-2939.

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Square House announces upcoming exhibits

PANHANDLE — Two shows are opening at Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle this January. One exhibit will feature the work of artist Richard Hogue and the other two portfolios of Spanish missions and the Kiowa Indian tribe.

A native of Hutchinson County, Hogue's work reflects his love for history and folklore. Basically self-taught, he studied briefly with Marlin Adams.

Inspired by the grandeur of Palo Duro Canyon and the Canadian River, Hogue has completed commissions for several area businesses, published "The West That Was" and several mag-

azine articles, and garnered honors for his art at various art shows.

He also designed the bi-centennial medallion for Hutchinson County.

The Alamo is the best known of the Spanish missions in Texas. It is however, one of the smallest and simplest. A portfolio by E.M. Schwietz explores the Alamo and five other Texas missions. It was bequeathed to the museum several years ago. This and a portfolio of Kiowa life will be exhibited in the Hazlewood Gallery.

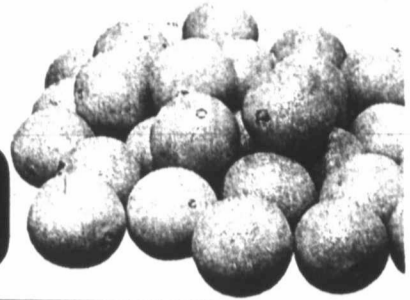
An opening reception for both exhibits is scheduled from 2:30-4 p.m., Jan. 5 at the museum. For more information, call (806) 537-3524.

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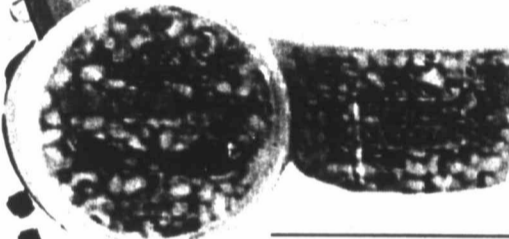
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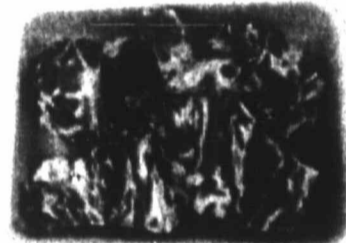
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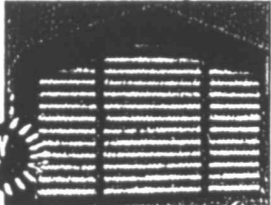
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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Family Worries About Divorced Woman Living Happily Alone

DEAR ABBY I am 32 years old and have been divorced for about three years. My five-year marriage was a disaster. When my husband wasn't cheating he was putting me down, telling me how fat and stupid I was, and that nobody liked me.

My life is 100 percent better now. I moved away and found a good job, and am once again at peace with myself. At the end of each workday, I enjoy going home, watching TV, turning in early, then getting up for work in the morning and doing it all over again. The problem is that my family is worried about me.

On weekends, I go home on Friday night and don't leave my apartment until Monday morning. I am content with my routine, but my family disapproves. I don't usually worry about what others think, but I know they love me and are genuinely concerned. What do you think, Abby?

PEACEFUL IN ARIZONA

DEAR PEACEFUL: That your family may have a point. There's an old saying, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," and it also applies to men and women.

Before you completely cloister yourself in your routine, please make absolutely certain that you are not confusing an absence of pain and abuse with happiness. It is important to have a balance in life, and by that I mean there's far more sat-

isfaction to be found than just work and television.

A step in the right direction would be to sign up for a lecture series, or volunteer one or two days a month at a hospital, library or shelter.

DEAR ABBY: We have a close family friend of nearly 40 years. I'll call her Becky. She is nearly 80 years old and has no living relatives. Becky considers us her "family," and the feeling is mutual.

The problem we've run into is that Becky still lives by herself and continues to drive — which she shouldn't be doing. She has had 10 wrecks that we know of in the past seven years. The most recent one totaled her car, and she promptly bought a new one. Becky has bad hips and legs, which has reduced her ability to walk or climb stairs. Also, last month there was a knock at her door late one night and she opened it without first looking through the peephole. Becky was robbed at gunpoint.

We have spoken with her several times over the past few years about moving into an assisted living facility. However, Becky is one stubborn lady and doesn't think "those places" are for her. We disagree.

Becky depends on our family for everything, as though we are blood relatives. Since we're not, we cannot legally do anything to improve her situation. I speak for everyone in my family when I say we fear it

Becky continues on the path she's on, she will not live much longer. Is there any advice you can offer on this sad situation, Abby?

AFRAID FOR OUR FAMILY FRIEND IN DALLAS

DEAR AFRAID: Only this. Although Becky seems to have financial resources, she appears to be slowing down mentally as well as physically. Her physician should be made aware of her condition, because it's possible she should be supervised by a geriatric specialist or social worker. She appears to be a very vulnerable senior.

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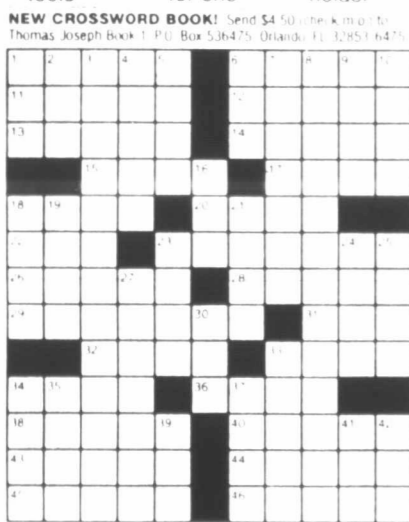
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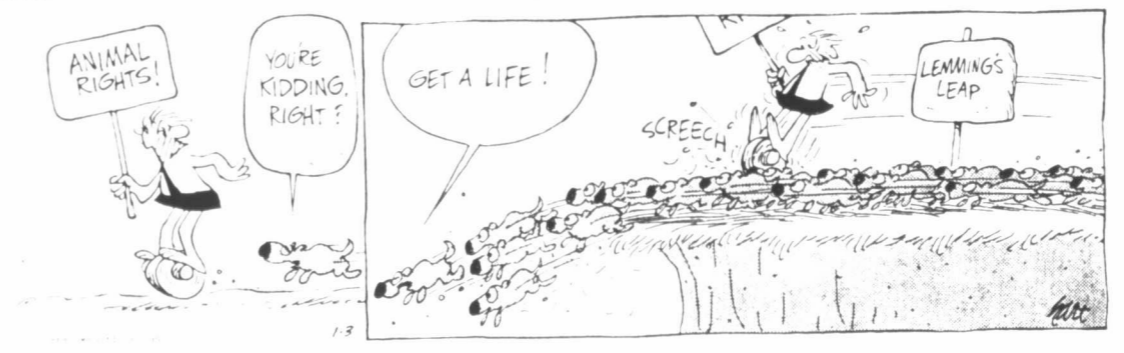


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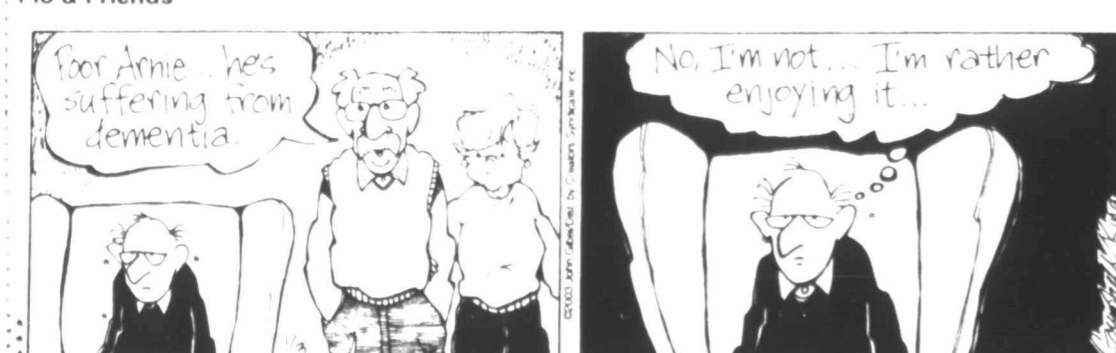
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A Palo Duro Palo in c

PAMPA Johnson tossed to lead Palo Duro to win over Panhandle State in a 4A basketball game Thursday night. The Harveys district play season. The score was 2-0 in district overall.

Johnson, guard, hit 10 of 11 shots.

Early on, a contest might see saw struggle lead changes. However, the Harveys would shoot advantage (3 of the first quarter) the gap to 22-10.

Chance Pampa's high points, followed by Johnson.

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MIAMI (UPI) — California's quarterback hankering game.

The Heister and Oran would love top-ranked Hurricanes.

"It's not pen," Palmo definitely told me. "I'm definitely giving them a mofey."

Based on Trojans' Thursday night argue? The yards and ball game 38-17 in the first half.

The Trojans outscored the Hurricanes 21-14 in their final showing. The impressive team to see rankings.

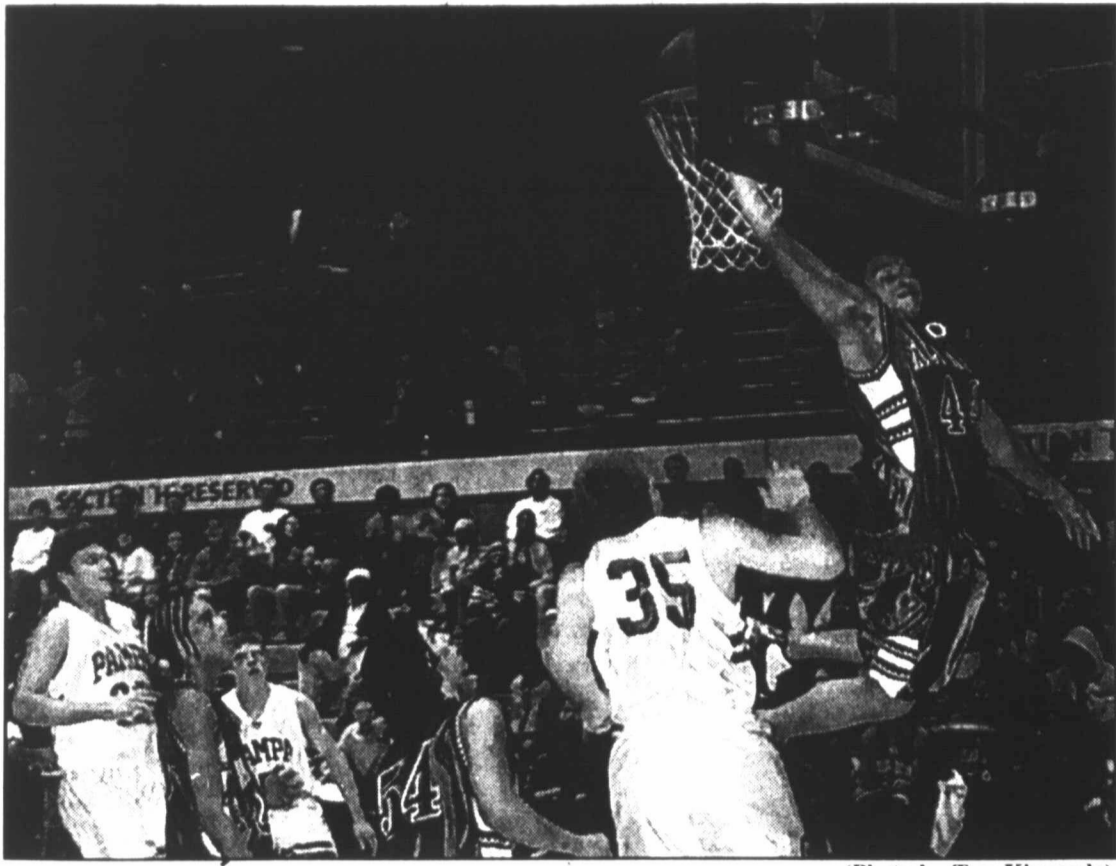
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The Trojans case with a 10-10 Iowa (11-1) scoring drive 85 and 61 yards. His duel a runner-up in the

SPORTS



(Photo by Tess Kingade)

A Palo Duro player goes up for shot as Pampa's Chance Bowers (35) looks on. Palo Duro sweeps Pampa in district doubleheader

PAMPA — Austin Johnson tossed in 38 points to lead Palo Duro to a 100-70 win over Pampa in District 3-4A basketball action Thursday night.

The Harvesters are 1-1 in district play and 5-10 for the season. The Dons improved to 2-0 in district and 17-4 overall.

Johnson, a sophomore guard, hit 10 3-pointers for the game.

Early on, it looked like the contest might develop into a seesaw struggle with seven lead changes in the first quarter. However, the Dons would shoot to a 17-point advantage (35-18) at the end of the first quarter and widen the gap to 22 (57-35) at halftime.

Chance Bowers was Pampa's high scorer with 18 points, followed by Max

Simon with 15.

Kyle Shields added 21 points for the Dons.

Others who scored for the Harvesters were Ryan Zemanek with 9, Collin Bowers 8, Jed Martin 7, James Silva 5, Brittin East 3, Clayton Hall 3 and Matt Robben 2.

Pampa stayed close in the girls' game until the third quarter in a 58-43 loss to Palo Duro last night.

The Lady Harvesters trailed by four (16-12) after the first quarter and by eight (29-21) at halftime. PD went on a scoring spree in the opening minutes of the third quarter, scoring eight of the first 10 points. The Lady Dons expanded their lead to 18 (46-28) after three quarters.

Latiesha Moore had 25

points and Tamika Daniel added 15 to lead the PD attack.

Stacey Johnson and Mariza Scott led Pampa with 8 points each. Other Lady Harvesters in the scoring column were Valerie Velez with 7, Casey Fisher 6, Jackie Gerber 5, Callie Cobb 4, Abbi Covalt 3, and Jaelyn Spearman 2.

PD is 2-1 in district and 13-6 overall. Pampa is 0-4 and 4-13.

The Pampa teams continue district action Saturday night at Dumas. Tipoff is 6 p.m. girls and 7:30 boys.

Both Pampa boys and girls play again in McNeely Fieldhouse next Friday night against Caprock.

Caprock split games with Hereford on Thursday night. Caprock boys won 46-43 and Caprock girls lost 52-40.

Southern Cal rolls to Orange win

MIAMI (AP) — Southern California's strong finish left quarterback Carson Palmer hankering for one more game.

The Heisman Trophy winner and Orange Bowl MVP would love a crack at the top-ranked Miami Hurricanes.

"It's not going to happen," Palmer said. "But I definitely think we could give them a run for their money."

Based on the fifth-ranked Trojans' performance Thursday night, who's to argue? They totaled 550 yards and beat No. 3 Iowa 38-17 in the Orange Bowl.

The Trojans (11-2) outscored UCLA, Notre Dame and Iowa 134-51 in their final three games, a showing that might be impressive enough to vault them to second in the final rankings. It would be Southern California's highest finish since 1979.

Miami will try for its second straight national title Friday night against Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl. The Trojans can argue they would have won the title game, but losses to Kansas State and Washington State in the first half of the season cost coach Pete Carroll's team a shot at the Hurricanes.

"I don't want to take anything away from what they're doing," Carroll said. "We don't get to play them. That's just a fun argument and discussion that Trojan fans will be talking about all offseason."

The Trojans made their case with a big finish against Iowa (11-2). Palmer led scoring drives of 79, 80, 99, 85 and 61 yards, dominating his duel against Heisman runner-up Brad Banks. The

Southern California quarterback threw for 303 yards and a touchdown in his 45th and final college start.

"I knew I'd have a target on my chest coming into this game," Palmer said. "Brad Banks was as deserving as any of the candidates, and because of that I knew they were going to be coming after me. I think we slowed them down a little bit."

Banks was limited to 204 yards passing and failed to lead the Hawkeyes' normally high-powered offense into the end zone until the final minute. C.J. Jones returned the opening kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown, an Orange Bowl record, but more than 40,000 Hawkeyes fans in attendance had little to cheer about after that.

Palmer completed 21 of 31 passes, feasting on a defense that ranked last in the Big Ten against the pass. His 65-yard bomb to Kareem Kelly set up Southern Cal's first score, but mostly Palmer made short throws to keep drives alive.

"That dude has an arm, man," Trojans running back Sultan McCullough said. "I came to Tailback U. Why are we throwing the ball? But, hey, we're winning."

Banks, a Florida native playing with dozens of relatives in the stands, went 15-for-36 and threw his first interception since Oct. 19.

"It was just a great ball-club we faced tonight," Banks said. "They had a great game."

Iowa's muscle was a concern for Southern California coming into the game, but instead the fleet Trojans wore down the Hawkeyes. Southern Cal had 247 yards rushing against the nation's second-ranked run defense, including 122 by Justin

Fargas, who scored on runs of 4 and 50 yards.

The Hawkeyes were hurt by 13 penalties, two turnovers and several missed opportunities. In the first half they had first-and-goal at the 2 and at the 1, but they came away with only three points from the two possessions.

The Trojans took the lead for good by driving 80 yards on the first possession of the second half. The score came on an 18-yard reception by Mike Williams, his 14th this season to tie an NCAA freshman record.

"In the second half they pretty much did what they wanted to do," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "They outplayed us in every phase."

The Trojans beat a Top 25 team for the seventh time this season. They won their final eight games and snapped a nine-game winning streak by Iowa.

"We're playing terrific football right now," Carroll said. "We'd like to just keep on going."

Football boosters to meet Monday

PAMPA — The Harvester Booster Club will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the high school athletic building to finalize plans for the annual football banquet.

The banquet to honor the 2002 Harvesters will be Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 6:30 p.m. in M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Tickets, at \$8.50 per person, can be purchased Monday through Wednesday from Sandy Clark at the athletic office during regular school hours.

No tickets will be sold after Jan. 8.

NFL Playoff Glance

All Times EST
Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 4

AFC Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets, 4:30 p.m. (ABC)

NFC Atlanta at Green Bay, 8 p.m. (ABC)

Sunday, Jan. 5

AFC Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m. (CBS)

NFC N.Y. Giants at San Francisco, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)

Indianapolis, Cleveland or Pittsburgh at Tennessee

NFC Atlanta, N.Y. Giants or Green Bay at Tampa Bay

Atlanta, N.Y. Giants or San Francisco at Philadelphia

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 19

AFC Championship and NFC Championship
3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 11 and Sunday, Jan. 12

AFC Indianapolis, Cleveland or N.Y. Jets at Oakland

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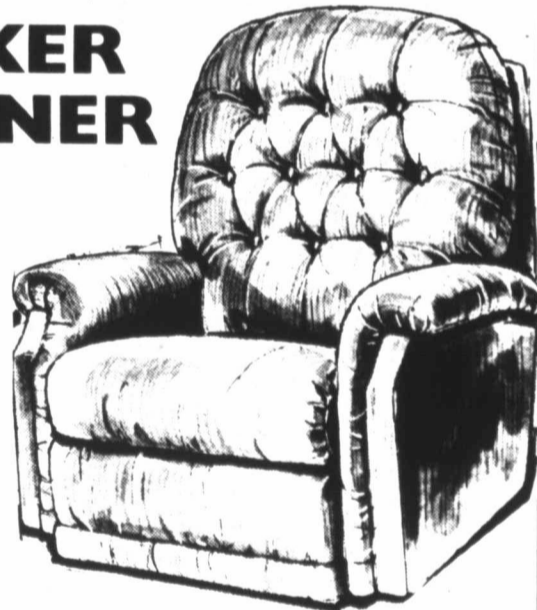


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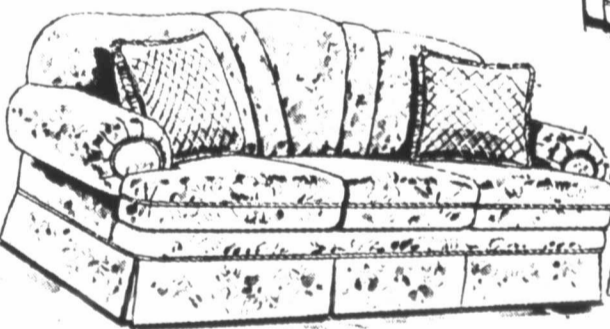


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Dorsey looks to go out with another title for Hurricanes

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — More than two years after Miami's last loss, the memory is still clearly implanted in Ken Dorsey's head.

One more win will help secure Dorsey's place as one of college football's greatest winning quarterbacks and prolong Miami's dynasty.

A loss will leave the Hurricanes one win shy of a historic repeat and give a bitter end to Dorsey's brilliant career.

"The worst feeling I have ever had is when I felt like I let my teammates down," Dorsey said about his only loss in 39 career starts, a 34-29 defeat at Washington on Sept. 9, 2000. "I don't want to repeat that feeling."

Much is at stake Friday night when No. 1 Miami (12-0) takes on No. 2 Ohio State (13-0) in the Fiesta Bowl.

The Hurricanes put their 34-game winning streak on the line and try to join Nebraska as the only teams to repeat since 1978-79. A win would leave Miami 12 shy of Oklahoma's record 47-game streak from 1953-57.

The Buckeyes try to complete a perfect season and win their fourth national title. It would be their first national title in 34 years and just the second for the Big Ten in that span.

"There's no question it's going to be the greatest challenge we've faced all year," Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said.

Unlike the past two seasons when there was much debate about who would play for the title, the Hurricanes and Buckeyes were the only unbeaten teams among 117 F-A schools.

This is the stage Miami players expect to play on when they sign up with the team. None of the Buckeyes have ever experienced anything like it.

"Our players are not overwhelmed by the magnitude of the game," Hurricanes coach

Larry Coker said. "They're not overwhelmed by playing for a national championship."

Tressel said the only overwhelming part of Fiesta Bowl week was watching Miami on film.

He wasn't kidding.

Led by Dorsey and running back Willis McGahee, Miami scored a school-record 503 points in the regular season, 41.9 per game. The scary part was the speed with which points were produced — the average drive time on 67 offensive TDs was 1:58, with 18 scores coming in less than a minute.

Dorsey, maligned this season for his inconsistency, threw for 3,073 yards and 26 touchdowns. McGahee ran for 1,686 yards and 27 touchdowns, both school records.

With a game-breaking receiver in Andre Johnson and one of the country's best tight ends in Kellen Winslow Jr., Ohio State has its work cut out for it.

"Miami has the greatest combination of explosiveness and balance of any team we've seen," Tressel said. "There is no question about it. Our guys know that every tackle is going to be important. Every shed of every block. You have to play your best football to compete against the likes of Miami."

The Buckeyes answer with one of the game's stingiest defenses. They allowed just 12.2 points per game — second in the country — and have few weaknesses.

They swarm to the ball, shut down the run and are nearly impossible to get into the end zone against. Ohio State allowed just nine touchdowns in the 35 possessions opponents had inside the Buckeyes' 20.

This doesn't figure to be the walkover last year's title game was against Nebraska when the Hurricanes won 37-14 in the Rose Bowl.

"We had a lot of confidence going into the game last year. A lot of teams moved the ball on Nebraska," Miami offensive lineman Sherko Haji-Rasouli said. "Nobody has moved the ball on this defense."

For the Buckeyes to win, they'll have to follow the same vanilla formula that got them here: Control the clock with the run, get mistake-free play from quarterback Craig Krenzel, win the special-teams battle and play airtight defense.

"We're very comfortable, and we're going to come out and surprise some people," All-American linebacker Matt Wilhelm said.

The key to that will be freshman tailback Maurice Claret, who has been a controversial figure this week because of his dispute with the school over the reasons he couldn't fly home for a friend's funeral.

If his mind is on the game, Claret is one of the most dangerous running backs in the country. In the eight games he was healthy, Claret averaged 137 yards on the ground and scored 16 touchdowns.

That could cause problems against the Hurricanes' 73rd-ranked run defense. Miami allowed 100-yard rushing performances in five of the last six games.

"We don't have a big 'S' on our chest by any stretch of the imagination," Coker said. "Sometimes we're exposed, and sometimes we've had trouble stopping the run. Those are things we've got to make sure and correct. If we don't do those things it's going to be a tough day for us."

This will be the 34th meeting between the Nos. 1 and 2 teams in the AP media poll. The No. 1 team leads, 20-11-2.

The last 1 vs. 2 matchup was top-ranked Florida State's 46-29 victory over Virginia Tech in the 2000 Sugar Bowl for the national title.

Mavs find way to win against Clippers

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks were far from their best against the Los Angeles Clippers.

Steve Nash scored 24 points and Dirk Nowitzki had 20 points and 10 rebounds as Dallas beat Los Angeles 102-92 on Thursday night.

"I thought we played a little tired tonight," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "But we found a way to get it out. It was a lot harder game than people realize. It was a very physical game."

Michael Finley also had

20 points to help Dallas improve to 15-2 at home and an NBA-best 26-5 overall.

The Clippers cut a 24-point third-quarter deficit to eight in the fourth quarter. Los Angeles could have pulled even closer, but missed layups on three consecutive possessions.

"We've got to blow people away and be aggressive and not try to conserve a lead," Nash said.

Dallas won for the seventh time in nine games despite going 1-for-11 from 3-point range, the team's fewest 3s

this season.

"We haven't shot the 3-ball well the last four or five games, that's been a trend," said Nowitzki, who missed his only two 3-pointers. "We've got to take it inside and then back outside, that's our game. We'll keep taking shots."

Lamar Odom had 20 points. Corey Maggette added 17 and Quentin Richardson scored 14 for the Clippers, who have lost four straight and six of seven. Elton Brand added 13 points and 13 rebounds.

Jones shows he truly has new philosophy

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones proved Thursday he was serious about his vow to change philosophy, hiring a proven NFL coach in Bill Parcells, promising to share power and even admitting he has made mistakes.

"I don't want to get into details in my change in philosophy. I frankly think that Bill sitting here says a lot about how much this organization is willing to win," Jones said at a news conference introducing Parcells as the sixth coach in team history.

As the team's general manager, Jones has insisted on power in personnel decisions and a heavy involvement with players and coaches. But he said he is eager to share power with Parcells to return the Cowboys to the Super Bowl.

"I've made a lot of mistakes, you know I have," Jones said. "I am not going to grow careless with this relationship."

He declined to specify mistakes, but the team that won three Super Bowls in four years under Jones in the 1990s hasn't had a winning record since 1998. The Cowboys have also made questionable draft picks and free-agent signings and posted three straight 5-11 seasons under coach Dave Campo, who was fired Monday.

Jones and Parcells — who demanded power over personnel decisions while coaching the New England Patriots — agreed their partnership will include talking through any disagreements.

"I can assure you with the years of experience he's got and the success he's had, his input on the personnel decision is going to be major input," Jones said. "It's

going to be a partnership basis, and I'm very comfortable with that right now."

Parcells said he's comfortable working within a partnership in which Jones has final say.

"I understand firstly that I'm an employee of the Dallas Cowboys and we have an order in place," Parcells said. "I do know that if it were ever to come down to where there were disagreements, which I don't think there will be, that the ownership will prevail in that regard."

With two Super Bowl rings and a record of 138-100-1 over 15 seasons, Parcells is the first of the four coaches hired by Jones with NFL experience.

Parcells also is the first coach since Jimmy Johnson was hired in 1989 who will be allowed to bring his own staff. Every coach since Johnson — Barry Switzer, Chan Gailey and Campo — had to work with assistants already in place or hired by Jones.

"As far as the numbers on his staff and the coaches, he certainly has prior approval on my part," Jones said. "I want him to have coaches that can help him get the job done."

With his four-year, \$17.1-million deal, Parcells is the first coach under Jones to make more than \$1 million a year.

Several NFL analysts say there's no way such strong-willed men can work together, but Jones and Parcells say they can return America's Team to its winning ways.

"I'm going to do everything within my power, my effort, my heart, as well as my resources to make this thing go," Jones said. "We're going to try to make something happen that we'll all be proud of."

Scoreboard

BOWLING		Texas Tech 55, Clemson 15	
Harvester Lanes League Results		Wednesday, Dec. 25	
Generation Gap (Week 16)		Las Vegas Bowl \$800,000	
Team	Won	Lost	
The Dicey Bowlers	16	1	
Sithering Snakes	16	2	
Team Ten	16	3	
Rootin' Tootin' Texans	15	4	
Whoopin' Wintons	15	5	
Bald Eagles	14	6	
K.O. Average	12	7	
Team One	12	8	
The Young & The Old	11 1/2	9	
Why Are We Even Here?	11 1/2	10	
2 Balls, No Strikes	10	11	
Team Four	6	12	
Week's Top Scores			
Men			
High scratch game: Steve Nolte 223; High handicap series: Steve Nolte 579; High handicap game: Steve Nolte 244; High handicap series: Steve Nolte 642.			
Women			
High scratch game: Krista Mayberry 188; High handicap series: Krista Mayberry 451; High handicap game: Krista Mayberry 244; High handicap series: Krista Mayberry 619.			
Boys			
High scratch game: Phillip Rodriguez 171; High handicap series: Andy Anderson 416; High handicap game: Phillip Rodriguez 234; High handicap series: Michael Kelley 656.			
Girls			
High scratch game: Laraine Hess 170; High handicap series: Laraine Hess 421; High handicap game: Laraine Hess 225; High handicap series: Haley Clark 610.			
Chamber Merchants League (Week 12)			
Team	Won	Lost	
Fluid Compressor Corp	11	5	
Jermigan Tax Service	10	6	
Mistis	10	6	
Coney Island	9	7	
Frank's Thriftway	8	8	
Team Four	7	9	
Jake's Bunch	4	12	
Pressure	1	15	
Week's Top Scores			
Men			
High scratch game: Willie Mann 223; High handicap series: Willie Mann 591; High handicap game: Willie Mann 255; High handicap series: Willie Mann 687.			
Women			
High scratch game: Becky Hall 194; High handicap series: Becky Hall 494; High handicap game: Becky Hall 239; High handicap series: Linda Austin 639.			
Caprock League (Week 13)			
Team	Won	Lost	
Westair	17	13	
MAJAC	16	12/12	
Red's Pro Shop	18	11	
Culligan	13	11	
Schlittman Machine Co.	15	10/12	
LERA Plugging Co.	23	8	
Harvester Lanes	11	8	
Bynum Farms	15	6	
Week's Top Scores			
Men			
High scratch game: Greg Haddock 258; High handicap series: Greg Vanderlinden 680; High handicap game: Greg Haddock 286; High handicap series: Greg Vanderlinden 719.			
Harvester Coabro (Week 8)			
Team	Won	Lost	
Peggy's Place	23	5	
Railroaders	20	8	
Pizza Hut	19	9	
Excuses	15	13	
Amber's	15	13	
Davis Minit Mart	14	14	
Dann Yankees	12	16	
Team One	12	16	
Two By Two	12	16	
Team Five	9	19	
Team Ten	8	20	
Black Gold Restaurant	6	22	
Week's Top Scores			
Men			
High scratch series: Jimmie Adams 584; High handicap game: Leroy Hilburn Sr. 221; High handicap series: Gary Gregory 617; High handicap game: Rick Dunn 230.			
Women			
High scratch series: Belinda Nolte 552; High handicap game: Peggy Chase 198; High handicap series: Cindy Hinds 618; High handicap game: Andie Roberson 232.			
FOOTBALL			
2002-03 Bowl Glance			
By The Associated Press			
All Times EST			
Tuesday, Dec. 17			
New Orleans Bowl			
\$750,000			
North Texas 24, Cincinnati 19			
Wednesday, Dec. 18			
GMAC Bowl			
Mobile, Ala.			
\$750,000			
Marshall 38, Louisville 15			
Monday, Dec. 23			
Tangerine Bowl			
At Orlando, Fla.			
\$750,000			
Wednesday, Dec. 24			
Las Vegas Bowl			
\$800,000			
UCLA 27, New Mexico 13			
Hawaii Bowl			
At Honolulu			
\$750,000			
Tulane 36, Hawaii 28			
Thursday, Dec. 26			
Motor City Bowl			
At Detroit			
\$780,000			
Boston College 51, Toledo 25			
Insight Bowl			
At Phoenix			
\$750,000			
Pittsburgh 38, Oregon State 13			
Friday, Dec. 27			
Houston Bowl			
\$750,000			
Oklahoma State 33, Southern Mississippi 23			
Independence Bowl			
At Shreveport, La.			
\$1.2 million			
Mississippi 27, Nebraska 23			
Holiday Bowl			
At San Diego			
\$2 million			
Kansas State 34, Arizona State 27			
Saturday, Dec. 28			
Continental Tire Bowl			
At Charlotte, N.C.			
\$750,000			
Virginia 48, West Virginia 22			
Alamo Bowl			
At San Antonio			
\$1.35 million			
Wisconsin 31, Colorado 28			
Monday, Dec. 30			
Music City Bowl			
At Nashville, Tenn.			
\$750,000			
Minnesota 29, Arkansas 14			
Seattle Bowl			
\$1 million			
Wake Forest 38, Oregon 17			
Tuesday, Dec. 31			
Humanitarian Bowl			
At Boise, Idaho			
\$750,000			
Boise State 34, Iowa State 16			
Sun Bowl			
At El Paso, Texas			
\$1.35 million			
Purdue 34, Washington 24			
Liberty Bowl			
At Memphis, Tenn.			
\$1.3 million			
TCU 17, Colorado State 3			
Silicon Valley Classic			
At San Jose, Calif.			
\$750,000			
Fresno State 30, Georgia Tech 21			
Peach Bowl			
At Atlanta			
\$1.6 million			
Maryland 30, Tennessee 3			
San Francisco Bowl			
\$800,000			
Virginia Tech 20, Air Force 13			
Wednesday, Jan. 1			
Outback Bowl			
At Tampa, Fla.			
\$2.55 million			
Michigan 38, Florida 30			
Cotton Bowl			
At Dallas			
\$3 million			
Texas 35, LSU 20			
Gator Bowl			
At Jacksonville, Fla.			
\$1.6 million			
North Carolina State 28, Notre Dame 6			
Capital One Bowl			
At Orlando, Fla.			
\$5.125 million			
Auburn 13, Penn State 9			
Rose Bowl			
At Pasadena, Calif.			
\$11-13 million			
Oklahoma 34, Washington State 14			
Sugar Bowl			
At New Orleans			
\$11-13 million			
Georgia 26, Florida State 13			
Thursday, Jan. 2			
Orange Bowl			
At Miami			
\$11-13 million			
Southern California 38, Iowa 17			
Friday, Jan. 3			
Fiesta Bowl			
At Tempe, Ariz.			
\$11-13 million			
Miami (12-0) vs. Ohio State (13-0), 8 p.m. (ABC)			

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003:
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:
5-Dynamic, 4-Positive, 3-Average, 2-So-so, 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Be direct with someone emotionally. A discussion opens up many new doors, establishing better understanding. If you are single, a friendship could be developing into a lot more. Know what you want and need. Tonight: Where your friends are.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might not appreciate someone's take on a situation, but then, you might not be able to change it, either. Visit with an older relative or take in a movie. You'll be in your element, which allows laughter and relaxation. Tonight: A must show.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Reach out to a loved one whom you care a lot about. You could be dreamy in your mind but ditsy according

to others. Take your time driving or doing anything important. Relax with a favorite book or CD. Tonight: Check out a vacation idea.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Carefully review what someone thinks. Your opinion, though meaningful to a special partner, could have little weight elsewhere. Recognize your limits or where you are valued. Make plans with a favorite person. Tonight: Snuggle in.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
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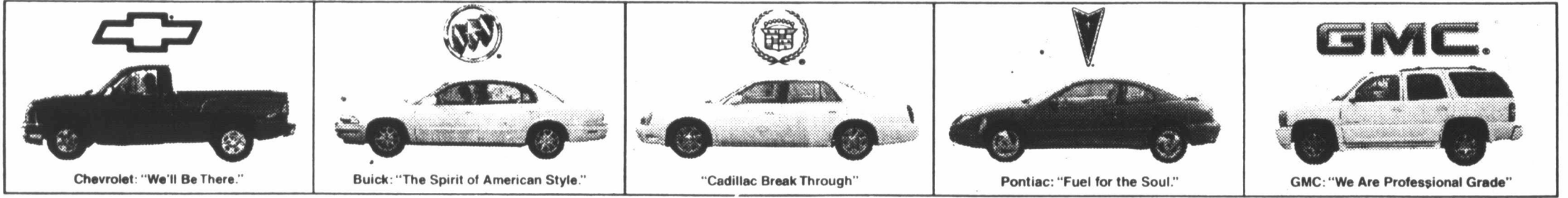
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