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Crall, PEDC negotiate agreement

Managing Editor

Crall Products, Inc., and Pampa Economic Development Corporation are working together to keep the 28employee business in Pampa and get it current on its payments to the entity.

Most of those employees attended a special PEDC meeting Thursday night to listen as the five PEDC board members and company owner Curtis Heard discussed Crall's past due payments to the PEDC

Recently Heard said he had experienced numerous financial reversals with the economic downturn in recent years. Last night he told the board he wanted to work out an agreement with

Approximately 70 to 80 local residents were at the meeting which began in the second floor conference room of Pampa City Hall. The meeting had to be moved to the City Commission Chambers on the third floor to accom- agreed that Heard would meet with his people were standing.

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American Airlines

top officer resigns

FORT WORTH (AP) - On one of the most turbulent days

in American Airlines' history, the embattled chairman and chief executive resigned, the board met in emergency ses-

sion and the company's unions

split over concessions

By late Thursday night, the

world's biggest carrier was

right where it started the day:

staring down the barrel of a

flight attendants, who balked at

approving a slightly sweetened

DEATHS

James T. Bolin, 72, fire-

Susan Barbara Fisher

Erving Chase, 81, Chase

Edith E. Huseby, 82,

fighter, painter, bricklayer.

Carter, 57, clerk, quilter.

Oilfield Service founder.

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services pending.

The outcome may rest with

potential bankruptcy filing.

package of concessions.

designed to slash labor costs.

Heard and board members it was for May 12.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Crall Products, Inc. employees were on hand Thursday night to see what their future entails as Pampa Economic Development Corporation board and Crall owner Curtis Heard discussed the on two notes for property and equipstatus of his past due account.

modate the large overflow crowd of accountant and consider re-amortiza- received a visit at his business from an people who attended the meeting. Still, tion of his loan. Board members will attorney. Mark Flowers, who reprereview the proposed restructuring of sents the county in tax collection mat Following a discussion between the loan at the next meeting scheduled ters. Flowers who is from Odessa.

Earlier in the day, Heard's staff

Crall Products paid \$13,000 towards past due taxes and worked out an agreement to pay the taxes to the entities in Gray County. The taxes were on inventory, supplies, furniture and fixtures. Flowers said an agreement was worked out for payment of the remainder of the taxes due on the busi-

He added that there would have been a seizure of property Friday morning if there had not been a substantial payment made on Thursday.

The paid taxes were from 2000 and

As most, if not all, Crall employees looked on Thursday night. Heard told the PEDC board that sales at the local company have decreased from \$3.5 million annually to just over \$1 million this past year.

Heard borrowed over \$350,000 total ment from PEDC in 1997 for his business with three percent interest.

At the April 14 meeting of the PEDC, Heard, who is six months past due on his payments to the PEDC, sent

(See CRALL, Page 3)

Superintendent finalist may 'fill the bill'

By DEE DEE LARAMORE And they wanted someone to return to the Panhandle area

EDITOR

community last February, con- described Haenisch as an edu ladder from teacher/coach. sultants hired to help Pampa cator who was respected by counselor, principal, and for Independent School District's staff and students alike. He seven years as school superinboard of trustees select a new was "approachable," they were tendent superintendent developed a set told, with high moral integrity. of desirable qualities that came. They said he was a good com- ent. Haenisch said that while

Haenisch's district in Merkel "rock solid." Monday, people there used describe Haenisch.

nity. They wanted someone officials said. who was a confident decisionrienced educator who could interview Wednesday. motivate staff and students to

After a series of interviews Merkel school district staff vears, they lived in Gruvet with a cross-section of the and community members where Haenisch moved up the close to describing Superman. I municator who struck them as the has no specific plans for the Ironically, when two school being honest, positive and future, he intends to continue board members visited super-thoughtful. And one of the with his basic philosophy: intendent finalist Barry bankers saw him as being "First it's critical to teach chil-

many of those qualities to day waiting period ends and or not a child will drop out is the hiring finalized. Haenisch how well they read." Pampans said in February is set to become Pampa ISD's that they wanted an effective superintendent, effective June prepare every child to be succommunicator, delegator, and 1. He is being hired on a three-cessful in every endeavor they leader that gets along well year (plus one month) contract want to be in." This includes with the staff and the commu- at \$94,500 per year, school academic, college preparatory,

"This is a career opportuni-tional training, he said. maker, and manager. This per- 'y and a chance to return to the son also needed to be an experience, "Haenisch said in an of programs, a variety of of science degree from holds state professional certifi-

He said he and his wife, has," he said.

with high moral standards, where they've lived longer personal ethics, and integrity. than anywhere else! For 16

As Pampa ISD superintenddren to read," he explained. After a state-mandated 21- "The best predictor of whether

His one goal, he said, is "to sports and technical and voca-

"I like the idea of a variety

(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Barry Haenisch, lone finalist for Pampa Independent School District superintendent, discusses his philosophy of education in an interview this week.

opportunities which Pampa McMurry College and a mas- cates in secondary education, ter of education degree from guidance and counseling, midtheir highest achievements. Linda, also an educator, want. Haenisch earned a bachelor. Texas. Texas. University. He

(See FINALIST, Page 3)

WEST TEXAS LANDSCAPE Jeffery Lin Blackstock Rank: E-5 Branch of service: U.S. Navy Length of service: 12 years Job description: Works computer for airplaines THE DERS BROTHERS Stationed: Guam HOUSE LEVELING Graduated: Pampa Christian Parent: B.C. Blackstock of Interior Wall Cracking FREE ESTIMATES

By DAVID BOWSER

STALL WRITER

move. Mesa Water. Inc., is ers can sell their ground water withdrawing its petition to without the fresh water supply form a fresh water supply dis- district trict in the Texas Panhandle.

Roberts County Judge Roberts Vernon Roberts said today that Commissioners Court in he had not been officially noti- November, asking for the fied, but if such a request was establishment of a 46,000 acre mailed in Dallas Thursday, it—fresh water supply district. may be Monday before he'd get it in Miami.

"I have not seen anything at all," Judge Cook said this

A lawyer for Mesa Water, Robert L. Stilwell, said MIAMI- In a surprise Thursday the Mesa landown-

Mesa had petitioned the County

The move by Mesa was seen as an effort to gain the

(See MESA, Page 3)

Golfers... be sure to sign up early for the Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament to be held on May 17th & 18th. Maximum of 72 teams. Two players per team. \$65.00 fee per golfer. \$30.00 cart fee. The tournament will be played May 17th at Hidden Hills Golf Course and on May 18th at Pampa Country Club Golf Course.

Mrs. Carter was born Nov. 14, 1945, in as someone Illinois. Her family lived for a number of years in Albuquerque. New Mexico, where her father was a passenger agent for Santa Fe Railroad. The family later moved to Oklahoma City, Okla., where she met and married G.W. "Gary" Carter, Jr., on May 9, 1969. She and Gary moved to Pampa in December of that

She worked for many years with Alco Stores in what started out as a "temporary job," and ended 15 years later when the store closed in Pampa.

She was a member of the Quilting Guild of Pampa for a number of years. She spent many hours quilting and sewing clothes for her grandchildren, family and friends. She was a very active gardener and enjoyed growing her vegetables every year.

and helped them in their activities. She recently liked to participate in water aerobics at the Pampa Youth Center where she acted as a

stand-in leader.

She was a loving wife and grandmother, and well was known and loved by many who had a kind was



had a cross word for anyone.

She was preceded in death by her parents,

Survivors include her husband, Gardner "Gary" Carter of the home; two daughters," Brenda Shaw of Brownfield and Laura Carter of Chandler; two sisters, Sharlene Beech of Russellville, Ark., and Karen Harrison of Oklahoma City, Okla.; four grandchildren; three nieces; a nephew; two-great-nieces; and several cousins.

The family requests memorials be to Tralee Crisis Center, P.O. Box 2880, Pampa, TX 79066-2880

Erving Chase, 81, of Pampa, Texas, died Shirley Chase Wednesday, April 23, 2003, at Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ with Truman Teel, Church of Christ evangelist of Dill City, Okla., and the Rev. Scott Barton, pastor of First Assembly of God of Perryton, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Chase was born July 22, 1921, in law, Medicine Mound, Texas. He came to Pampa in Chase the early 1940s from East Texas.

He married Maxcine Cates on May 14, 1973, in Las Vegas, Nev.

Oil Company for 25 years. He later founded Chase Oilfield Service in 1964 and Chase Productions in 1971, retiring in 1990.

He ranched for 15 years in Ardmore, Okla., from 1978 until 1993.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II. He was a member of the Montoya. Wells Street Church of Christ.

He was an avid fisherman, hunter and outdoorsman.

home; two sons, Dwight Chase and wife Annette, and Bobby Chase and special friend

Texas overnight

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Midmorning temperatures was sunny.

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into the low 50s and rising.

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honest in her dealings with others, and never Alma Charlotte and Bain Fisher.

The family will receive friends at the funer-She also liked to visit the elderly of friends—al home from 6-8 p.m., on Friday, April 25,

> -Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

ERVING CHASE

1921-2003

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy 15 to 25 mph. Saturday night, partly cloudy.

skies, highs in the mid 70s and north winds 5 Breezy. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds 15

to 15 mph. Tonight should be partly cloudy to 25 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy. Slight

with lows in the mid 40s and southeast winds—chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs

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STATEWIDE

ranged from the mid-50s in

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Morning fog was reported

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Breezy. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds mph. Chance of rain 20 percent.

readings in the 60s.

A cool front tracking elsewhere across the state

By midmorning the cold coast were in the mid 70s. The

front extended from near remainder of the state had

ing, the region had warmed a mile. The coast was cloudy

Vicky Jones and husband Larry. and Belinda Lambright and husband J.D. all of Conroe: daughter-in-Rhoda



Pampa: a mother-in-law, Alcie Steele of Pampa; two sisters, Mary Preston of Pampa and Diane Chase of Denver, Colo.; a brother, He worked as a superintendent for Wilcox Frank Chase of Comanche; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Lee Chase, Sr.; his mother, Susie Chase; four brothers, Bob Chase, Wally Chase, James (Buddy) Chase and Gerald Chase; two sisters, Louise Sharp and Sue Smith; and a great-granddaughter. Ashley

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice Olivia's Angels, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176; or to Pampa Senior Survivors include his wife, Maxcine, of the Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX

-Sign the on-line register book at Susan Hoelting, all of Pampa; three daughters. www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Winds south of the front

were from the southwest to

south and under 10 mph.

North of the front, there were

is for partly cloudy skies

through Saturday, with day-

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Winds should be breezy

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The outlook for West Texas

north winds around 10 mph

James T. Bolin, 72, of Pampa, dieu Wednesday, April 23, 2003, at Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 4 p.m., today in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mr. Bolin was born June 1, 1930, at Lindsay, Okla. He married Denamay Leona Grayson on May 5, 1956, at Perry, Okla.; she died March 30, 1997.

JAMES T. BOLIN 1930-2003

> He worked for Pampa Fire Department from 1962-74 and was painter and brick layer as well. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Vickie Sue Patrick, and a brother.

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Survivors include a son, John Bolin of Pampa; three sisters, Billie Bible and Joanne Cumbie, both of Amarillo, and Clara Mae Chisum of Canadian; three brothers, Tommy Bolin of McLean, Trent Bolin and Ronnie Bolin, both of Texhoma, Okla.; and four grandchildren.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

EDITH E. HUSEBY

1920-2003

Edith E. Huseby, 82, of Pampa, Texas, died Friday, April 25, 2003, at Panhandle, Texas. Services are pending Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Huseby was born May 10, 1920, in Chicago, Ill. She was reared in the Chicago area, moving to Florida in 1965. She lived in Florida for 30 years before moving to Pampa

She was a member of the First Baptist Church, and she enjoyed china painting.

Survivors include a daughter and son-inlaw, Bonnie and Larry Simpson of Pampa; two sons and a daughter-in-law, James and Judy Henzie of Sidney, Neb., and Robert Henzie of California; a sister, Irene Wiberg of Hot Springs Village, Ark.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two nieces. She was preceded in death by a son, Gary Huseby.

. -Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

SERVICES TOMORROW

CARTER, Susan Barbara Fisher — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

CHASE, Erving — 11 a.m., Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, Pampa. **HOWARD,** James Thomas "Tommy," IV — 2 p.m., Reydon Community Building, Reydon, Okla.

ULMER, Samuel Lewis — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Sharon Cemetery, Laurel, Miss.

On Record

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported he following incidents.

Sunday, April 20

Mark H. Fields, 45, 2237 N. Dwight, was ssued a citation for assault by threat in the 2300 block of Primrose.

Tuesday, April 22

A citation was issued to juveniles in the 1100 block of Varnon for possession of tobacco and possession of drug parapherna-

Suspicious activity was reported in the 700 block of North West.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of Cinderella.

Wednesday, April 23 Criminal mischief was reported in the 400

block of North Warren. A window in a vehicle was reported shot out with a BB gun

Thursday, April 24

An assault was reported on County Road E. According to the police department, there were no injuries.

A welfare check was made in the 800 block of North Frost.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.

Thursday, April 24

Johnny D. Williams. 46, of McLean, was arrested on a Randall County warrant for Class C assault, bodily injury.

Leonard J. Kane, 32, 529 N. Wells, was arrested for violation of probation. Original charge was engaging in organized criminal activity.

James G. Cargill, 40, of Amarillo, was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers on warrants out of Justice of the Peace Precinct One's office for no insurance, expired drivers license and failure to appear.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police today reported the followng accident.

Thursday, April 24

7:43 a.m. - Debrah Robertson, 55, 2621 Cherokee, was cited for failure to control speed, when the 1989 Toyota Camry she was driving collided with a 1997 Chevy 1500 pickup driven by Gail Redman Smith, 117 S. Faulkner, in the 100 block of West 25th.

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FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, April 24

7:41 a.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at 25th and Charles to clean up a small antifreeze

2:36 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to the scene of a previous explosion and fire in the 1800 block of North Price Road to extinguish paper burning in a cabinet.

City Briefs

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Charles, 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Sat. April 26: luggage, X-mas tree, decorations, books, kitchen items and dishes, collections. May 3: furniture and decorative items if anything left.

9-4. 320 S. Gray (1/2 block Np.m., Lazy S Feed & Garden, Hwy 60) Currier Ives dishes, 516 S. Russell.

OPEN SUNDAYS

PLANT SALE, Sat. April 26th, 9am-? 2207 Chestnut, Sponsered by The Pampa Garden Club.

SUMMER BULBS, Castor beans, bedding plants. Open Sun. 1-5 p.m. Lazy S, 516 S. Russell.

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GARAGE SALE 8 a.m. - ?

Special Olympic ticket winners

(Courtesy photo)

Lindsey and Lee Ann Ammons hug each other at a Willie Nelson concert they attended after winning tickets at the Special Olympics Tournament in Pampa. Brad Britton, not pictured, also won two tickets to the concert. Other winners of drawings at the local Special Olympics tournament included Jim Pepper, a dozen roses; J.J. Slatten, Dyer's Bar-B-Que and Eve Adams, a quilt. Businesses who donated to the tournament and supported the silent action included Wal-Mart, Pampa Office Supply, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Sew What, Don Jonas Calligraphy, and Cottage Collections.



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CRALL

a written proposal to the board requesting to settle his account with them by paying \$48,565.21 on a property note of \$250,000 and \$12,160.31 on an equipment note of \$100,000.

The PEDC board responded last week by deciding to attempt to sell the notes and ask interest.

In an interview with The Pampa News following that meeting, Heard said he still owed about \$190,000 on the land and building note and about \$48,000 on the equipment note. While behind on the notes, he said he has paid. He told those attending the approximately 40 percent in meeting that the voters decided

with the PEDC.

"Our sales are coming back. We've got some good things working in the future. We've got about \$400,000 in-house (work for his business) right now that we are working on," he said. "We've got projects coming in all the time, and we him to make payments on the have cut, cut, cut. I would like to make some kind of deal with you as far as our notes. Right now, I'm just doing everything

Board member Steve Phillips explained that the current PEDC board is charged with closing down the PEDC. During Thursday night's PEDC should be dissolved, and Heard.

meeting, Heard said he would * that all members of the current like to work out an agreement board are charged with collecting the debt and getting it closed down.

It was estimated the PEDC could possibly be closed by the fall of 2004. When it does close, voters can petition and hold an election to open another EDC in Pampa.

Making a referral to Crall's business with the PEDC, another board member added that the current board wants the community to grow and prosper.

"While we're (the current PEDC board) not in the business of economic development," said board member Gary Sutherland, "we're not in the business of shutting down businesses either." He said the in November 2001 that the EDC wants to work with

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FINALIST

management administration and superintendency.

His accomplishments at Merkel ISD include improving the district rating to exemplary in 1999-2000 (the year five campuses were rated limited English skills, as well exemplary in 2002-2003, as their families, when the ognized. During his tenure, the district received two major grants for technology and renovation and many of the facil-

ities were upgraded. The district also received a clean fiscal audit each year he served as superintendent.

While at Gruver ISD, the district improved to exemplary status for the last two years of his time there. He instituted he became superintendent) a number of programs to and 2000-2001. Three of the assist Hispanic students with a team," he said, while two were rated as rec- Hispanic population of significantly

> "I don't have any answers," Haenisch said in his

initial interview with Pampa ISD staff. "I don't have an idea of what the questions are," he told them. "But you

> He said he was willing to listen and learn. "Then we'll get together and we'll decide how to address these things as

> Pampa has responded to him enthusiastically, so far, Haenisch said.

> "It's been great," he commented. "But I knew it would be. This community has a reputation that precedes it."

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MESA

ability to issue tax free bonds to finance project and use the power of eminent domain across the state to build a County to an end user.

Roberts County landowner and Dallas businessman T. Boone Pickens, who organized Mesa Water three years ago, said initially that he ranches of his neighbors who the City of Amarillo. joined him to either the although he did not rule out by a group of Roberts County ter," Stilwell said.

other buyers.

Last year, high impact pumping permits were approved by the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, allowing Mesa to pipeline to from Roberts pump one acre-foot of water from beneath each of the 150,000 acres they represent.

ones granted earlier to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, who prointended to sell water from vides water to 11 communibeneath his ranch and the ties, including Pampa, and to

Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, water supply district and a water and not on this unduly San Antonio or El Paso, petition submitted in January protracted administrative mat-

landowners wanting a countrywide fresh water supply district were pending before the county commissioners, who are awaiting a Texas Attorney General's opinion on procedural matters.

Stilwell said Thursday that Mesa's decision to suspend The permits are similar to their effort to form a fresh water supply district in Roberts County was made in response to recent progress in finding a buyer for their water.

"We feel our efforts right now should be focused 100 Mesa's petition for a fresh percent on marketing our

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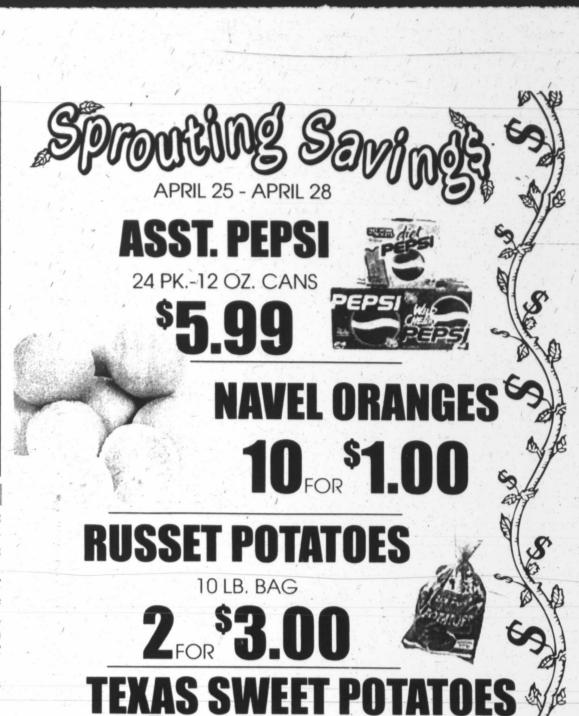
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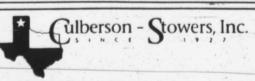
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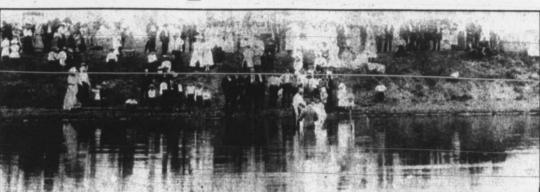
Visiting preachers inspire outdoor revival meetings

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles by local historian, Eloise Lane, detailing the evolution of religious observance in Gray County.

> By ELOISE LANE SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

There were no priests or preachers in the area of present Gray County in 1875 when U.S. soldiers came to build a fort to protect settlers coming into the area. After the fort was constructed near Mobeetie, there was always a chaplain at the fort that came to be known as from Dodge City, Kan., about once a year and, after 1880, an occasional preacher drifted into Methodists seemed to be in the majority in the the settlements.

When preachers visited the area, families for miles around would gather enough food and revival meeting grounds. A big tabernacle classes and preaching services. would be constructed, or a tent set up, to house the services. Families would sing, listen to ser- assigned by the Presbytery to organize a church mons and enjoy visiting with each other.



(Photo courtesy White Deer Land Museum)

Baptismal scene at Spring Tank in Alanreed around 1902.

and then another visiting the area. Baptists and early days.

clothing to last a week and camp out at the there was room enough for Sunday School ty. About the same time, Mrs. Elizabeth

at Mobeetie, was the first Protestant minister in Vanderbilt University. Camp meetings would be held periodically the Panhandle of Texas. After his death in 1886,

fort Elliott. For a time Father Sullivan came with a preacher from first one denomination his wife, Mary Jane, became the first woman rancher in the Texas Panhandle.

> came to an area near future Laketon in 1885, From these tabernacle services arose union. He taught the first school in Gray County and churches in schoolhouses, homes or wherever organized the first Sunday School in the counto stand alone and try to feed the souls of those Jackson and two of her sons, Jim and Burl, other for being the "best cook," fed their stom-In 1884, Rev. C.W. Alexander, who was came to neighboring Roberts County. Another achs from food-laden tables. son, B.F. (Frank) Jackson, was in school at

Also in 1885, Frederick William Jahns came place.

to the area and filed on land several miles north and east of future Laketon. The next year he brought his wife, Permilia Ann, and their four children. The family of six lived at first on two half dugouts with dirt floors and roofs.

The Jahns family built and house and began to invite friends and neighbors from miles around to come to their home whenever a preacher was available. The first religious services in Gray county were held in the home of Permilia Jahns who had a pump organ. She asked Frank Jackson to preach when he was home on vacations. She told him that she would furnish the congregation if he would furnish the

The families who came to these services pre-Ben F. Williams, an experienced teacher, pared and brought much food, and the entire day was spent in worship, singing and fellowship. The preachers must have found it difficult present while good cooks, vying with each

Next week: Laketon settlers build "Highwindy" - school, church, gathering

We can learn a lesson from little Cliff

I had the honor and privilege to speak at a funeral today; a funeral of a 19month-old baby named Clifford Blake Allen. The focus of my message was twofold. First, there is no doubt where Cliff is. He's with the heavenly Father. to see Cliff again better be a "real deal, born again" disciple of Jesus Christ. But that isn't what I want to share with you. Something happened that really spoke to me.

At the close of the celebration balloons were released by and our commitment to live in into the air again. such a way that we would see Cliff again when we get there. building and was forced by life was one struggle after angels to come and fetch you and visit.

about the time the red balloon another. And then through was a Veggie Freak.



Minister's Musings

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Second, any adult who wants left my sight, someone that one and into another. released another balloon. It pushed it straight for a tree balloon and shot it skyward. near the Super Playground. after the celebration service. Sure enough it landed in the loon it was heading for the branches. Part of me was a little sad because it was too high up in the tree for me to reach. many in the crowd. It was to But then the wind which had that balloon. He was born be a sign of affirmation as to driven it into the tree, pushed with so many physical diffi- your Savior and Lord, you □ Cliff's new home - Heaven - it right through the limbs and culties that he shouldn't have aren't ready. So get ready.

Then everyone began to hug the wind into the trees south another. Four heart surgeries to His side. And like that bal-

But then the wind, the culwas purple, I think. The wind prit that had forced the balimmediately caught it and loon into the trees, caught that

heavens.

The last time I saw that bal-

The troubles persisted and increased until the day when he headed to heaven - April 11th, 2003. That was his Graduation Day. What I want to remind

everyone of is this: Your life may be seem to be or, might even be, mainly a series of troubles and hurts. And you might even think there isn't any hope. But you would be wrong. Learn from Cliff. Even in all of the troubles and pain there are, people for you to love, people who love you and good things to go bonkers That is when the Lord over Just make sure that you showed me how Cliff was like are ready for the trip on your Graduation Day. If Jesus isn't made it long past birth. But he Surrender all of you to Him. Then it missed the school did. For him it seemed that Then one day He'll send His of the school. It hit one tree and more poking and shots loon you will shoot skyward At one point I walked over and bounced around until it than any child should ever like a rocket. And on that day to the side to watch a particu- made its way through and into have to go through. But even every trouble and every ounce lar red balloon. The winds another tree. And then through all that he loved his of pain will seem insignifiwere powerfully strong. Just through that one and into family and Veggie Tales. He cant. If you don't believe me, just ask Cliff. God bless.

'Big Z' barbecue



(Courtesy photo)

Mona Franke, left, and Nelda Dickman serve plates of barbecue at last year's Zion Lutheran Church "Big Z Barbecue" and silent auction annual fundraiser. This year's barbecue is set for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, May 3, at the church, 1200 N. Duncan. Tickets are \$7 in advance by calling 669-2774, or \$8 at the door. Menu includes brisket and all the fixings.

RELIGION IN BRIEF

Southern Baptist convention posts membership gain NASHVILLE (AP) — The Southern Baptist Convention, America's largest Protestant body, grew again last year.

The Southern Baptists reported Tuesday that membership reached 16,247,736 in 2002, a handsome gain of 194,816 people, or 1.2 percent over the previous year.

The conservative denomination also reported increases in local congregations (42,775) and missions (5,439). However, there were slight declines in annual baptisms (394,893) and Sunday School enrollment (8,174,493).

Total financial receipts increased by 6.4 percent, to \$9.5 billion.

Istanbul patriarchate elects Greek Orthodox bishop NEW YORK (AP) — The bishops of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul, Turkey, have unanimously elected Archimandrite Evangelos Kourounis to be the Greek Orthodox metropolitan for New Jersey, ending a vacancy of nearly three

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The Greek archdiocese in New York said Kourounis was the first choice among three names submitted to Istanbul by the U.S.

Kourounis, 42, was ordained a priest in 1989. He has been dean of the Cathedral of St. Demetrios in the Queens borough of New York City the past two years.



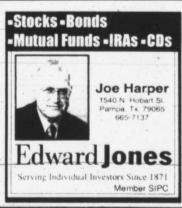
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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Maid Of Honor Is Frowning After Photo Bill Goes Unpaid

honor in my cousin "Denise's" wedding As such, I helped her to get a good deal on her photography My close friend, "Arthur," had just begun shooting professionally and the excess pounds, and with my bers who tried to take advantage of doctor's approval, joined a weight her. I obtained legal documents from our family lawyer and had my mother's doctor declare her incompetent. I then photocopied the

at I would track her down because she has not return his repeated phone calls.

Abby, is there any tactful way to tell Jack to butt out? If he keeps

the money on cosmetic dentistry. but now more time has elapsed, and old eating habits, and I don't want she still hasn't paid him

My cousin claims she will pay Arthur "one day," but I am embar* rassed and angry How should I

OAKLAND, CALIF.

MIDDLE: Your cousin Denise is more than easily offended and someone looks over your shoul.

white place and deadbeat der, it makes you nervous, and www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, when you get nervous you Los Angeles, CA 90069. yourself to be put in the middle. If the bride signed a contract with the photographer, he may have to take her to small claims court in order to get the unfortunate truth.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 53-yearold woman who is 100-plus pounds

finally made a commitment to lose DEAR ABBY: I was maid of the excess pounds, and with my bers who tried to take advantage of

close friend. "Arthur," had just begun shooting professionally, and photographed the wedding for a greatly reduced price.

My problem is that Denise never paid Arthur. It has been several months, and Arthur finally asked me if I would track her down because she has not return his reneated.

The problem is my live in forms, along with my durable power boyfriend, "Jack." I know he loves of attorney, and mailed them to the guilty parties.

Needless to say, these folks are upset, but they no longer try to get money from my mother.

FAMILY "BAD GUY"

Abby, is there any tactful way to IN NEVADA.

Denise admitted that she spent this up, I could fall into some of my

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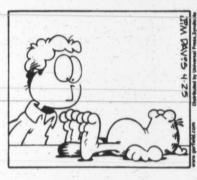








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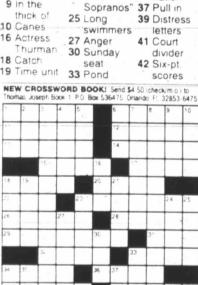
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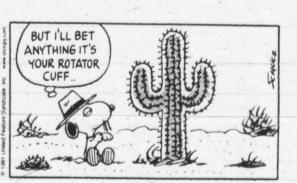
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SPORTS

Draft will be first major test for Parcells, Jones KIEW WIEH WE PICKED HITH "It's been great," Parcells New York Jets.

GOLF

PAMPA — Vernon DeVoll of Pampa had his first hole in one Monday at Hidden Hills Public Golf Course.

He used a 3-wood to ace the 172-yard, No. 8 hole. It was witnessed by his son, Coy DeVoll.

BASEBALL

CHICAGO (AP) -Fans with upper-deck seats at Chicago White Sox home games won't be allowed into other levels of

the ballpark unless they

have season tickets. The change was made after the team conducted an internal review of security and crowd management at U.S. Cellular Field. The review was partly prompted by an attack on an umpire during a game last White Sox week. spokesman Scott Reifert

Eric Dybas, 24, ran onto the field on April 15 and grabbed umpire Laz Diaz around the legs during a game between the White Sox and Kansas City Royals.

HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP) - The eighth and final period began with the publicaddress announcer telling fans, "Good morning."

Within a minute Anaheim's Petr Sykora made it feel like a long, bad night for the Dallas

Sykora ended the fourth-longest game in NHL history when he fired a shot past the stick of Dallas goaltender Marty Turco 48 seconds into the fifth overtime early Friday, continuing the Mighty Ducks' stunning postseason run with a 4-3 victory in the opener of their second-round series.

"It was a bang-bang play," Turco said. "That's the way it goes. We need to concentrate on emotionally getting back and preparing for Game 2.

"Of course it hurts. It hurts all over. But we've got to play tomorrow."

Seventh-seeded Anaheim, which swept defending Stanley Cup champion Detroit in the first round, is 5-0 in the playoffs, with three wins in overtime. The Ducks have needed nine extra periods, but goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere has made it worth every second.

Anaheim will certainly be on an emotional high when Game 2 begins about 37 1/2 hours after this one. ended. The Mighty Ducks' upset of the second-seeded Red Wings began with a three-overtime win. Now, they've gone five extra periods to beat the No. 1

"We played hard, that's all," Anaheim coach Mike Babcock said. "Guys are exhausted and guys are dehydrated, but a win gives you a chance to get your energy back."

By JAIME ARON said during league meetings **AP Sports Writer** last month, which was the IRVING, Texas (AP) -

Whom the Dallas Cowboys take with the fifth pick in the draft will only be part of the story Saturday.

How they do it will be far more interesting.

Will Bill Parcells have the final say? Or will Jerry Jones remind his new coach who signs the checks and proudly announce that he's taking-"the next Quincy Carter?"

As intriguing as it sounds, the reality probably will lack fireworks.

The coach and owner-general manager haven't shown the slightest hint of conflict in er, with both praising their "partnership."

The draft, however, will be the first major test.

last time he spoke to reporters. "It really has. Are things a little different than what I'm used to? Sure. I'm sure they're different for him, too."

Jones has been calling the draft-day shots in Dallas since Jimmy Johnson left 10 years

With far more misses than hits, the Cowboys have wononly one playoff game since their last Super Bowl title in

They've gone 5-11 the last three seasons, prompting Jones to hire a proven winner in Parcells.

Parcells has plenty of their first four months togeth- holes to fill as he tries pulling off another of the rapid turnarounds he made with the New York Giants, New England Patriots and

At No. 5, he could boost his plans with players such as cornerback Terence Newman of Kansas State, sack specialist Terrell Suggs of Arizona State and offensive lineman Jordan Gross of Utah.

Then again, all three - or maybe just the one they want most — might be available a few spots lower.

And the oil wildcatter in Jones does tend to come out on draft day, making it possible that Dallas tries scooting down. Jones said it would take a fabulous offer for him to drop very far.

"We are keeping our options open about whether or not we trade up or trade down," Jones said. "Someone asked me the other day, would you rather have a great player or two good players? Well, if I high he was going to be a great player, then that answers

Last April, Jones was widely praised for dropping two spots and still getting the. player he wanted, safety Roy Williams, while adding picks that helped Dallas landreceiver Antonio Bryant in the second round. It wasn't without drama, either, as the 15-minute draft clock expired before the swap was announced and commissioner Paul Tagliabue even announced that the Cowboys had passed.

Since Jones bought the team in 1989 and made the no-brainer first overall pick of Troy Aikman, he's kept his top pick only twice. Jones also has made a trade during every draft except one.

Parcells also showed a tendency to wheel and deal released after June 1.

when he ran the Jets' draft from 1997-2000.

"Bill Parcells has been in many draft rooms and he's excellent with talent," Jones said. "He will be the first to tell you that he doesn't make all of the right picks over the years, but certainly he has a lot of experience and we are going to draw on that."

The Cowboys probably will use one of their eight picks on a running back.

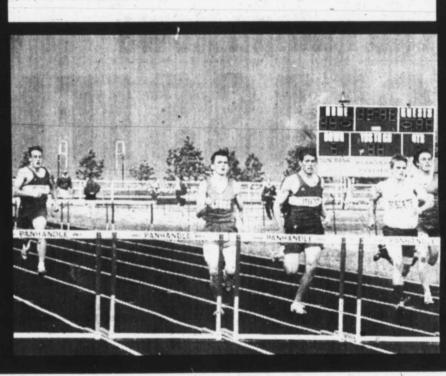
Troy Hambrick is still the front-runner to replace Emmitt Smith, who was released in February, but his promotion opens a backup spot,

Quarterback doesn't appear to be much of a priority, at least not through the draft. Should Parcells want options beyond Carter and incumbent Chad Hutchinson, he's more likely to trade for a veteran or sign someone who gets



Lefors High distance runners Rachel Stubbs (third from left) and Jonelle Tinney (far right) get ready for the girls' 1600-meter run at the Area 1-1A/2-1A Meet in Panhandle. Stubbs placed second with a time of 5:42.95. John Stamper (second from left) of Lefors races to victory in the boys' 300-meter hurdles. The top four in each event qualified for the regional track meet this week in Levelland.

Area Track Meet



Mets turn back Astros

Astacio was itching to get back into the rotation and the New York Mets were eager to have

They all seemed pretty pleased after Astacio's performance Thursday night.

Activated from the disabled list before the game, Astacio pitched six neat innings in his first game of the season and also contributed at the plate, leading the Mets over Houston

"They want me, they need me, and I want to be out there and grab the ball," Astacio said.

The Mets matched their longest winning streak of the year at two and their season high for runs. They did it minus All-Star catcher Mike Piazza, a late scratch from the starting lineup because of a sore groin.

Astacio, projected to be New York's No. 3 starter, missed most of spring training because of tendinitis in his right shoulder. After four rehabilitation starts in Class A, the Mets deemed him ready to come back and start against his former team.

It was perfect timing, after David Cone went on the disabled list this week with a sore hip.

"It's a big lift for us," Roberto Alomar said. "Pedro coming off the DL, nobody expected the way he was going to throw the ball."

Alomar delivered, too. Once again providing a spark from the leadoff spot, he doubled twice, drove in two runs and scored two times. "I don't think I have to

show anything," Alomar said.

NEW YORK (AP) - Pedro "Sometimes you have a down year and people give up on you. I just have to go out there and play my game.'

Wade Miller was wild from the start and the Mets took advantage to drop Houston below .500 for the first time this year.

Astacio (1-0) got off to a shaky start, hitting leadoff man Craig Biggio with a pitch and giving up a single to Geoff Blum. But he got Jeff Bagwell, hitting .636 with runners in scoring position, to ground into a double play and had little trouble after that.

Bagwell hit an RBI single in the sixth, and Astacio left after the inning ended with a 7-2 lead. He gave up four hits, struck out four and walked one.

"It's a great feeling, my first game," Astacio said. "But I'm not really surprised."

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FPC, Tarleton State win team titles at regional college rodeo

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Co-host Frank Phillips College took home the men's team title, while Tarleton State won the women's side. Fellow co-host WTAMU took third place in both the men's and women's competitions.

Individual event champions were as follows

Bareback Riding: Curran, FPC

Calf Roping: Tony Sauter, Howard College

Breakaway Roping: Kashley Hughes, WTAMU

Saddle Bronc Riding: Jeff Cavey, Eastern New Mexico

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Barrel Racing: Skye Holman,

Tarleton State University Bull Riding: Domangue, Odessa College

Menis All-Around Cowboy Marty Eakin, Vernon College Womenis All-Around Cowgirl: Tibba Smith, Tarleton State University

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

James Gilliland of Eastern New Mexico University, tries to put a loop around the horns of a steer during team roping slack. Gilliland, a header, was teamed with Josh Morris of West Texas A&M University.

Fast start gives Couples one-stroke lead in Houston Open

HUMBLE, Texas (AP) — Fred Couples has been around too long to get too excited about a fast start in the Houston

"I haven't been in any kind back. of contention for three or four years," Couples said. "So for anyone who tells you it's like riding a bike, it's not like riding a bike

The 43-year-old Couples, winless in five years, shot a 7under 67 on Thursday to take a

Appleby in the suspended first round. Early Friday, David Peoples and Tom Pernice Jr. finished their opening rounds at 68 to join Appleby one stroke

"It's fun," Couples said. "It's nerve-racking and when you do things correctly it is

Couples, who played at the University of Houston before turning pro in 1980, had eight birdies, including five en route one-stroke lead over Stuart to a 5-under-30 on his final nine

"I had a great day," he said. "I hit a lot of very good shots and made a lot of putts." That hasn't always been the

case since he faded from the big years of the early 1990s when he was among the top players in the world and everything had come together for

"I was used to doing it 10 years ago, eight years ago," he said. "And now it's getting back to that point."

His last victories came in 20s, into the top 10s, then 1998 in the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic and The Memorial, but by 2001 he slipped to 131st on the money list. He was 103rd in earnings last year and had only two top-10 finishes.

Couples has finished no worse than 13th in his last four tournaments.

"Every time I get in this position I need to work on that," he said. "I get back to where I can get out of the top

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maybe do some damage on a Saturday, Sunday there some time in the future."

Seventy-two golfers did not finish the first round Thursday because of darkness after play was suspended for 3 1/2 hours because of thunderstorms.

Appleby, whose 68 included an eagle on the par-5 15th ππππhole, notched his last victory at this event in 1999 when it was played at the TPC at The Woodlands. This year the tour-

nament was moved from The Woodlands complex after a 28-year run to the new sprawling 7,508-yard, par-72 Redstone Golf Club layout designed by Peter Jacobsen, who carded a 5-under 67.

"Absolutely," he said when asked if his knowledge of the course aided him.

His only bogey came on the 18th hole when an errant drive landed in mulch around a tree he specifically had planted during the design process.

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Think "options" when dealing with children, loved ones and finances. How you CANCER (June 21-July 22) view someone could change consider- *** * Ignore (if you can) what is weeks, you will have an opportunity to ably this year You discover that someone going on around you. Take off for a day rethink a work-related matter, as well as you have considered to be stable could trip or even for the weekend. In a differ- a partnership issue. Something that become downright flaky. Relax with others ent space, you might see recent events in should have been done in the past needs ers, remain confident that you can and a new light. Open up to conversations to be done in the near future. Tonight: will have what you want. Networking, with people you might not know. Order in friends and groups favor you. Use your Tonight Try something experimental. assets well. Romance will knock on the LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) door of those who are single in 2003. If **** Deal

5-Dynamic, 4-Positive; 3-Average, 2-So-so, 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

* * Hold on tight. Just when you thought everything was as you like it, you find out otherwise. Keep your own counsel and keep on observing. Schedule a checkup with the doc or dentist. Don't put this off right now. You'll be a lot happier as a result. Tonight. Keep it low-key. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** You might know what you

want and assume the same about someone else. The surprise lies in the fact that a situation could be radically different for a child or new friend. Do whatever you need to do to check out a problem. Think rather than react. Tonight: Where the SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

* * Hold on tight. You could easily get off track with your ruler going retrograde. Still, make an effort to touch base with an authority figure or someone you care about. You also might need to put in

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, April extra hours at work. Make this OK; not What a romp getting too uptight Tonight: A must SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) appearance

you are attached, you might feel like Discussions involve finances and long- one's mood. Speak your mind and get newlyweds this fall. Make the most of term desires. Know when you have gone the moment PISCES helps you get what too far. Know when you need to allow will help you get to the bottom of prob- Tonight: Find your pals. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll lems in the next few weeks. Tonight: Say AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) "ves" to an invitation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

pening with a loved one or friend rather prised if you get a blast from your past in than taking his or her actions personally. the next few weeks. Be careful with new You might not be comfortable with what relationships during this same period. is occurring with a parent or boss, but Tonight: Pick up the tab. there is little you can do to change this. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Tonight: Accept an invitation. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

* * * * Build on present knowledge ent in the next few weeks. You might right now. See what might be happening want to distance yourself from a family within your circle of friends. You might member or roommate. Take your time be disheartened by what you hear, but with a personal matter, you need to do keep on plugging away. You'll come up more evaluating and thinking. Tonight: with strong answers if you give yourself Be spontaneous. time. Relax through a hobby. Tonight: Just don't push

* * * * A friend could disappoint Duane Eddy (1938), actor Jet Li (1963) you. It might take a lot to work through this problem. Listen to what someone shares and try not take it personally. Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at You'll head in a new direction if you http://www.jacquelinebigar.com. allow yourself to detach and brainstorm. Use that innate Scorpio charm. Tonight:

* * * A partner could be more contrary than you think. In the next few

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

* * * Make calls and reach out for others. You might be surprised by somepast an immediate problem. You might find that those around you have a more others to pull back. One-on-one relating difficult time figuring out what to do.

* * * You might find others slightly out of sorts, especially within a relationship * * Understand what might be hap- with a loved one or child. Don't be sur-

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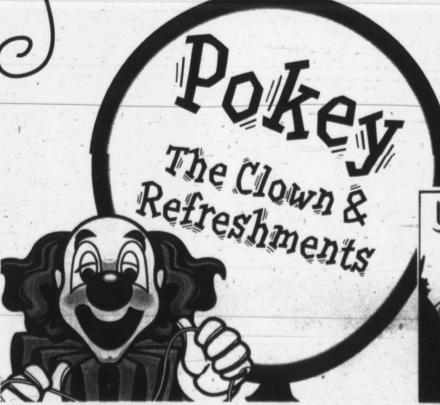
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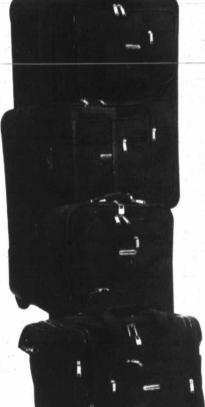
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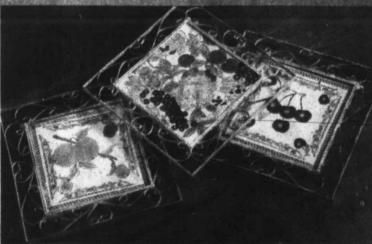
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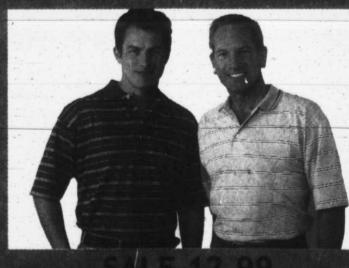
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