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## Cost per student better if more participate

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

With the exception of football, the more students in a program, the less cost per student, according to Pampa Independent School District Superintendent Barry Haenisch.

Haenisch told the PISD board of trustees Thursday night that the most expensive sports had the fewest participants with the exception of football.

Harvester football had 115 student participants last year with a student cost of \$1,037 per student, according to a report introduced at last week's school board meeting.

The most expensive sport per student was girls golf, which had seven students enrolled at a cost of \$1,770 per student. The next most expensive sport was wrestling with eight students at \$1,730 per student.

Boys track was the least expensive with 35 students at \$363 per student. Next was girls track with 30 students at \$440 per student.

The total cost of the PISD extra curricula sports programs, according to the report, was \$425,436.61. The average was \$897.78 per student across all the sports programs offered by PISD.

Haenisch said the total of all extra

curricular costs, including sports, band, choir, cheerleading, National Honor Society and other programs, was about \$800,000 last year out of a \$24 million budget.

"That's not even five percent of the total budget," he said.

The sports cost report included the number of participants involved, the number of coaches involved, payroll, contract services, supplies, bus travel and meals and lodging on the road.

While football again had the most coaches with 11, Haenisch said that only one is assigned solely to football, and he also teaches. The other

football coaches also coach other sports and have teaching assignments.

"We don't have 11 football coaches," said board member Derrell DeLoach. "We have 11 people who coach football."

Ten of the 11, said Pampa High Principal Danny Seabourn, coach multiple sports.

Haenisch said that Pampa had the fewest number of football coaches in the district.

After football, the largest sports programs are baseball with 45 stu-

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## Preparing for school



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Donald Farrar, a bus driver for Pampa Independent School District, changes the oil in one of PISD's school buses. Some of the buses are getting paint touch-ups as well as maintenance in preparation for the first day of classes for the 2006-2007 academic year, which is Aug. 15.

## Neighborhood watch program for county

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland is initiating a Neighborhood Watch type program around the county.

Copeland joined 10 other Texas Panhandle Sheriffs, the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association, Texas Wheat Producers and West Texas A&M University in announcing the formation of the system known as Agro Guard.

"The Agro Guard program is a community policing effort," Randall County Sheriff Joel Richardson said. "It's much like the Neighborhood Watch program. It was started in Ford County, Kan., and took off from there to where most of the State of Kansas has adopted the program as well

as New Mexico."

Kenneth Chambers, a field inspector with the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers, says that from what he's heard, the program has been successful in lowering the crime rate in rural areas where it's been tried.

While Richardson stressed the importance of the program concerning agri-terrorism, others said they thought it would help battle crime in rural areas.

Potter County Sheriff Mike Shumate said the program will help control the theft of anhydrous ammonia and methamphetamine labs. "That's the big problem," Shumate said. "It's probably a bigger local problem than the terrorism issue."

He says vandalism is also a problem in the Potter

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## Rollover in Carson County takes life of Pampan

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

A Pampa man died Saturday afternoon after his vehicle rolled three times near Skellytown.

Joseph Alan Barker, 24, was east-bound on Highway 152 5.5 miles west of Skellytown at 4:45 p.m. Saturday in a 1993 Toyota 4Runner when the vehicle went off the road to

the right, according to Trooper Wayne Beighle, public information officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety's Amarillo office.

"He overcorrected, causing the vehicle to roll three times," Beighle said. "He was partially ejected from the vehicle."

Barker died at the scene approximately one hour after the accident.

He was pronounced dead by Carson County Justice of the Peace Brandie Hefner of White Deer.

"He was wearing a seat belt, but sometimes in these rollovers, you get partially ejected from the vehicle, and that's what happened in his case," Beighle said.

Graveside services were scheduled for 10 a.m. today at Fairview

Cemetery.

Barker was born April 1, 1981 in Enid, Okla. He had been a Pampa resident for the past two years.

Survivors include his mother and father, stepmother, one sister, three stepisters, a grandmother and grandfather.

## Two instances of assault with knives reported

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

A knife was the weapon of choice in two separate incidents over the weekend in which the victims reported alleged aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, according to Pampa Police Department reports.

The first incident was reported at 5:07 p.m. Friday. The 19-year-old victim received a cut to the throat after reportedly unintentionally

swerving into the path of oncoming traffic in the vicinity of the intersection of Crawford and Varmon streets. The victim was confronted by another driver who had been traveling on the opposite side of the street.

The victim received a cut to the throat when the other driver allegedly threatened the victim with a knife. The victim drove to his home to report the incident, but refused medical treatment.

Kenneth Wayne Adkism, 50, of Pampa was arrested and booked into Gray County Jail by PPD at 6:50 p.m. on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, in connection with the incident.

The second event involving a knife was reported at 6:13 p.m. Saturday. The 20-year-old suspect allegedly entered the home of the 19-year-old victim uninvited in order to retrieve a cell phone.

An argument over the whereabouts of the phone ensued, and the suspect allegedly threatened the victim with a knife before leaving the residence, according to police reports. No injuries were reported.

No charges have been filed in connection with the incident, and no arrests have been made. The case has been turned over to the police department's criminal investigation division for further investigation.

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## Obituaries

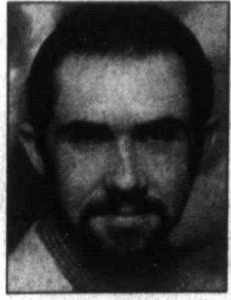
### Joseph Allen Barker, 24

Joseph Allen Barker, 24, of Borger, his mother, died Saturday, July 22, 2006, in Carson County.

Graveside services were to be at 10 a.m. today at Fairview Cemetery with Victor Garcia, pastor of the Borger Christian Center, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley funeral directors.

Mr. Barker was born April 1, 1982, in Enid, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa for the past two years.

Survivors include his father and stepmother, Stanley and Patricia Barker



Barker

Amarillo; and his grandfather, Bobby Humphrey of Borger.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

WHITE DEER — Joseph F. Gordzelik, Jr., 62, died Sunday, July 23, 2006, in Amarillo.

Rosary will be said at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Mieczyslaw Przepiora, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Gordzelik was born

January 22, 1944, in Pampa.

He had been a lifelong resident of White Deer, graduating from White Deer High School in 1962.

He married Violet Wright on May 1, 1965, in White Deer. She preceded him in death on Sept. 21, 2000.

He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of White Deer and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a devoted farmer.



Gordzelik

He held a special place in the hearts of his nieces and nephews and will never be forgotten. He was well respected by his family and friends, and was well known for his honesty and integrity.

Survivors include two sisters, Janie Stevens and husband Jerry, and Winona Gordzelik, all of Amarillo; two nieces, Selena Lenz of Amarillo and Kami Wright of Tulsa, Oklahoma; two

nephews, Rhett Stevens of Amarillo and Jake Wright of Tulsa, Oklahoma; two great-nieces, Mary Catherine Lenz of Amarillo and Mackenna Wright of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and two great-nephews, Don Paul Lenz of Amarillo and Jonas Wright of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The family requests memorials be to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, P.O. Box 427, White Deer, TX 79097.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

## Services tomorrow

GORDZELIK, Joseph F. Jr. — Funeral mass, 10 a.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church, White Deer.

## Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Fourteen traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1900 block of Duncan and the 1400 block of North Hobart, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Motorist assistance was rendered at an unreported location.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A vehicle pursuit occurred at an unreported location. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Animal complaints were received from the 700 block of East Kingsmill, the 900 block of East Scott, the 600 block of Hazel, and the 700 block of North West.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

A runaway was reported

in the 2500 block of Rosewood.

A narcotics violation was reported in the police department lobby.

A minor driving under the influence was reported in the 400 block of East Kingsmill. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A welfare check was made in the 500 block of North Warren. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A civil matter was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 400 block of West Foster, the intersection of Banks and 19th streets, and the 300 block of North Summer.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 600 block of North Summer.

A prowler was reported in the 1600 block of North Williston.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville and the 700 block of North Russell.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Cinderella. A garage door was squirted with mustard and grape jelly. Estimated cost of damage is unknown.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of East 17th. The window of a house was shot with a BB gun. Estimated cost of damage is unknown.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Harassment was reported in the 1600 block of North Banks and on two occasions in the 1200 block of South Finley.

A terroristic threat was made in the 1100 block of Neel Road.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1100 block of Neel Road, the 1000 block of Huff Road, the 1300 block of Charles, and the 600 block of North Gray, where the incident was verbal only.

Four burglar alarms were reported.

Burglary was reported in the 800 block of North

Nelson. A door was damaged by an apparent attempt to pry it open. Estimated cost of damage is \$60.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of West Craven.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of Miami. Cash, a wallet and contents were taken, for an estimated loss of \$65.

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

### Sunday, July 23

Hailey Esfer Maddox, 20, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

### Monday, July 24

Dennis Hogue, 42, of White Deer was arrested by GCSO for failure to pay child support.

Rebecca Drinkard, 25, of Borger was arrested by GCSO on capias pro fines for disorderly conduct/language and no seat belt.

Jerry Ortiz, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 1400 block of North Hobart by Pampa Police Department on a capias pro fine for minor in possession of alcohol.

### Tuesday, July 25

Joshua Urban, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of South Starkweather by PPD for resisting arrest, theft under \$50, public intoxication and minor in possession of alcohol.

Jacob West, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of East Kingsmill by PPD for driving under the influence of alcohol -- minor.

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

### Monday July 24

1:43 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 100 block of South Hobart on a cottonseed hull fire.

6:31 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 700 block of East Browning on an odor investigation.

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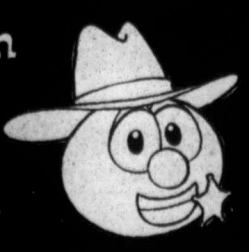
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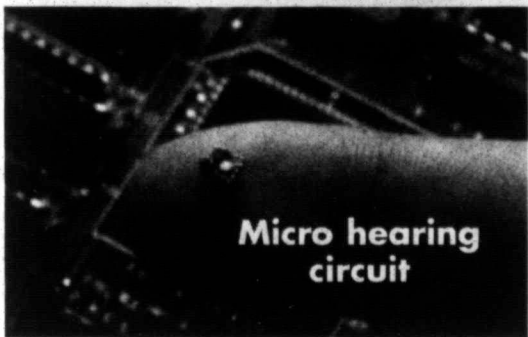
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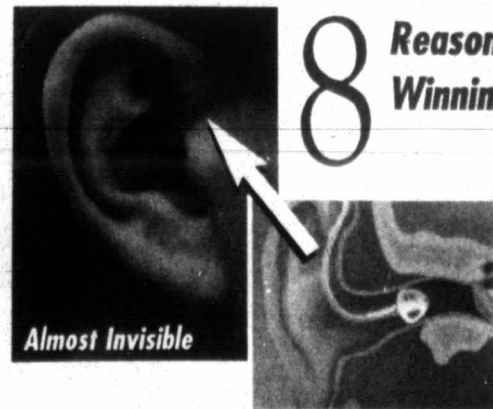
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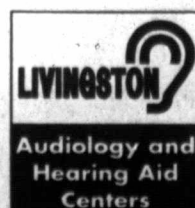
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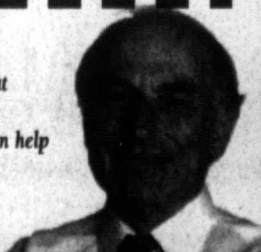
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**PEOPLE IN THE NEWS**

NEW YORK (AP) — Lionel Richie, father of size-zero Nicole Richie, says he's hurt by media chatter about his daughter's weight loss.

"I'll be honest with you, it hurts me more than it hurts her," the 57-year-old R&B singer tells "Access Hollywood" in an interview that was to air Monday. "I must tell you, I'm the basket case."

Richie, 24, co-stars with ex-friend Paris Hilton in the E! reality-style series "The Simple Life — 'til Death Do Us Part." A new format allows the feuding friends to have nothing to do with each other.

In a recent interview in Vanity Fair magazine, Richie acknowledged she was "too thin right now" and was getting treatment to add pounds.

Richie says he has talked to his daughter about her weight.

"Of course, I mean, what are fathers for if you can't point the finger every once in awhile," he tells "Access Hollywood."

"I think the good part of it is she is aware of it. ... She has heard this all of her life from me, so this is just a continuation of the reminder."

His new album, "Coming Home," is to be released Sept. 12.

E! Entertainment Television announced earlier this month that it will air a fifth season of "The Simple Life," which shows the tabloid-ready celebs thrown into everyday situations with real people.

On the Net:  
<http://www.accesshollywood.com/>  
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NEW YORK (AP) — Rod Stewart returns to rock with his new album, "Still the Same ... Great Rock Classics of Our Time," set for release this fall.

"Still the Same" — Stewart's first rock album in over eight years — follows four volumes of his "Great American Songbook" series of standards albums, J Records announced Monday.

Tracks include Bob Dylan's "If Not for You," Van Morrison's "Crazy Love," Bob Seger's "Still the Same" and John Fogerty's "Have You Ever Seen the Rain," which will be the first radio single from the album, the record label said.

The album will be released Oct. 10.

Over his 40-year musical career, Stewart has churned out multiple raspy-voiced rock hits including "Maggie May," "Do Ya Think I'm Sexy," "Forever Young" and "Tonight's the Night."

The 61-year-old singer received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame last year. His 2004 album, "Stardust ... The Great American Songbook Volume III," won Stewart his only Grammy.

On the Net:  
<http://www.jrecords.com/>

NEW YORK (AP) — Elizabeth Hurley stars in new print ads for Jordache, the company that became famous during the 1970s designer-label jeans craze.

The ads, shot by Michael Thompson, show the 41-year-old model-actress wearing the Jordache Vintage line, sold in high-end retail stores, and the new Jordache Legacy line, launching exclusively at Macy's stores across the country this fall.

Jordache said the first ad will run in national publications beginning in September and will continue through the holiday season.

In one ad, Hurley is shown with the signature Jordache horse. Another shows her with riding gear.

"With success as an actress, model, businesswoman and mother, Liz represents everything the Jordache brand is about," said Liz Berlinger, president of Jordache Enterprises, in a recent statement. "We chose her because she is the true modern woman."

Brittany Murphy, whose movie credits include "Sin City" and "8 Mile," starred in a series of Jordache jeans print ads last year.

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*'Of course, I mean, what are fathers for if you can't point the finger every once in awhile.'*

— Lionel Richie  
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**Costs**

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dents with a per student cost of \$567 and three coaches; boys basketball with 43 students at a per student cost of \$937 and three coaches; volleyball with 40 students at a per student cost of \$725 and three

coaches, and softball with 39 players at a per student cost of \$624 and three coaches.

Girls basketball with 36 players and three coaches had a per student cost of \$1,017, slightly less than the per student cost of football.

Tennis with 28 players and two coaches had a per student cost of \$1,062 slightly more than football.

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County.

"The other issue we face is the equipment thefts," Shumate said. "That's always a big problem."

He says a lot of equipment is stolen from farms, ranches and construction sites and taken to Mexico to be sold.

"It's an ongoing issue," Shumate said. He says it's of particular concern to places in Amarillo that rent equipment.

"Someone rents a piece of equipment, takes it to their property to use it and it's stolen and taken to Mexico," Shumate said. "You never see it again. It's just another issue that we have to confront and, unfortunately, once it's over there, it's gone."

Shumate said having extra eyes watch-

ing should help.

"The more the public is involved in law enforcement, the more effective we are," he said. "We're limited in the number of people, the number of eyes we have. If we can expand that with this program, we're much better off."

"The side benefit of this Agro Guard program," Richardson said, "is that we will begin to get information on our thefts. It'll help with just general law enforcement."

Copeland, who has held a tight rein on meth labs around Pampa to the point of driving many of them off into neighboring counties, said he doesn't have any problems in Gray County, but he wants to prevent new ones from cropping up.

"We don't have any actual problems," Copeland said. "We just want to prevent any problems. We hope the farmers and ranchers and feedyards and everybody will get on board."



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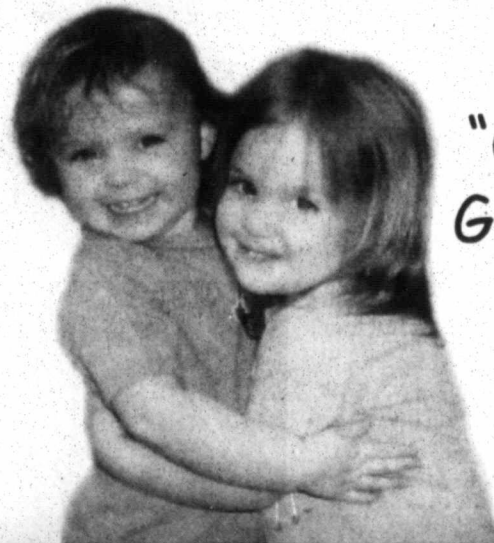
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# Viewpoints

## False prophets part of the end times, too

Back in the 1960s and 1970s, as best I remember, there were people who were convinced that we were living in "end times," meaning that the world was about to come to an end.

It even became common to see a drawing of a man wearing a long robe, long hair and a long beard standing and holding a sign that said, "The End Is Near."

This drawing showed up in cartoons and other places, and became an icon of sorts, representing all those who shared the sentiment on the sign in the cartoon.

After a time, the drawing faded away as one generation

mellowed and another grew old enough to make its presence felt.

The worry expressed in that cartoon drawing never did completely fade away, however. It has always been possible to find someone who points to current events and declares that "The End Is Near."

These someones might be isolated individuals or small groups. They might base their dire prediction on the condition of the earth or on world events. Some draw parallels between current goings-on and the Bible's Book of Revelation, which describes the end of human life on earth

and what leads up to that end.

No matter whether the tip-off to the end is pollution and global warming, or wars and man's inhumanity to man, there has always been someone who can interpret these things to mean it's all about to be over for everyone.

Media attention toward end-of-the-world forecasters has been relatively light in recent decades. Now, however, the current doomsdayers are attracting some of that

attention once again.

Current events in the Middle East have prompted the latest bout of heightened interest in apocalyptic predictions. Parallels are drawn between these current events and those described in the Bible.

There is nothing wrong with having an opinion about humans' treatment of the planet or of their fellow humans. There is nothing wrong with practicing and expressing one's beliefs, reli-

gious or otherwise, and living one's life accordingly, as long as no one is adversely affected as a result.

What worries me is that in the past, cults sprang up which demanded their followers abandon their friends and families, turn over all their worldly goods to the group and be totally obedient to whatever the leaders decreed, even to the point of mass suicide.

Remember the Heaven's Gate group, who combined Christianity and a belief in UFOs and aliens from other planets, and waited for a comet to signal their departure from this earth? How

about Jim Jones, who established the Peoples Temple and led his followers to Guyana, where they established a commune and subsequently committed mass suicide?

I have a prediction of my own to make. I think we will see cults like these spring up again to destroy some individuals and families, just so that a few savvy, brainwashing leaders can gain power and wealth.

Be concerned about current events. But don't let that concern drive out common sense, values and beliefs.

After all, false prophets are a part of the "end times," too.



**Marilyn Powers**  
Staff Writer

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 25, the 206th day of 2006. There are 159 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on July 25, 1956, the Italian liner Andrea Doria collided with the Swedish passenger ship Stockholm off the New England coast late at night and began sinking; at least 51 people died as a result of the impact. (The Andrea Doria sank the following day, some 11 hours after the crash.)

On this date:

In 1866, Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army, the first officer to hold the rank.

In 1868, Congress passed an act creating the Wyoming Territory.

In 1943, Benito Mussolini was dismissed as premier of Italy by King Victor Emmanuel III, and placed under arrest. (However, Mussolini was later rescued by the Nazis, and reasserted his authority.)

In 1946, the United States detonated an atomic bomb at Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device.

In 1952, Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth of the United States.

*'I have always believed that God never gives a cross to bear larger than we can carry. ... No matter what, God wants us to be happy. He doesn't want us to be sad. Birds sing after a storm. Why shouldn't we?'*

— Rose Kennedy (1890-1995)

In 1963, the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain initialed a treaty in Moscow prohibiting the testing of nuclear weapons in the atmosphere, in space or underwater.

In 1978, Louise Joy Brown, the first "test tube baby," was born in Oldham, England; she'd been conceived through the technique of in-vitro fertilization.

In 1986, movie director Vincente Minnelli, known for such musicals as "Gigi," "An American in Paris" and "Meet Me in St. Louis," died in Los Angeles.

In 1994, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein signed a declaration at the White House ending their countries' 46-year-old formal state of war.

In 2000, a New York-bound Air France Concorde crashed outside Paris shortly after takeoff, killing all 109 people on board and four people on the ground; it was the first-ever crash of the supersonic jet.

Ten years ago: Divers searching the wreckage of TWA Flight 800 off Long Island, N.Y., recovered the flight data and cockpit voice recorders.

Five years ago: Three masked men gunned down Phoolan Devi, India's onetime "Bandit Queen," killing the outlaw-turned-legislator who was idolized by the poor as a champion of the lower castes.

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## How environmentalists influence gas prices

"Proven" oil reserves, oil that's economically and technologically recoverable, are estimated to be more than 1.1 trillion barrels. That's enough oil, at current usage rates, to fuel the world's economy for 38 years, according to Leonardo Maugeri, vice president for the Italian energy company ENI. Mr. Maugeri provides a wealth of information about energy in "Two Cheers for Expensive Oil," published by Foreign Affairs (March/April 2006) and reprinted on the same date in Current.

There are an additional 2 trillion barrels of "recoverable" reserves. Mr. Maugeri says these oil reserves will probably meet the "proven" standard in a few years as technological improvement and increased sub-soil knowledge come online. Estimates of recoverable oil don't include the huge deposits of "unconventional" oil such as Canadian tar sands and U.S. shale oil, plus there are vast areas of our planet yet to be fully explored.

For decades, alarmists have claimed we're running out of oil. In 1919, the U.S. Geological Survey predicted

that world oil production would peak in nine years. During the 1970s, the Club of Rome report, "The Limits to Growth," said that, assuming no rise in consumption, all known oil reserves would be entirely consumed in just 31 years.

There are several factors that explain today's high prices. There has been a huge surge in demand for oil as a result of rapid economic growth in China and India, as well as in the United States. Another factor is the under-exploration. Mr. Maugeri says Saudi Arabia has 260 billion barrels of proven reserves, accounting for 25 percent of the world's total, but only one-third of the oil known to lie below its surface.

Russia's reserves are three times its proven reserves of 50 billion barrels. While high prices are beginning to stimulate investments in oil exploration, they've lagged for several decades out of fear of oil gluts and low prices. It's going to be 2010 before

today's investments yield fruit.

A substantial increase in oil production alone cannot ease today's high prices because of weak refining capacity. Not a single refinery has been built in the United States for 30 years. Improvements to existing refineries failed to keep up with growing demand and tougher environmental regulations.

We're the world's only industrialized country with a net deficit in refining capacity that comes to 20 percent of domestic demand. That makes us highly vulnerable to disasters like last year's hurricanes. Exacerbating weak refining capacity are regulations whereby gasoline produced for one state may not be sold in another. There are 18 mandated different types of gasoline sold in the United States.

The long-term outlook for oil is good. There's an increase in oil-drilling technology and exploration. Oil as a source of energy has been in decline. In 1980, oil was 45 percent of energy

consumption; today, it's 34 percent, yielding ground to natural gas, coal and nuclear energy. Recently, the House of Representatives passed "The Deep Ocean Energy Resources Act of 2006" which was sent to the Senate.

Offshore oil exploration has been banned since 1982, despite Department of the Interior estimates that suggest the presence of 19 billion barrels of oil and 84 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. The House of Representatives also passed the "Refinery Permit Process Schedule Act of 2006." Should these measures become law, our energy capacity will be enhanced significantly.

America stands alone in the world as the only nation that has placed a substantial amount of its domestic oil and natural gas potential off-limits. That reflects the awesome control that radical environmentalists have over Congress. With high fuel prices, Americans might be ready to put an end to that control.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My mother is in her early 40s. She has four children, including me. I am married and have two children of my own. Still living at home are my brother, 17, a sister, 14, and the 1-year-old baby, "Michelle." Michelle is from another guy. Mom purposely got pregnant, knowing that "Tom" didn't want a child. Needless to say, they are no longer together, and Tom has nothing to do with Michelle. Mom is having problems with my brother and sister. They choose not to listen and have been in trouble with the law. My mom is no longer working. She spends her days with the baby. She recently let slip that she wishes she could just die. She wants to commit suicide because she is just so depressed. No work, no child care, the kids don't listen, and she just isn't getting anywhere. She said the only reason she won't do it is because she doesn't want to leave me with the burden of caring for her baby. I'm attending college, my husband works, and my girls are in school. I didn't know what to say, and Mom has now turned to alcohol. She's a great mother; she just has her hands full. I don't know if she knows she has a drinking problem, and I don't want to say it because I know she'll take offense. My little sister is not in any danger, but what can I do or say to help my mom? Oh, yes, I support my little sister already -- diapers, clothing and love. Please help me. -- **DAUGHTER IN SANTA MARIA, CALIF.**

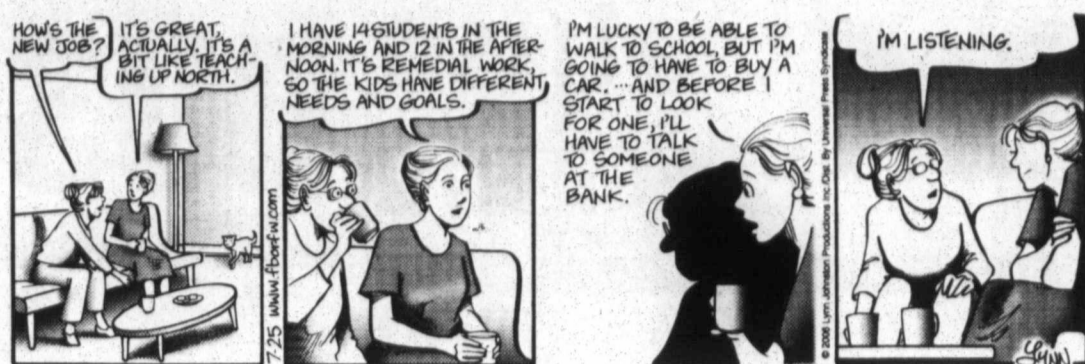
**DEAR DAUGHTER:** When people start talking about ending their lives, that's the time to see they get medical and psychological attention. I don't know your mother, but she could be suffering from post-partum depression. (She could also simply be overwhelmed right now.) The first step in getting help for your mother is to get her to an internist or family practitioner. If she

doesn't have one, then her OB/GYN would be a good place to start. If she can't handle your brother, then perhaps he should stay with his father for a while, or some other older male in the family. If that's not feasible because he's already in trouble with the law, he may need to be made a ward of the court. Not pleasant -- but better than a life of crime begun as a teenager. Once your mother's depression is under control, she may be less inclined to drink her troubles away. But if she continues drowning her sorrows, then Alcoholics Anonymous could help her. But only when she's ready to admit she has a problem. (They're in the phone book.)

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been dating a wonderful woman for the last two years. We are trying to make it permanent, but we have one sticking point. She has several men friends, some from past relationships, that she still sees casually. She insists on spending weekends alone with them, either at their home or at her summer house in the country. I feel this is inappropriate for someone in a serious relationship. She says I "don't trust her," and we cannot have a relationship unless I get over this attitude. Is she right? Am I being unreasonable? -- **CONFUSED IN FLORIDA**

**DEAR CONFUSED:** Not in my opinion. And I wonder how this "wonderful woman" would feel if the shoe was on the other foot. While I see nothing wrong with old friends -- and even people who were once romantic -- sharing a meal together once in a while, I draw the line at weekends alone together. But then again, I'm not in favor of "open" relationships, either. My advice to you is to rethink making this relationship permanent.

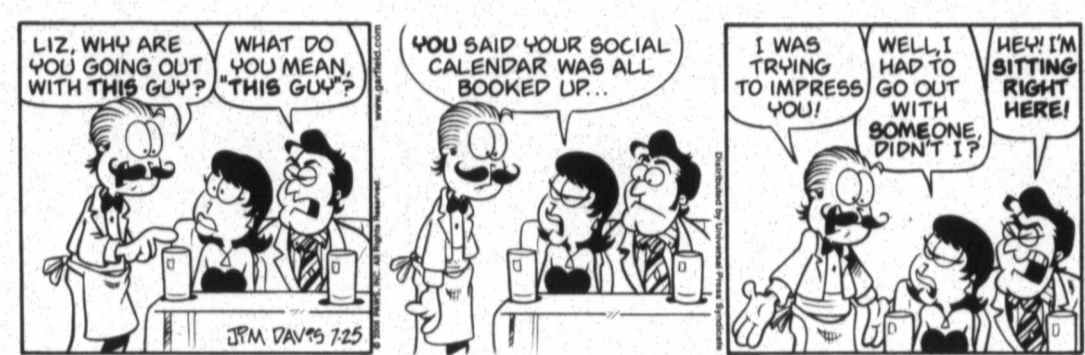
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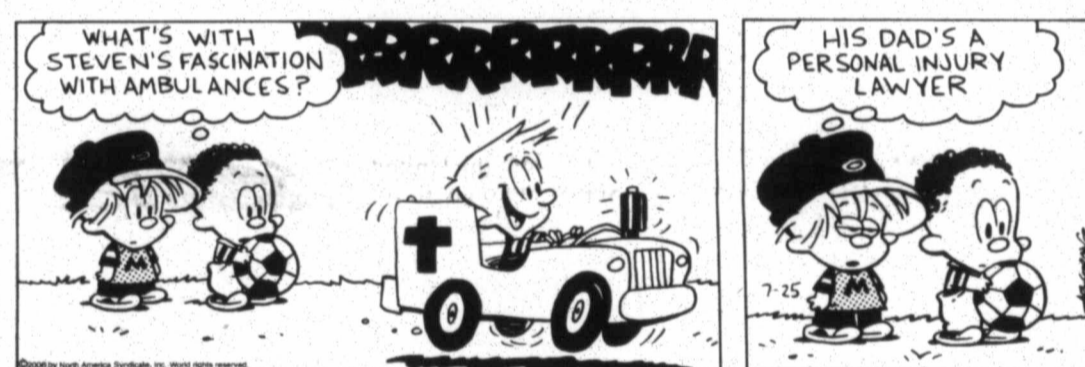
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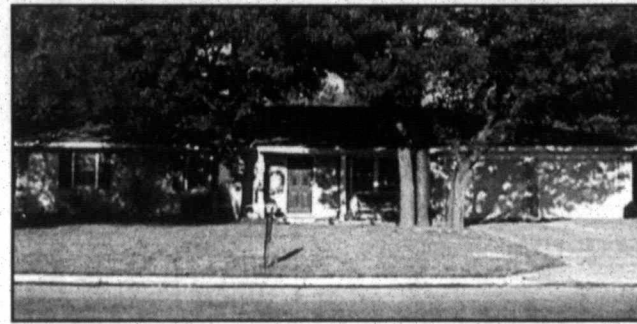
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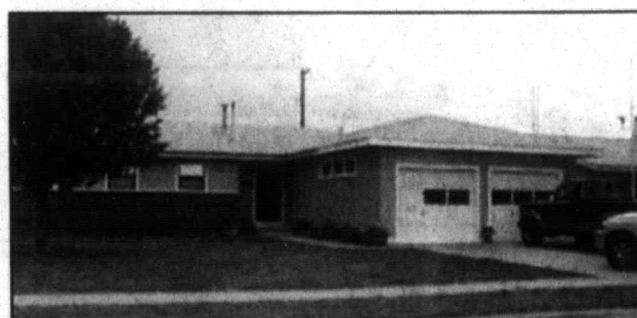
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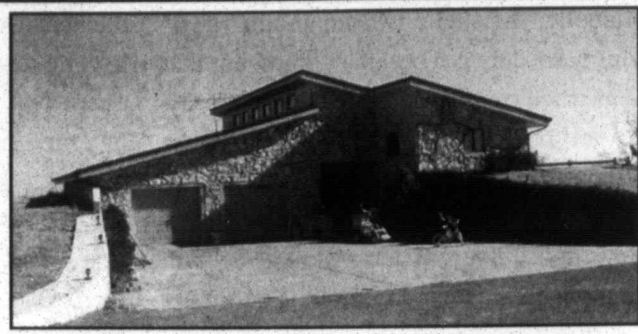
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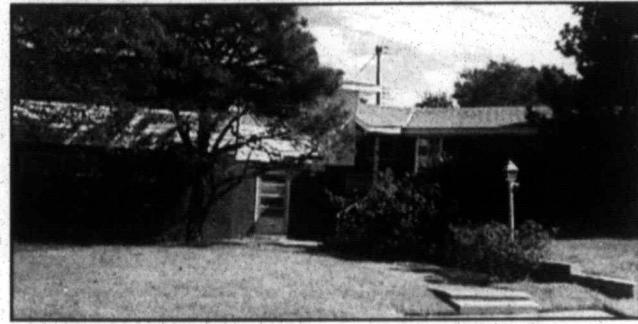
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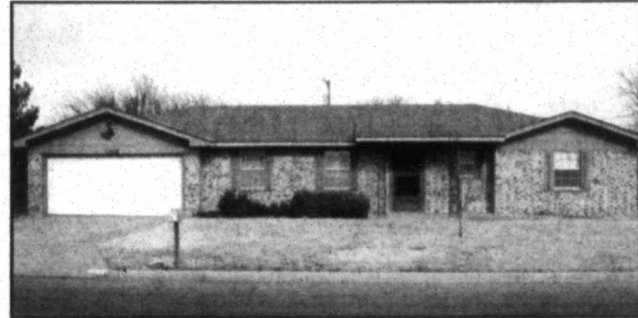
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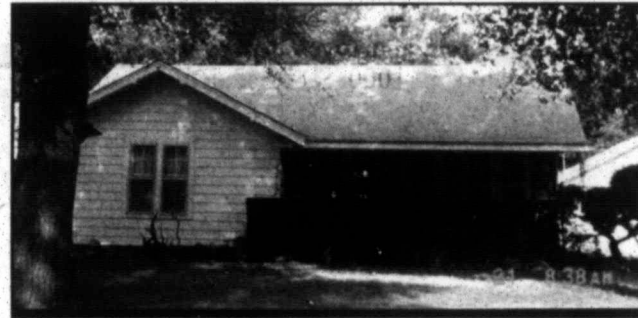
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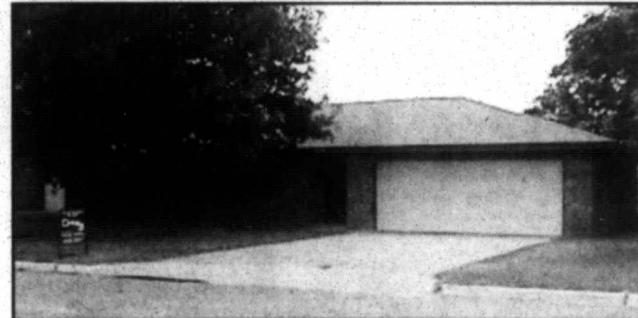
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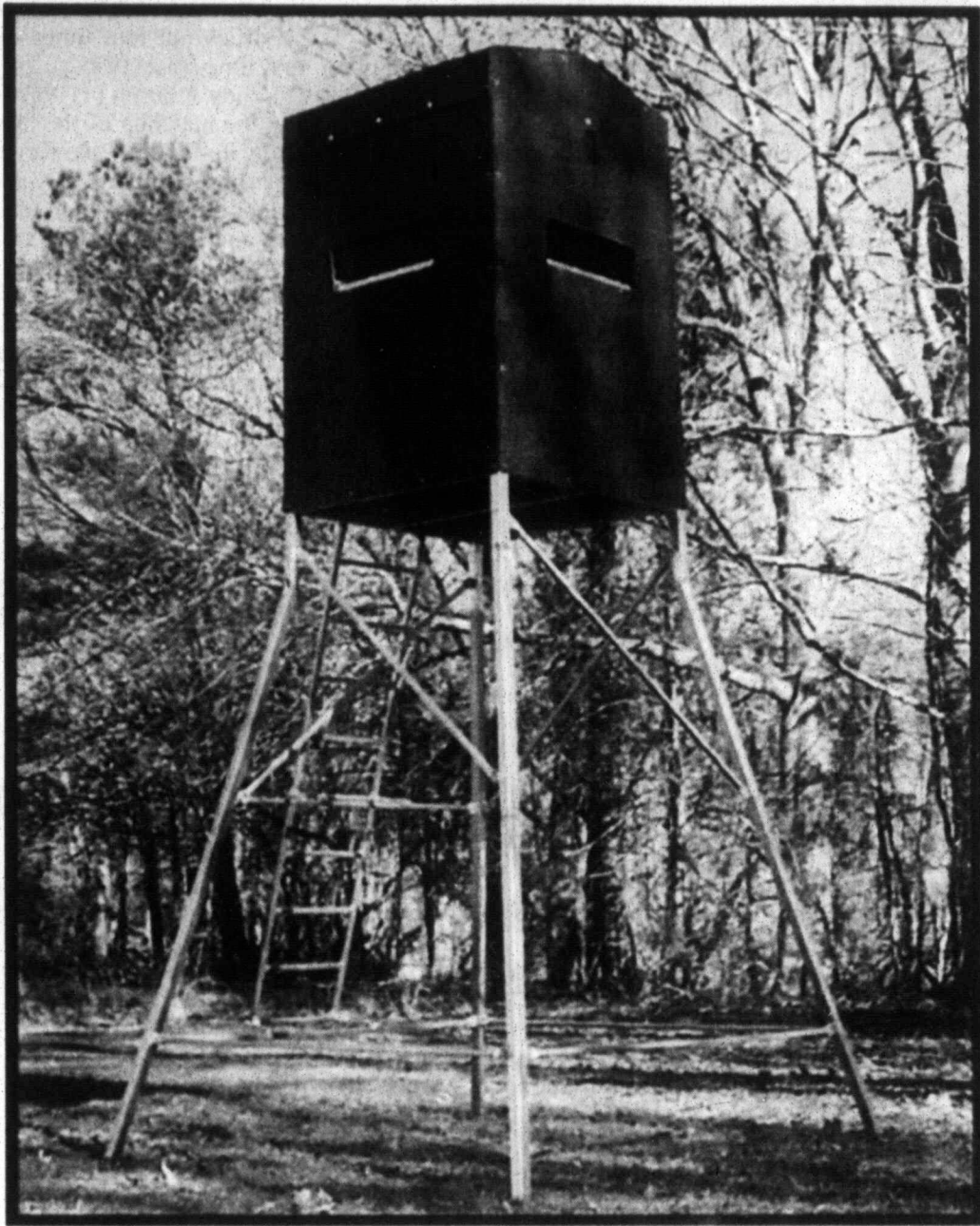
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## Rasco Construction — New Deer Tower

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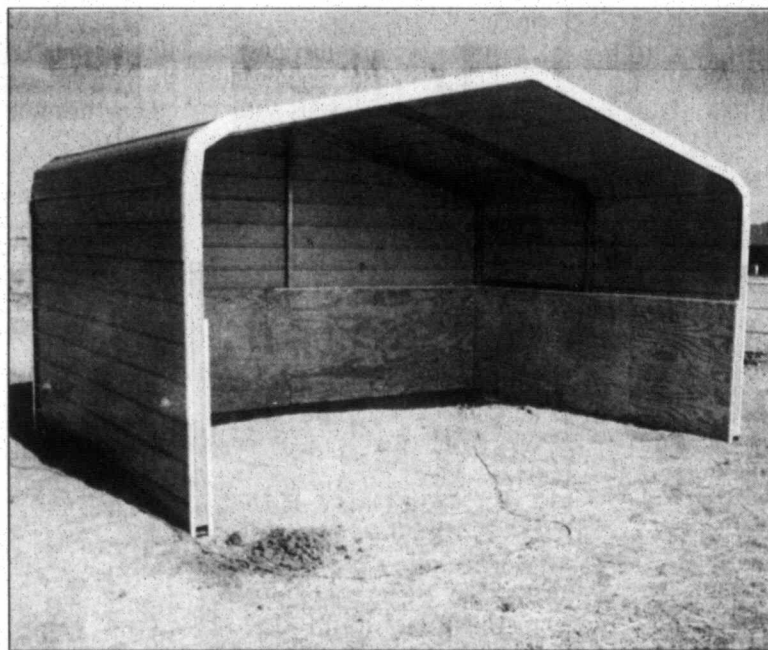
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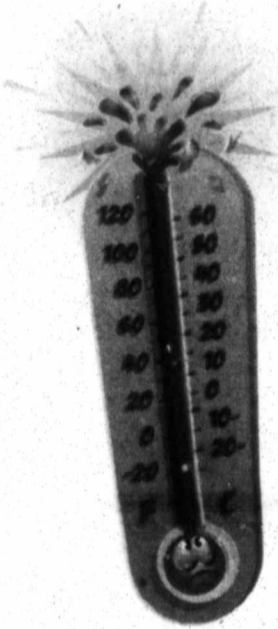
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C/S DISC \$759  
 REBATES \$2000



STK # 006140



### BRAND NEW 2006 GMC SIERRA 1500 2WD EXT CAB

MSRP \$30,390<sup>00</sup>  
**SELL PRICE \$21,411<sup>00</sup>**

C/S DISC \$2479  
 REBATES \$6500



STK # 006056

### BRAND NEW 2006 GMC ENVOY SLE 4WD

MSRP \$33,005<sup>00</sup>  
**SELL PRICE \$27,948<sup>00</sup>**

C/S DISC \$1557  
 REBATES \$3500



STK # 006027

### BRAND NEW 2006 PONTIAC G6 SEDAN

MSRP \$19,015<sup>00</sup>  
**SELL PRICE \$17,763<sup>00</sup>**

C/S DISC \$252  
 REBATES \$1000



STK # P06001

### BRAND NEW 2006 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO SS COUPE - V8

MSRP \$30,190<sup>00</sup>  
**SELL PRICE \$27,088<sup>00</sup>**

C/S DISC \$1102  
 REBATES \$2000



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00 OLDSMOBILE INTRIQUE STK#3632A .....	\$7795	04 CADILLAC DEVILLE STK#B06000A .....	\$17590
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