

Young poet salutes our flag with winning rhyme

DEAR ABBY: Years ago, when our daughter, Stacy, was in the eighth grade, a contest was held at her school to see if they could win one of the flags that had flown over the U.S. Capitol.

Our daughter, who is now grown, won the prize for the best poem. We thought you might like to print it on Flag Day for your readers to enjoy. We think its message is one that is worthwhile.

— STACY'S PROUD PARENTS IN NEW YORK

DEAR PROUD PARENTS: I agree with you. It is not only worthwhile, I found it touching.

Readers, this poem was read into the Congressional Record during the second session of the 89th Congress. Read on:

THE FLAG
(By Stacy Frank, Grade 8)

**This flag of red and white and blue
May not mean very much to you.**

**But as for me this banner flies
And with its mighty voice it cries**

**Out to peoples far and near
To proclaim our freedom here.**

**A small beginning, I agree,
But like the acorn to the tree.**

**Thirteen states we had at first,
But as our country grew, our thirst**

For land and freedom did not stop.



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

That land did well; produced a crop

For countries of the world to share

And then they knew our flag was fair.

And underneath this starry wing

Foreign peoples help to sing

**The greatest story ever told,
The story of our country bold.**

Of its birth into the world

And of its wondrous flag unfurled.

And over the world there ne'er will stand

The flag of any other land

That will mean as much to me

As this flag of liberty.

DEAR ABBY: I am 19, and I'm wondering if you could give me some information. When I was in high school, one of my teachers told us about a little program where we could write to soldiers — you know, a comforting letter to let them know there are people out here who support them.

I have moved several times since

then and no longer have the address. Today I mentioned it to my grandmother, and she remembered that she had recently seen in your column a Web site to write to our servicemen. Do you still have that Web site available? If so, would you please let me have it? I'd very much appreciate it. — A FRIEND IN NEED, LAKE HAVASU CITY, ARIZ.

DEAR FRIEND IN NEED: I certainly do have it. The Web site your grandmother referred to is OperationDearAbby.net — and it has been up and running since 2001. If you go there and click on "Send a message," you can send as many messages of support to as many branches of the armed forces as you wish. They will be read by military service members around the globe.

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Kansas worker's first design captures license plate Oscar

TOPEKA (AP) — Diane Albert's first design brought Kansas what amounts to the Oscar for license plates.

Designing plates is part of Albert's duties at the Department of Revenue in its Division of Vehicles.

More than three years ago, she hit upon featuring a buffalo on the state's personalized plates.

Now, with about 77,000 "Buffy" plates on the road, collectors are agog. The Automobile License Plate Collectors Association named the plate as the best issued in 2005 by states and Canadian provinces, and the department celebrated Tuesday during a news conference.

"This is pretty cool," said Carmen Alldritt, the division's director. "This is like the Academy Awards of the license plate world."

The personalized plate is tan, with a brown border and brown letters. Its depiction of a buffalo standing in water comes from a photo. The state issues its plates in five-year cycles, and the first "Buffy" plates went to people willing to pay a \$40 fee for a specialized plate starting last year.

Michael Naughton, the association's president, said the plate is — as all good plates are — easy to read, with clean graphics. But the Kansas plate also tells people about the state.

"Does the meaning of the plate come to you right away?" he said. "Here, you see the buffalo, you think of the Great Plains, Kansas."

Individual association members nominate plates, and most of its 3,000 active members pick the winning design, Naughton said. The association first issued its award in 1971, for a classic plate shaped like a polar bear, issued the year before by Canada's Northwest Territories.

Kansas also won the award for 1980 and 1994.

The winning 2005 design began with a conversation Albert overheard between two young women. One commented that she would buy a license plate picturing a buffalo. Albert sketched a design, though she said her first, rough rendering wasn't impressive.

"Being no artist, my sketch of 'Buffy' looked like a hairy pig," she said.

Alldritt said the design has proved to be the state's most popular personalized plate. Two years elapsed between the first design and the first plates going to motorists.

"A lot of work goes into the production of a license plate," she said.

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Mon. - Thurs: 7:15

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WINNER OF 2 MOVIE PASSES:
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(Pickup pass at the Colby Free Press. Pass expires in 7 days)

Community grieves

ALTAMONT (AP) — Brett Carlson's Spanish classes at Labette County High School here were always so full students had to wait until their sophomore year to get in, because so many upperclassmen wanted to take them.

The popular 26-year-old teacher and a student were missing Monday after being swept away by currents at a Costa Rican beach, where the group of Labette students were relaxing during a language immersion trip.

The body of Danielle Tongier, 18, who graduated from the school last year, was found Saturday. The next day, searchers found the body of Andrew Harpstrite, a 17-year-old junior at Labette.

The two teens, along with junior Jessica Pierce, 17, apparently got in trouble while swimming off Palo Seco beach, near the town of Parrita, about 180 miles south of the Costa Rican capital of San Jose.

Carlson reportedly jumped in to try to save them.

Pierce and Carlson still were missing Monday, as Altamont residents awaited the group's return. Grief counselors were available at the high school.

Carlson, school officials said, saw the trip as a way to further his students' skills in the Spanish language.

"This is the first year they have gone," said assistant superintendent Chris Kastler. "He has always been hesitant to do it because of the risk of things. To really learn the language they need to be in that culture — speaking it, be immersed in it."

While in college, Carlson had studied some in Costa Rica and taken a couple of trips down there. "He felt comfortable going to Costa Rica," Kastler said.

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius released a statement Monday offering her prayers and sympathy to the family, friends and community of the Labette students.

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WEEKDAYS JUNE 13 - JUNE 19

	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	Good Morning Kansas		Good Morning America				Martha		The View		Millionaire	News
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News Cont'd		Today						Live With Regis and Kelly		Paid Program	Paid Program
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News Cont'd		News		The Early Show		The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
K15CG (2)	BBC World	Body Electric	Caillou	Mister Rogers	Beren Bears	Cliff Pup	Big Big World	Dragon Tales	Sesame Street	Teletubbies	Barney-Friends	
ESPN (28)	Sports-Center	Varied	Sports-Center	Varied	Sports-Center	Varied	Varied Programs					
USA (37)	Walker, Texas Ranger		JAG		The District		Nash Bridges		Nash Bridges		Texas Ranger	Varied
TBS (38)	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Dawson's Creek		Movie				Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell
WGN (39)	Chang-ing	Believer Voice	Happy Days	Happy Days	Hillbilies	Hillbilies	Rockford Files		Matlock		Magnum, P.I.	
TNT (40)	Angel		Charmed		Charmed		ER		ER		Judging Amy	
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	American Chopper		Varied Programs					
A&E (47)	Varied Programs								City Confidential		American Justice	
HIST (48)	Varied Programs											
NICK (55)	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	OddPar-ents	OddPar-ents	Dora the Explorer	Go Diego	Blue's Clues	Backyardigans	Wonder Pets	Lazy-Town	Varied Programs	
DISN (56)	The Wiggles	Higgly-town	Ein-steins	Doodle-bops	JoJo's Circus	Charlie & Lola	Stanley	The Koala	Doodle-bops	Higgly-town	Lilo & Stitch	Buzz Light
FAM (58)	Kong-Series	Super Robot	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	The 700 Club		Living the Life		Gilmore Girls		Step by Step	Full House
HALL (60)	New Morning		The Waltons		The Waltons		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		Bonanza	

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Judge-Brown	Judge-Brown	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC Wid News	
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News	Inside Edition	Days of our Lives		Passions		The Ellen DeGeneres Show		The Insider	Jeopardy!	News	NBC News	
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Dr. Phil		Oprah Winfrey		News	CBS News	
K15CG (2)	Reading Rainbow	Lions	Varied Programs			Clifford-Red	Cyber-chase	Arthur	Maya & Miguel	Fetch! With	Zoom	Busi-ness	
ESPN (28)	Varied Programs								Around the Horn		Interruption	SportsCenter	
USA (37)	Varied Programs								Movie				
TBS (38)	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	
WGN (39)	News		Magnum, P.I.		Da Vinci's Inquest		Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Moesha	Moesha	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	
TNT (40)	Judging Amy		Law & Order		Law & Order		Charmed		Charmed		Law & Order		
DSC (42)	Varied Programs		The New Detectives		The FBI Files		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		It Takes a Thief		Cash Cab	Cash Cab	
A&E (47)	Varied Programs								City Confidential		American Justice		
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels		Varied Programs										
NICK (55)	Varied Programs				Danny Phantom	Spon-geBob	Jimmy Neutron	OddPar-ents	Spon-geBob	Drake & Josh	Ned's School	Danny Phantom	
DISN (56)	Timon & Pumbaa	Whis-kers	Varied Programs		Ameri-can Drgn	Kim Possible	Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire	That's-Raven	Zack & Cody			
FAM (58)	Family Matters	Family Matters	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Full House	Full House	Ground-ed-Life	Ground-ed-Life	Gilmore Girls		7th Heaven		
HALL (60)	Matlock		Matlock		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	

THURSDAY JUNE 15

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	News (CC)	Entertainment	Home Videos	NBA Nation	NBA Basketball: Finals Game 4 -- Dallas Mavericks at Miami Heat. American Airlines Arena. (Live) (CC)			News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel		
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Name Is Earl	The Office	Windfall Pilot (CC)		Windfall The Getaway (N) (CC)	News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night		
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Inside Edition	Gameshow Marathon (N) (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Without a Trace (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late			
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Sun-flower	Farmers' TV	Live From Lincoln Center	The Light in the Piazza (N) (CC)			Keeping Up	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)			
ESPN (28)	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		Golf: Best of U.S. Open Championship -- First Round. From Southampton, N.Y. (CC)			SportsCenter (Live) (CC)						
USA (37)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU	
TBS (38)	MLB Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Florida Marlins. Dolphins Stadium. (Live) (CC)											
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Movie: Playing by Heart **½ (1998, Romance) Gillian Anderson. (CC)		WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City (CC)	Becker (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)			
TNT (40)	Without a Trace Pilot (CC)		Law & Order: Gaijin (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order: The Brotherhood		Movie: The Patriot *** (2000, War) A man and his son fight side by side in the Revolutionary War. Mel Gibson. (CC) (DVS)					
DSC (42)	Dinosaur Planet Alpha's Egg (CC)		Before the Dinosaurs (CC)		Before the Dinosaurs (CC)		Walking-Prehistoric Beasts		Deadliest Catch Cashing In		Before the Dinosaurs (CC)	
A&E (47)	The First 48 (CC)		The First 48 (CC)		The First 48 Love to Death: Unmasked		Dallas SWAT (CC)		Crossing Jordan Devil May Care (CC)		The First 48 (CC)	
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels Assembly Lines		Ancient Marvels The Colosseum.		Mega Movers Moving the Impossible Moving giant items throughout history. (CC)			Mega Movers Perils in Paradise (CC)		Ancient Marvels The Colosseum.		
NICK (55)	OddPar-ents	Jimmy Neutron	Spon-geBob	Romeo! (CC)	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
DISN (56)	Phil of Future	That's-Raven	Movie: Get a Clue (2002, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan. (CC)		Emperor New	Emperor New	Ameri- can Drgn	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Phil of Future	Kim Possible	
FAM (58)	7th Heaven Dangerous Liaisons		Movie: Chasing Liberty ** (2004) A Briton and the president's daughter travel Europe. Mandy Moore.			Whose Line?		The 700 Club (CC)		Dukes of Hazzard Mary Kaye's Baby		
HALL (60)	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Movie: The Reading Room (2005) James Earl Jones. (CC)		M*A*S'H Rainbow Bridge (CC)		M*A*S'H (CC)	M*A*S'H (CC)	M*A*S'H (CC)	M*A*S'H (CC)

FRIDAY JUNE 16

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	News (CC)	Entertainment	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	20/20 (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Fiona Apple. (CC)
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Dateline NBC (CC)		Windfall The Getaway (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night	
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Inside Edition	Ghost Whisperer The Crossing (CC)	Close to Home Reasonable Doubts	NUMB3RS The O.G. (ITV) (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late			
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Wash. Week	Kansas Week	Market- NOW (N) (CC)	Ballykissangel Chinese Whispers		BBC World	Red Green	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)			
ESPN (28)	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		Golf: Best of U.S. Open Championship -- Second Round. From Southampton, N.Y. (CC)			SportsCenter (Live) (CC)						
USA (37)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Monk Mr. Monk vs. The Cobra (CC)		Monk Mr. Monk and the Big Reward (CC)		House Autopsy (CC)		Law & Order: SVU	
TBS (38)	Ray-mond	Ray-mond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Movie: Cheaper by the Dozen **½ (2003, Comedy) Steve Martin. (Premiere)			Movie: Never Been Kissed ** (1999) A reporter poses as a high-school student.				
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Movie: Wrongfully Accused * (1998, Comedy) Leslie Nielsen. (CC)		WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City (CC)	Becker (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)			
TNT (40)	Without a Trace Silent Partner (CC)		Movie: Signs *** (2002) A widower investigates huge circles in his crop fields.			Movie: Jurassic Park III **½ (2001, Adventure) Sam Neill. (CC)		Movie: Starship Troopers (1997)				
DSC (42)	Ant Wars (CC)		Deadliest Catch Cashing In		I Shouldn't Be Alive Lost at Sea		I Shouldn't Be Alive (CC)		Ant Wars (CC)		Deadliest Catch Cashing In	
A&E (47)	Class of... '07 Future stars. (CC)		Biography Child Stars II: Growing Up Hollywood (CC)			Biography Home Videos (N) (CC)		American Justice: Mystery		Biography: Child Stars II: Hollywood		
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels Sears Tower (CC)		Banned From the Bible Some believe that stories were edited out of the Bible. (CC)			Bible Code II: Apocalypse		Organized Crime: A World History (CC)		Banned From the Bible (CC)		
NICK (55)	Spon-geBob	Cats-cratch	The X's (N) (CC)	Danny Phantom Reality Trip (CC)	Danny Phantom	Fresh Prince	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince</		