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PHS grad among spy plane crew

Chinese hold aircraft, 24 Americans

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

U.S. Navy Lt. jg Richard "Ricky" Payne's family in Pampa today remain strong, friends say, as U.S. officials seek the release of him and 23 other crew members on a military surveillance plane being held by Chinese authorities on the island of Hainan.

Navy officials confirmed Monday that Payne, a 1993 Pampa High School graduate, is one of the 24 crew members on the EP-3E Aries II that collided with a Chinese plane while on a routine surveillance mission Sunday, then landed on the Chinese island.

Brenda Payne has declined to speak to the media on the advice of Naval authorities. She and her

husband Richard "Rex" Payne of Pampa are Lt. Payne's parents. U.S., Texas, and Texas A&M University flags flew in front of their home this morning.

"The family has been real strong," a friend of the family, Judy Wood, said this morning.

Wood's son Brandon and Lt. Payne were both members of the Navy-Marine ROTC program at Texas A&M University, she said.

Lt. Payne is a graduate of Texas A&M. He graduated from A&M, was married to his wife Jill, and was commissioned in the U.S. Navy, all on the same day - May 16, 1998. Ranked as a lieutenant - junior grade, he is stationed at Oak Harbor naval air station at Whidby Island, Wash.

As Pampa residents have become aware of their connection to the international situation, they are tying yellow ribbons on trees in the community to express their support of Lt. Payne and his family.

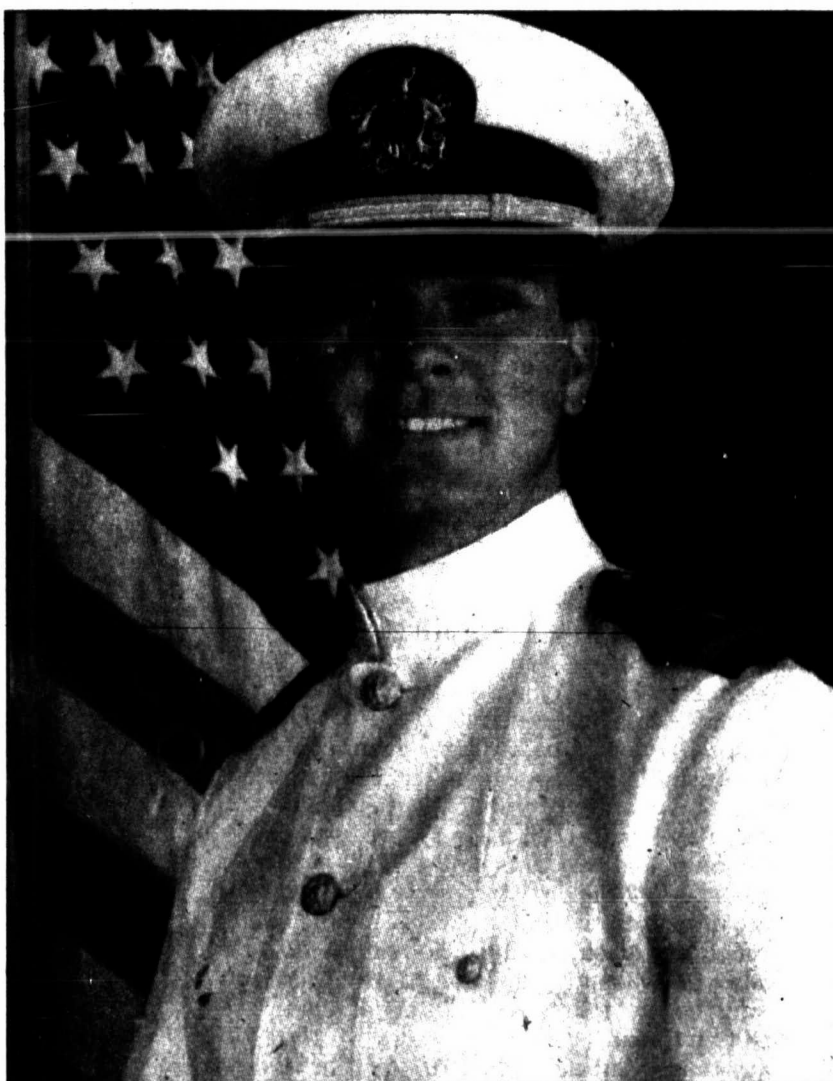
City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers said she bought yellow ribbon this morning to tie on the trees at city hall, she said.

"I first met Ricky at the bank one day," Wood said. "I saw he had on a Texas A&M t-shirt and since I'm an Aggie mom, I had to ask him about it. He said he was wearing the shirt because he wanted to go to A&M."

Wood said Lt. Payne often talked to her son about the Aggies and "the Corps of Cadets."

While attending Pampa High School, Lt. Payne was an excellent student, a member of the National Honor Society, and played various high school sports.

(See CREWMAN, Page 3)



U.S. Navy Lt. jg Richard "Ricky" Payne

Teen escapees jump train; quickly caught

Pair had fled boot camp

MIAMI — Two teenage boys were back in custody today after a short-lived freedom following a breakout at the Canadian Boot Camp.

Roberts County Sheriff Dana Miller said his office was notified about 10:30 a.m. Monday to be on the look out for two teenaged boys from the boot camp.

The duo escaped Monday and were seen hopping a southbound freight train in Canadian. Law enforcement officers had the train stopped when it reached the Main Street crossing in Miami, but the two were not on the train.

Sheriff Miller said a Miami fireman/paramedic, however, saw the two on the train as it passed an emergency crossing on the east side of Miami.

"They bailed out somewhere between there and the grain elevators," Miller said.

The sheriff's office received a call that the two were running down water Street, then another call reporting the duo's location on the west side of town on Red Deer Creek.

Roberts County Deputies Brad Benge and Paul Sublett captured the 15-year-old and 16-year-old behind a trash compactor on the west side of Miami.

Miller credited citizen participation for the capture of the two teenaged boys.

"We'll take all the citizen participation we can get," Sheriff Miller said. One of the boys was from the Dallas area, the other from the Houston area.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Yellow ribbons were tied around all the trees at Pampa City Hall this morning as a symbolic gesture to urge the return of Pampa native Lt. jg Richard "Ricky" Payne. Payne, a 1993 Pampa High graduate, is among 24 military personnel aboard a U.S. Navy spy plane who are being detained in China. Tying the ribbons were city employees Phyllis Jeffers, Robin Bailey and Crystal Brown.

County wants more talks to resolve fire pact issues

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Fire protection issues, including whether another \$8,500 is due the City of Pampa from Gray County highlighted Monday's County Commission meeting.

Precinct 3 County Commissioner Gerald Wright and Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hefley reported recently meeting with Pampa City Commissioner Jeff McCormick regarding fire protection concerns outside the Pampa city limits.

And to try to resolve any possible misunderstandings, Wright and Hefley agreed Monday to

set up another meeting with City Commissioner Jeff Andrews and McCormick. The four men were selected by their respective bodies to negotiate city-county fire contract issues.

Wright said that McCormick reported he understood the city was supposed to receive a \$8,500 increase in 1999 from Gray County, but never received it. He said McCormick said the \$8,500 amount was above the \$130,000 which had been budgeted to the City of Pampa to provide fire protection outside the city limits.

However, Wright said McCormick told them the city never received the increase.
(See FIRE, Page 3)

High today 84
Low tonight 57
For weather details see Page 2

Man leads police to woman's body

FORT WORTH (AP) — Information provided by an Alvarado man who fled an inmate work release program last month has led authorities to a body they believe is that of a Cleburne woman missing since last weekend.

Thomas D. McGough, 33, was interviewed about the woman a short time after his arrest Monday in Fort Worth, police said. He gave investigators details that led them to a partially clad body along a creek in northern Bosque County, said Cleburne Police Chief Tom Cowen.

The body, which was at the bottom of a cliff, was taken to the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's office for an autopsy and positive identification.

• Charles Raymond Phillips Sr., 63, retired superintendent for Diamond Shamrock.

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-- Orville Blades



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-- Rufus Nanez



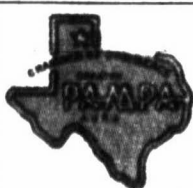
"It appears that a lot of people are getting hooked on it, and it's people who really can't afford it."
-- Steve Lusk



"I think they entice people to become addicted and it takes money that could be used for family support."
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"I think they are a bad influence on our community."
-- Paula McGrath



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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

PHILLIPS, Charles Raymond Sr. — 2 p.m., Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel, Borger.

Obituaries

CHARLES RAYMOND PHILLIPS SR.
STINNETT — Charles Raymond Phillips Sr., 63, died Sunday, April 1, 2001. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel in Borger with the Rev. Jimmy Gillmore, pastor of Riverview Baptist Church in Borger, officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Stinnett.
Mr. Phillips was born in Wheeler County, Texas, and had been a Stinnett resident since 1975. He was a retired superintendent for Diamond Shamrock and was a Baptist.
He was a member of Ochiltree Masonic Lodge #910 in Perryton.

Survivors include a son, Charles Phillips Jr. of Pampa; a daughter, Susie St. Charles of Carrollton; a sister, Sue Herndon of Dumas; six grandchildren, McKenzie St. Charles, Conner and Spencer St. Charles, all of Carrollton, and Case, Cory and Caleb Phillips, all of Pampa; a niece, Chella Pope of Dumas; a nephew, Jason Herndon of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and a great-niece, Madison Pope of Dumas.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, April 2
Otis Shane Sharp, 32, Borger, was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated.
Enrique Javier Olina, no age given, of Borger, was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of public intoxication.
Roxy Ray Spencer, 43, 1052 Prairie, was arrested on municipal warrants.
James Glen Miller, 40, Borger, was arrested for public intoxication.
Lionel Ray Nash, 17, 1400 Somerville #5, was arrested on warrants charging him with assault causing bodily injury, disruption of class and assault by threat.
Christoun Martinez, 31, 2705 Seminole, was arrested on charges of failure to display a motor vehicle inspection sticker.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.55	dn 0.01
Milo	3.15	dn 0.02
Corn	3.50	dn 0.01
Soybeans	3.48	dn 0.01

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Occidental	24.20	dn 0.39
Fidelity Magell	103.22	dn 0.11
Puritan	17.99	dn 0.07

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

BP Amoco	48.40	NC
Celanese	18.06	up 0.06
Cabot	31.05	dn 1.13
Cabot O&G	26.05	dn 0.25
Chevron	86.27	dn 0.80
Coca-Cola	45.43	dn 0.42

Columbia/HCA	40.13	dn 0.08
Enron	54.76	dn 1.81
Halliburton	33.35	dn 0.85
KMI	53.48	dn 0.29
Kerr McGee	62.99	dn 0.27
Limited	15.84	up 0.14
McDonald's	26.03	dn 0.61
Exxon Mobil	78.99	dn 0.61
New Atm	23.05	dn 0.40
XCEL	30.25	dn 0.18
NOI	31.80	dn 0.29
OKF	38.81	dn 1.21
Penney's	15.83	dn 0.12
Phillips	53.70	dn 0.23
Pioneer Natl	14.89	dn 0.11
SLB	54.65	dn 0.61
Tenneco	2.63	dn 0.07
Texas	64.65	dn 0.35
Ulamar	36.98	up 0.23
Wal-Mart	49.77	dn 0.87
Williams	42.00	dn 1.55

New York Gold	255.55	
Silver	4.32	
West Texas Crude	25.82	

Fires

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

Monday, April 2
12:23 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a minor motor vehicle collision at 18th and Hobart streets.
4:37 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a small grass fire, one quarter mile northeast of 23rd and Navajo streets. No cause of the fire was listed on the report.

Texas Round Up...

killerheads to Texas death chamber for killing two teen-agers

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Jason Massey wanted fame. He got closer to infamy.
"He fancied himself a serial killer par excellence," says Clay Strange, the prosecutor who convinced a jury to send the then 20-year-old to death row in 1994. "He wanted to be the greatest ever."
Massey was set for lethal injection Tuesday evening for murdering a 13-year-old Ellis County girl and her 14-year-old stepbrother. The ninth-grade dropout had hoped to top the exploits of idols like Charles Manson, Ted Bundy and Henry Lee Lucas and compiled handwritten volumes of his own gruesome fantasies, storing them in a cooler with skulls from animals he killed.
The remains of Christina Benjamin and James King were found in a rural area of Ellis County three days after the siblings disappeared from their home in Garrett, about 30 miles southeast of Dallas. The girl's hands and head were severed. They never have been found. There also was evidence of sexual mutilation. Her stepbrother was shot twice in the head.
Massey, now 28, would be the sixth convicted killer to receive lethal injection this year in Texas, where a record 40 executions were carried out last year.

House tentatively approves minimum wage increase measure

AUSTIN (AP) — A measure that would raise the state's minimum wage for certain Texas workers is being praised by labor groups.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, April 2
Juveniles were reported fighting in the 800 block of South Faulkner.
About \$1,800 in jewelry was taken from a home in the 600 block of East Kingsmill.
An intoxicated driver was reported in the 800 block of West Brown.
A lost cigarette case containing cash and a driver's license was reported in the 800 block of East Denver.

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Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident reports.

Monday, April 2
A white 1992 GMC Sierra pickup driven by Mable Donahoe Ball, 73, of rural Gray County, was in collision with a red 1991 Geo Metro driven by Ray Mack Fellingham II, 53, 1836 N. Dwight, about 12:30 p.m. Monday at the intersection of Hobart and 18th. The pickup spun around into the path of a 1988 Chevrolet van driven by Trella Kay Talley, 41, of Miami. Ball was cited for failure to yield at a stop sign.

Friday, March 30
Linda Kathleen Ellison, 50, reported damage to the bumper of her 2000 silver Dodge four-door in a hit and run.

A 1988 black Nissan Maxima four-door sedan driven by Kenneth Hughie Purvis, 35, 2220 Dwight, was in collision with a 1997 white Dodge pickup driven by Angela Miranda Alvarado, 21, 629 Christy, at the intersection of Perryton Parkway and 23rd Street. Purvis was cited for not having a valid driver's license.

A white Plymouth van driven by Mary McDaniel, 81, 1816 Dogwood, was in collision with a car driven by Judith Ann Grimsley, 61, 2109 N. Zimmer, at the intersection of Hobart and Randy Matson.

A 2001 gray Ford F350 pickup driven by Darrell James Kyle, 38, 1201 Kiowa, struck a light pole in the 300 block of East 17th.

A 1993 blue Chevrolet van driven by Steven Paul Free, 31, 1017 Love, was in collision with a 1997 white Toyota pickup driven by Eldon Robert Flint, 35, 1001 S. Farley at the intersection of Hobart and Foster. Free was cited for disregarding a red light.

Ambulance

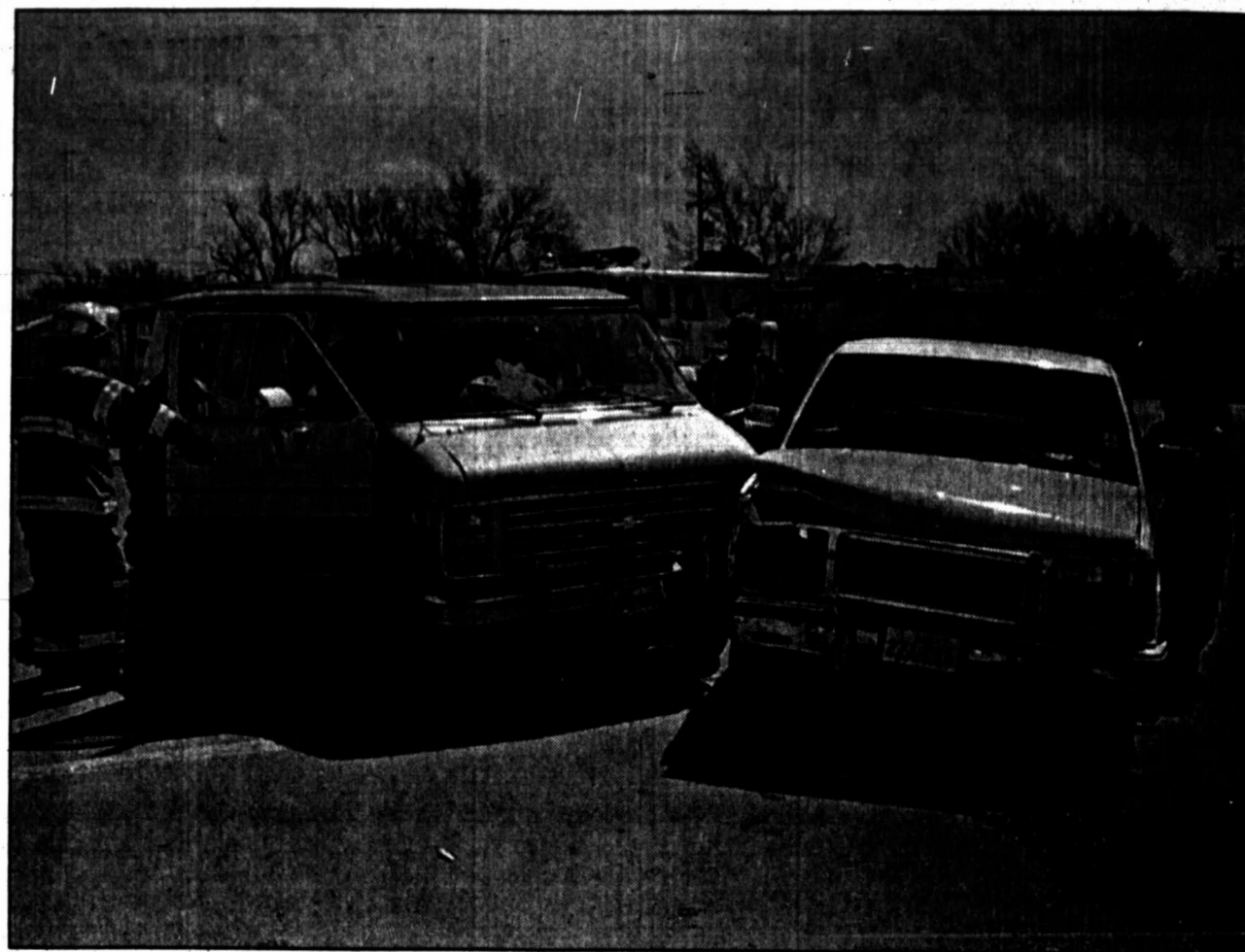
Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, April 3
12:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Hobart on a motor vehicle accident; no transport.
10:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of North Faulkner and transported one to PRMC.
11:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Faulkner and transported one to PRMC.

Tuesday, April 4
1:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Russell and transported one to PRMC.

Clarification

In an article in Monday's edition concerning efforts to build a chapel at the Jordan Prison Unit, Prison Chaplain David Schlewitz was listed as a member of two subcommittees of the Jordan Chapel Builders board. Rev. Schlewitz clarified today that he cannot serve as a member of the committees and is present in an advisory capacity only. He also said that faith-based prison programs are ecumenical, not non-ecumenical as stated in the news story.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowers)

Emergency workers check on Katherine Helms, 70, 825 Locust, in the 1988 Chevrolet van, left, and with Mable Donahoe Ball, 73, of rural Gray County, in the 1992 GMC pickup, following a three vehicle pile up at Hobart and 18th Street about 12:30 p.m. Monday. Ball was eastbound on 18th, the van, driven by Trella Kay Talley, 41, Miami, and a 1991 Geo Metro driven by Ray Mack Fellingham II, 53, 1936 N. Dwight. The pickup was in collision with the Geo, police said, then spun into the path of the the van. Ball was cited for failure to yield at a stop sign.

U.S. officials meet with crew of spy plane held by Chinese

By ROBERT BURNS
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. diplomats met with the crew of a fallen American spy plane Tuesday, the first step in a process the Bush administration hopes will lead to the eventual release of the 24 men and women, a U.S. official said.

The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the meeting took place after the U.S. diplomats met with Chinese officials. Secretary of State Colin Powell was expected to welcome the meeting, but urge further action from the Chinese, including the release of the crew and the return of the plane to the United States.

President Bush, who said Monday that China was not responding quickly enough to U.S. requests, declined comment on the situation during a trip to Wilmington, Del. But White House officials indicated he might have more to say after the diplomats' meeting with the plane crew.

The U.S. ambassador to Beijing said earlier Tuesday that the United States wants a diplomatic solution to the standoff but would offer no apology.

"I've been a Navy pilot for 35 years, and I think the assertions they (Chinese officials) described for the collision are extremely

unlikely, including where the fault lies," Ambassador Joseph Prueher said from Beijing in an interview with CBS' "The Early Show."

"We really want to work this out through diplomatic channels," Prueher, a retired admiral, said. Asked whether he would have a problem apologizing for the incident, which has ratcheted up tensions between the two nations, Prueher replied:

"As a matter of fact, I do have a problem with it and I think our government would have a problem with it as well." He criticized "these assertions ... from the Foreign Ministry and the message I have been getting for the last two nights as we have been talking to the Chinese" — that the United States is to blame.

China is holding the U.S. spy plane and its 24 crew members, U.S. military officials say. The Chinese undoubtedly boarded the plane and examined its sophisticated equipment. Chinese officials have said the crew members are safe.

U.S. and Chinese diplomats were meeting Tuesday morning but there was no indication that a U.S. meeting with the crew was imminent.

A senior U.S. defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the spy plane's crew said in a message as it pre-

pared for its emergency landing on Hainan Island on Sunday that it had begun destroying sensitive intelligence-collection equipment and information, in accordance with standard procedures.

"The facts are, our aircraft was operating in international airspace and was on a routine surveillance mission when the collision occurred," Prueher said.

"The responsibility fully lies with the American side," Chinese President Jiang Zemin was quoted by Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhu Bangzao. "We have full evidence for that."

The United States is demanding that China return the crew and their EP-3E Aries II surveillance plane, which made an emergency landing on Hainan after the collision with a Chinese fighter jet.

Prueher, interviewed on ABC's "Good Morning America," said, "We have every reason to think the Chinese have been all over the airplane," which is crammed with sophisticated surveillance equipment.

Bush gave no indication how the United States might react if China delays or refuses outright.

"Failure of the Chinese government to react promptly to our request is inconsistent with standard diplomatic practice, and with the expressed desire of both our countries for better relations," Bush said Monday.

People in the News

NEW YORK (AP) — Nelly Furtado can't get used to all the fancy trappings that her newfound fame has brought her.

"It is weird. I felt really guilty about it," the 22-year-old Canadian singer told The Associated Press during a recent interview at the upscale Hudson Hotel.

Furtado, whose debut album, "Whoa, Nelly," has been certified gold, grew up in a working-class family in Victoria. Her parents were Portuguese immigrants; her mother, a hotel worker, and her father, a mason.

"I associate myself so much with working-class people that I feel weird staying at fancy hotels, and I still don't feel comfortable buying nice things," she said.

Furtado said she recently bought her parents a VCR, but they were upset because they felt she had wasted her money.

"My parents are really non-materialistic," she said. "And growing up, that stuff didn't really matter."

NEW YORK (AP) — Deborah Norville has one fan who matters just a little more than the rest: her 10-year-old son Niki. He's given her the thumbs up for her new children's book, "I Can Fly" (Golden Books).

"Once you get into the double-digits, parents are problematic to their kids. At that age, kids would just assume they hatched instead of having parents. It's such a compliment that he thinks the book is cool," she told The Associated Press.

The pop-up book encourages children to discover their own special talents.

City Briefs

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Weather focus

PAMPA - Today, partly sunny. Highs near 84. South winds 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows near 57. South to southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny and breezy. Highs near 86. South to southwest winds 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts.

STATEWIDE — More blustery spring weather was on tap Tuesday across much of Texas, with a chance of rainfall in central and southern parts of the

state. Early-morning fog formed over much of the eastern portions of North Texas.

Fog also covered most of South Texas. Scattered light rain fell over parts of Southeast Texas.

Low temperatures ranged from the upper 40s over the Panhandle to the upper 70s over South Texas, the National Weather Service said.

Extremes were 48 degrees at Dalhart and 77 at Harlingen.

Other readings included 67 degrees at Burnet and 69 at El Paso.

Winds were mostly southerly and southeasterly at 5 to 15 mph, with some gusts exceeding 20 mph.

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms was forecast in North Texas through midweek.

Daytime highs were expected from the 70s to 80s, with readings in the mid-90s along the coast and near 100 in the Big Bend.

Lows overnight should range from the 40s in the West Texas mountains and far north to the mid 60s in the Southern Permian basin.

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sports including football and tennis. Many people may know him from his work at Homeland after school, during the summer, and even on holiday from college. After graduating from Pampa High School in 1993, he entered Texas A&M where he also excelled in his studies. He was a member of the Navy-Marine Reserve Officer Training (ROTC) while at A&M also.

Although not a Navy pilot, Lt. Payne does hold a private pilot's license. Wood said serving his country has always been important to Payne, adding that was one of the reasons he wanted to attend Texas A&M. "He's a very patriotic, dedicated individual," she said. "He loves his family, and country, and God. He's the perfect example of someone you would want in the military. "The family has been real strong through this," she said. "I think it's how committed they are to their beliefs and how he committed he is to his."

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FIRE

Wright recommended the County Commission meet jointly with the Pampa City Commission to get the matter resolved as soon as possible.

County Judge Richard Peet said there has to be a stopping place on funding provided by the county. He said the city can't continue to make an increase every year until it reaches \$250,000 a year.

Also, Peet said he doesn't see the necessity for the Commissioners Court to meet with the City Commission.

Commissioner Joe Wheeley said if he remembers correctly the \$8,500 was approved by Gray County to continue the fire contract with the City of Pampa, but the city never invoiced the county for that amount.

"Whatever the reason — there's discrepancy on both sides — we need to get it worked out, and not point blame," said Wright. "Both the entities recognize the city needs the use of the county jail and the county needs fire protection services of the City of Pampa." He urged the County Commission to meet with the City Council to get the matter resolved before budget time.

Wright said the city has fixed costs in providing fire protection just as the county has fixed costs in operating the county jail. He said both entities provide 24-hour availability. He said the city recognizes the county has fixed costs at the jail which the city utilizes for their prisoners.

Peet said he has visited with some City Commission members who said the fire department issue hasn't been brought before them, so he didn't know if McCormick's concerns were his own or the City Commission's. He questioned if the belief is unilateral.

He said an area fire department was given a house to do fire training exercises, but the house was in Pampa's area of fire protection out in the county. Peet, who did not name the fire department, said he was told the Pampa Fire Department would not allow the area fire department to do the training in the area.

"We need a cooperative spirit," said Peet. "Especially if they haven't really discussed the issue as a Commission."

"James and I were appointed to meet with City Commission representatives to work out this matter, Judge. We only met with McCormick because Andrews

wasn't able to make the meeting," said Wright. "James and I are merely bringing back what was discussed. I recommend we sit down together and get it worked out."

"If we were to pay them an increase of \$8,500, we should do it," said Wheeley.

Peet said when he spoke with City Manager Bob Eskridge during the budget discussions in the summer of 2000 Eskridge agreed to let the amount paid by the county to the city stay at \$130,000.

"Eskridge said \$130,000 was the amount he had in mind, and I told him 'We're on the same page,'" said Peet. He said Eskridge said that was the amount he was presenting to the City Commission.

Hefley said part of the problem is that Gray County doubled the area of coverage by the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department in February, 2000. HVFD replaced the City of Pampa as the first responder to the area.

The area is a strip of land between U.S. 60 and Texas Highway 152 that is about 13 miles long and about four miles wide.

It includes about 20 homes and about 60 more residents.

"I think they think the county is going to increase the area to Hoover and decrease the money to the city," said Hefley.

"I think the city and county need to meet jointly instead of just representatives. That way everybody could be at the meeting and get it worked out," said Wright.

"I don't think getting all 10 of us together is going to work it out," said Peet. "We need figures on how many inmates we house for the city."

"We can plug figures in all day long and it's not going to resolve the problem, Judge," said Wright, reiterating his belief the two governing bodies need to meet to work out the differences.

"In 1986, former County Judge Carl Kennedy and I sat down with representatives of the city. The city manager and mayor at that time said the city needed more money. They wanted \$105,000," Wright said, "and we worked it out."

Wright said the two entities need each other. "We have to work together," he said. "This concerns me."

Wheeley said, "I would like to know exactly what happened. I think this was a good faith decision, but I think there is reason for the City of Pampa to feel bad." He said he does not think the County Commission decided to reduce Pampa's amount.

"We voted on the budget as a Commission," said Peet.

Wheeley said, "You decreased it because you and the city manager agreed."

"Both parties dropped the ball," said Wright.

Peet said he thinks eventually the county's cost would reach \$250,000. He said wants to have more information such as number of runs and costs involved.

"I tried to give [the figures] to you. There are good years, and there are bad years," said Wright.

"Maybe, Judge, you need to appoint someone else to meet with the city if you don't believe me."

Commissioner Jim Greene said the county has always had a good working relationship with the fire department, but said the county needs more information. "Would it be out of place for you to ask for another meeting?," he asked Wright. Wright agreed.

Hefley asked, "Do you want us to go back with no increase in mind?"

"Well, I don't want us to issue ultimatums," said Peet. He further added, "If [The Pampa News] is printing this, we desire a cooperative spirit with the City of Pampa."

"The city reads the newspaper just like we do," said Wright.

Sprawling, least diverse county would welcome new arrivals

AMIDON, N.D. (AP) — Until the census told him so, Jamie Barnes never considered himself all that rare. But the high school sophomore stands out in Slope County, where cattle outnumber people and neighbors live miles apart: Barnes, who is part American Indian and part white, is one of just three people who listed their race or ethnicity as something other than white only on the 2000 census form.

That makes Slope County, with 767 people living on the edge of the Badlands of southwestern North Dakota, the least diverse county in the nation, according to an analysis of census data by The Associated Press using the USA Today diversity index.

The index is a mathematical formula that measures the probability that any two people chosen at random from a given census area are of different races or ethnicities. Of the top 10 least diverse counties, five were in neighboring South Dakota. The most diverse is Hawaii County.

Besides Barnes, one county resident is listed as Indian in the census and another is Hispanic. But no one around here can figure out who they might be, raising the possibility that the 15-year-old Barnes is the lone minority in an area larger than Rhode

Island. "I've never really given it much thought," he said. "It's kind of weird to be recognized in that way. But I guess it makes me feel sort of proud of myself, that I'm not just a regular person like everybody else."

While most demographers predict the nation will become more diverse, that scenario seems unlikely for Slope County. Like other rural North Dakota counties, it lost more people than it gained in the last decade. Only six of the state's 53 counties gained population the 1990s, a fact experts attribute to the slumping agricultural economy and migration to urban areas.

The county's economy is dominated by people who raise crops and cattle. The average worker earns \$14,577 per year, compared with \$23,000 statewide, according to federal statistics.

In Amidon, population 24, employees who gathered for midmorning coffee and pastries at the courthouse shrugged off the distinction of living in the county's least diverse county.

The demographics of the county and its two towns were shaped by historical and economic trends, they say, and anyone willing to move here would be welcome.

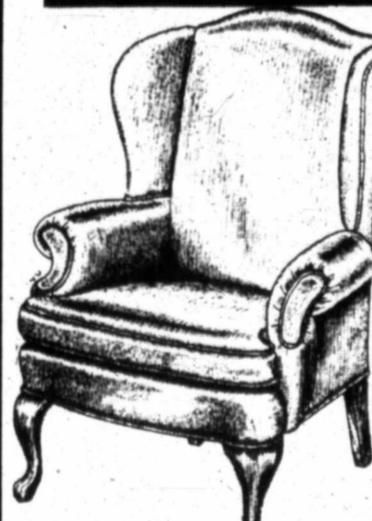
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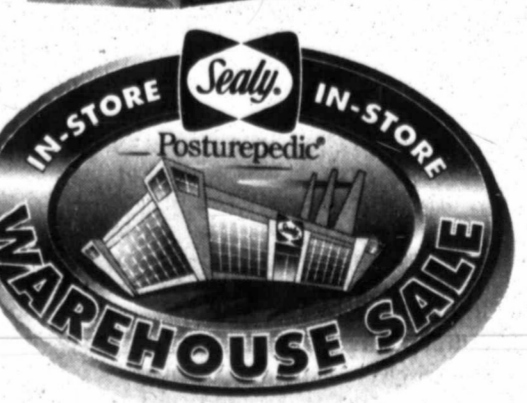


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API to hold annual catfish fry and dance fund-raiser

The Panhandle Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute (API) plans a spring catfish fry and dance Saturday, April 7, to kick off its annual scholarship fund raising events.

Since 1991, the local API chapter has presented more than \$160,000 in scholarships, said Bob Hogan, API member. Hogan is chairing the catfish fry and the annual API Scholarship Golf Tournament set for May 4 at the Pampa Country Club.

A casual dinner featuring fried catfish begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Pampa Country Club, followed by dancing to "Flashbak" from 8 p.m. until midnight. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. A long drive contest is also planned for 6 p.m. Prizes totaling \$500 will be given away at drawings throughout the evening, organizers said. Tickets are \$15 per person. API memberships are \$10 each.

API members decided to kick-off the annual golf tournament with a fish fry as they begin raising funds for scholarships. The fish fry is also an opportunity for the public to join the industry service organization, Hogan said.

Panhandle chapter of the API promotes fellowship and professional development of its members through the exchange of operation experiences, operations oriented meetings, educational and industry service projects.

The local chapter began in 1932. Members meet every third Thursday, October through April. An annual membership drive, featuring a shrimp boil and dance, is held in September. Election of officers and installation is held at a banquet in January.

Each May, scholarship monies are raised through the API Scholarship Golf Tournament at the Pampa Country Club. This year's event is set for May 4.

Hogan said approximately 288 golfers are expected to come to Pampa to play in this year's tournament.

For more information about the fish fry or golf tournament, contact Hogan at 665-0711.

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DNA testing bill clears House, goes to governor

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill to make it easier for inmates to get DNA testing that could ultimately free them from prison passed the House on Tuesday and was sent to Gov. Rick Perry, who is expected to sign it into law.

The bill requires prosecutors to preserve biological evidence that can undergo genetic testing. It also allows certain prisoners to seek state-paid DNA testing if it wasn't available at trial.

"I hope it provides the greatest opportunity for people who have been convicted erroneously the chance to prove themselves innocent," said Rep. Harold Dutton, D-Houston.

The House and Senate had already approved similar measures. The bill approved Tuesday was a compromise measure. It had already been approved by the Senate.

Perry had pushed for the bill and had declared it an "emergency" issue for lawmakers. Calls to his office were not immediately returned.

Rep. Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen, chairman of the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee, said he expects Perry to sign the bill into law on Wednesday. It would be effective immediately.

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Inside the Beltway with Sen. Hutchison

Texas' education renaissance

Texas parents, Texas teachers, Texas school boards and the state government have put a lot of thought and energy into improving our schools. Their efforts have paid off. The Lone Star State is leading the way in setting academic standards and holding schools accountable for achieving positive results.

Students' scores are improving across the board in reading, language skills and math. We have made amazing strides in showing it is possible to boost the performance of all students, regardless of income, background or ethnicity.

The centerpiece of Texas' educational renaissance has been the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) exams; more than 78 percent of all students passed their TAAS exams in 1999, compared to 55 percent in 1994. We know we're doing better. The next part of the challenge is to effectively convey to parents the strengths and weaknesses of their children's specific schools and to identify the strategies used in successful schools so they can be shared with those that are not as strong.

The availability of fair and accurate information is essential to empowering parents with the information they need to make the best choices for their children. Here's why, in the words of Joe Humphry, Director of Academic Programs for the Abilene Independent School District:

"For many years, the testing data we received compared our schools to high-profile schools in Plano or Highland Park. We knew our teachers and students were doing well in some areas, poorly in others, but a fair comparison was not always possible."

So Mr. Humphry hooked up with an organization called Just For Kids, which, since 1997, has been analyzing and publishing data on the performance of each school in the state. They provided the Abilene district with information on schools in similar communities.

"Once we could show our staff how we were performing in a fair comparison to similar schools, we were able to convince everyone involved that we had room for improvement," Mr. Humphry said.

"This information let us identify the districts with which we could share information ... A number of our teachers visited schools in districts with high test scores that were identified as our peers."

"The final step ... (is) for our staff to incorporate the 'best practices' we have seen into our instruction."

It's a simple but profound concept: determine what approaches are working in the most successful schools, and help them to share their methods.

I am introducing legislation, entitled "The Parents' Right-to-Know Act," which would allow states to meet the existing, burdensome, federal data-collection requirements by issuing a clear and comprehensive "report card" on every public school. This would include accurate records of school performance, teacher certification and other information relating to educational achievement. States would then make that information available to parents and the public on the Internet and through other means that ensure its broad distribution.

The bill also provides \$50 million for FY 2002 to help states which choose to make this information available to parents.

One of the most important lessons we've learned in Texas is that accomplishment is possible in all schools. We've put a lie to the idea that only some kids can meet high standards, and that only some schools can be improved.

The Just For Kids organization took raw data and put it into a user-friendly format that allowed the Abilene Independent School District and others throughout Texas to strengthen their programs. We want to replicate that success nationally, so all children will have the advantage of the teaching methods and educational experiences that work best.

(To find out how your child's Texas school is doing, go to the Just For Kids website and enter the name of the school. The site contains information on all of Texas' elementary, middle and most high schools.)

Peace in the wisdom of the Creator

We live in an uncertain world. As we go through the day-to-day tasks of life, we sometimes forget that the world as we know it could change in an instant.

As residents of the United States, we have grown up and, for those of us who have reached middle age, have raised our children in a stable environment of peace and prosperity.

Raised on tales of the Dust Bowl, the Depression, a worldwide influenza epidemic and World Wars I and II, we Baby Boomers have known only briefly uncomfortable times of high oil and gas prices and slight recessions.

When compared with the rest of the world, we've got it pretty darned good.

For decades, prognosticators warned of hard times ahead. Many books paint a dim picture of the future. Think "1984" and "Future Shock." Think about science fiction movies like "Mad Max" and "A Soylent Green." Pollution filled brown skies. Garbage and discarded vehicles line filthy streets. Desperate people steal and loot - or turn the elderly into food.

I used to laugh at the dire predictions of these doomsayers.

Then a news story about California's power woes hit me between the eyes. It was the word "brown-out" that struck me so hard. California's electric utilities are using "brown-outs" to cut back on the use of electricity to conserve an energy delivery system that can't keep up with the state's burgeoning population.

As a result, electric companies are limiting the amount of electricity to different areas of



Dee Dee Laramore

Staff writer

the state at alternating times. The skies are turning brown.

Garbage disposal has become a tremendous problem throughout the country. Land for landfills comes at a premium. Tons of trash is being turned away as unsuitable. Where is it going?

Look at the vacant lots around our community. Look in the ravines all around the county. Look beside our roads and streets. Look in the yards and the driveways (mine included!). Garbage is everywhere. We are about to be buried in our own refuse.

Locally, landowners are fighting with state agencies for the right to sell ground water under their property. A whole community near here moved because their water supply had been contaminated with chemicals. Even, the quality of Pampa's water has been questioned in recent months.

Throughout my life, I've turned on the tap and expected clean, drinkable water to come out of it. When I lived on the ranch near

Alanreed, the water sometimes had sand come out with it, but it was clean sand.

All of these problems are the results of over population and over use. I think even the many problems we have with aggression toward each other is due to too many people packed into too close proximity. Over population will also likely lead to disastrous health situations, as well.

We Americans are so privileged and so prosperous and we don't even realize it. Sadly, we won't realize how fortunate we are until our fortune - health, prosperity, natural resources - is gone.

Yet I can't help but continue to feel optimistic. The truth is, I believe we have extremely hard times ahead of us as the human race and the world adjusts to over population and over use of its natural resources.

I am confident that the strong will survive and that Earth will reclaim itself. I believe a core of citizens with strong values and moral convictions will prevail, even if the worst predictions should become reality.

The problems are so large and so beyond any one person's ability to solve. Personally, I find peace in relying on my Creator's wisdom and power. I do what I can, when I can to conserve and protect our resources.

And when fear of the future becomes really overwhelming I remember this little ditty:

"Work like you don't need the money.
 Love like you've never been hurt.
 Dance like nobody's watching.
 Sing like nobody's listening.
 Live like it's Heaven on Earth."

Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Tuesday, April 3, the 93rd day of 2001. There are 272 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On April 3, 1860, the legendary Pony Express began service between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, Calif.

On this date:
 In 1776, George Washington received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Harvard College.

In 1865, Union forces occupied the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va.

In 1882, outlaw Jesse James was

shot to death in St. Joseph, Mo., by Robert Ford, a member of James' gang.

In 1936, Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, N.J., for the kidnap-murder of the Lindbergh infant.

In 1946, Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, the Japanese commander responsible for the Bataan Death March, was executed outside Manila.

In 1948, President Truman signed the Marshall Plan, which allocated more than \$5 billion in aid for 16 European countries.

In 1968, less than 24 hours before

he was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "mountaintop" speech to a rally of striking sanitation workers.

In 1968, North Vietnam agreed to meet with U.S. representatives to set up preliminary peace talks.

In 1974, deadly tornadoes struck wide parts of the South and Midwest before jumping across the border into Canada; more than 300 fatalities resulted.

In 1990, jazz singer Sarah Vaughan died in suburban Los Angeles at age 66.

Ten years ago: The U.N. Security Council adopted a Gulf War truce resolution demanding that Iraq abolish weapons of mass destruction, renounce terrorism and pay reparations. English novelist Graham Greene died at age 86.

Five years ago: An Air Force jetliner carrying Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and American business executives crashed in Croatia, killing all 35 people aboard. Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski was arrested. Former Cleveland Mayor Carl Stokes, the first black elected mayor of a major U.S. city, died at age 68.

People need to read Wendell Berry

The first time I read anything by Wendell Berry, I decided that there was no point in my writing anything else from that point on except "Read Wendell Berry."

Unfortunately, I could not justify a paycheck with a series of one sentence columns, so I have continued to write my little essays. But, folks, you really should read Wendell Berry.

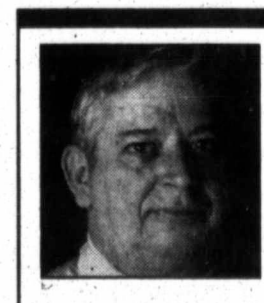
He's about the wisest writer I've run across, and the most honest. He has written some great novels and fine poetry, but it's his essays that I think are most valuable. He's not only as sharp as a straight razor, but he has a fine background in the humanities. He lives on a farm and works it.

In an interview with George Jr., an Internet magazine, the reporter asked Berry, "What do you see as urban people's connection to and responsibility toward land-use problems, which usually are considered to be solely rural issues?"

Berry's reply was to the point. "Urban people," he said, "are connected to the land by their gastrointestinal tract. If that connection should be broken, then the solely rural issue of land use would become an urban issue damned quick."

Sometimes people demand that I provide solutions to problems I write about. Berry has the answer to all our problems, and he did it in one paragraph in the same article.

"Individuals need to understand that they



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

have responsibilities of land stewardship both as producers and as consumers of food. The government needs to govern in the interest of the land and of the people, rather than in the interest of wealth and power. Communities need to turn their expectations from the government to themselves, and re-establish the principles of local economy, neighborliness, family order and stewardship."

As comedian Brother Dave Gardner would say, "Now, that's heavy." You can glean many a sermon from that paragraph, but I do believe that it sums up exactly about the only way we will be able to dig out of our present predicament.

Part of that predicament, of course, is that people want to blame environmental problems on producers and take none of the blame themselves as consumers. And who doubts that the government governs in the interest of wealth

and power? We are, to the government, merely anonymous consumers and worker bees.

And community? Family order? A local economy? Neighborliness? You know the story on those things. The gig in America right now is "It's not my fault," no matter what "it" is. The chief evidence of that is the deluge of lawsuits and the attitude that the government must solve all our problems, including the problem of rearing and educating our children and taking care of our elderly.

Both Republicans and Democrats are committed to a welfare state and quarrel only over the details of administering it. Both Republicans and Democrats are committed to an imperialistic foreign policy. Both Republicans and Democrats are committed to free trade and globalism, which, Berry points out, is simply a scheme to turn over the human race and all the land to a few corporations.

If you think colonialism was bad in the past, wait until you see it on a global scale, when the many shall do stoop labor for the few. That is where globalization is leading us.

None of this is fore-ordained. It doesn't have to happen. Americans just need to learn to say "No" to the salesmen who besiege them around the clock, seven days a week, peddling everything from pills to electronic gadgets. Americans need to reject the delusion of unlimited growth. Americans need to read Wendell Berry.

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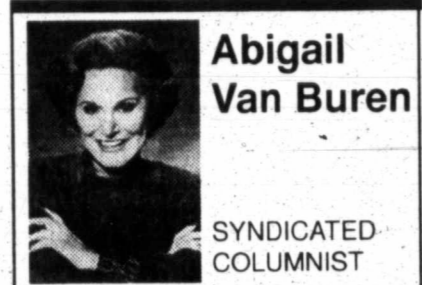
Single Mom Can't Base Future On Support Payments Alone

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter from "Desperate Mother in N.C.," who wanted to terminate the rights of her son's emotionally distant father, including stopping his support payments. My daughter's father also wanted nothing to do with her, and regarded her as a financial burden.

A few years ago, I was scheduled to have surgery and decided it was time I made a will. I was shocked when the attorney told me that no matter what I stated in my will, my daughter's father would have full custody of her if something happened to me. He could even put her up for adoption!

At my request, the attorney helped me to terminate her father's paternal rights. I thought it was sad that in the courtroom, her father asked, "Does this mean I don't have to pay child support?" The judge answered, "Yes." He said, "Then let's get this over with!" and hastily signed the papers. We never saw him again.

Please, "Desperate," do not base your child's future on how much money you might lose or gain. I could have used the financial support, but sometimes there are more important things than money. Children are gifts from God, and if you work hard and believe in yourself and God, you'll be guided down the right path.



the father hasn't bonded with the child and is relieved to be off the hook, and raising the child doesn't create an undue financial burden for the mother, I think it's best for everyone if he's out of the picture. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I did the same thing "Desperate" did 25 years ago. I raised my two children alone until I remarried and my new husband adopted them. There were no problems for 17 years. Then, my ex-husband contacted my 17-year-old son and wanted back in his life big time. My point: The children did with-

out my ex-husband's support money that was rightfully theirs. Like a bad penny, he turned up and laughed that he had "outsmarted" me.

My advice to "Desperate Mother" is take the support money and put it in the bank for your son's education.

BEEN THERE
IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR BEEN THERE: Having not been in your situation, I can't argue with you. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: A judge sets child support based on the parent's ability to pay and the child's needs. The child has a right to be supported by the parent(s). The mother can't waive the child's support, or rights, or needs.

Abby, your answer was neutral, but the above language sets out the important formula.

MERRILL STEEB, CIRCUIT JUDGE, ST. JOSEPH, MO.

DEAR JUDGE STEEB: Thank you for your legal expertise. Single mothers, take note.

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DOING FINE IN KANSAS: I took a scolding from fathers' rights advocates and single mothers for encouraging "Desperate" to go forward with her decision. However, in instances where

Wildwood

I LOVE FISHING AT NIGHT.
IT'S SO QUIET AND CALM AND PEACEFUL...
KISS ME, JACK!
OH, EDNA...!
AND YOU CAN HEAR EVERYTHING.
NOT IF YOU DON'T SHUT UP.

Marmaduke

"I stupidly reminded him I'm boss."

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- Banquets
- Shade tree
- Listen to
- Guitarist's aid
- New York city
- Opposed to
- Check the fit of
- Comic Mort
- Old cab
- Bridge costs
- Had dinner
- Disen-cumber
- Photo holder
- Striped cat
- Taloned flier
- "Star Wars" character
- River parts
- Nut's partner
- Back Cupid
- Kitchen appliance
- Flighty
- Finish last
- Take out a policy on
- Egyptian bird
- Playful mammals

DOWN

- Lawyer's charge
- Flip response?
- Went ahead
- City vehicle
- Favorite
- Best
- Picture of 1955
- Tries the food
- Chicken serving
- Happening
- Columbus setting
- Inventor
- Whitney
- Unruly group
- Letter before omega
- Payable
- Blunder
- Moines

STUMPED?

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The Family Circus

"Maybe you could grow a bigger lap, Grandma."

For Better or For Worse

YOU LIKE GERALD, DON'T YOU, APRIL.
OH, AS IF!!!
WE KNOW YOU DO! IT IS SOOO OBVIOUS!
WELL, BECKY LIKES MARK, AN' CHANTAL LIKES BRENDAN!
OH YAH?
DID YOU EVER KISS ANY-ONE?
NOPE! I DID!
REALLY? WHAT WAS IT LIKE?!!
FIRST OF ALL, YOU GOTTA FIGURE OUT WHERE TO PUT YOUR NOSE!

Zits

ANY LUCK?
NAN, THOSE COLLEGE RADIO STATION SIGNALS ARE TOO WEAK FOR US TO PICK UP WITHOUT AN...
...ANTENNA
WOW! I BET WE COULD PICK UP SOME WEST COAST SCHOOLS IF HE STOOD ON THE ROOF!
YEAH! THANKS, PIERCE
DON'T MENTION IT
EVER

Garfield

HMMM... WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT THIS NEW MOUSEHOLE?
OF COURSE!
ACCEPT A BRIBE!

Beetle Bailey

CAN YOU SAY A PRAYER FOR ME, CHAPLAIN?
CERTAINLY, MY SON
HOLD IT, SERGE, LET HIM FINISH MY LAST RITES FIRST

Marvin

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU'RE QUALIFIED TO HELP ME FIND THE EGGS THE EASTER BUNNY HIDES FOR ME?
SIMPLE, WATSON
I'M 1/8 HUNTING DOG ON MY MOTHER'S SIDE

B.C.

IN-SIN-U-ATE
ADAM AND EVE'S LEAST FAVORITE WORD.

Hagar The Horrible

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!!
YESTERDAY WAS MY TWENTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PARTY
WERE YOU INJURED DURING THE PARTY?
NO, I WAS INJURED BECAUSE I FORGOT TO GO TO THE PARTY!!

Peanuts

I'M SORRY, CHARLES. IT WAS AN ACCIDENT... I DIDN'T CALL FOR A BEAN BALL...
I CALLED FOR THE KNUCKLE BALL, MARCIE
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SPORTS

Notebook

VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — There will be a Pampa High Volleyball Boosters Club meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school library.
Call 669-6194 if more information is needed.

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa girls softball team visits Borger for a District 3-4A game at 4:30 today.
The Lady Harvesters are 3-3 in district and 12-7 for the season after a 12-4 setback to Randall last weekend at Optimist Park.

Stephanie Cameron led Pampa's hitting attack with a double, single and one RBI. Lindsey Naron and Alexis Amador had one double apiece.

Stephanie Clark pitched for Pampa and struck out 6 while walking 3 and giving up 10 hits.

Ashley Poole pitched for Randall, which has 4-2 record in district and is 12-7 overall.

Renee Reynolds and Axe Nickie had two singles and a double to lead Randall hitters.

Pampa's next home game is Saturday at 1 p.m. against Hereford.

Flashback

1993: Pampa defeated Hereford 10-4 in a high school baseball game.

Gregg Moore was a perfect 4 of 4 at the plate with a double and three base hits.

Winning pitcher was Matt Garvin, who gave up 5 hits while striking out 5 and walking 2 in seven innings on the mound.

Matt Finney had a 3-run homer for the Harvesters.

Duke wins NCAA title

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The shot bounced off the rim, and Shane Battier swooped in, grabbed the ball with two hands and slammed it through, hanging on the hoop for a satisfying second or two.

Just like that, the All-American became a champion.

In his final game as a collegian, Battier added the sweetest entry of all to his sterling resume, dominating the final five minutes of the national title game Monday night to lift Duke to an 82-72 victory over Arizona.

Battier and coach Mike Krzyzewski shared a long hug on the court after the game. The embrace spoke of a bond that began when Battier was a prep star and was capped by a victory on college basketball's biggest night.

"It's my going-away present to him," Battier said. "Coach is the best. He's a mentor. He's a friend. He's a coach. He's a brother."

Battier's dunk with less than four minutes to play was part of a 6-point performance down the stretch that helped the Blue Devils (35-4) hold off the last of several Arizona rallies. He finished with 18 points, 11 rebounds and six assists, and played the entire 40 minutes.

Sophomore Mike Dunleavy led the Blue Devils with 21 points, including three 3-pointers in 46 seconds to give Duke a 10-point lead in the second half that Arizona couldn't overcome.

The victory moved Krzyzewski further up the list of the sport's elite coaches. He tied Bob Knight, who won three championships at Indiana, and now trails Kentucky's Adolph Rupp by one.



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa's Gary Alexander (above) will be competing in the Golden Spread All-Star Games this week in Amarillo. Alexander is a member of the East boys team, which plays the South team at 8 Thursday in Cal Farley Coliseum. Twins Chasity and Charity Nachtigall of Pampa was selected to play for the East girls team. They play the South girls at 6 Thursday at the Coliseum.

PHS golfers increase lead

DUMAS — Anthony Tiedt shot a 71 to help the Pampa Harvesters increase their lead Monday in the third round of the District 3-4A boys golf tournament at Pheasant Trails.

The Harvesters own a 22-stroke lead over second-place Randall with a three-round total of 928.

Other third-round scores for Pampa were Daniel Williams 74, Cory Fowler 75, Daniel Heuston 76, and Mitch Schilling 81.

Heuston maintained his medalist lead by one stroke over Palo Duro's Trey Latham.

Miami, Groom win Warriors track meet

MIAMI — Miami boys and Groom girls were the winners at the Miami Warriors track meet last weekend.

Miami compiled 156 points while second-place Groom finished with 113 points in the boys' division.

Jarrell Thoms, Jimmy James and Jeffrey Browning each won two events to lead the Warriors.

The girls' division was closer with Groom holding off Happy to win by a 22-point margin.

Krisanne Davis won the triple jump, long jump and 300 hurdles to lead Groom. Groom also won all three relay events to help push the Tigerettes past Happy.

Miami Warriors Track Meet

Boys Division
Team totals: 1. Miami 156; 2. Groom 113; 3. Silverton 60; 4. Fort Elliott 52; 5. Happy 43; 6. Lefors 27; 7. (tie) Channing and Hedley 26; 9. Silverton 16; 10. Hedley 14; 11. Allison 10; 12. Trinity 6; 13. Discus: 1. McDowell, Miami, 125-9 1/2; 2. Davis, Happy, 118-7; 3. Todd, Hedley, 106-9 3/4.
High jump: 1. Ritter, Groom, 5-10; 2. James, Miami, 5-8; 3. Davenport, Miami, 5-5.
Long jump: 1. Gray, Groom, 20-0 1/2; 2. Parish, Happy, 19-8 1/2; 3. Collins, Hedley, 19-7 1/2.
Pole vault: 1. Harris, Hartley, 11-0; 2. Bryant, Fort Elliott, 9-0; 3. Hand, Fort Elliott, 9-0.
Shot put: 1. Donaldson, Allison, 44-0 3/4; 2. McDowell, Miami, 43-1 1/4; 3. Bowles, Hedley, 40-7 1/2.
Triple jump: 1. Ritter, Groom, 41-8 1/2; 2. Parish, Happy, 40-3; 3. Gray, Groom, 40-2.
3200: 1. Browning, Miami, 11:13; 2. Alvarez, Channing, 11:23; 3. Claybrook, Channing, 11:46.
400 relay: 1. Groom, 45:89; 2. Miami, 46:19; 3. Silverton, 46:48.
800: 1. Conrad, Groom, 2:26:38; 2. Horn, Fort Elliott, 2:23:11; 3. Earlbach, Happy, 2:25:77.
110 hurdles: 1. James, Miami, 18:00; 2. Davenport, Miami, 19:81; 3. Watts, Trinity, 20:97.
100: 1. Howard, Miami, 11:88; 2. N. Baker, Silverton JV, 12:03; 3. Collins, Hedley, 12:13.
400: 1. Thoms, Miami, 52:77; 2. Ivory, Silverton, 53:31; 3. Murray, Lefors, 53:87.
300 hurdles: 1. James, Miami, 43:92; 2. Davenport, Miami, 46:07; 3. R. Ivory, Silverton, 47:26.
200: 1. Thoms, Miami, 23:49; 2. Ritter, Groom, 23:78; 3. B. Baker, 23:82.
1600: 1. Browning, Miami, 5:07:29; 2. Alvarez, Channing, 5:13:21; 3. Ignacio, Silverton, 5:13:31.
1800 relay: 1. Groom, 3:34:71; 2. Lefors, 3:41:29; 3. Silverton, 3:49:72.
Girls Division
Team totals: 1. Groom 159; 2. Happy 132; 3. Silverton 96; 4. Miami 67; 5. Hedley 61; 6. Hedley 22; 7. Fort Elliott 20; 8. Trinity 16; 9. Lefors 8; 10. Allison 6; 11. Adrian 2; 12. Samnorwood 1.
100 hurdles: 1. Trimble, Fort Elliott, 17:72; 2. Hutchison, Miami, 18:05; 3. Pool, Higgins, 18:08.
100: 1. Davenport, Miami, 14:06; 2. Estes, Silverton, 14:17; 3. Taute, Trinity, 14:40.
800 relay: 1. Groom, 1:54:48; 2. Silverton, 1:57:43; 3. Happy, 2:00:87.
400: 1. Trimble, Fort Elliott, 63:62; 2. Britten, Groom, 65:55; 3. Cutrell, Happy, 65:63.
300 hurdles: 1. Day, Groom, 51:86; 2. Hill, Hedley, 52:23; 3. Pool, Higgins, 53:09.
200: 1. Williams, Happy, 28:25; 2. Davenport, Miami, 28:41; 3. Cox, Miami, 28:93.
1600: 1. Spradling, Happy, 6:02:80; 2. Reynolds, Silverton, 6:12:91; 3. Noel, Happy, 6:27:55.
1800 relay: 1. Groom, 4:27:50; 2. Happy, 4:30:17; 3. Hedley, 4:39:79.
Discus: 1. Noach, Groom, 98-7; 2. Howard, Hedley, 91-2 1/2; 3. Black, Miami, 83-5 3/4.
High jump: 1. Bohr, Groom, 4-11; 2. S. Britten, Groom, 4-10; 3. Howard, Groom, 4-7.
Long jump: 1. Davis, Groom, 17-4 1/2; 2. Estes, Silverton, 15-7; 3. Brown, Happy, 15-5.
Triple jump: 1. Davis, Groom, 33-10; 2. Spradling, Happy, 33-2 1/2; 3. Cutrell, Happy, 32-3 1/2.
Shot put: 1. Taute, Trinity, 33-10 3/4; 2. Howard, Hedley, 29-10; 3. Weaver, Silverton, 29-11.
3200: 1. Waite, Higgins, 13:31; 2. Reynolds, Silverton, 13:41; 3. Sanders, Happy, 13:55.
400 relay: 1. Groom, 53:83; 2. Silverton, 54:54; 3. Happy, 54:76.
800: 1. Spradling, Happy, 2:36:45; 2. Barnett, Groom, 2:37:60; 3. Sanders, Happy, 2:48:71.

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(A los votantes registrados de la Ciudad de Pampa, Texas) Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 5, 2001 for voting in a general election to elect a Mayor.

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Robert Neslage Signature of Mayor (Firma del Alcalde) H-77 Apr. 3, 2001

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Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Sort through your thoughts as you wake up. Test a financial concern rather than making a decision. Feedback affirms your thoughts. Review new information, which could involve a trip or possibly taking a course. Focus on one item at a time. Tonight: Do something good for your health.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Worries, combined with an erratic boss or loved one, exaggerate a down mood. Let go of this attitude and greet the possibilities. Don't feel locked in a situation. Use your ever-flowing creativity to find answers. A partner expresses concern. Tonight: Play the night away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Speak your mind when confronted with an erratic situation. Not everything is as you think. Dig into your imagination and find answers. Review potential and eye new possibilities. Someone presents you with the candy store, and more. Live up to your potential. Tonight: Mosey on home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** You could be faced with a money matter that you feel you cannot control.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Work with others, even though you might be frustrated by what goes on. Your sense of humor emerges with a child or loved one. Give this person the benefit of the doubt. If you step back, another will walk up to the plate. Use your inner strength. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Others seek you out for answers and new possibilities. What seems inevitable turns around. Think in terms of creating greater satisfaction in general. A partner could be difficult, but he cannot help himself. Understand another's pressure. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Work through problems by making calls and seeking out information. You could feel disdain for someone who seems destined to make noise. You're in the limelight. Take charge and use your naturally strong leadership skills. Draw others to you. Tonight: Make a must appearance.

NEW possibilities

knock on your door. Assume responsibility, and much will work out. Make calls, and you'll receive answers. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Realize that another could feel jeopardized by you; this explains those odd reactions. But not everything is as it seems. Creativity surges when you deal with ideas and new possibilities. Don't forget the here and now. Deal with finances. Tonight: Pay bills.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** What starts out as difficult and challenging can work out to your benefit. Be tenacious and hope for resolutions. Answers stem from your resourcefulness and a partner's willingness. Express your strength of personality and humor. Tonight: Smile, and everything will work out.

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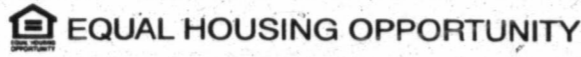
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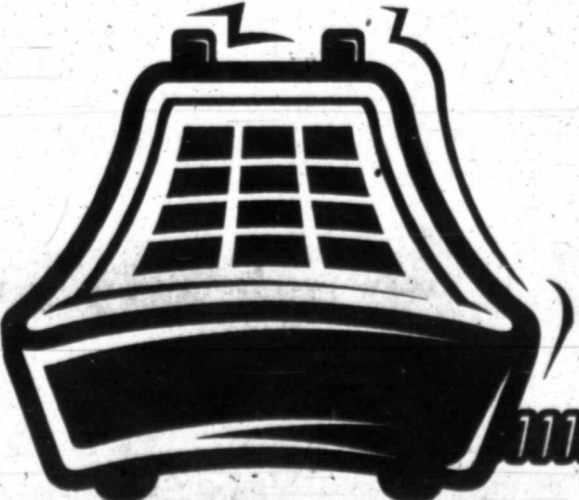
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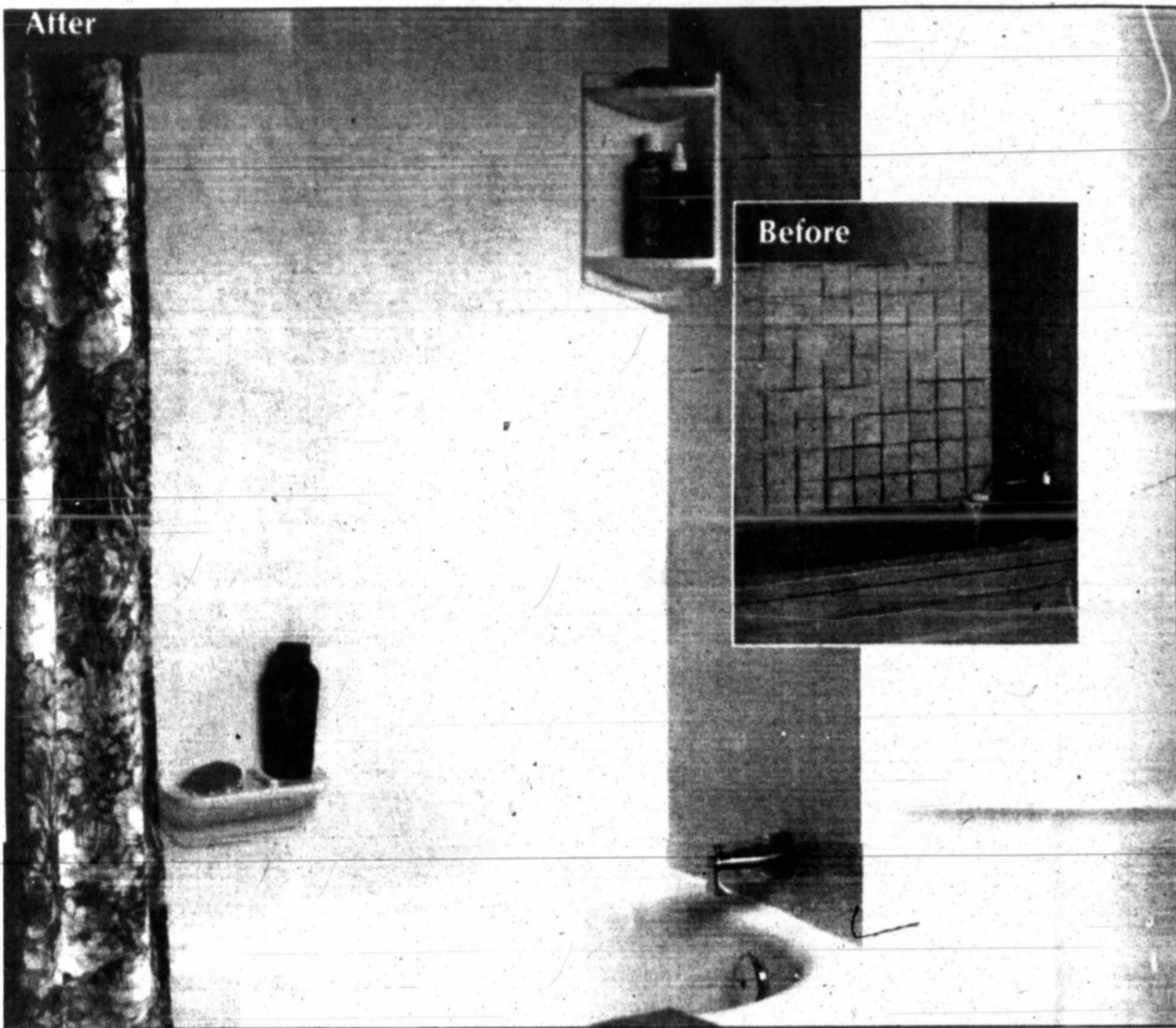


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