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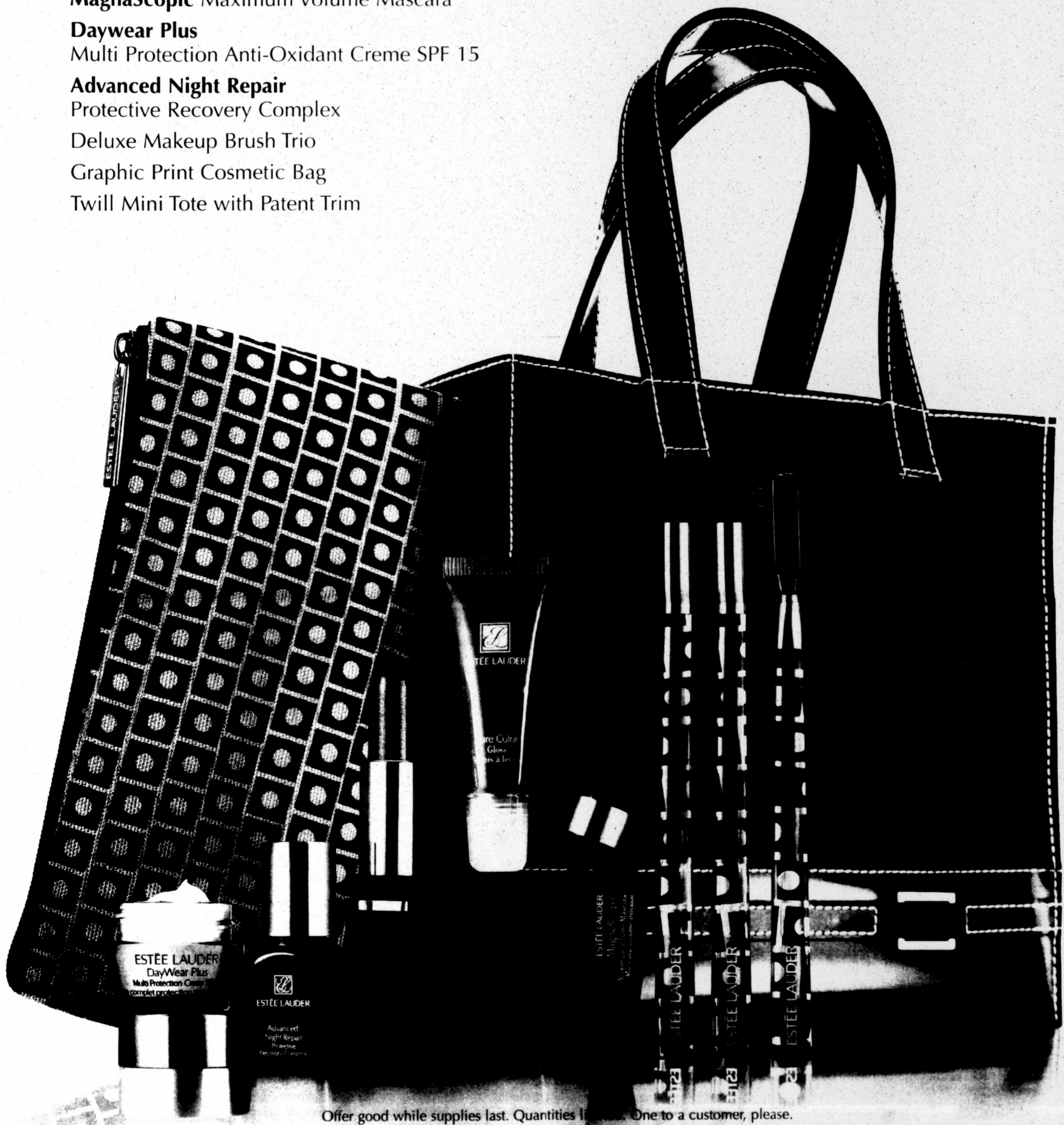
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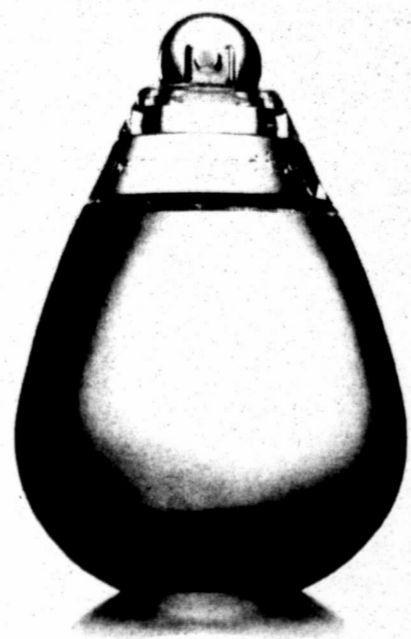
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# Viewpoints

## Dogs: God's ambassadors on this world

I love animals, with a few notable exceptions in the reptile, insect and arachnid families.

I especially love dogs. There is something special about the bond between humans and dogs. I have heard it said that dogs are among God's ambassadors on earth.

I have had a dog since I was old enough to understand how to treat one nicely. The first long-term canine relationship I had was with a border collie mix named Wilda, who was my constant companion from

the early days of grade school through high school and beyond.

Wilda's favorite activity was accompanying me when I rode my bicycle. As I would gain speed, she would skim along the ground, keeping pace with me, her tongue hanging out so far I thought one day she would surely trip over it.

She also loved to welcome me home after any absence. From the time I was in 7th grade until high school graduation, we lived at an oil plant, and I rode the school bus to and from

school. She seemed to have developed an internal clock, because she always knew when to station herself at the front gate to greet me.

I would get off the bus and she would be there, her great plume of a tail sweeping back and forth in a wave of welcome, a smile on her face. Yes, I think dogs smile. I know she did. I grew up and left home,

and Wilda stayed with my parents, their faithful friend until her death from age-related illness after a long life.

The next faithful four-legged family member was a s Duchess, a black and tan dachshund, who was my beloved pal all 13 years of her life. She made several moves right along with me and my husband, and didn't seem to



**Marilyn Powers**  
Staff Writer

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 21, the 265th day of 2004. There are 101 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 21, 1949, the People's Republic of China was proclaimed by its Communist leaders.

### On this date:

In 1792, the French National Convention voted to abolish the monarchy.

In 1897, the New York Sun ran its famous editorial that declared, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."

In 1938, a hurricane struck parts of New York and New England, causing widespread damage and claiming more than 600 lives.

In 1964, Malta gained independence from Britain.

In 1970, "NFL Monday Night Football" made its debut on ABC T.V. as the Cleveland Browns defeated the visiting New York Jets, 31-21.

In 1973, the U.S. Senate confirmed Henry Kissinger to be Secretary of State.

In 1981, the Senate unanimously confirmed the nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

In 1987, NFL players went on strike, mainly over the issue of free agency.

In 1989, Hurricane Hugo, packing winds of up to 135 mph, crashed into Charleston, S.C.

In 1996, John F. Kennedy, Jr., married Carolyn Bessette in a secret ceremony on Cumberland Island, Ga.

**Ten years ago:** Prosecutors from Los Angeles and Santa Barbara counties announced that child molestation charges would not be filed against singer Michael Jackson.

**Five years ago:** The House Banking Committee opened an inquiry into allegations of a huge money-laundering scheme involving the Russian mob and the Bank of New York. A powerful earthquake struck Taiwan, killing at least 2,400 people.

**One year ago:** Former Citigroup CEO John S. Reed was named temporary head of the New York Stock exchange. Paul Martin was elected by Canada's Liberal Party to succeed Jean Chretien as prime minister. NASA's aging Galileo spacecraft deliberately plunged into Jupiter's turbulent atmosphere, bringing a fiery conclusion to a 14-year exploration of the solar system's largest planet and its moons.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Larry Hagman is 73. Actor-comedian Henry Gibson is 69.

*"We believe at once in evil, we only believe in good upon reflection. Is this not sad?"*

—Madame Dorothee Deluz  
French actress



## Why Kerry is doing so poorly

"The Family," Kitty Kelley's Bush-bashing book published on Sept. 14, seems on its way to best-sellerdom despite some of the most implausible accusations since CBS thought a poor forger of a National Guard record was the real thing.

Here's a typical KK implausibility: W did cocaine at Yale in the mid-'60s. Hey, I studied (more or less) there in the late '60s, and pot was the thing among folks Bush didn't like. Liquor was quicker among those he hung with. Cocaine didn't come in for another decade.

So let's forget Kelley's gossip book and turn to Kerry's floundering campaign. Why is he doing so badly? My suggestion:

Neither John Kerry nor his handlers appear to understand the importance of pivotal moments in national and personal life.

Franklin Roosevelt understood the significance of nationally pivotal moments. He said, after Pearl Harbor, that "Dr. New Deal" had become "Dr. Win the War." Kerry wants to campaign on the economy, but 9-11 changed everything: Now, more Americans want a "Dr. Win the War" president.

Many Americans understand the importance of pivotal moments in individual

lives. The United States is a country of second chances. That's why the Rocky movies struck such a chord:

A loser becomes a winner. Rocky IV concludes with the boxer's announcement, "If I can change, and you can change, everybody can change."

Candidate Kerry is trying to project an image of first in war, first in antiwar, first in understanding the nuances now. That leaves him last in the American League. Because Christianity, the religion of the second chance, is so important in

this country, George W. Bush's declaration of a marred past and midlife change resonates well.

That's why the dispute about the Kerry military record is more important than the dispute about the president's. John Kerry received his party's nomination because of his youthful activities; George W. Bush was elected despite his.

If liberals listened to conservative talk radio rather than decrying it, they would understand better the public respect for pivotal moments. Sample from one hour: A woman disclosed that she was a stripper at age 15 and noted that her past should not be held against her

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**Marvin Olasky**  
Columnist

## Group allows politics to cloud goals

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the nation's oldest civil rights organization, has made another blunder that is helping to chip away at its credibility.

This summer, at its 95th convention in Philadelphia, the NAACP leaders publicly attacked President Bush because he would not agree to address a convention that he felt had become increasingly aligned with the Democratic Party.

Now there is news that organizers of an Ohio NAACP event rescinded an invitation to Education Secretary Rod Paige to speak at an annual dinner,

reportedly on directions from the national office, which is based in Baltimore.

Kweisi Mfume, NAACP president, denied that such a directive had come from the national office. He said he was appalled by the action and that he would personally and publicly apologize for the inconsiderate way that the Cabinet member had been treated.

Since its founding in 1909, the NAACP has had a stellar history of fighting injustice. The organization,

along with the separate NAACP Legal Defense Fund, has campaigned against lynchings, segregation, unequal treatment in the criminal justice system and voting-rights abuses.

In recent years, it has placed great emphasis on academic and artistic excellence among young African-Americans and has continued to urge greater participation in the electoral process by conducting voter registration drives.

Unfortunately, the petti-

ness demonstrated by the Paige incident only serves to distract from the overall good that this venerable group continues to do.

It also doesn't help when the NAACP leadership is so closely affiliated with one political party.

That is bound to cause some alienation from the party on the outs — and that is not good for those whom the organization is trying to help.

The NAACP is right to apologize to Paige, but it also owes an apology to its members for allowing trifling partisanship to interfere with its nobler goals.

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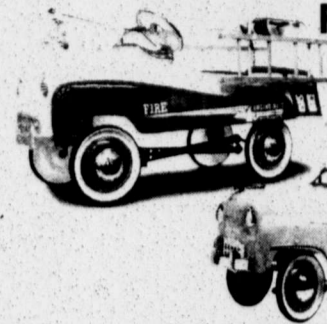
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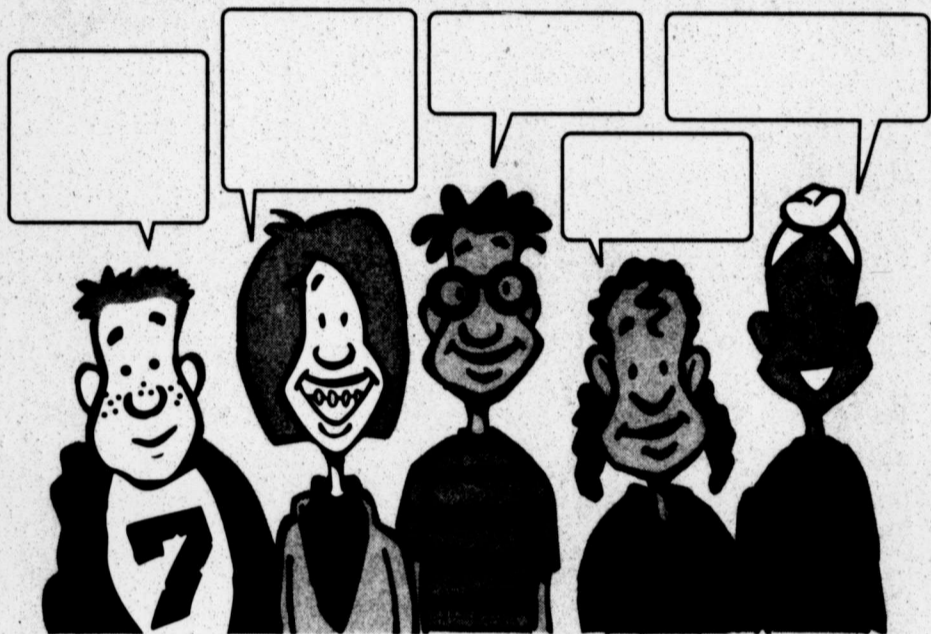
**This Week: Anti-Bullying**

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## CELEBRATE DIFFERENCES!

Bullying sometimes starts when one person picks on something about another person that is different. It could be how big a person is, the color of a person's skin or a person's grades.

Every person is unique (one of a kind) and special. That means **YOU** are special and unique! It is often the things that make you different that are the things that make you **GREAT!**



### Some Kind Words

Look at the children pictured here. Find and circle something unique and special about each child.

Next, pretend each child is going to say something nice about another child's differences. Write something positive in each "balloon."

**Standards Link:** Health: Students recognize personal characteristics that contribute to self-esteem.

### Friends Can Help

Bullying hurts. It hurts a lot.

Experts say that there is something that can help a child who is being bullied. That something is a **friend**. Someone who is there to help the hurt of being bullied go away.

Look at the situation at right. Then answer these questions:

1. What could Andy do or say?
2. What could Maria do or say?
3. What does everyone want Jody to do?

**Standards Link:** Health: Identify ways to seek assistance if concerned, threatened or abused.



**Extra! Extra!**

### Just Like Me

Many famous and popular people were picked on as children. Find a picture in the newspaper of someone who you admire. Find 3 or more ways that you are like that person.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

# STAMP OUT BULLYING!

Have you ever been bullied by another person? It's a serious problem for many kids. Today's Kid Scoop page offers you some tips to help put a stop to bullying behavior.

## Words Can Hurt

Bullying doesn't always mean hitting. Sometimes, words are used to bully someone. Make a list of words that compliment a person. Try and use these words a lot!

## TOP 5 ANTI-BULLYING TIPS

1. **Stay away from people who bully.**
  - If a person who is bullying you won't stay away from you, **IGNORE** and **WALK AWAY** from that person.
2. **Tell someone if you are being bullied.**
3. **Avoid places where kids who bully can be found.**
  - Walk to school earlier or later. Take different paths to school. Stay within sight of teachers and grownups.
4. **Make friends.**
  - Hang out with friends. Kids who are alone tend to get picked on more. Look around your school. You are probably not the only kid being picked on. Maybe you can help another child by becoming friends!
5. **Project confidence.**
  - Slouching, looking at the ground or your feet, and fidgeting makes it look like you're not sure of yourself. Hold your head up and stand up straight. Look confident!

**Standards Link:** Health: Develop and use effective coping strategies.

## Weekly Writing Corner

**Stop bullying NOW!**

I know that there are bullies at my school. If someone bullies me, I will tell the principal. If I see someone bullying someone else, I would tell them to stop. If they don't stop, I'll tell the principal. That is just what the bully wanted, to get into trouble.

Rosa,  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade

If someone bullies you, don't fight back. The whole thing could just get worse. Ask them to stop and if they don't, go tell a teacher about it. Chances are they won't come around you again.

Jamie,  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade

All over the world, people fight a problem called *bullying*. I've experienced a situation like this. What should you do? First, ignore it, pretend it doesn't exist and give no wavering reaction. If the bully still troubles you, speak in defense of yourself, do not use inappropriate language, name-calling or foul comments. If it persists, ask a teacher or your parents for help.

Sydney,  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade

I don't have bullies at my school but I do know how to stop them. You say, "STOP IT!" or you can turn around and walk away and ignore them. If they are being really mean you should tell an adult. That is my opinion.

Kelsea,  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade

One time I got bullied. I tried to ignore him but he kept following me. I told him to go away and then I told an adult. They helped me. That's what you should do too if you are bullied.

Sydney,  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade

There are many ways to deal with a bully. You can change the subject, talk to them, tell a teacher, try to be friends with them or just walk away from any trouble. But don't smack a bully back, don't say bad words to them or try to stare them down. Try not to show fear, just walk away.

Jordan,  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade

## THE GOVERNMENT VS. BULLYING

To discover the title of the government's anti-bullying campaign, hold this page up to a mirror, and read the backwards words below.

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The United States Government has launched a bullying prevention campaign and even created a special Web site.

The campaign includes animated episodes on television and animated "webisodes" at their Web site:  
[www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov](http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov)

The first webisode tells about K.B.'s first day of school at a new school. She has a day full of problems that you might find familiar. Visit the Web site, and see if you can discover any new ways to prevent bullying.

**Standards Link:** Health: Develop and use effective coping strategies.

## Double Double Word Search

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Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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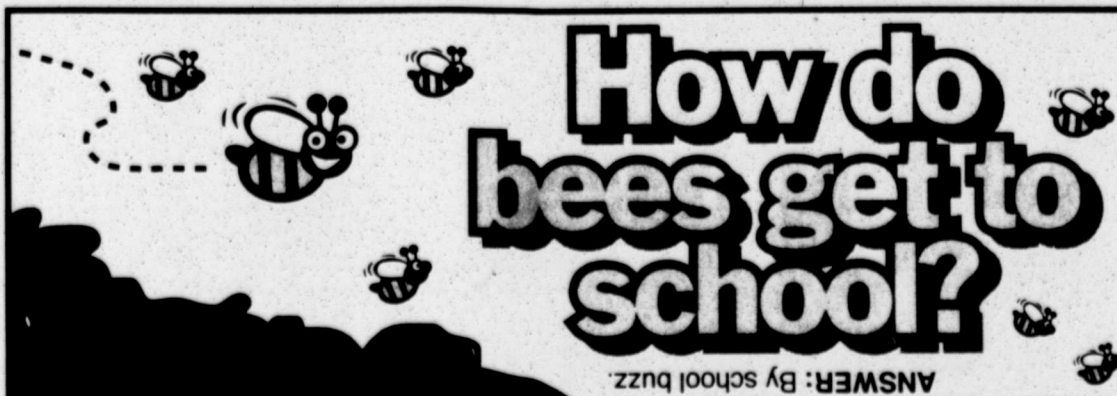
**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## BEYOND Kid Scoop

### Friends Make the Difference

Create a poem about the importance of being a friend to someone who is being bullied. Start each line in the poem with a letter that spells the word **FRIEND**.

**Standards Link:** Writing Applications: Write poetry using a variety of formats.



## Write On!

**What would you say?**

If you saw a good friend lighting up a cigarette, what would you say to that friend?

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# Haiti: Floods kill more than 600 people, hundreds left homeless

By AMY BRACKEN  
Associated Press Writer

GONAIVES, Haiti (AP) — Bloating corpses and weeping relatives filled morgues in Haiti after Tropical Storm Jeanne left more than 600 people dead, another tragedy on this Caribbean island in a year marked by revolts, military

interventions and deadly floods. The death toll was expected to rise. Hardest hit was the northern city of Gonaives, where search crews continued to recover bodies carried away by the raging weekend floods or buried by mud or the ruins of their homes.

Toussaint Kongo-Doudou, a spokesman for the U.N. peace-

keeping mission in Haiti, said at least 500 people had died in Gonaives.

"I lost my kids and there's nothing I can do," said Jean Estimable, whose 2-year-old daughter was killed and another of his five children was missing and presumed dead.

"All I have is complete despair

and the clothes I'm wearing," he said, pointing to a floral dress and ripped pants borrowed from a neighbor.

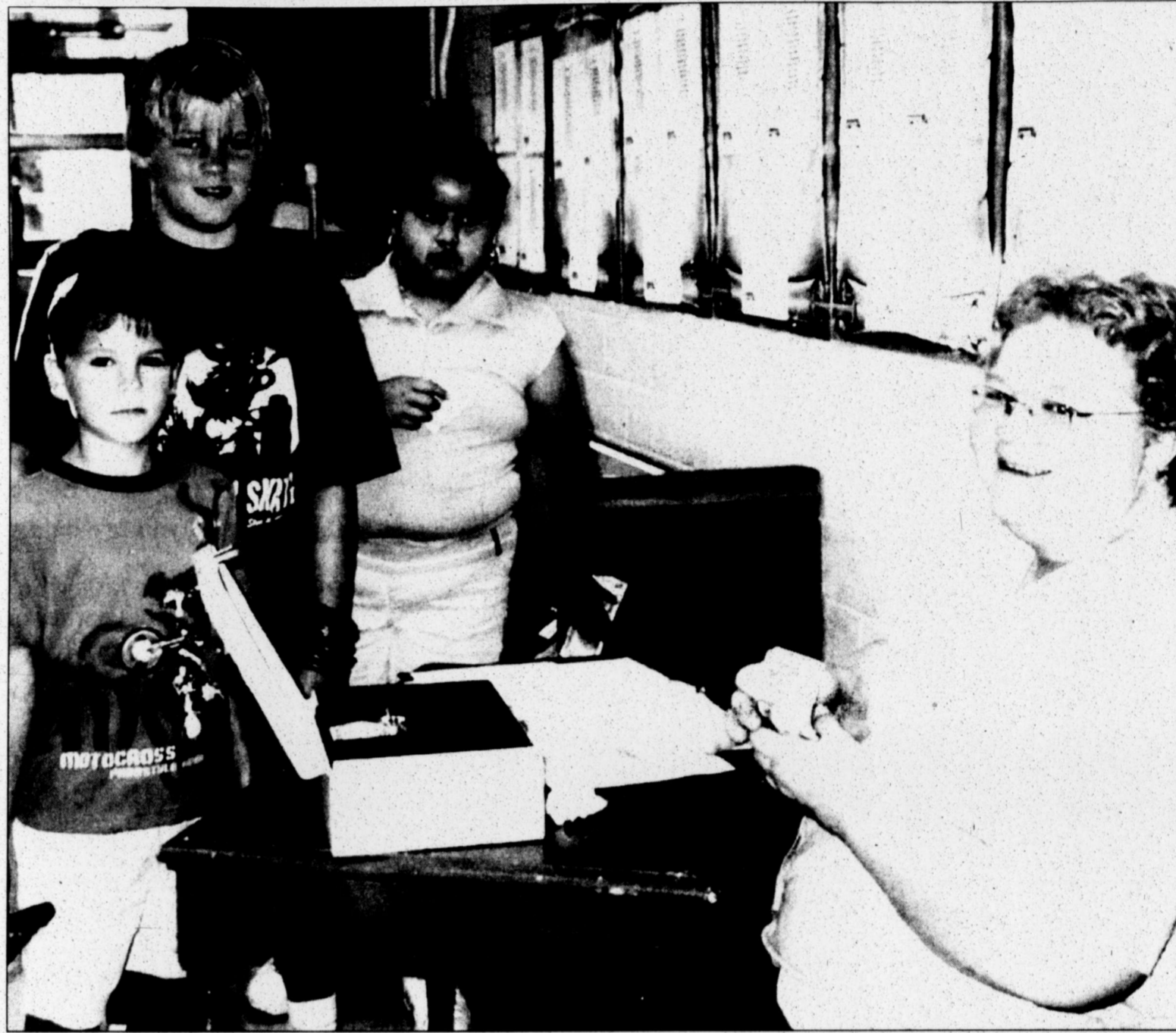
Floods are particularly devastating in Haiti, the poorest country in the Americas, because it is almost completely deforested, leaving few roots to hold back rushing waters or mudslides. Most of the

trees have been chopped down to make charcoal for cooking.

Many of the bodies stacked in Gonaives's flood-damaged General Hospital were children.

Residents waded through ankle-deep mud outside the mayor's office, where doctors were treating the wounded and aid workers were helping a woman give birth.

## Snackers



Verna Schroeder, cafeteria manager at Lamar Elementary School, recently collected snack money from Landon Wright, Garrett Davis and Daisy Silva. Students at Lamar are learning about healthy snack choices.

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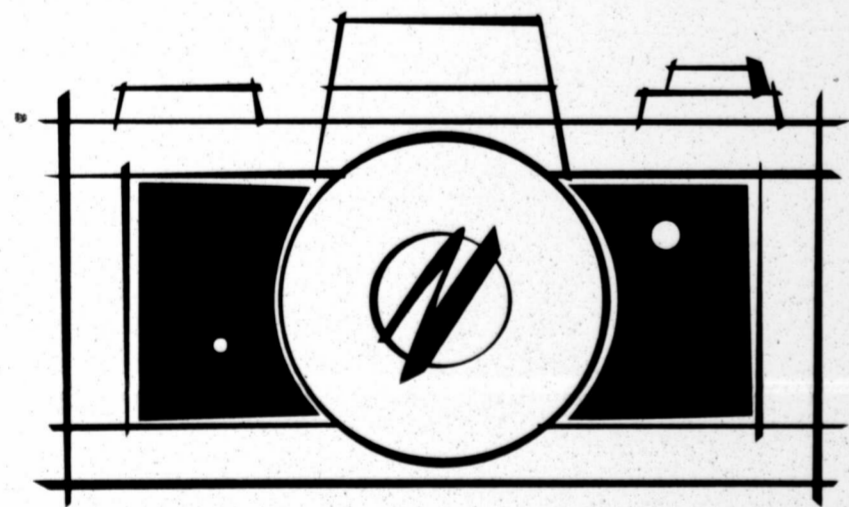
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## Iran caught converting uranium into gas, defying U.N. demands

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Defying a key demand set by 35 nations, Iran announced Tuesday that it has started converting raw uranium into the gas needed for enrichment, a process that can be used to make nuclear weapons.

"Tests are going on successfully" to make uranium hexafluoride gas, the feed stock for enrichment, said Iranian Vice President Reza Aghazadeh.

Of the more than 40 tons of raw uranium being mined for conversion, "Some ... has been used," he told reporters.

His comments, outside the general conference of the 137-nation International Atomic Energy Agency, were the latest sign that Iran was ignoring demands made on the weekend by the agency's board of governors to suspend all enrichment and related activities and banish international fears the technology could be used to make weapons.

Iran announced months ago that it had planned to "test" conversion techniques.

Even before Tuesday's announcement, the large-scale of the project had heightened concerns that Iran is preparing for full uranium conversion at its Isfahan facility that goes beyond laboratory testing.

A resolution passed unanimously Saturday by the agency's governing board demanded for the first time that Iran freeze all work on uranium enrichment and expressed alarm at Iranian planned conversion of the raw uranium.

Suggesting that Iran may have to answer to the U.N. Security Council if it defied the demands, the resolution said the next board meeting in November would "decide

whether or not further steps are appropriate" in ensuring Iran complies.

The resolution specifically expressed alarm at Iranian plans to convert the more than 40 tons of raw uranium into uranium hexafluoride.

Iran's present suspension of enrichment falls short of international demands.

It says it is honoring a pledge not to put uranium hexafluoride gas into centrifuges, spin it and make enriched uranium. The resolution calls for a stop as well to related activities, including a halt to making, assembling and testing centrifuges, and to producing the uranium hexafluoride.

Iran is not prohibited from enrichment under its obligations to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. It has for months faced international pressure to suspend such activities as a good-faith gesture, but the resolution went further by actually demanding a stop to enrichment and related activities.

While demanding Iran suspend all uranium enrichment activities, the resolution also recognized nations' right to the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

Aghazadeh repeated Iran's view that his country was free to enrich no matter what the board demanded.

"We believe that what was decided by the board of governors is unjust," he said.

He suggested Iran's course of action remained open between full suspension as demanded by the board and full enrichment, saying Tehran "will decide on the basis of our national interests and not subject to pressures" what do.

*'We believe that what was decided by the board of governors is unjust.'*

— Reza Aghazadeh  
Iranian vice president

## Feds seeking to bar access to air-passenger ID regs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Justice Department refuses to confirm or deny whether federal rules exist requiring people to show ID before boarding an airplane, according to documents filed with a federal appeals court.

The Bush administration told the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that air-travel security initiatives are

a matter of national security, and should not be available for public inspection.

John Gilmore, a Libertarian who made millions as a founding employee of Sun Microsystems, sued the government and the airlines, alleging among other things that the identification requirement violates his right to freely assemble. In 2002, Southwest

Airlines employees at Oakland International Airport barred Gilmore from boarding a flight to Baltimore after he refused to produce government-issued photo identification.

He also refused to allow security personnel to pat him down and search through his luggage instead of producing the identification.

# AP

WASHINGTON — A South Korean man with job offers from new political parties and intelligence agencies, among some that either he may have received or will receive, has been named as a U.S. spy. The Associated Press reported that the man, Byung-Man Kim, worked for the National Security Service.

A spokesman for the South Korean office said Kim was "home in Matjeon" he was with the Korean

# CASA inte

This article is a series of articles on the agency's activities supporting United Way. It is being produced by United Way 2004 "Community Fund-raising

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As she sits on the couch to listen, she hears: "I sleep in a bed by myself and even on the 'Did you know that we get three times plus snacks? Our foster mother can take care of us." "We go to sleep at night." Needless to say, these children are overwhelmed. She knows from a home

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# AP: Kerry fund-raisers met with S. Korean agent

WASHINGTON (AP) — A South Korean man who met with John Kerry's fund-raisers to discuss creating a new political group for Korean-Americans was an intelligence agent for his country, raising concerns among some U.S. officials that either he or his government may have tried to influence this fall's election.

South Korean officials and U.S. officials told The Associated Press that Chung Byung-Man, a consular officer in Los Angeles, actually worked for South Korea's National Intelligence Service.

A spokesman for the South Korean consulate office said Chung was sent home in May amid "speculation" he became involved with the Kerry campaign and

Democratic Party through contacts with fund-raiser Rick Yi and that his identity couldn't be discussed further.

"According to international tradition, we cannot identify, we cannot say who he is, because he is intelligence people," spokesman Min Ryu said.

The State Department said it has discussed Chung's reported activities with the South Korean government and has no reason to doubt Seoul's representations he was an intelligence agent.

The department believes Chung's contacts with donors and fund-raisers, if accurately described in reports, were "inconsistent" with the 1963 Vienna Convention that prohibits visiting foreign officials

from interfering in the internal politics and affairs of host countries, a spokesman for its legal affairs office said.

Kerry campaign spokesman Chad Clanton said the campaign did not know Chung was an intelligence agent or that Yi, one of the campaign's key fund-raisers in the Asian-American community, was meeting with him until it was brought to light by the AP.

The AP first reported this spring that Yi and other Kerry fund-raisers and donors had met with Chung, but at the time Chung was only identified as a diplomat.

*'According to international tradition, we cannot identify, we cannot say who he is, because he is intelligence people.'*

— Min Ryu  
Spokesman

Yi resigned from the Kerry campaign after the story, and Kerry returned \$4,000 in donations he had solicited because of concerns about their origins.

AP was alerted to the

meetings and Chung's identity as an intelligence agent by Democratic donors and fund-raisers who said they were uncomfortable with the activities.

A South Korean government official in Seoul and two longtime U.S. officials in Washington, both speaking on condition of anonymity because Chung's work for South Korea's NIS, the country's CIA equivalent.

The U.S. officials said Chung had registered with the Justice Department as a friendly foreign intelligence agent on U.S. soil, and that his activities had raised concern he or his government had tried to influence the fall presidential election through

"extracurricular activities."

The FBI has not begun a formal counterintelligence investigation because Chung left the United States in May, the officials said.

The NIS dismissed any suggestion the South Korean government tried to influence American politics as a "totally groundless rumor and all fiction."

South Korea has been frustrated over the deadlock in talks on North Korea's nuclear activities, while at the same time facing the Bush administration's planned withdrawal of thousands of U.S. troops from the tense region. One expert said Chung's actions were consistent with Seoul's concerns with the Bush administration even if he didn't get a direct order.

## CASA volunteers work to achieve best interest of children, to assist the court

*This article is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 2004 "Community Matters" fund-raising campaign.*

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Three smiling faces greet the CASA of the High Plains volunteer as she enters the foster home. Each child clamors to get the volunteer's attention, wanting to show her their rooms, toys, yard, etc. They cannot wait to tell her the stories of what has happened since her last visit.

As she settles down on the couch to listen to the children she hears: "I get to sleep in a bed all by myself and it isn't even on the floor." "Did you know that we get to eat three times a day plus snacks here?" "Our foster mom says we can take a bath every day." "We aren't afraid to go to sleep at night."

Needless to say, the relief these children are sharing overwhelms the volunteer. She knows that they came from a home where there was

not enough food and no utilities. A bed was a blanket on the floor. There was no money because dad was in jail and mom spent any money they had on drugs. Since they weren't old enough to be in school yet, there would be days that they didn't get to eat.

When these children were placed in foster care, a CASA volunteer was assigned to advocate for their best interest. This CASA volunteer will visit with those people who know these children such as family members, teachers, coaches, neighbors, therapist and care providers.

They will also visit with the children. Information will be gathered and a report submitted to the judge outlining what the CASA feels is in the best interest of the children.

This volunteer will advocate for needed services for the children and monitor the parent's compliance with their service plan. The CASA volunteer will maintain contact with the Child Protective Services caseworker and the attorney for the children.

The goal of this CASA



Judge Phil Vanderpool, associate judge of the Northern Panhandle Child Protection Court, and two girls (not CASA children.)

volunteer will be for these children to be placed in a permanent, nurturing home as soon as possible whether that is back with their parents, in the home of relatives, or in an adoptive home.

CASA volunteers feel that every child has a right to a safe, nurturing home that will meet their basic needs. CASA volunteers speak for these children in the court system and work with others to achieve the best outcome possible for these children.

We don't know yet what will happen to these three

children but we do know that their CASA volunteer will ensure that their needs are met and issues addressed in as fast a manner as possible.

This CASA volunteer wants to see all three of these children succeed in their lives and be happy, caring, productive adults.

Your support of the United Way helps these volunteers achieve these goals. More importantly, it helps these children have an advocate in the court system who will speak for them. Please support the United Way.



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## Fiery three-vehicle crash kills 10

SHERMAN (AP) — Five members of a North Texas family and five people traveling in a pickup truck were killed when their vehicles were struck by a tractor-trailer rig that had veered across a median into oncoming traffic, authorities said.

The victims of the Monday afternoon crash included three McKinney children, ages 8, 3 and six weeks, Sherman Fire Capt. Doug Blackburn said. They were riding with their mother and grandmother in a sport utility vehicle that burned beyond recognition after being hit by the tractor-trailer rig.

The tractor-trailer's driver and two adults in the pickup were hurt, authorities said. No identities have been released, and no conditions were available for the survivors.

Authorities did not immediately know what company owned the tractor-trailer rig or what caused the driver to cross the median. Blackburn said the trailer appeared to be empty. There were no signs on the side of the trailer.

Seven people were in the pickup truck, including some who were riding in its bed, Blackburn said. Some of the occupants, including the driver, appeared to be Mexican Nationals.

The SUV was crushed and its license plate and vehicle identification number were destroyed in the fire. Authorities were unable to

identify its occupants until a McKinney man came to the scene saying his family hadn't returned home that evening, the Sherman-Denison Herald Democrat reported in its Tuesday editions.

"The tractor-trailer rig and the SUV caught fire. It's really hard to tell one from the other," Sherman Police Capt. Otis Henry said.

Because of the condition of the SUV, police were not releasing the family members' names until positive identifications are made.

Well into Monday evening, emergency officials continued to search for remains after setting up lights to illuminate the wreckage, which was strewn

across both of the south-bound lanes.

While the tractor-trailer rig and remnants of the SUV rested on the grassy shoulder of the roadway, the pickup truck with its cab crushed and partially draped with tarps rested askew a short distance away.

The pileup closed a section of the highway's south-bound lanes for much of the night. A Sherman police dispatcher said the highway was reopened early Tuesday.

Two of the injured were taken to Parkland Hospital in Dallas and one to a hospital in Sherman.

The wreck occurred on the southern edge of Sherman, which is about 60 miles north of Dallas.

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**THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS**

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married for 13 years. During that time, my husband, "Newton," has had several affairs, but I forgave him and we managed to patch things up.

Around 1995, I noticed a change in Newton's sexual behavior. Porno magazines began arriving and charges showed up on our credit card for sexual sites on the Internet. I thought about leaving, but by then we had two daughters.

I recently went to visit my parents in another state for a weekend. It was the first time since our marriage that I went alone. While I was gone, Newton bought some kind of sexual-enhancer vitamins for women. We've always had an active sex life, and I didn't think I needed enhancers.

One morning I drove our girls to school, and when I returned home to do the breakfast dishes, I found "stuff" floating in the coffee pot. I confronted Newton. At first he denied it, but eventually he admitted that he had crushed two of the vitamins and put them in the coffee -- after conveniently getting himself a cup first.

I have lost 17 pounds since then without trying. My doctor can find nothing wrong with me. I now wonder what Newton will do next, but honestly, nothing would surprise me anymore. My world revolved around him. I love him, but I know I am no longer IN love with him.

Abby, I came from a broken home. I never wanted that for my children. Newton knows this, and I think he uses it to his advantage. I am only here because of our children and because I'm not sure I have the confidence to start over.

—TIRE D OF PLAYING THE FOOL IN COLORADO

**DEAR TIRE D:** For the sake of your health and sanity, it's time to separate and get some counseling. The coffee in your house isn't the only thing that's toxic. The alternative to finding the confidence to start over appears to be hiring a food taster.

It's a toss-up whether your husband is so hooked on pornography that he is out of touch with reality -- and therefore expects you to perform with the abandon of a porn star -- or whether he is totally without empathy for others. Either way, you and the girls will be safer away from him.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Do you think it is possible to lead a happy, fulfilled life if you never fall in love with someone and have a lasting relationship? I have a good job, own my own home, have many wonderful friends, and I know I should not feel empty because I don't have a relationship -- but I do.

— LONELY IN TEXAS

**DEAR LONELY:** Of course it's possible. But not if the person is preoccupied with what he or she "might" be missing. What comes to mind are people who dedicate their lives to animals, various causes, and those who enter religious orders.

Since you would like to have a relationship, it's time to expand your circle of friends and activities and go online to see if you can find someone compatible. But please bear in mind that there are worse things than being alone, and one of them is being married to the wrong person.

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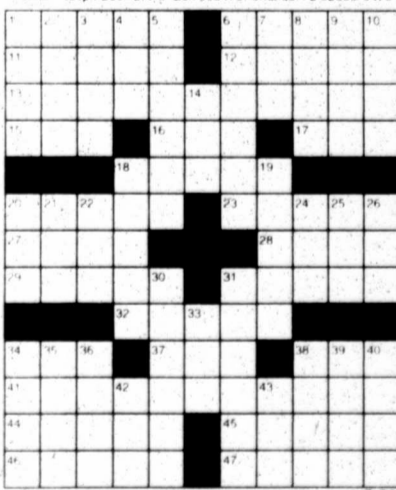
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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  - 28 Floor square
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  - 14 Clamor
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  - 19 Showed sudden interest
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  - 22 Central
  - 24 Young argument
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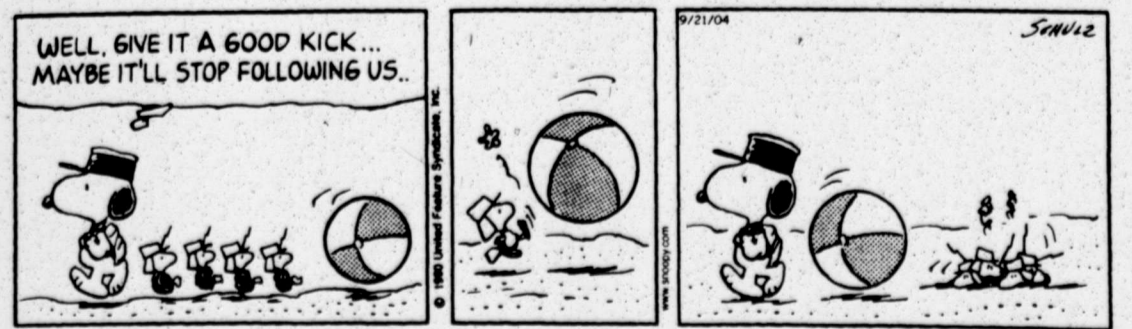
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# Sports Day

## Pampa tennis team faces Randall tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa Tennis team takes to the courts tonight in a district opener against Randall. Matches to begin at 4 p.m. at Pampa High School.

The team comes off a tough outing against Canyon and Lubbock Coronado last weekend. Canyon downed the Harvesters 12-7 Saturday morning, while Lubbock Coronado defeated Pampa 18-1 in the afternoon matches. The lone win coming off the racket of Tanna Stowers who took Vanessa Molinna, 6-1, 6-1.

## Big 12 players of the week

DALLAS (AP) — Darren Sproles of Kansas State, Texas A&M's Erik Mayes and Darrent Williams of Oklahoma State were named Big 12 players of the week Monday.

Sproles ran for a school-record 292 yards and one touchdown in Kansas State's 40-20 win over Louisiana-Lafayette. The performance was his second 200-yard rushing game of the season.

The senior also had 53 return yards and 6 receiving yards to finish with 351 all purpose yards. That mark broke his old school record of 345 set in the 2003 Big 12 Championship game. He

is now No. 1 in the nation in kick return average with 38.5.

Mayes had 10 tackles, including one for a loss, a key fourth-quarter interception and a pass deflection in Texas A&M's 27-6 win over then No. 25 Clemson. The freshman also had two punt returns for 58 yards.

Williams picked up his second consecutive player of the week honors for his work in Oklahoma State's 59-7 win over SMU. His 162 punt return yards were a career high. He averaged 32.4 yards on five returns and had a long return of 47 yards. He also had three tackles, a 53-yard fumble return and a pass breakup.



The Pampa Lady Harvester volleyball team is, from left to right, back row- Jackie Gerber, Britteni Rice, Jaclyn Spearman, Kendall Stokes, Jackye Barber and McKinsie East. Middle row- Alyssa Bromwell, Wendi Miller, Jennie Rogers, Lindsey Ammons and Teryn Garner. Bottom row- Nicole Clark and Lauren Winkelman.

## Lady Harvester volleyball team meets Lady Raiders in district opener tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvester Varsity and Junior Varsity volleyball teams begin district play tonight at home as they host the Lady Raiders of Randall. Action to get underway at 6 p.m.

Coach Shannon Stroud's Varsity club went 16-6 in the preseason and looks ready to compete for district honors. "I am really excited about tonight's match. It is the beginning of district and I feel we are ready," Stroud said.

Randall started the season strong, but is coming off some tough outings in recent weeks against both Amarillo High and Tascosa. When asked how her team matches up with the Lady Raiders, Stroud replied, "It will be a tough match, but I feel we match up to Randall pretty well."

What can Stroud and her team take from the preseason

and transfer to districts? "I take the matches we have already played and see what needs to be improved on and then make adjustments. I don't ever dwell on any matches. What is in the past stays there, and we move on to the next game. We never look ahead though, always just what is in front of us," said Stroud.

*'It will be a tough match, but I feel we match up to Randall pretty well.'*

— Shannon Stroud  
Head Coach, Pampa Volleyball

Stroud, when asked for her thoughts entering tonight's district opener said, "Randall is a great team and is very solid, but they are beatable. So we just have to come out on top tonight and find their holes. We have to come out strong and stay strong the whole match." Stroud added, "We have been struggling with staying on top of our game throughout the whole

match and that is something we must do in order to make it to playoffs."

Pampa is anchored by seven seniors who provide experience and leadership that could lead the team deep into the playoffs this year.

## Jones out with broken shoulder

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The first NFL game for Dallas Cowboys rookie running back Julius Jones will also be his last for quite a while.

Jones broke his left shoulder blade during a 19-12 victory over Cleveland on Sunday. He won't need surgery, but he's expected to miss about two months.

"I'm sad to lose the player," coach Bill Parcells said. "I'm more sorry for him."

Former Cowboys star Emmitt Smith missed seven

weeks last season with the same injury. Cornerback Shawn Springs was out five weeks for Seattle last season after breaking a shoulder blade in the final preseason game.

Jones already was battling a rib injury that kept him out of the preseason finale and the opener. He made his regular-season debut in the first quarter Sunday and his excitement showed — a nice cut to the right side was wasted when he fell, gaining just 1 yard.

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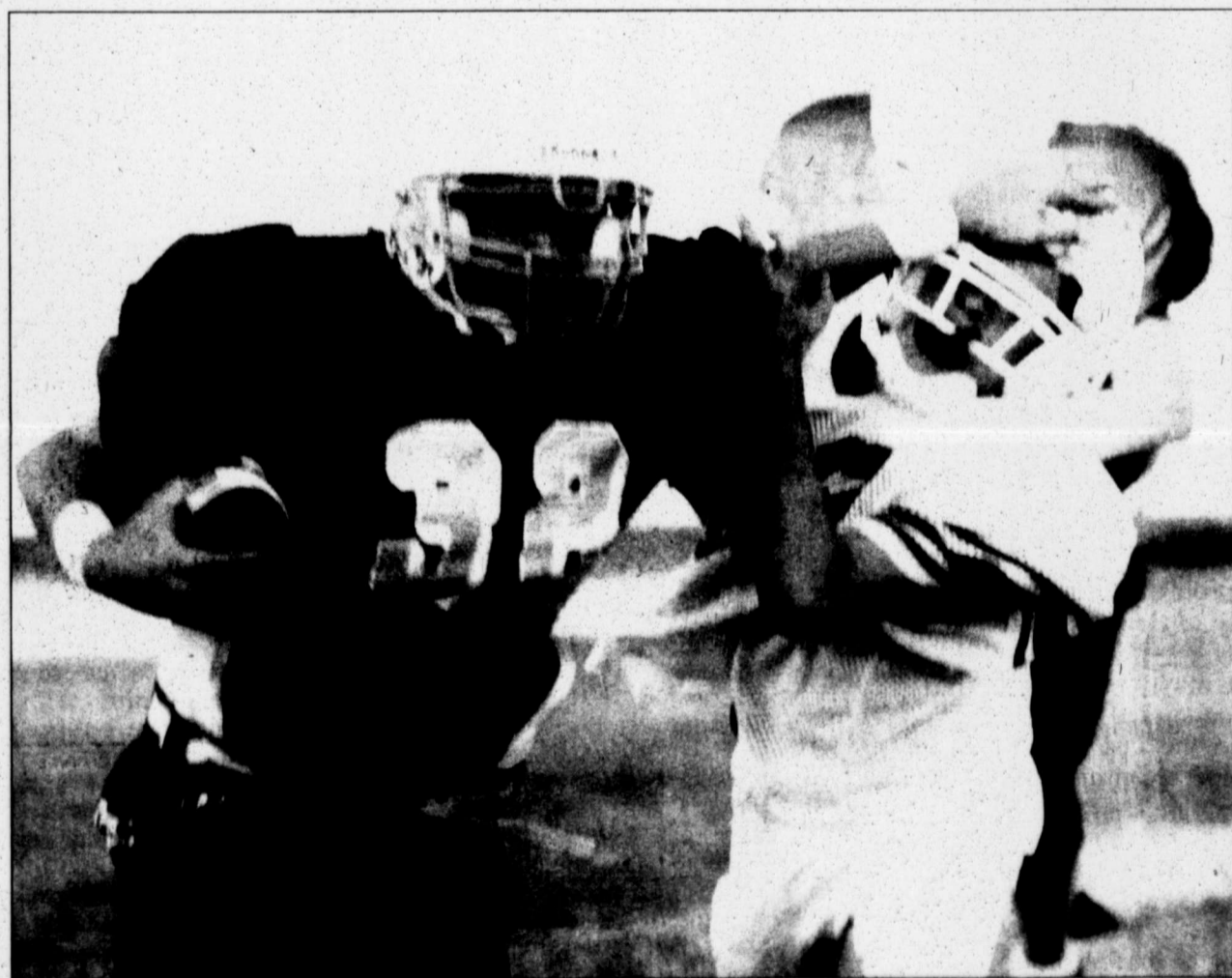


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Pampa 7th grade player Braden Hunt, #32, applies a stiff-arm to a Hereford defender during a run in last week's game.

## 7th and 8th grade teams in action tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School Varsity and Junior Varsity teams are off this week getting ready for their district openers against Plainview next week. But there is still Pampa football to be played.

The 7th and 8th grade teams are in action

tonight, the Freshman team visits Hereford on Thursday.

The 7th grade teams are on the road at Canyon. The B-team takes the field first at 5 p.m., followed by the A-team at 7 p.m.

The 8th grade teams are at home tonight hosting Canyon. The B-team kicks-off at 5 p.m., the A-team at 7 p.m.

## Texans master losing formula

By MARK BABINECK  
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — It's not yet time to hit the panic button. The Houston Texans might start looking for it, though.

Less than two weeks ago, sugar plum visions of a 2-0 start were dancing in their heads with supposed paties San Diego and Detroit leading off the schedule.

Now Houston is 0-2. If Texans brass considered reaching an 8-8 mountain-top in its third season, then they're still sitting at base camp, and the summit is looking farther and farther away.

Where is that pesky button? Far less talented versions of the Houston Texans went into their first two games as decided underdogs but came out 1-1 after winning the opener each time.

This time, the Texans were slight favorites in the opener and lost 27-20 at home against the rebuilding San Diego Chargers. Then they went to Detroit as slight underdogs and came away with the same result, by a 28-16 score.

Now it's on to Kansas City, where the winless Chiefs also are looking at Sunday's game with Houston as a

must-win.

Another loss would mean an 0-3 record heading into the meat of the schedule. Maybe then it would be time to dial "P" for panic.

But not yet. "You like to win the winnable games. That's the thing," said David Carr, who has played two efficient games despite totaling three interceptions and just one passing touchdown. "You'd like to think these were for us."

They might well have been winnable. They definitely were losable, as the Texans proved.

Here's the proven game recipe for 0-2: Have your tailback lose two fumbles, throw at least one interception, give up too many third-down conversions and — when you get the ball in the fourth quarter — don't do anything with it.

The Texans spiced up their second loss by giving up a 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, but other than that the script played out pretty much the same both times.

"If you turn the ball over three times on offense, if you can't get off the field on third downs on defense and if you give a kickoff return up for a touchdown, you're not going to win football games," coach Dom Capers said.

## Corrections

It has come to our attention that we have been misspelling Cameron Seger's name in stories regarding PHS Varsity football. We apologize for the error.

It has also been brought to our atten-

tion that the photo in last Tuesday's Sports Day was inadvertently identified as Meagan Crawford. It should have been identified as Rachal Nunn.

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1. Object of the game is to amass as many of the 136 possible points as you can. Simply review the week's schedule of games, listed in entry form and decide which game you are SUREST of picking a winner in. Write the name of your projected winner on the 16-point line and so on down to the 1-point line, which game you figure to be a loss. **NOTE:** In Tiebreaker 1, the total points scored by both teams in the week's designated game. If this step fails to produce a winner, the judges will apply Tiebreaker 2, total offensive yardage from scrimmage in this game. If a winner still doesn't emerge, a drawing will be held among those contestants still tied. Decisions of the judges are final. The weekly South/West regional winner will receive \$1,000.

3. Entries that fail to forecast a winner from each and every game will be disqualified, as will entries that fail to distinguish between the Jets and Giants of New York and other similar teams.

4. No points are awarded on tie games or in case any game is not played for any reason during its scheduled week.

5. Entering POWER POINTS constitutes permission by contestant for his or her name and photograph to be used for news and reasonable promotional purposes at no charge.

6. Employees of this newspaper and their immediate families are ineligible to participate.

7. Any inquiry about a protest of weekly results must be made by noon on the Friday following the announcement of winners.

8. No purchase necessary. Facsimile game entry forms will be accepted. Enter contest by dropping entry form into POWER POINTS container at participating co-sponsors.

9. Weekly deadline for entry will be 2 p.m. Fridays except when noted otherwise on weekly entry form.

10. Neither this newspaper nor any co-sponsor will be responsible for illegible entry forms or those lost, stolen or damaged in any way.

11. Limit: one entry per person per week. Each entry must represent the original work of one entrant; group entries, systems or other attempt to enter multiple entries will be disqualified. Filing out extra forms and putting your friends and relatives names on them violates this rule. Any such entries are destroyed prior to grading.

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