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## Mail changing letter policy

by Cloy A. Richards
The United States Supreme Court's decision last heek forced this paper to review and change our Letter to the Editor Policy
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broadcast will be considered in ruling on libel. That may not seem like such a big deal to you, but if you have ever written a Letter to
thought about it, it will effect you.
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standing
Our current Letter to the Editor policy does not allow any editing or deletion of phrases or
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of the responsibility of the content of the letter laid with the writer of the letter. Here is the catch. Let's say that ol John Q. Public
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libel damages, from the writer of that letter. He would also be awarded libel damages from th person that published the letter.
Under the old libel laws, a newspaper publisher
could get hauled into court and asked why his newspaper published a particular statement, the publisher replied it was an editorial decision and that was that.
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Tecisions made by newspapers now are under judicial scrutiny.
So we are forced to change our Letter to the signed with an address given. All letters will be
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In the opinion of this newsp
Court should either refuse to consider legal action agatnst the media or re-write the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The so called rights of a free
press are being diminished with each case that effects the print media.
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any type of government, state county or local control. However, today's press is falling under the control of fewer and fewer people.
The days of the independent
The days of the independent newspaper are groups, or chains as they are called in the business, are buying more and more newspapers every week. Arizona Congressman Morris Udall has submitted a
bill that would limit the number of newspapers an organization can own.
Most newspaper professionals oppose any type of
government intervention into the affairs of the media. But if those newspaper professionals don't do something about the demise of privately owned newspapers, governmental control may be the only
alternative to save the independence that made the American Press what it is today.
We could go on all day criticizing the Supreme court for it's recent rulings concerning the media,
Wedition. just wanted you to know how last week's ruling will affect those out there in newspaper land that
write those Letters to the Editor. Don't let the policy scare any of you from voicing your opinion when you
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Merkel school superintendent Dr. Raymond




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（Submitted）The Fourth
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| Grade class at Trent has | class．Our class has |
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| ing dinosaurs，hairy | and our teacher brought |
| mammoth，and the | a Japanese doll and a |
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| learned how scientists | with a Japanese Temple |
| discover important facts | design cut into the glass． |
| from fossils and skele－ | We also used a prism in |
| tons of these animals． | Science to separate the |
| Several students have | of the sun＇s rays． |
| een fossils in museums． | This has been an excit－ |
| In art，we have been | ing week for us with lots |
| aking tissue butter－ | of new and exciting |
| flies for spring．The | experiences．We have |
| butterflies are very | begun using simple frac－ |
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| Our Easter egg hunt | and most of us are doing |
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provide refreshments． the prize children found veryone really had an
First graders have
been watching the news on television and listens
on ing to it on the radio and
reporting about current events．We＇re learning mare about the world
around us． seond Grade
Second Grade
（Submitted）The Second Grade welcomes a new Grade welcomes a new
student $t$ h is week，
Martha Wood tary have been busy as
bees．The Easter Egg
have been witin poems and illustrating worked hard at improv－ ing our cursive writing． changuage has been a graders，as we have been working on story
telling paragraphs and teling paragraphs and explaining paragraphs．
Indent is one of their
new words． In Reading we got
In new supplementary
readers．We are reading a story every night．Also
we have been working with SRA quite a bit． We＇re learning various
new skills every week new skills every week，
such as contractions， syllables，word mean－
In Art，we all made a
paper－filded boat．They
all turned out great
straight．Also，we people in our folders．
One person draws the head，covers it：the next
person draws the to person draws a boly
covers it，and the la person draws the feet．
Then the person is un－
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1st, 2nd and 3rd grade news

## 4th and 5th grade news

Fourth Grade
(Submitted) The Fourth
Grade is excied about
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$\begin{array}{llll}\text { having a new student. } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Poetry } \\ \text { Kate Wood came to us }\end{array} & \text { Interpretation. } & \text { unit this week. Reports } \\ \text { Hector }\end{array}$ egal notice

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District Court, Taylor
Count, Texas. at the
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Greg Beasiey hands off to Richerd Boaver in the to better their time this weekend during the
Sprint relay at Robert Lee. The pair, along with regionai meets at McMurry. Pre-lims begin at 2:00
Richard's brothers Gilbert \& Herbert will be trying

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| First Grade |
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| (Submitted) The First |
| Grade class at Trent has |
| been studying about ani- |
| of long ago, |
| ing dinosaurs, hairy |
| mammoth, and the |
| learned how scientists |
| discover important facts |
| from fossils and skele- |
| tons of these animals. |
| Several students have |
| seen fossils in museums. |
| In art, we have been |
| making tissue butter |
| flies for spring. The |
| butterflies are very |
| colorful. |
| Our Easter egg hunt |
| as held Friday after- |
| noon, April 13, and |
| ery child found a |
| sketful of eggs |
| dy. We wish to thank |
| mothers who helped |
| eggs and to |
| ref |
| Several children found |
| the prize eggs, and |
| everyone really had an |
| exciting time. |
| First graders have |
| watching the news |
| television and listen- |
| ing to it on the radio and |
| reporting about current |
| ents. We're learning |
| mare about the world |
| around us. |
| Second Grade |
| nitted) The Second |
| comes a new |
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| Martha Wood fro |


| We now have four girls and eleven boys in our class. Our class has been studying about Japan in Social Studies and our teacher brought a Japanese doll and a cut glass perfume bottle with a Japanese Temple design cut into the glass. We also used a prism in Science to separate the colors of the sun's rays. This has been an exciting week for us with lots of new and exciting experiences. We have begun using simple fractions in our math book and most of us are doing well with this new concept. <br> Third Grade <br> (Submitted) The Third Grade at Trent Elementary have been busy as bees. The Easter Egg hunt was a success. Kim Orr (with a hurt foot) found the most eggs, and Tammy Collier, Michael Boyd, Shirley Jackson, and Lloyd Patterson tied for the least number of eggs. Tami Neff in first grade found the golden egg, and Tracie Russell, Kim Orr and Cookie Renfro found the money eggs. We would like to thank the mothers who helped and served the refreshments. <br> In Handwriting, we |
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