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Skywarn session scheduled today from 7 to 9 p.m.

The Big Spring Amateur Radio Club and the National Weather Service in Midland are sponsoring a Skywarn Weather Spotting Training Session today from 7-9 p.m. in Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room.

Pat Vesper, a meteorologist from the National Weather Service in Midland, will conduct the informal class. Questions will be encouraged during the training session which is free and open to the public.

Anyone interested in learning more about severe weather is encouraged to take part. For more information, call Vesper at (915) 563-5006 or Chris Churchwell at 268-7389.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

↪ Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

THURSDAY

↪ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.

↪ Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

↪ The Coffee Club will meet at Gale's Sweet Shoppe at 10 a.m.

↪ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith.

↪ Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.

↪ Christmas in April board of directors meets at noon in the bingo building, 1607 E. Third.

↪ American Legion Auxiliary No. 506, 6 p.m., 3203 West Highway 80.

↪ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main. Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

↪ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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Grouting at junior high seems to be working, McQueary says

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

William "Bill" McQueary, Big Spring Independent School District superintendent, may have some good news to report on the board on Thursday.

"The compaction grouting is continuing, and we have



MCQUEARY

seen some appreciable lift in some areas," McQueary said of efforts to shore up the new Big Spring Junior High School, which was discovered to be sinking soon after students moved into the building in the fall of 1999.

Compaction grouting took place late in 1999, but the company was called back last month.

According to McQueary, Hayward Baker is reporting a one-inch lift in east gym floor and about a quarter-inch lift in the east wall.

Also reported from the survey is a .02 rise in the southeast corner, McQueary said.

"The process is still on going, and we are very encouraged about this, especially after the last six weeks," he said.

McQueary also reported that the BSISD lawsuit filed in 2000 against Terracon Consultants in 118th District Court is proceeding although slowly.

"The lawsuit is proceeding but the discovery process is slow," he said.

"All the parties involved are now a part of the lawsuit,"

According to McQueary, the engineering firm Huckabee and Associates, along with Trinity Engineering, the company that tested and poured the foundation, and Monterey Construction have been brought into the proceedings.

BSISD is seeking payment for all past and future damages to the building, as well as interest, attorneys' fees and court costs.

Terracon Consultants,

headquartered in Lenexa, Kan., was the firm hired by the district to determine if the soil at the site was suitable for construction of the junior high building. The suit charges that in 1996, Terracon reported it had found the site to be suitable. However, it has since been determined that the a canyon once existed on the site.

The board meets at 5:15 p.m. in the Big Spring High School board room.

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Record sales for record jackpot

Outlets struggle to handle surge as lotto payout hits \$77 million

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

Tonight's record Texas Lotto payoff has Crossroads area outlets scrambling and in some cases hiring temporary help to handle the extra customers as Texans take their shot at winning \$77 million.

Customers started buying tickets early today at Town & Country Food Stores on Lamesa Drive, said the manager Kathy Ramirez.

"They started buying them at 6 this morning," she said. "I am not expecting it to get busy until tonight."

"We usually have two people working on Wednesday but I wish we would have put an extra person on all this week," said Cindy Redding, owner of Big Mike's Liquor Store on the Snyder Highway. "We started out first thing this morning (Tuesday) selling tickets and it has been steady all day. One person came in this morning and bought 650 tickets for a group of people in a pool."

Peggy Mentel, manager of Skinny's Convenience Store in Colorado City, said sales have increased consider-



Dorothy Harris, manager of the East Fourth Fast Stop, sells lottery tickets to Andrea Mills as son Steven Mills looks on. Mills hopes to be the big winner in the record \$77 million jackpot tonight. The store last produced a winner in 1995.

ably this week.

"We have picked up sales immensely already," said Mentel. "We have doubled our normal daily sales of tickets. We have an extra person on duty just to help take care of the lottery tickets."

The majority of customer buying lotto tickets at Wesson Road Grocery are opting for the cash option.

said owner Pennie Smith.

"It has been really busy today," she said. "They are buying in larger quantities. Instead of buying \$5 worth, they are buying \$50 or \$100 at a time."

Smith expects the bulk of the business to hit tonight and is staffing extra people.

Dorothy Harris, manager of the East Fourth Street Fast Stop, is expecting a

record number of lottery tickets to be sold.

"We have already sold as much today (Tuesday) as we normally do on a Wednesday," said Harris. "We will put on an extra person to handle the extra sales load we are anticipating. We hope to sell another winning ticket here like we

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Trial

Jury finds defendant not guilty of indecency

HERALD Staff Report

A seven-woman, five-man jury deliberated for about two hours Tuesday in 118th District Court before returning a not-guilty verdict against 66-year-old Raymond Wesley Christian.

Christian had been accused of sexual indecency of his 6-year-old step-granddaughter.

The prosecutor, Assistant District Attorney Robin Orr, called three witnesses to the stand during morning testimony. They were Big Spring Police Detective Jim Ryder, who investigated the allegations; the 6-year-old girl; and the girl's 22-year-old mother, who testified that comments from her daughter about playing sex were what initiated the investigation.

Defense attorney Wayne Frost of Midland called Mary Christian, the defendant's wife, to the stand. She testified that her daughter-in-law said that if she and the defendant would move, she would make all the allegations go away.

The defense rested its

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Drama bunch wins awards, but puts play dates on hold

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

It was a good news-bad news situation for Howard College theater instructor Clay Grizzle on Monday.

The good



GRIZZLE

news first.

The cast and crew of the one-act play "A Circle on the Cross" which performed last weekend at Tarleton University in Stephenville came back with several awards.

Among the news was that two of the actors, Dusty Osborn and Ben Solis, both won acting awards. In addition, Osborn was given an award for set design.

If that wasn't enough,

Osborn so impressed the judges that they created and gave Osborn a new award for work as both an actor and a set designer, an accomplishment seldom, if ever, heard of before, said Grizzle.

Now for the bad news.

Presentation of the two one-act plays, "A Circle on the Cross" and "Breakdown," that were originally scheduled to be performed Thursday, Friday

and Saturday has been rescheduled for March 22, 23 and 24.

Grizzle also announced a change in one of the characters of the play "Breakdown."

"We had to make a change in the character of John Bridgman," said Grizzle. "Brandon Johnson, a former student here, will now be playing that part. We are thrilled to have someone of his capability to be able to

come in and help us with such short notice. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused but it was due to reasons beyond our control and we hope everyone will understand."

The play will still be presented at 8 nightly at the auditorium at Howard College.

We still plan on giving the performances in the

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Rain in the forecast tonight and Thursday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Rain is expected to make another visit to the Crossroads area tonight and Thursday, bringing potentially up to an inch and half of moisture.

"There is near 100 percent chance of rain for the Big Spring area tonight," said Brian Curran, meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Midland.

According to Curran, an upper level storm system is expected to move over the West Texas area tonight, increasing low-level moisture and bring potential rain and thunderstorms.

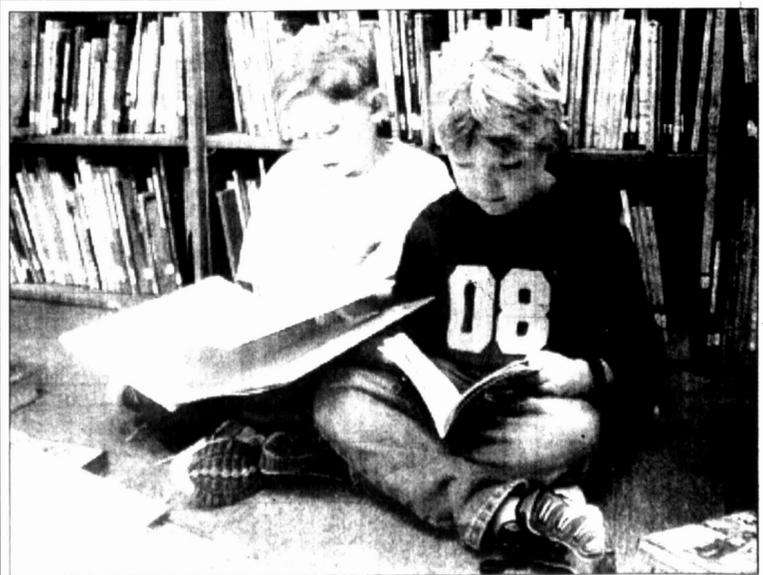
"Some areas may see an inch to an inch and half before the rains end sometime tomorrow," Curran

said. Curran predicts the rain may end by late Thursday with cloudy days on Friday and Saturday.

A low-level storm may again enter the Crossroads area late this weekend, bringing potential rain for Sunday and Monday, he added.

Currently, Curran said the weather service is not predicting severe storms, though some may bring small hail. Winds are predicted to stay around 10 to 20 miles from the east and northeast tonight and Thursday, he said.

The last recorded rain fall for the Crossroads area was on March 1 bringing .12 of an inch. The total rainfall so far this year is at 2.51 inches.



Seven-year-olds Seth Yarbor, left, and Stormy Emery, Marcy Elementary first graders spend a few moments reading during Marcy's stop, drop and read event on Tuesday. Marcy, like other local schools, is participating in Texas Public Schools Week.

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OBITUARIES

Helen Josephine Shaffer Talley

Funeral service for Josephine Shaffer Talley, 90, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. Talley died Tuesday, March 6, 2001, in Easley, S.C.

GROUTING

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Also on the agenda, the board will consider:

- approval of text books
- approval of budget amendments
- approval of bids for athletic supplies and equipment.

TRIAL

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case at approximately 3 p.m. and the verdict was returned just before 5.

Orr said he could not make any comment on the case due to an impending indictment on the defendant pertaining to the same girl.

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did a few years ago."

Mary Emerson, a cashier at Buffalo Country Fina, said Tuesday she hasn't seen that big of an increase in sales but is expecting that to change today.

"I have been working by myself and people have been very patient with me so far," said Emerson. "We have had some group ticket sales of two and three hundred dollars. Hopefully someone will win with all those tickets being sold."

Bill Teichman, manager of the Star-Stop #8, said that his lottery ticket sales have been steadily increasing for more than a week now.

"We have seen a steady increase even before last Saturday's drawing," said Teichman. "We are not able to put on any extra help so we are handling it by ourselves. I hope someone wins though, especially if it is me."

Lottery sales for the drawing end at 10 p.m.

Staff Writer Lyndel Moody contributed to this report.

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auditorium as one last hurrah," said Grizzle, noting the facility will soon be undergoing a complete renovation. "And now with the extra accolades given at the competition, it should make everyone want to see it that much more."

Cast members of "A Circle on the Cross" are Osborn, Solis, Kim Lepard and Rau Stech.

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act play "Breakdown," in addition to Johnson, are Stephanie Guzman, Josh Hadley and Urica Humphries.

Cheney's surgery said to be successful

WASHINGTON (AP) Vice President Dick Cheney was released from the hospital Tuesday, a day after undergoing a surgical procedure to repair a damaged artery.

The vice president walked out of George Washington University Hospital, shook hands with his doctors and was driven away. "Good," he said in response to a reporter's shouted question about how he felt.

Cheney was up about 7 a.m. and was "antsy" to leave, said senior aide Mary Matalin. Three sets of cardiac enzyme tests showed no damage to Cheney's heart muscle, and "multiple EKGs have been unchanged," she said.

Speaking to reporters, President Bush said he last talked with the vice president Monday night, and Cheney told him he felt great. Asked if Cheney should cut back on his duties, the president said no, because "he is needed. This country needs his wisdom and judgment."

Bush said there is no question that Cheney is fit to continue serving as vice president. "Thanks for asking. I don't think that he needs to cut back on his work," Bush said in a brief question-and-answer session.

He said Cheney is the kind of person who "listens to his body" and takes care of himself when he is not feeling 100 percent.

Cheney will rest at home and likely will return to work later this week, said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

"No restrictions have been placed on his work," Fleischer said. He said President Bush had not spoken with Cheney about his work schedule, but the president "expects him to follow his doctor's orders."

The procedure Cheney underwent Monday was prompted by "a common complication" of his prior heart procedure, not a progression of heart disease, Matalin said.

Cheney should be able to continue in his job unimpeded by his latest heart problems, doctors say, shrugging off any suggestion that he should curtail travel or his intense workload.

He was given some tough news after he had an angioplasty to unclog a coronary artery Monday. Even if he sticks to his no-beef diet and rigorous workout regimen, there is a fair chance he will be back in the hospital facing the same trouble soon, his physicians said.

Cheney has had four heart attacks, the first when he was 37. In 1988, he had quadruple bypass surgery to clear clogged arteries.

Cheney, who has declined to release his full medical records, seemingly has lost some weight in recent weeks, but aides won't say how much — or how much he now weighs. He exercises regularly on a treadmill and has been skipping sweets, aides said.

Men rescued after 46 hours in Gulf waters

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Three men rescued after 46 hours in chilly, storm-tossed seas say their prayers — and dentures they used to collect rainwater for drinking — helped sustain them.

"Never for a second did I

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
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263-1211

ever have the idea that we wouldn't make it," said 66-year-old Lew Lipsit of North Fort Myers.

Lipsit, his 37-year-old son, Bill, of Niagara Falls, Ontario, and family friend Neal Obendorf, 38, of Venice, remained hospitalized for dehydration and hypothermia Tuesday after being rescued from a failed diving expedition in the Gulf of Mexico.

Through a weekend sea storm, Lew Lipsit said, he kept the group supplied with safe drinking water by removing a denture, turning it upside down and using it to catch rainwater.

"Keep a good attitude and you can do anything," Lipsit said.

On Saturday, the three set out from southwestern Florida aboard Obendorf's mid-size speedboat.

They were in water 60 feet deep when the weather worsened and they decided to turn back, Lipsit said. They stayed a little longer to let Obendorf make a couple more dives.

As the storm approached, the boat began taking on water. By the time it was noticed, the batteries were submerged, leaving them without power. Obendorf surfaced as the vessel capsized, leaving the three pitching in the rough seas.

They salvaged bumpers, life vests, air tanks and rope and made a raft. The sea turned even rougher as the storm moved in, and they battled 8-foot waves.

The men drifted in various stages of consciousness.

15-year-old gunman's shots called 'at random'

SANTEE, Calif. — The 15-year-old accused of killing two fellow high school students was an "angry young man," but apparently lashed out at no particular target, investigators said Tuesday.

Charles Andrew "Andy" Williams allegedly seemed to shoot at random. He expressed no remorse for Monday's shootings at Santana High School, Lt. Jerry Lewis said.

"We don't know if he was mad at the school, mad at students, mad at life, mad at home," Lewis said. "He was an angry young man."

Williams was a new kid in a large school, a child of divorced parents living with his father, a skinny freshman whose skateboard had been stolen — twice.

Over the weekend, friends say, Williams talked so much about taking a gun to school that they frisked him before class Monday. But he was known for pranks, and friends wrote off his comments as one of his frequent jokes.

The father of one friend even called Williams at home over the weekend to ask if there was anything to his talk of bringing a gun to school. He decided there wasn't.

No one seemed to believe the clean-cut kid, who was frequently teased, was capable of perpetrating the nation's latest high school blood bath.

The disbelief remained a day after the shooting, which left 13 others injured.

One victim, Barry Gibson, 18, said he was more perplexed than angry.

"I have no hatred because I don't know him," said Gibson, who was shot in the back of his left thigh when he ran back to help a friend. "I don't know what was in his mind."

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Williams is expected to be arraigned Wednesday as an adult on charges that include murder and assault with a deadly weapon.

Dressed in a baggy jail-issue jumpsuit that draped past his ankles, the teen stared at the ground as he was led into juvenile hall Monday by sheriff's deputies.

Bryan Zuckor, 14, and 17-year-old Randy Gordon were killed; 11 other students and two adults — a special education student teacher and a campus security worker — were wounded. Several had been released from area hospitals.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

THURSDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

FRIDAY

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•AA, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY

•Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Pain: Fibromyalgia/Fatigue/Fibromyalgia Syndrome, 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Contact Linda Hagler at (915) 520-3500.

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

SUNDAY

•AA, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

BRIEFS

55 ALIVE MATURE DRIVING Course will be offered Wednesday and Thursday, March 14-15, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Participants must attend both days, but those who complete the course usually qualify for a 10 percent reduction in insurance rates.

Cost of the class is \$10. Call 267-1628 for more info.

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RAPE CRISIS/VICTIM SERVICES

is planning a program, "April Awareness: Everyone Has a Role," for April 4 on the Howard County Courthouse lawn. They are asking people who have been victims of violent crime to contact the office if they would be interested in taking part in the event. Among observations planned are a parade with law enforcement.

Call the RC/VS office at 263-8312 for information.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

TO ORGANIZE A TEAM

for Relay for Life, the community-wide campout that is a fund-raising event for the American Cancer Society, call Linda Billington at .99-4408, or Gloria McDonald at 263-1234. Relay is planned May 11-12 at Blankenship Field and 65 teams are expected to participate.

THE UNITED GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION, will hold sign-ups from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 3rd, 10th and 17th at the Big Spring Mall.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) volunteers have been trained by the Internal Revenue Service and will be preparing 2000 Income Tax Returns for individuals beginning Monday, Feb. 5, and each Monday until April 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

This is for all citizens, and there is no charge. Please bring your tax booklet received from the IRS, all W-2s, 1099s and other documents received showing 2000 income as well as your 1999 Income Tax Return. If you cannot come at that time or need further assistance, please call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522, or the senior center at 267-1628.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Tuesday through 8 a.m. today:

• WILLIAM GROVES, 60, a transient, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and solicitation.

• DAVID WAYNE O'BRIEN, 21, of 5807 Walter Road, was arrested on local warrants.

• LARRY WAYNE WATKINS, 52, of 2201 Morrison, was arrested on Howard County warrants.

• JOSEPH MICHAEL KNOWLES, 19, of 801 E. 18th, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• CRYSTAL LEE CALDERON, 18, of 2412 Runnels, was arrested on a local warrant.

• JACQUELYN RAY BROWN, 19, of 1200 Scurry, was arrested on local warrants.

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Compaq	21.8 -37
Cornell	7.72 +07
Dell	26 1/8
Du Pont	46.76 +73
Exxon Mobil	83.86 +26
Halliburton	43.18 +33
IFCO Systems	3, nc
IBM	106.9 +9
Intel Corp	32 1/4 +1
NUV	9.35 +04
Patterson Ener	40 1/2 + 1/8
Pepsico Inc	46.75 +1.08
Phillips Petro	56 +58
SBC Comms	44.03 -1.98
Sears Roebuck	40.15 +28
Texaco Inc	68.61 +71
Texas Instrument	34.65 -1.45
TXU	41 +13
Total Fina	71.61 -47
Unocal Corp	37.61 +72
Wal-Mart	50.16 +61
Wal-Mart/Mexico	24 1/2 -24 1/2
AMCAP	17.52 +19
Europacific	30.49 +36
Prime Rate	8.5 %
Gold	259.25-262.15
Silver	4.36-4.43

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

7:45 a.m. — 800 block of Anna, medical call, service refused.

8:35 a.m. — 2000 block of Virginia, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

10:03 a.m. — 800 block of Marcy, medical call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center.

2:30 p.m. — 1700 block of Morrison, medical call, one patient transported to SMCC.

6:36 p.m. — 2000 block of Main, traffic accident, service refused.

7:53 p.m. — 2300 block of Wasson, medical call, one patient transported to SMCC.

11:22 p.m. — 1800 block of Mittel, medical call, one patient transported to SMCC.

8:28 p.m. — Oasis Road, trash fire, extinguished.

RECORDS

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Census

WASHINGTON Demographers predicted that the Hispanic population would soon be the nation's largest group. New figures from the 2000 census show the Hispanic population closer to becoming the nation's largest. The Hispanic population numbered roughly 35 million in 2000, or 12 percent of the total population, the Census Bureau said. The population, meanwhile, is projected to reach 36.4 million by 2005, with the Hispanic population projected to reach 40 million by 2010. The Hispanic population is projected to reach 45 million by 2020, with the Hispanic population projected to reach 50 million by 2030.

Parents

NEW YORK (AP) A British couple can sue an international airline for a battle over twin girls promised to appeal a court ruling that nullified their adoption. If the couple wins, the girls, then 10, should go to another country rather than their mother or father. Judith Kilshaw told News "The Early News" "We haven't seen our children and we haven't seen both of the biological parents have done."

Investment crash

CORPUS CHRISTI The crew of a helicopter that crashed August heard a sound and attempted to land the aircraft, according to a National Transportation Safety Board investigation.

The investigation released in January released this week the crew and superintendent of responsibility for the crash of the "Dragon" from Marine Station Corpus Christi. The crash of the "Dragon" from Marine Station Corpus Christi placed the blame on a defect in the craft.

According to the hearing on the helicopter crash, the swashplate did not function and caused the crash. The swashplate allows the rotor to spin above the helicopter. "All of the sudden was an explosion next thing I remember being in the water," said Airman R. Palyo. "I saw the aircraft and it was up on it."

Lt. Shawn J. Edward Fassnacht, Officer 1st Class Paschal and Petty Officer 2nd Class David L. died in the August crash. Petty Officer Jeremy Yaklin was injured.

The crash led to

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Census: Black, Hispanic populations nearly equal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Demographers have long predicted that the fast-growing Hispanic population would soon become the nation's largest minority group. New figures from the 2000 census show that is closer to becoming reality.

The Hispanic population numbered roughly 35.3 million in 2000, or about 12.6 percent of the country's 281 million people the Census Bureau said. The black population, meanwhile, ranged between 34.7 million and 36.4 million, with the exact figure uncertain yet because Americans, for the first time, were allowed to check off more than one race on the 2000 census

form. Bureau officials and outside analysts warned Tuesday that the figures, released in a Census Bureau report last week, may not be final, and could change because of ongoing study. The Census Bureau is expected to offer more detail on the nation's racial makeup next week, including information on other race groups.

The population numbers for Hispanics, especially, surpassed previous projections, exploding 58 percent since 1990. One bureau estimate had placed the Hispanic population in November 2000 at 32.8 million — 2.5 million less than

the actual 2000 census figure, which is officially tied to April 1, 2000.

"Hispanic" is considered an ethnicity, and Hispanic people can be of any race. Therefore, it is unclear yet whether Hispanics are officially the nation's largest minority group, since data showing how many blacks were specifically "non-Hispanic" is not yet available.

A wide discrepancy also existed between the 2000 census number for Hispanics, a second figure derived from a Census Bureau follow-up survey that estimated the undercount for race groups, and a separate demographic

analysis typically performed to measure census accuracy.

That discrepancy was part of the reason why the Census Bureau recommended that the actual census count — and not one adjusted using statistical sampling — be used as the official numbers for political redistricting.

Commerce Secretary Don Evans backed that recommendation Tuesday, with the first set of redistricting numbers based on unadjusted data to be sent out Wednesday.

The overall national population figure of 281 million released in December was more than 5 million higher

than a previous estimate. Part of the reason, the bureau has said, is that it may have done a better job than expected in counting undocumented immigrants, including newly arrived Hispanics. Immigrants were one of the targets of a massive bureau outreach campaign last year to increase participation.

Overall, the Census Bureau estimated a net national undercount of 1.2 percent, or 3.3 million in 2000.

While 34.7 million people marked only "black" on their form, an additional 1.7 million classified themselves as black and another race.

Mystery 'IT' is a scooter powered by hydrogen

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Inventor Dean Kamen's mystery invention, dubbed "IT" or "Ginger," is a two-wheeled, hydrogen-powered scooter that is emission-free, according to Inside magazine.

"Ginger represents the first generation of a new mode of transportation that will compete with and possibly replace automobiles," the magazine said. "The ramifications of a 'hydrogen economy' would be profound on everything from the environment to the energy business to global politics."

The magazine, the biweekly sibling publication of Inside.com, said Tuesday it used corporate surveillance experts to uncover details on the invention. The issue hits newsstands this week.

Kamen has refused to discuss the project, saying he will not reveal what IT is until next year.

Some of the financial world's biggest names, like Steve Jobs of Apple Computer Inc. and Jeff Bezos of Amazon.com, have offered financial support and say the invention will change transportation.

Kamen created a company called ACROS to specially build the "motorized, self-propelled, wheeled personal mobility aides, namely wheelchairs, scooters, carts and chariots." Such devices presumably would draw on the development of the I-bot, a mechanical wheelchair that can drive through sand and climb stairs, created by Kamen and his medical-research firm.

Parents in Internet adoption case vow to appeal court ruling

NEW YORK (AP) — The British couple caught up in an international custody battle over twin 8-month-old girls promised Wednesday to appeal a court ruling that nullified their adoption.

If the couple can't have the girls, the children should go to another family rather than their biological mother or father, Alan and Judith Kilshaw told the CBS News "The Early Show."

"We haven't sold them and we haven't said they're not our children, which both of the biological parents have done — not once,

not twice, three times and over — so maybe biological parents aren't always best to bring children up," Judith Kilshaw said.

The Kilshaws adopted the girls in Arkansas on Dec. 22, setting off a dispute with an American couple who had also tried to adopt the children through the same Internet broker.

An Arkansas judge said Tuesday that neither the Kilshaws nor the American birth mother, who put them up for adoption, met Arkansas' 30-day residency requirement. As a result,

the Arkansas courts had no right to grant the adoption, Pulaski County Probate Judge Mackie Pierce said.

Pierce also recommended to British courts that the children be returned to the United States for further proceedings on who should get custody.

"Let the courts decide as quickly as possible," said Alan Kilshaw, wearing a tie with an American flag design.

The twins are now in foster care in Britain.

Richard and Vickie Allen of Highland, Calif., say they

paid a \$6,000 fee to a San Diego-based Internet adoption broker. They say they had custody of the girls for nearly two months and were in the process of legally adopting them when the children were taken to Arkansas by Tranda Wecker, the twins' birth mother.

The Kilshaws say they paid a \$12,000 fee for the same children and adopted them from Wecker in Little Rock. Wecker, who lives in St. Louis, used the address of an Arkansas aunt for the adoption.

Both the Allens and Kilshaws, as well as the girls' now-separated biological parents, Tranda and Aaron Wecker, are seeking custody.

Aaron Wecker told "The Early Show" that he is pursuing custody because the situation has changed since he first agreed to give up the girls.

"I was OK with an adoption. I wasn't OK with the madness that came out of the adoption," he said.

He said he could raise the girls because his life was more stable now.

Investigation blames crash on copter defect

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The crew of a Navy helicopter that crashed in August heard a loud bang and attempted to fly back as the aircraft fell apart, according to a Navy investigation.

The investigation, completed in January and released this week, cleared the crew and support personnel of responsibility for the crash of the MH-53E Sea Dragon from Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, and placed the blame solely on a defect in the craft.

According to the report, a bearing on the helicopter the swashplate bearing did not function properly and caused the crash.

The swashplate bearing allows the rotor blades to spin above the helicopter.

"All of the sudden there was an explosion and the next thing I remember was being in the water swimming," said Airman Shawn R. Palyo. "I saw a piece of the aircraft and I crawled up on it."

Lt. Shawn Jacobs, Lt. Edward Fassnacht, Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey Paschal and Petty Officer 2nd Class David Rutherford died in the Aug. 10 crash.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeremy Yaklin and Palyo were injured.

The crash led to a ground-

ing of Sea Dragons in the U.S. military, which have since been refitted with new bearings and a monitoring system that keeps track of the vibrations and heat emanating from the bearing, Navy officials said.

"We hope to ensure that the problem has been corrected and this won't happen again," Mike Mauss, a public relations specialist with the Naval Air Force Atlantic Fleet, told the Corpus Christi-Caller Times in Wednesday's editions.

The aircraft had logged a little more than 10 hours of flight time since the bearings in the swashplate gear had been inspected. Inspections are required every 25 flight hours.

After the accident, the Navy grounded its fleet of 43 MH-53s, used for mine sweeping operations and 165 CH-53s, used by the Marines for transport.

After the bearings were replaced and the monitoring units installed, flights at the Naval Air Station resumed in December, said Cmdr. Bob Riehl, commanding officer of the Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron 15.

"There was no hesitancy to get back," Riehl said. "They all know the risks they are taking."

Father barred from matches after biting incident

BENSALEM, Pa. (AP) — A father allegedly bit a coach during a fracas that broke out after his 7-year-old son lost a wrestling match.

The bite caused an injury that required a tetanus shot and antibiotics, said Paul McGarrigle Jr., the coach who was bitten. The father has been barred from attending matches held by a youth wrestling club in this Philadelphia suburb.

The altercation happened during a recent contest between the Bensalem Youth Wrestling Club and

the Neshaminy Wrestling League. When a Bensalem wrestler won the match, the father confronted a referee and said the winning move was against the rules.

The man started shouting and left the gym after coaches said the pin was allowed, but he returned a short time later and a shoving match ensued, McGarrigle said. During the struggle, the father bit him, he said.

"He just put his head down and bit me and broke the skin," McGarrigle said. "I was hurt, and I could not

go back to work that day."

The father then made an obscene gesture in front of the coaches and the other children, Bensalem police said.

Police would not release the father's name because no charges have been filed, though they could be brought later.

Judge lays down law for Napster

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge Tuesday laid down the law to Napster, saying that once the recording industry comes up with a list of copyright songs it wants removed from the music-swapping service, Napster will have 72 hours to comply.

The order effectively gives the recording industry control over the immediate fate of the Internet music service that lets computer users download popular songs for free.

Meanwhile, Napster was hit on another legal front Tuesday when the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, the producers of the Grammy Awards, filed a copyright infringement suit.

Napster is fighting to stay

online and retain its popularity while promising to shift over to a subscription-based service that charges listeners and pays royalties to artists. For that, it needs the cooperation of the music labels that sued Napster for copyright infringement.

The academy's suit mirrors the ones filed by the recording industry. The academy is seeking to prohibit Napster from allowing its millions of users from downloading and sharing recordings of live performances aired at last month's 43rd annual awards show.

The academy said it owns the rights to the works and has applied to copyright the material. Some of the recordings appeared on Napster immediately after the Feb. 21 broadcast.

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At left, Kimberly Gonzales and Dominique Baxter make crafts during Kids Club at First United Methodist Church on Tuesday. Above, clockwise from left, Jonathan Williams, Allen Rice, Austin Vallmont, Zach Flournoy and Anthony Islas play a game.

Kids 'take over' FUMC every Tuesday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

On Tuesday afternoons, First United Methodist Church has gone to the kids.

That is to say dozens of fun-loving, eager elementary students take over church classrooms for Kids Club, a program designed to teach them Bible stories while they make crafts, sing and snack.

"We had a consultant come to the church in the fall of 1999," explained Pam Steel, one of a team of six organizers who got the project going in January. "It was one of the ideas he gave us."

Now the program serves an average of 60 youth from the community, including those in first through fifth grades. They are picked up at Big Spring elementary schools and brought to the church, where they stay until 5:15 p.m.

In between, they are divided into age groups for lessons, activities and fun. Steel said volunteers from the congregation teach the classes,



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen
From left, singers Mildred Sandridge, Mikall Grissom, Janinne Berry and Katie Stutz "cast" their fishing poles during a song about Jesus. Each age group at Kids Club has a time for music, along with crafts and snacks.

including several working people who take time off from their jobs or rearrange their schedules to fit.

There is still room for more kids in the "Zone," Steel said. Parents who want to register their elementary students can stop by the church at

400 Scurry and sign them up. The program will continue until May 15, take a break for the summer and pick up again in the fall.

"It's a wonderful outreach," Steel said. "It takes the work of a lot of committed people."

Do you read the fine print?

The most important four words for a consumer to remember are: "Read the fine print!"

"Fine print" usually explains warranties, return policies, liability waivers, services fees, charges and other obligations for both the buyer and the seller.

It may be at the bottom of a contract or on the back of an invoice, but it's there. And it's important because it

outlines the limitations and conditions that affect your rights and responsibilities. But fine print isn't always considered when making a purchase. Unfortunately, we tend to read the advertising and the big print and we often miss the legal disclosures. Because of the size of the print and the way it's written, it may also be very confusing for many people to understand. As a result, you may not get the "deal" you thought you were getting.

Consumers need to be cautious about the following:

- Memberships in mail-order clubs or health clubs. The incentives may sound good — and so are the intentions — but canceling may

Unfortunately, we tend to read the advertising and the big print and we often miss the legal disclosures.

be impossible.

- "Free" computer offers that include fee-based Internet services. The cost of the service may be much greater than the value of the computer and charges may be associated with disconnecting the service.

- Limited time offers with little or no interest. In some cases, very high interest rates from the date of purchase may be charged if the buyer doesn't pay off the entire balance by the time the offer ends.

- Unsolicited invoices from magazine companies. Subscription may be started automatically if consumers do not respond and cancel the order.

These are just a few of the situations we can get into if we fail to read things carefully before we sign. We may be able to go to court and recover our money, but that can be expensive and time-consuming. It's much better if we prevent the problem before it starts.

Dana Tarter is Howard County Extension Agent — family and consumer science.



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Auction raises money for AIDS fight in Africa

NEW YORK (AP) — Mel Gibson's sword from the movie "Braveheart" sold for \$170,000 during an auction that raised a total of \$406,850 to help millions of African children fighting the AIDS virus.

The bullwhip used by Harrison Ford in all three of Steven Spielberg's "Indiana Jones" films brought in \$74,000. And Liam Neeson's light saber used in "Star Wars: Episode 1 — The Phantom Menace" sold for \$54,000.

All of the items were sold at Sotheby's in an auction initiated by Neeson, who founded "Movie Action for Children" through the United Nations Children's Fund.

The actor said recently that many of the items sold Tuesday were donated by Hollywood celebrities who never intended to part with the pieces.

For example, Indiana Jones' bullwhip was donated by Spielberg, and the light saber was donated by "Star Wars" filmmaker George Lukas.

A photo of Audrey Hepburn in a Faberge frame, said to be one of Hepburn's prized possessions, sold for \$50,000.

Julia Roberts' bridal gown from "Runaway Bride" raised \$16,000, the Grinch outfit worn by Jim Carrey sold for \$7,000, and the trench coat worn by Michael Caine in "Hannah and Her Sisters" sold for \$3,500.

All proceeds from the

Sotheby's sale will go directly to UNICEF's efforts to prevent mother-to-child HIV transmission in Zambia,

Zimbabwe and Ivory Coast. The auction house waived all commissions for the fund-raising sale.

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IN BRIEF

Big Spring golf team places at invitational

The Big Spring golf team traveled to Andrews Friday and Saturday. The boys team captured 10th place among a field of 24 teams.

The Steers were led by Jerrod Simmons who finished with a two day total of 154. Isaac Willborn followed with 155, Ryan Rodriguez added a score of 160. Will Conley was next in line with 171 and Mario Rodriguez finished with 174 over the two days.

The Steers next tournament will be in San Angelo beginning Friday.

Little league baseball umpires needed

The Little League Umpires Association is looking for anyone interested in umpiring baseball games this season.

The first meeting will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at the American Little League field.

For more information, call David Roman at 263-1631 or 263-4688 after 6 p.m. or Don Hogan at 267-7421 or 394-4938 after 6 p.m.

Coahoma UGSA now registering players

Registration for the Coahoma UGSA are set to begin at 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the community center and throughout the month of March on the following dates: March 19, 20, 22, 24, 31.

Any sign ups after March 24 will be considered late sign ups and go in the draw rather than the draft.

Jackalopes present community night

The Howard County Community Night is scheduled for Saturday.

The Jackalopes will honor Big Spring fan Carroll Jennings that evening when they take on the San Angelo Outlaws.

Tickets are available at a discounted price.

For more information contact Carroll Jennings at 263-7331.

Men's industrial league meeting

Those interested in helping start a men's industrial softball league are asked to attend a meeting set for 7 p.m. Thursday on the second floor at John Wesley's.

Organizers will be discussing rules, fees and any other ideas about the league.

AREA GAMES

TODAY

JUCO SOFTBALL

1 p.m. — Howard College Lady Hawks at Odessa College Lady Wranglers.

ON THE AIR

Radio

JUCO SOFTBALL

3 p.m. — Howard College Lady Hawks at Odessa College Lady Wranglers, KBST, 1940 AM

Television

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men
11 a.m. — Villanova vs. West Virginia, ESPN, Ch. 30
1 p.m. — Seton Hall vs. St. John's, ESPN, Ch. 30
6 p.m. — Pittsburgh vs. Miami, ESPN, Ch. 30

NBA

7 p.m. — Sacramento Kings at Phoenix Suns, TNT, 28
8 p.m. — Toronto Raptors at L.A. Lakers, TNT, 28

Lady Hawks return to Region V tourney in search of gold

By KAMILAH WARD
Sports Writer

Deja vu. Howard College's Lady Hawks have qualified as the Western Junior College Athletic Conference's (WJCAC) second seed for the Region V tournament which begins Thursday at the United Spirit Center on the campus of Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

It is the second straight year Howard's women have entered Region V play as the WJCAC's runner-up to a nationally-ranked Midland College Lady Chaparrals squad.

Last season the Lady Hawks finished the regular season with a record of 23-7 and faced McLennan from the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference in the tournament's opening round.

The Hawks promptly rolled to an 80-34 win over the Highladies, the No. 3 seed from the NTJCAC, in that first round game.

This time around, the timing and the setting are the same. But this time, Grayson County's Lady Vikings, the team that eliminated the Lady Hawks in the second round of last year's tournament, will be the antagonist.

The Lady Hawks will square off against the Lady Vikes at 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

"Grayson is a lot like Midland in that they emphasize their post play," said Lady Hawks interim head coach Joey Wells.

Wells is no stranger to regional tournament play after being an assistant for Tommy Collins when the Howard men made a two-game Region V appearance last season.

The Hawks entered that tournament as the No. 1 seed but took an

early seat after falling short in the second round.

That experience, Wells said, means that anything can happen if the Lady Hawks play well this weekend.

"It's an exciting time for us," he explained. "The possibility is, if we show up to play, we can win."

The Lady Hawks are coming into tournament play after a dismal showing in their regular season finale against South Plains' Lady Texans at Levelland.

In the skeptic's eye, that showing would be detrimental for Howard's chances at regional after having a week off from competition.

But for the Lady Hawks it's just a matter of building some much-needed momentum.

"Offensively, if we do a better job at getting our scorers in position then we can go for the gold," Wells said.

Unfortunately, sophomore Koretha Johnson is still nursing a sprained ankle injury during the second half of the Lady Hawks' game at South Plains. She has been receiving treatment three times a week and hopes to be ready for the tournament.

Johnson was averaging a little more than 10 points per game and shooting 80 percent from the free throw line when felled by the ankle sprain.

If she is not ready to play Thursday, freshman Lindsey Smith may start in her place.

"She (Smith) has been practicing well all week for us," Wells noted. Smith could be a perimeter threat for the Lady Hawks if she produces the kind of marksmanship that saw her knock down six 3-pointers against Odessa Lady Wranglers in

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Members of Forsan's tennis team pose after having qualified for the state tournament to be held in Round Rock on Friday and Saturday. The team is headed by Coach Wendy Justiss who is in her third season. Front row, from left, are: Karissa Reed, Lacy Eggeston, Cashea Earls and Taylor Bristow. Middle row: Justiss, Holly Walker, Samantha Stapp, Amy Braddock, Megan Fishback, Brandy Keathley and Josh Gibson. Back row: Jarrett Hopper, Dustin Baker, Zack Johnson, Matt Reyna and Jonathan Becerra.

Forsan netters are state bound

By KAMILAH WARD
Sports Writer

With the Class 2A state tennis tournament just around the corner, Forsan's netters will be among the area teams that qualified for the trip to Round Rock this weekend.

The Buffs finished second in the Region I, Class 2A and under team tennis tournament sponsored by the Texas Tennis Coaches' Association in Midland.

In order to qualify for the state tournament, which will be staged Friday and Saturday, the Forsan team had to reach the finals of the tournament.

The Buffs did that by first defeating Reagan County's junior varsity squad, 10-0, and then eliminated Garden City's Bearkats, 10-3.

Reagan County's varsity Owls proved to be too much to handle in the championship round, but the second-place finish allows the Buffs to join the Owls and six other teams this weekend.

It has been six long years since the Buffaloes have qualified a team for the state tournament, and the much-awaited opportunity has been hard earned and fought for by the team's 15 members.

The team includes Dustin Baker, Jonathan Becerra, Amy Braddock, Taylor Bristow, Jarrett Hopper, Samantha Stapp, Zack Johnson, Karissa Reed, Matt Reyna, Holly Walker, Cashea Earls, Megan Fishback, Josh Gibson, Brandy Keathley and Lacy Eggeston.

"I am very proud of the kids," said Forsan coach Wendy Justiss, current-

ly in her third year at the Buffs' tennis helm. "There were several matches that were not going our way, especially against Garden City, but the kids dug deep and fought their way back to win. That is what I am proudest about — that we never quit swinging."

The team is using these last few days to prepare for the tournament by playing intra-squad matches.

"We want to concentrate on match play to eliminate some of the mental mistakes," Justiss explained.

The tournament brackets have not been set so the Buffs don't know as of yet who they'll face in the opening round of the state tournament.

Those brackets should be set tonight and first-round matchups are expected to be announced on Thursday.

Baylor advances with win

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The first round of the Big 12 women's tournament ended Tuesday with No. 24 Baylor advancing to the quarterfinals for the first time since 1997.

The sixth-seeded Bears are scheduled to play No. 13 Iowa State, which is seeded third in the tournament, on Wednesday. Also advancing to the quarterfinals is seventh-seeded Texas to face No. 11 Texas Tech, seeded second; fifth-seeded Missouri will play No. 20 Colorado, seeded fourth; and ninth-seeded Kansas will meet No. 7 Oklahoma, seeded first.

Baylor (21-7, 10-7 Big 12) opened the second half with 12 unanswered points and held Kansas State (12-16, 2-15) to just one field goal in the first 12 minutes of the Bears' 60-44 victory.

Sheila Lambert made a 3-point play with 5:27 left to give the Bears their biggest lead at 54-33.

Danielle Crockrom scored 19 points for Baylor. Kristen Rethman led the Wildcats with 12.

Texas guard Kaira White scored 20 points, 15 in the first half, to lead the Longhorns to a 77-60 win over Nebraska.

Texas (20-11, 8-9) led 39-23 at halftime. Then when the Longhorns had a 19-point lead, Nebraska (12-18, 4-13) went on a 9-0 run to cut the lead to 11 with 7:28 left in the game.

Texas scored six unanswered points to squelch the Husker rally, and give Nebraska its third straight conference loss.

Shannon Howell led the Huskers with 17 points.

Meanwhile, Missouri (20-8, 11-6) survived a second half Texas A&M rally to win 75-65 — the Tigers' third straight victory. Texas A&M (12-16, 2-15) has lost eleven straight.

Janae Derrick scored with 8:51 left to cap off a 15-

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Coahoma powerlifters qualify for state tourney

By KAMILAH WARD
Sports Writer

Four members of Coahoma's Bulldogettes powerlifting team have qualified for the state tournament set for March 16 in Killeen.

Although the tournament is a week away, the Bulldogettes, who will be on spring break next week, are anxiously awaiting the competition.

Every member of the team has worked hard all season placing in their different weight classes all year long, according to coach Coley Dobbs.

Among the four lifters that qualified for state were junior Kristy Kinard, junior Rachel Williams, senior Brandi Hart and sophomore Christy LaRue.

Hart and Williams are coming off of stunning performances after the Bulldogettes' run to the Region I, Class 2A regional basketball tournament.

Hart had a qualifying total of 625 pounds in the 132-pound weight class.

Kinard, who finished at the regional champion in the 148-pound division, qualified with a three-lift total of 655 pounds.

Williams finished as Region I's second seed in her division, lifting a total of 585 pounds in her 114-pound weight class.

LaRue finished in the third slot in the super heavy weight class at the regional meet.

She qualified for state competition with a grand total of 780 pounds in three lifts.



Coahoma Bulldogettes powerlifters pose after attending the Region I, Class 2A meet. Four of the lifters qualified for the state tournament to be held in Killeen. From left are: Cristy LaRue, Rachel Williams, Tasha Mitchell, Jamie Hoover, Kristy Kinard and Brandi Hart.

The top 25 teams Associated Press' men's basketball poll, with first-place parentheses and records Feb. 25:

1. Stanford (70)
2. Michigan St.
3. Duke
4. Illinois
5. Florida
6. North Carolina
7. Iowa St.
8. Arizona
9. Kansas
10. Boston College
11. Maryland
12. Virginia
13. UCLA
14. Mississippi
15. Kentucky
16. Oklahoma
17. Syracuse
18. Georgetown
19. Notre Dame
20. Texas
21. St. Joseph's
22. Wake Forest
23. Wisconsin
24. Ohio St.
25. Fresno St.

The top 25 teams Associated Press' women's basketball poll, with first-place parentheses and records March 4:

1. Notre Dame (33)
2. Connecticut (5)
3. Tennessee (2)
4. Georgia
5. Duke
6. Louisiana Tech
7. Oklahoma
8. Rutgers
9. Purdue
10. Vanderbilt
11. Texas Tech
12. Xavier
13. Iowa St.
14. Utah
15. Florida
16. SW Missouri St.
17. Iowa
18. LSU
19. N.C. State
20. Colorado
21. Penn St.
22. Washington
23. Clemson
24. Baylor
25. Wisconsin

BASEBALL

American League
ANAHAIM ANGELS — A terms with 3B Troy Glaus year contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — terms with C Josh Phelps. Thompson, INF Ryan Freel, Izturis, C Jason Werth, George Perez on one-year. Options C Josh Phelps, Lawrence to Syracuse International League.

National League
CINCINNATI REDS — Sign Morris to a minor league contract.
COLORADO ROCKIES — terms with CF Juan Pierre.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — RHP Seung Lee and RHP minor league contracts.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Assoc.
NBA — Freed Los Angeles Greg Foster \$5,000 and Golden State Warriors C Marc Jackson \$3 million in a March 4 game.
NEW YORK KNICKS — A Felton Spencer from the Atlanta Hawks. Placed C Luc Longley on the list.



SPORTS EXTRA

TOP 25 - MEN

Table listing top 25 men's college basketball teams with records and rankings.

TOP 25 - WOMEN

Table listing top 25 women's college basketball teams with records and rankings.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Agreed to terms with 3B Troy Glaus on a four-year contract.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Table showing NBA Eastern Conference Atlantic Division standings.

Central Division

Table showing NBA Eastern Conference Central Division standings.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Table showing NBA Western Conference Midwest Division standings.

Pacific Division

Table showing NBA Western Conference Pacific Division standings.

Tuesday's Games

Minnesota 95, Charlotte 89
New York 97, Indiana 83
Chicago 87, Cleveland 74

Today's Games

Washington Wizards—Placed G Chris Whitney on the injured list.
Signed G David Vanterpool.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Acquired QB Eric Zeier from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for an undisclosed 2001 draft pick.

BALTIMORE RAVENS—Agreed to terms with QB Elvis Grbac on a five-year contract.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Agreed to terms with DT Tony Williams on a four-year contract.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed LB Tejan Russell to a three-year contract.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed C Matt Birk, WR Joey Kent and C Mitch Palmer.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed LB Larry Izzo.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Agreed to terms with CB Alex Molden on a six-year contract.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS

Recalled G Gregg Naimenko from Cincinnati of the AHL.

ATLANTA THRASHERS

Signed LW Zdenek Batinz.

CALGARY FLAMES

Traded LW Bill Lindsay to the San Jose Sharks for a 2001 eighth-round draft pick.

EDMONTON OILERS

Signed F Sean McAslan to a three-year contract.

FLORIDA PANTHERS

Recalled D Mike Wilson from Louisville of the AHL.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS

Activated F Sergei Brylin from injured reserve. Placed F Sergei Nemchinov on injured reserve.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS

Signed LW Paul Reinhart to a two-year contract extension.

PHOENIX COYOTES

Recalled D Paul Mara from Detroit of the AHL.

Baylor 60, Kansas St. 44
Kansas 66, Oklahoma St. 56
Missouri 75, Texas A&M 65
Texas 17, Nebraska 60

Big East Conference

Championship

Connecticut 78, Notre Dame 76

Mid-American Conference

Quarterfinals

Kent St. 85, Ohio 78

Miami (Ohio) 91, Ball St. 88, OT

N. Illinois 89, Akron 47

Toledo 81, Bowling Green 63

Mid-Continent Conference

Championship

Oral Roberts 61, Oakland, Mich. 46

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

First Round

Bethune-Cookman 67, Coppin St. 65

Southeastern Conference

First Round

Louisiana Monroe 85, Nicholls St. 66

Northwestern St. 82, SE La. 60

Stephen F. Austin 79, SW Texas 42

Texas A&M 80, Lamar 59

Southern Conference

Championship

Louisiana Tech 67, Denver 55

Western Athletic Conference

First Round

San Jose St. 66, UTEP 55

NHL

Tuesday's Games

Buffalo at Boston, 6 p.m.

San Jose at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Dallas at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.

Ottawa at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.

Washington at Islanders, 6:30 p.m.

St. Louis at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Nashville at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Toronto at Calgary, 8 p.m.

Detroit at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Montreal at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Today's Games

Columbus at Carolina, 6 p.m.

Washington at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.

San Jose at Florida, 6:30 p.m.

Chicago at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Toronto at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

Montreal at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

NFL

Saturday's Games

San Francisco 39, Birmingham 10

Los Angeles 22, NY/NJ 7

Sunday's Games

Chicago 15, Las Vegas 13

Orlando 21, Memphis 19

Washington 46, Jacksonville 6

Las Vegas at Orlando, 8 p.m.

Chicago at Memphis, 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 11

NY/NJ at San Francisco, 4 p.m.

Los Angeles at Birmingham, 7 p.m.

STATE TOURNAMENT

Pairings for the UIL boys state basketball tournament in Austin begin this Thursday and continuing through Saturday.

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. — Class 1A Division II Final: Goodrich (34-2) vs. Nazareth (25-9)

10 a.m. — Class 1A Division I Final: Evadale (29-5) vs. Stratford (19-4)

2 p.m. — Class 3A Semifinal: Gainesville (23-10) vs. Mexia (31-2)

3:30 p.m. — Class 3A Semifinal: Dilworth (26-8) vs. Corpus Christi West One (32-3)

7 p.m. — Class 4A Semifinal: Dallas Lincoln (30-21) vs. San Antonio Lincoln (11-5)

8:30 p.m. — Class 4A Semifinal: Beaumont One (34-0) vs. Hereford (32-4)

FRIDAY

9 a.m. — Class 2A Semifinal

Grapeland (26-9) vs. Ponder (26-7), 11 a.m. — Class 2A Semifinal: Hale Center (29-7) vs. Danbury (27-8)

3 p.m. — Class 5A Semifinal: Bryan (32-3) vs. The Colony (32-1)

7 p.m. — Class 5A Semifinal: Sugar Land Willowidge (37-0) vs. Converse Judson (31-3)

SATURDAY

9 a.m. — Texas Cup: Class 1A Division I champion vs. Class 1A Division II champion.

10:30 a.m. — Class 3A Championship.

2:30 p.m. — Class 2A Championship.

4 p.m. — Class 4A Championship.

8 p.m. — Class 5A Championship.

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6. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$12,510; 7. Shane Hatch, Fruitland, N.M., \$11,910; 8. Scott Johnson, Mustang, Texas, \$11,564; 9. Bobby Harris, Gillette, Wyo., \$8,530; 10. Bubba Paschal, Laporte, Texas, \$7,806

BARREBACK RIDING

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4. Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., \$19,683; 5. Kelly Wardell, Bellevue, Idaho, \$17,245; 6. Mark Gaines, Nickerson, Kan., \$16,930;

7. Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, \$15,807; 8. William Pittman II, Florence, Miss., \$14,991; 9. Joe Ketter, Roy, Wash., \$12,855; 10. Jasso Jetter, Fort Worth, Texas, \$11,892; 11. Rocky Steagall, Clovis, Calif., \$11,776; 12. Forest Bramwell, Pagosa Springs, Colo., \$11,735; 13. Wendell Corliss, Butte, Ore., \$11,572; 14. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, \$11,313; 15. Marvin Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.D., \$9,602; 16. Ian Layne, Waco, Texas, \$8,982; 20. Cody Jesse, John Day, Ore., \$7,446

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Cowboys nearing Thursday deadline on Aikman's deal

IRVING (AP) — A decision on Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman's future is on the fast track, with the team reportedly only days away from having to pay him a multimillion-dollar roster bonus.

A source told The Dallas Morning News on Tuesday the Cowboys have not yet submitted any paperwork to the National Football League's Management Council that would allow the club to change the contract's original language.

The pact provides for Aikman to receive a \$7 million roster bonus on Thursday, the seventh day of the 2001 league year.

The team can release Aikman, pay him the bonus that will extend his contract through 2007 or change the contract's language to extend the deadline.

Cowboys owner and general manager Jerry Jones and Aikman's agent, Leigh Steinberg, had been discussing an agreement that would have put off until June a decision on the 34-year-old quarterback's future.

Meanwhile, the Cowboys have been proceeding as if Aikman would not be their quarterback for the first time since 1989. Veteran Tony Banks, who started eight games for the Super Bowl champion Baltimore Ravens, worked out for the club and met the coaching staff and team officials Tuesday.

The Cowboys have also spoken with Octagon's Michael Sullivan, representing Trent Dilfer, who led Baltimore to a victory over the New York Giants in Super Bowl XXXV.

In the first of several NFL stops for Banks.

BIG 12

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3 run that cut a 15-point Tiger lead down to three, 51-48. But Tracy Franklin hit a 3-pointer to ignite a 9-0 Tiger run.

Marlena Williams had 18 points for Missouri and Toccara Williams had 19 for the Aggies.

Kansas (11-16, 5-11) beat Oklahoma State 66-56, after falling behind briefly in the second half before using a 10-0 run to go up by nine with 14:37 left.

Oklahoma State (14-13, 6-10) cut the lead back to four before the Jayhawks answered and stretched the lead to 15.

Jennifer Jackson scored 19 points for Kansas and Oklahoma State's Kara Faulk had 17 points.

LADY HAWKS

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January. If the offensive sets aren't there for the Lady Hawks, a full court diamond press may be in the works.

In comparing Grayson County to Midland, Wells said guard play will make or break the game for either team. If the Lady Hawks can control the guard play, they can control the tempo of the game.

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remaining payments.
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for
Thursday, March 8, 2001:
Popularity mounts this
year, bringing opportunity
with it. Often, you might
not be sure about which
direction you want to go.
As you juggle different
thoughts and feelings, you
need to decide what your
heart feels and then follow
through with it. You might
often have difficulty
expressing your affection
and caring. Deal carefully
with joint finances and any
money agreements. If you
are single, within a year a
major relationship will
enter your life. Be open to
what is possible. If you are
attached, you need to walk
in your sweetie's footsteps
more often.

Treat another to dinner.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Aim to clear out work,
even though you could easily
be overwhelmed by what
others drop on you.
Everyone knows just how
capable you are! A family
member could be irritated
by your lack of attention or
time. Tonight: Make peace.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
** Slow down, please, and
avoid decisions. Your ruling
planet, Venus, does a
planetary skid during the
next few weeks. You could
feel as if you are out of
sorts. Give yourself time
and space to recenter.
Postpone any important
personal changes. Tonight:
Vanish while you can.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Your need to stay
focused increases, and so
does your caring. A loved
one might be uncomfortable
or difficult now.
Understand where he is
coming from. Your understand-
ing goes a long way in
helping others during the
next few weeks. Tonight:
Join your friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21)
**** Take charge and run
with a changing situation.
Though others seem ready
to pitch in and help, you
could hear a different tune
by the end of the day. Work
with others' foibles. Refuse
to get tense when you can't
accomplish all that you
want. Tonight: Work late, if
need be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19)
**** Do needed research
and ask questions. Don't
put anything on the back
burner that should be han-
dled immediately. Your
energy sometimes overpow-
ers others. Recognize another
for what he offers. Don't
lose your temper in frustra-
tion. Tonight: Relax and
watch a favorite TV show.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
18)
**** Listen carefully to
another. Brainstorm together
and make the most of a
sudden opportunity. Your
sense of humor comes
through for you in a diffi-
cult moment. Friends might
make a demand you cannot
meet because you have
other obligations. Tonight:
Take a night off.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20)
**** Defer to others and
maintain your sense of
direction. Others are play-
ful, and they mean well.
Use care with money agree-
ments made today.
Someone could reverse a
decision from out of the
blue. A boss or authority
figure becomes irate.
Tonight: Let others talk.

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New guardian of disabled sister wants family support
Dear Ann Landers I am a 44-year-old single woman. My mother passed away three weeks ago and named me the legal guardian for my disabled 39-year-old sister, "Susie," who has Down's Syndrome. (My father died many years ago.)
I feel honored that my mother trusted me enough to do this. Susie lives at a residence for disabled adults not far from my home. It was my mother's wish that Susie remain there. It is a wonderful residence, and Susie has a life full of social activities and work opportunities.
I have three brothers and two sisters, all living within two hours of Susie's home. The residence strongly recommends family outings, and my mother used to pick up Susie on the weekends and bring her home for a couple of days. We all tried to see her and called often. Since my mother's death, however, it seems some of my siblings are complaining that it is too time-consuming to take care of Susie on the weekends or drive to the residence and visit with her. I cannot spend every weekend with Susie because of my job, and I am upset that my siblings are not doing their share. I love Susie, but I cannot handle caring for her by myself. When I agreed to become her guardian, I expected help from my brothers and sisters and was disappointed when it was not forthcoming.
I do not want to nag my siblings about taking Susie, nor do I want to be a martyr and suffer in silence. Since this is a new responsibility for me, I am eager to do it correctly from the start. What do you suggest?
Another Anne from Chicago
Dear Anne: You are the designated "saint" or "victim" in the family, whichever way you decide to view it. There is little you can say or do to change the way your siblings choose to honor or ignore their obligation to your sister. Just be grateful Susie is in a place that takes good care of her and that she is happy there. Spend as much time with her as you can manage, and periodically remind your siblings that Susie misses them and would like them to visit.
You have a right to feel good about the way you are conducting your life, and as for your siblings - what goes around, comes around.
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ANN LANDERS

WEDNESDAY MAR. 7

	KMID (2)	KPEJ (3)	KERA (5)	FAM (6)	KOSA (7)	WFAA (8)	KWES (9)	WTBS (11)	UNI (13)	DISN (14)	NASH (15)	TMC (18)	SHOW (20)	HBO (22)	KMLM (24)	A&E (25)	DISC (26)	TNT (28)	TLC (41)
	Midland	Odessa	Dallas	Dallas	Odessa	Dallas	Midland	Atlanta	Spanish	Premium	Nashville	Premium	Premium	Premium	Odessa	New York	Discovery	Atlanta	Learning Ch.
6:30 PM	News (CC)	Cosby (CC)	Arthur	Two of a Kind	News	News (CC)	News	Fresh Prince	Carta de	Movie: Up	Miami Vice	Dog Day	..	Renaissance	News	Law & Order	Wild	Pretender	Medical
7:30 PM	Be a Millionaire	TV Guide Awards (CC)	Rick Steves Live	Movie: The Truth About	Best Friends	Be a Millionaire	Ed (CC)	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	Abrazame	Movie: (CC)	Martial Law (CC)	..	Movie: Sleepless in	..	Light of the Southwest	Biography (CC)	Pentagon	NBA Basketball	Space
8:30 PM	Drew Carey Spin City (CC)	Cats and Dogs	Movie: Love and	Drew Carey Spin City (CC)	West Wing (CC)	WCW Thunder	Mi Destino	Treehouse	Movie: The Minus Man	Sopranos (CC)	..	American Justice (CC)	Nero's Golden House	mento Kings	Star Fleet
9:30 PM	Once and Again (CC)	Arrest & Trial Nanny (CC)	..	Freaks and Geeks	..	Once and Again (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	..	En las Mejores Familias	(10) Movie: Squanto: A	Soldiers (CC)	..	Soul Food (CC)	..	Hour of Healing	Investigative Reports (CC)	Deadline Discovery	Suns (CC)	Hubble Telescope
10:30 PM	News (CC)	Jerry Springer (CC)	..	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	P. Impacto	Warrior's Tale (CC)	Magnificent Seven (CC)	(9:55) Movie: One Tough	Resurrection Blvd. (CC)	On the Record (CC)	News Life in Word	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	ball Toronto Raptors at Phoenix	Space Junkyard
11:30 PM	Politically Inc Cheers	Blind Date Suddeny	Improve Your Life Using the	Who's Boss? (37) Late Late	Show (CC) (37) Late Late	Ent Tonight Politically Inc	Show (CC) (37) Late	WCW Thunder	?A Que No Te Atreves?	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Miami Vice (CC)	Cop (CC) (25) The	Movie: Trauma	Movie: Striking Church	Promise Church	Biography (CC)	Pentagon	Los Angeles Lakers (CC)	Star Fleet
12:30 AM	Pad Program	Judge Brown Cops (CC)	Wisdom of the Ages	Guthy Renker Pad Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	(12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Frasier	..	Manmar	Walt Disney Presents	Starky and Hutch	Killer Eye (40) To Sleep	..	(CC) (45) Movie:	Faith Pleases God	American Justice (CC)	Nero's Golden House	NBA Movie: Split	Hubble Telescope

DENNIS THE MENACE

THE '60s
3-7-01

"DON'T BE RIDICULOUS, DENNIS! YOU KNOW VERY WELL WE CAN SWITCH TO ANOTHER CHANNEL!"

FAMILY CIRCUS

3-7

"I can't hear the ocean in this shell anymore. I think the batteries are dead."

HAGAR

I GO TO SEEK REVENGE ON THE FRENCH!

WHAT GOT DADDY SO MAD AT THE FRENCH?

A PLATE OF BAD SNAILS

BLONDIE

DO YOU HAVE ROGER'S THESAURUS?

IT ISN'T ROGER'S THESAURUS! IT'S ROGET'S THESAURUS!

IT IS?

WELL, YOU'D BETTER TALK TO ROGER, HERE... HE THINKS IT'S HIS!

IT IS MINE!!

B.C.

Dear Miss know-it-all,

WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO CRITICIZE THOSE OF US WHO WANT TO DO AWAY WITH A STUPID, OUTDATED DOCUMENT LIKE THE CONSTITUTION?

HOW DARE YOU USE YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO QUESTION MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO CRITICIZE YOUR RIGHT TO DO AWAY WITH MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS?

MISS KNOW-IT-ALL

GEECH

IT'S FOR YOU.

TELL THEM I'M NOT HERE.

I'M NOT GOING TO LIE FOR YOU!

THEN GIVE ME THE PHONE AND I'LL LIE FOR MYSELF!

I'M NOT HERE.

WIZARD OF ID

THIS MAN WAS CAUGHT IMPERSONATING A POLICE OFFICER!

WHAT GAVE HIM AWAY?

THERE WAS NO TRACE OF ANY POWDERED SUGAR ON HIS FACE!

HI AND LOIS

HEY, CHIP LEFT THE NEWSPAPER ON THE FLOOR!

THERE'S SNOOPY, GARFIELD BEETLE, PENNIS AND PRESIDENT BUSH!

IF THERE'S ONE THING I KNOW, IT'S MY CELEBRITIES

GASOLINE ALLEY

Ooh! My back! Let me help you up!

He's faking! Don't listen to him!

Are you accusing me o chicanery an' subterfuge?

Yes! Whatever that means!

SNUFFY SMITH

I'M GITTIN' OUT OF TH' QUILTIN' CLUB!!

TOO MUCH GOSSIP?

TOO MUCH QUILTIN'!

BEEBLE BAILY

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, March 7, the 66th day of 2001. There are 299 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 7, 1850, in a speech to the U.S. Senate, Daniel Webster endorsed the Compromise of 1850 as a means of preserving the Union.

On this date:

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his telephone.

In 1911, the United States sent 20,000 troops to the Mexican border as a precaution in the wake of the Mexican Revolution.

In 1926, the first successful transatlantic radio-telephone conversation took place, between New York and London.

In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Pact.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces crossed the Rhine River at Remagen, Germany, using the damaged but still usable Ludendorff Bridge.

In 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was broken up in Selma, Ala., by state troopers and a sheriff's posse.

In 1975, the Senate revised its filibuster rule, allowing 60 senators to limit debate in most cases, instead of the previously required two-thirds of senators present.

In 1981, anti-government guerrillas in Colombia executed kidnapped American Bible translator Chester Allen Bitterman, whom they accused of being a CIA agent.

In 1994, the Supreme Court ruled that parodies that poke fun at an original work can be considered "fair use" that doesn't require permission from the copyright holder.

Newsday Crossword EASY MONEY by Bob Lubbers
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

1 Till money
5 Sweater size
10 Draft group: Abbr.
13 Killer whales
15 Look for
16 Choose
17 Pocket money
19 Monk's title
20 Third-level
21 British gun
22 War horses
23 Like bootleg recordings
26 Harvest
28 Spanish calendar opener
29 DJ gear
32 Wildly dramatic
34 Made in the _____
37 Compete
38 Bar nibbles
40 Mr. Peepers star
41 Flying fish-eater
42 Poker dealings
43 Refit a hoof
44 Large slipknot
46 Bridge seat
49 Musket attachment
51 Lightweight fabric
55 Vault
56 Prepared flour again
58 Large vase
59 Measly amount
62 NCAA touney rival

DOWN

1 Prices
2 Visored helmet
3 Frighten
4 Horse leads
5 The Wizard of Oz actor
6 Out of town
7 Dashed
8 Band date
9 Soissons summer
10 Easy money source
11 Fling
12 Get to one's feet
14 Slip along
18 Hernando's house
21 Patriotic org.
23 Read closely
24 "What's _____ or me?"
25 Cincinnati team
27 Solar orbiter
29 "Hail!" to Caesar
30 Abandoned space station
31 Insignificant
33 Sturm _____ Drang
35 _____ Canals
36 Bunyan prop
38 Loudness unit
39 Comfort
43 Failed to tip
45 "Alley _____!"
47 Vaulted area
48 David's weapon
49 Tactless
50 Lofty nest
52 Office worker
53 Do an usher's job
54 Comic actor
Murphy
56 Canadian troopers: Abbr.
57 Supplements, with "out"
59 Larry King's TV home
60 Garden cultivator
61 "Give _____ rest!"

Answer to previous puzzle

P	I	N	E	D	S	O	O	T	S	P	A	L
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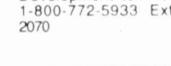
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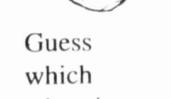
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The Mini Page celebrates Newspaper in Education Week (March 5 through 9) with a quiz-a-roo. The purpose of this week is to call attention to how valuable your newspaper is as a teacher at home and at school. You don't have to know the answers to all of these to be a newspaper reader, but it might make it a little more interesting. We have also given an activity to do with your local paper.



Mini Page quiz-a-roo

- Newspaper terms 1. The name of the writer of the story is the: A. author B. byline C. writer D. copyright

3. Ads that are short and usually bought by the word are called:

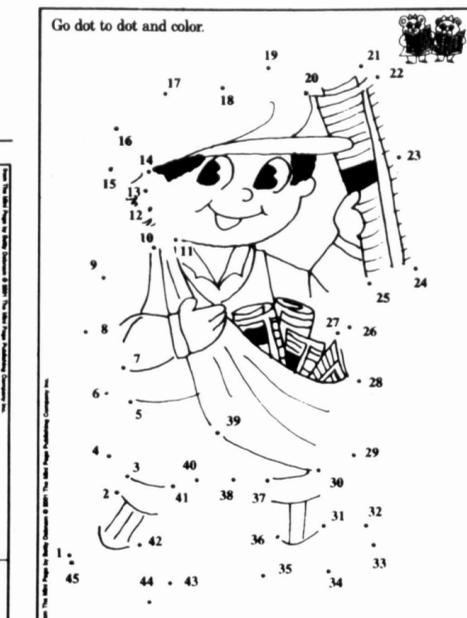
- A. shorts B. want ads C. briefs D. classified ads

6. Information usually found on the editorial page, giving the address of the paper and a list of the management and their titles, is called:

- A. who's who list B. top people C. masthead D. nameplate

The Mini Page Dinosaurs from A to Z Book. Includes illustrations of dinosaurs and text about the book's content.

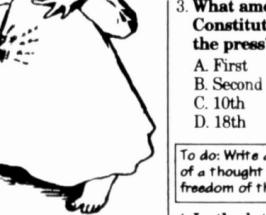
Goldie Goodsport's Report Supersport: Margie Goldstein Engle. Includes a photo of Margie and text about her equestrian career.



Rookie Cookies Recipe Stuffed Dogs. Includes a list of ingredients and step-by-step instructions for making stuffed dogs.

The MIGHTY FUNNY'S Funny Phonics. A word search puzzle with a focus on the 'WR' blend.

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- 3. What amendment to the Constitution granted freedom of the press? A. First B. Second C. 10th D. 18th

Newspapers TRY 'N FIND. A word search puzzle where words are hidden backward or diagonally.

Newspaper history 1. What was the name of the first popular comic strip? It first appeared in 1895. A. Mutt B. Blondie C. The Yellow Kid D. Billy the Kid

Newspaper figures 7. Today, how many daily newspapers are there in the United States? A. 350 B. 1,488 C. 15,000 D. 10,391

Mini Spy ... Mini Spy and her friends are using newspapers in their classroom. Includes a list of items to find in a newspaper.

5. This newspaper reporter became famous as the editor of the Pennsylvania Gazette. A. Ben Franklin B. Tom Paine C. John Adams D. James Madison

8. This country has the paper with the largest circulation in the world, 10,223,923. Also, four of the world's top 10 papers by circulation are in this same country. Name it. A. China B. Japan C. Russia D. United States

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