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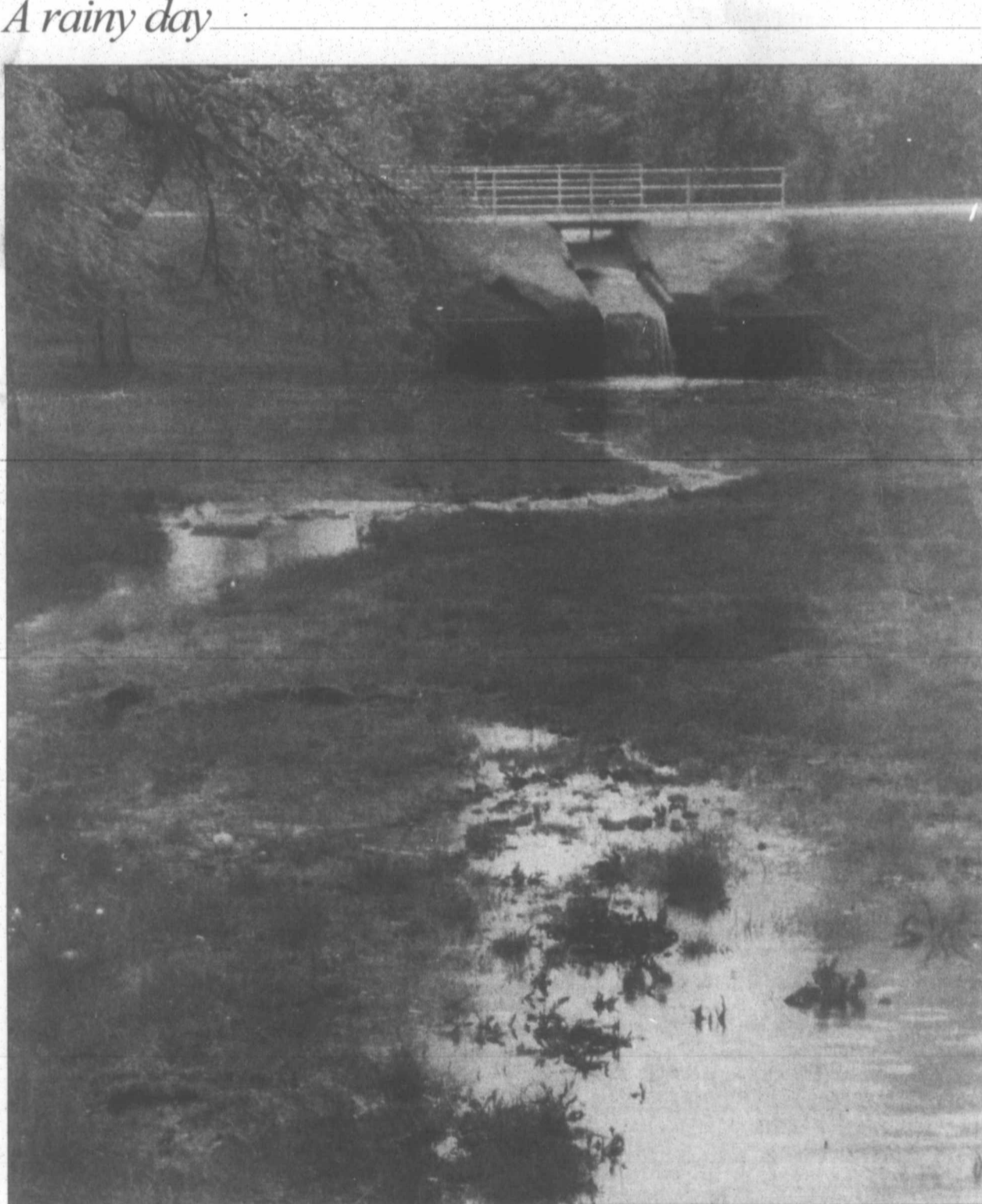
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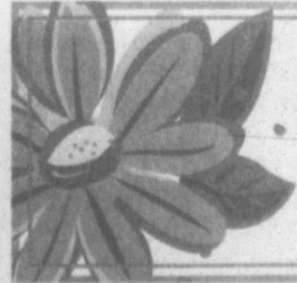
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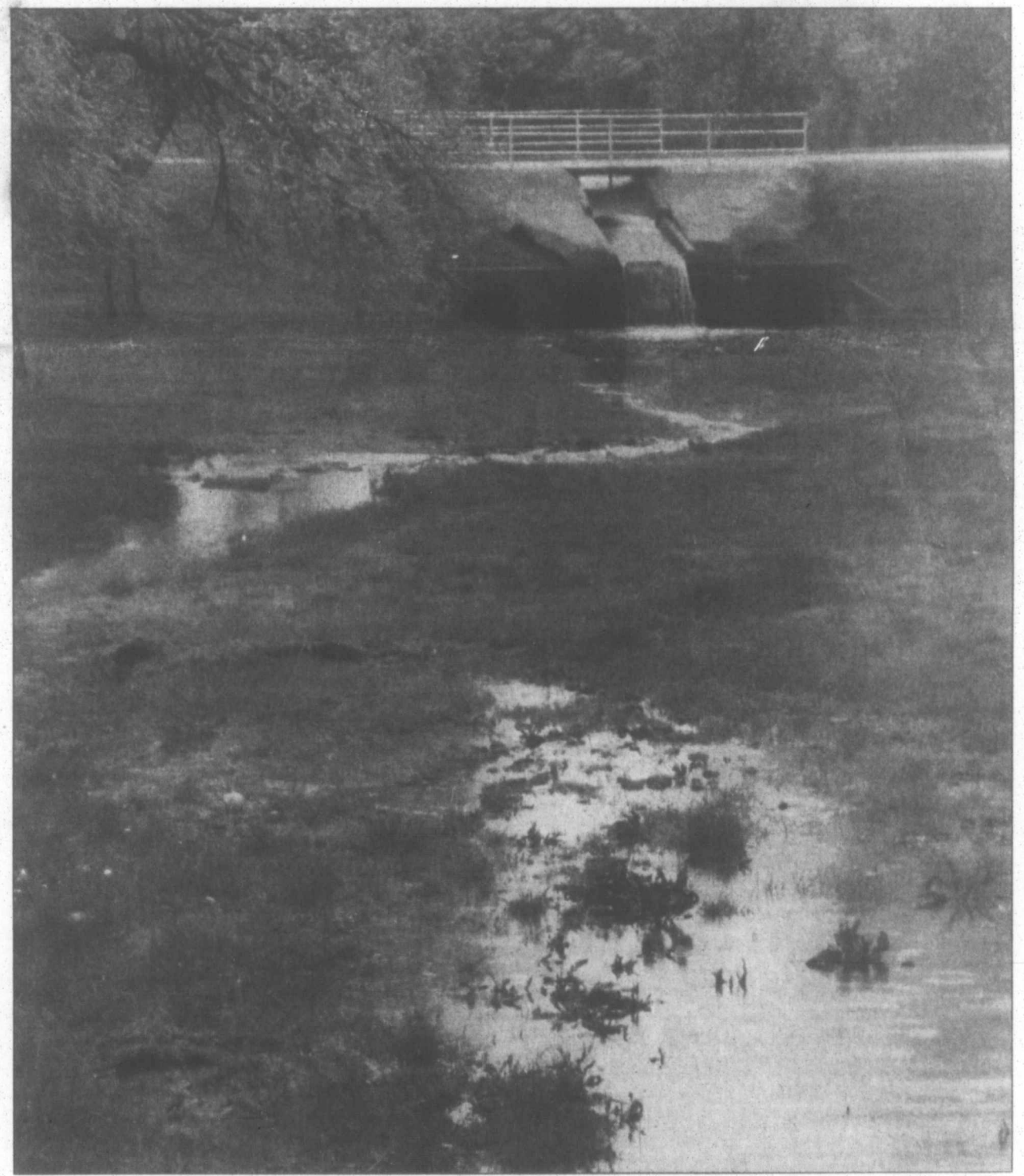
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| Saturday | Sunday | Monday |
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| Cloudy | Partly cloudy | Mostly sunny |

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 53. Wind chill values between 17 and 27 early. Windy, with a north-northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south-southeast.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 70. South wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 42. South-southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. South-southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. South-southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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| Soybeans | 6.19 |

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| OXY | 51.01 | -0.12 |
| BP PLC ADR | 68.11 | +0.70 |
| Cabot Corp | 48.45 | -0.65 |
| Celanese | 31.93 | -0.02 |
| Cabot Oil Gas | 35.39 | -0.56 |
| Coca Cola | 49.51 | -0.16 |
| VLO | 68.31 | -0.35 |
| HAL | 32.62 | -0.10 |
| TRI | 52.74 | +0.02 |

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| KML | 106.72 | -0.10 |
| XCEL | 24.44 | -0.10 |
| Anadarko | 46.03 | -0.04 |
| XOM | 77.32 | -0.07 |
| Nat'l Oilwell | 82.67 | -0.39 |
| Limited | 25.76 | -0.56 |
| Williams | 28.32 | -0.18 |
| MCD | 47.11 | +0.48 |
| Atmos | 32.43 | -0.02 |
| Pioneer Nat | 47.05 | -0.43 |
| JCP | 82.35 | -1.40 |
| COP | 70.15 | -0.34 |
| SLB | 75.24 | -0.07 |
| Tenneco | 28.05 | -0.05 |
| CVX | 76.80 | -0.37 |
| Wal-Mart | 46.85 | -0.41 |
| OKE | 45.30 | -0.16 |

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| New York Gold | 679.70 |
| Silver | 13.86 |
| West Texas Crude | 63.85 |

Obituaries

Services tomorrow

GILMER, Reba Louise Cullum — Celebration of life services, 4 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657, Pampa.
GOODWYN, Dorothea Back — Memorial graveside services, 2 p.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean.
NUNLEY, Howard Leander — 11 a.m., Central Christian Church, San Antonio.
ROVNER, Alan Lee — Memorial services, 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Skellytown.

Reba Louise Cullum Gilmer, 48

Reba Louise Cullum Gilmer, 48, a long-time Pampa resident, died March 28, 2007, in Maryland. Celebration of life services are scheduled at 4 p.m. Saturday at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657 in downtown Pampa.

Mrs. Gilmer was born June 29, 1958, at Havre-de-grace, Md., to the late

Leland L. Cullum and the late Caroline F. Holcomb. She belonged to Women of the Moose, chapter 1209, of Aberdeen, Md.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Gloria



Gilmer

Solomon; and by two brothers, Robert Miller and Edward Cullum.

Survivors include her husband, Billie L. Gilmer; a daughter, Caroline Ledford of Pampa; three sons, Johnny Bailey of Pampa,

Toby Gilmer and Jimmy Gilmer, both of Canadian; four sisters, Rosemary Brown of Virginia, Patricia Gullion, Judy Sawyers, both of Maryland, and Marsha Knell of Pampa; and a number of grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to VFW Post 1657.

Howard Leander Nunley, 85

SAN ANTONIO — Howard L. Nunley, 85, died April 10, 2007, at the Veterans' Hospital at Kerrville. Services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Saturday in Central Christian Church in San Antonio.

Interment will be at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery at 11:15 a.m. on Monday. Trevino Funeral Home of San Antonio is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Nunley was born Oct. 10, 1921, in Jack County Texas, to Jesse David and Lizzie Nunley. He grew up in North and West Texas, and left Amarillo in 1939 to enlist in the U.S. Army. His early army career took him

to Camp Bowie near Brownwood.

While stationed at Camp Bowie, Mr. Nunley met and married his wife of over 62 years, Ola Mae Caffey. They married on July 3, 1942; she preceded him in death. They continued to live in Brownwood for the first year of their marriage, before Mr. Nunley was sent overseas in World War II.

Mr. Nunley was sent to North Africa as his first overseas action in the war. He also was involved in the invasions in Sicily, Italy, Anzio, and southern France. He was a combat medic and spent more than 250 days on the front lines.

Among the many medals

and decorations he was awarded is a Bronze Star which he received for saving a soldier's life by amputating the soldier's leg in the field under fire.

Mr. Nunley remained in the Army after the war. He was posted at Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Fort Bliss, Okla.; Munich, Germany; Fort Lewis, Wash.; and Landstuhl, Germany.

He retired from the service in 1963 and moved to San Marcos where he was director for several men's dormitories at Southwest Texas State University. Many of the students remained in touch with Mr. Nunley over the years. He retired from the university in

1981.

He returned to Brownwood in 1981, where he was active in First Christian Church, and remained there until moving into a retirement community in San Antonio in 2000.

Mr. Nunley enjoyed genealogy research.

Survivors include two sons, David Nunley and Paul Nunley; two sisters, Shirley Lee King of Jacksboro and Maurine Glover of Pampa; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association or a charity supporting the preservation of historical sites.

Alan Lee Rovner, 64

Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Rovner was born Sept. 4, 1942, at Los Angeles, Calif. He had been a resident of Skellytown for seven years and belonged to River of Life Church.

He was an automobile salesman and a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Rovner, of the home; two sons, Michael Rovner of Orange County, Calif., and Samuel Rovner of Glendale, Ariz.; five daughters, Marlene Sisson, Elaine Rovner, both of Simi Valley, Calif., Jamie Rovner, Shoshannah Rovner, both of Glendale, Ariz., and Rachel

Hedglin of Pampa; two stepsons, Michael Walden of California and Mark Walden of Skellytown; a stepdaughter, Dana Whetstone of Amarillo; a brother, Martin Rovner of Simi Valley, Calif.; a sister, Ina Carol Pechacek of Lake Havasu, Nev.; and 10 grandchildren.

Lillie J. Williams, 78

Lillie J. Williams, 78, of Pampa, Texas, died April 12, 2007, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Williams was born Nov. 21, 1928, in Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa for 28 years. She married Tom Williams on Jan. 18, 1951, in Oklahoma. He preceded her in death in 2002.

She was a homemaker. Survivors include three daughters, Sue Jones, Patty

Shoffner and husband Doug, and Janie Ford and husband Don, all of Pampa; two sons, Jerry Williams of Amarillo and Billy Williams of Pampa; 10 grandchildren, Marie Scott and husband Brandon, Eddie Tommy Abernathy, Jones, Tom Williams,



Williams

Elizabeth Harris, Mark Harris and Chloe Ford, all of Pampa, and Billy Williams of Amarillo and Patty Williams of Moran; 13 great-grandchildren, Bailie Scott, Emily Scott, Abigail Scott, Allison Scott, J.D. McCloud, Hailey Abernathy, Nancy Shoffner, Jennifer Jones, Seger Jones,

Jolynn Jones, Ashley Jones, Brooke Jones and Nikki Smith.

She was preceded in death by a son, Tom Williams, Jr.; a brother, Alvin Baxter; a granddaughter, Harley Lynn Williams; a great-grandson, Randall Jones; and a son-in-law, Victor Jones.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065. The family will be at 1119 S. Christy in Pampa.

Texas gas prices up for 10th week

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas retail gasoline prices continued to climb this week for a 10th week in a row.

Pump prices for regular-grade gasoline in 11 Texas markets rose an average of 11 cents this week to \$2.71 per gallon, according to the AAA Texas weekly gasoline price survey released today.

Nationally, retail regular-grade prices averaged \$2.81 per gallon, up 10 cents from last week.

"According to the U.S. Department of Energy, gasoline inventories have been weak for several weeks and demand continues to be up," said AAA Texas spokeswoman Rose Rougeau. "If both indicators remain, prices will more likely continue to go up as well."

The survey showed the state's most expensive gas was in El Paso, where regular-grade averaged \$2.77 per gallon.

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TV GUIDE in The Pampa News, Sunday, Apr. 15th will be in the "C" Section of the newspaper.

Emergency Services

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

Eight traffic stops were made resulting in one arrest. A traffic complaint was reported in the 1900 block of Duncan.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 600 block of West, in the 700 block of North Banks, in the 800

block of West and in the 800 block of Somerville.

An accident was reported at the intersection of Mary Ellen and 26th.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 1100 block of Huff, the 100 block of South Wells, the 400 block of Lefors, the 2600 block of Dogwood, the 1600 block of Highway 60 East, the 500 block of Perry, the 1400 block of Russell, the 2500 block of Beech, the 1100 block of Darby, the 2300 block of Beech and the 600 block of Talley.

Lost property, and ATM card, was reported in the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway.

Attempt to serve was made at two locations.

Agency assistance was provided in the 100 block of East Kingsmill and the 1400 block of East Browning.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby and in the 600 block of Naida.

Phone harassment was reported in the 400 block of Carr.

A 911 hang-up was report-

ed in the 1300 block of Garland.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 2100 block of Williston, in the 1600 block of Somerville, in the 1300 block of Russell, in the 100 block of East 18th and in the 1900 block of Hamilton.

Criminal trespass was reported on two occasions in the police department lobby.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1900 block of North Christy and in the 1100 block of Sierra where someone was playing loud music in a vehicle.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of Price Road; the 1100 block of Cinderella where two windows on the back of a residence, valued at \$300, were broken; and the 1100 block of Sandlewood where a car was keyed causing an estimated \$1,840 in damages.

Evading arrest/detention was reported in the 1300 block of Russell.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart and in the 1300 block of Russell.

Assaults involving no injuries were reported in the

2400 block of Charles and the 100 block of East Harvester.

Two alarms were reported.

Prowlers were reported in the 2100 block of North Banks and in the 1100 block of Terry.

Thefts were reported in the 1900 block of North Sumner and in the 1200 block of South Nelson where an MP3 player valued at \$75 was stolen.

Burglary was reported in the 2100 block of North Nelson and in the 1900 block of North Sumner.

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Gray County Sheriff's Office has reported the following arrests.

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Ashley Bryan Sandlin, 33,

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information written on it. That same information can be passed from the board to computers throughout the EOC and to emergency services in other parts of the state over the internet.

"It's a state of the art Emergency Operations Center," said Pampa City Manager John Horst.

The EOC is almost complete. The only thing that remains is a new emergency generator to replace the old one, and it's on order.

"When we got out of the jail business," Hall said, "we started doing our remodeling so we could combine all these emergency services into one area."

Gray County now handles all the detention facilities. The old city jail now houses Hall's office, the EOC conference room and the 911 and dispatch center.

The EOC suite is probably the most secure area in City Hall, Hall said, because of the thick concrete walls.

The 911-dispatch center is officially known as a PSAP, or Public Safety Answering Point.

"They dispatch most of Gray County except for the McLean area," Hall said.

McLean, since it's close to Shamrock in Wheeler

County, uses the Shamrock PSAP.

Because of various cell towers, the Pampa center often also answers calls from as far away as Perryton and parts of Carson County.

"We're assigned most of Gray County and up into Roberts County," Hall said.

From here, the calls are transferred to the appropriate agency, whether it's to Gray County Sheriff's Office for calls out in the county or to Amarillo for emergency medical calls.

Hall shares his office with a computer that is dedicated to a commercial weather radar service. It's costs \$1,800 a year, but Pampa Regional Medical Center picks up the cost. The service is then broadcast on Channel 11 of the city's cable system, Cable One, as a public service.

In the larger conference room, there are workstations around the periphery while the center of the room is dominated by the custom made 14-foot table.

The table, built by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the EOC, replaces a series of desks in the middle of the room.

"It was very awkward," Hall said.

All this eventually will be part of what Hall calls Web EOC. The information and activities of Pampa's

Emergency Operations Center will be available to other emergency agencies across the state and at some point even the nation over a secure website and through conference calls.

"We'll be able to log in on the Internet," Hall said, "and we'll be able to start tracking our resources, manpower and events that are going on."

Because it's Web-based, he said, they would be in direct contact with the District Disaster Committee, located at the Department of Public Safety facility in Amarillo and the state operational center in Austin.

That allows state emergency agencies to see what's going on in real time.

"They don't have to guess about what's going on," Hall said. "They can see what we're doing."

The weak point at this time is electricity. If the power goes out, the city has one emergency generator that puts out less than 10 kilowatts of power on the north side of City Hall, but it's some 20 years old. It could provide enough power for the three rooms here, maybe, Hall said.

A new 300-kilowatt emergency generator is on order. It will be mounted on the east side of the building and provide more than enough power for the entire building.

Judges

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of bureaucracy and expense. Waters also noted that the decision on the complexity of the case would be made without any input from the local district judge in whose court the case was filed.

"It's just an un-Texan way of doing things," Waters said.

Waters also objects to increasing the jurisdictional limits of the Justice of the Peace Small Claims Courts from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Many Justices of the Peace are not lawyers, he pointed out.

"When the limits were last increased up to the \$5,000, that brought more and more attorneys into Small Claims Court representing their clients," he said. "Non-lawyer JP's are no match for skilled trial attorneys. They just don't have the training and abilities to handle cases where attorneys are raising unfamiliar legal issues."

Waters has voluntarily worked with the Justices of the Peace in Gray County on legal questions.

If SB 1204 passes, Waters said he would expect many more questions to arise in Small Claims Court.

"I also object to the provision changing appointment of the regional presiding judges from the governor to the Texas Supreme Court chief justice," Waters said. "I think it is best to have at least some independent appointing authority outside the judiciary. It's simply a matter of checks and balances."

Emmert said the judiciary is a separate branch of government, and he objects to the Legislature trying to run it.

Duncan admitted that his bill is controversial. He said that was clear after committee testimony earlier this month. He said the committee heard eight or nine hours of testimony concerning the

complex case issue alone. "There have been a couple of meetings to deal with concerns that some of the

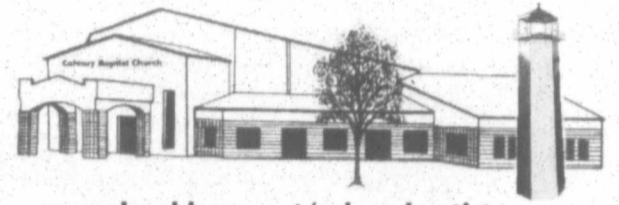
judges have," Deon Daugherty Allen, a spokesman for Duncan's office said this week.

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of Skellytown was arrested by GCSO for no driver's license and no insurance.

Natashia Monet Linder, 20, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for theft by check.

Joshua Lee Knoop, 17, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for criminal trespass and minor in possession.

Christina Dills Mullen, 25, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a warrant for motion to revoke.

Israel William White, 31, of Skellytown was arrested by a Texas Ranger for theft by check.

Clifton Frank Stewart, 43, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 500 block of North Hobart for an accident involving damage to a vehicle.

Thursday, April 12

Kenneth Dwayne Yarbrough, 23, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for evading arrest with a vehicle and insufficient bond.

Francisco Javier Silva, 31, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for violation of probation for DWI.

Jason Phil Cochran, 31, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of a controlled substance.

Eugene Godsey, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Hobart by PPD for violation of probation for unlawfully carry-

ing a weapon, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ryan Dean Mears, 24, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for violation of probation for unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Joe H. Styles, 58, of Lefors was arrested by GCSO for public intoxication.

Gary Wayne Jernigan, 40, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of a controlled substance.

Joshua Seymour, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 1300 block of Russell by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia and evading arrest.

Friday, April 13

Erik Thomas Black, 24, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for theft by check in Randall County and theft by check in Tarrant County.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, April 11

9:35 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of North Zimmers and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:52 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

4:25 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of Coffee. No transport.

5:50 p.m. - A mobile ICU

responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Thursday, April 12

9:06 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Huff. No transport.

2 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

3:48 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to 26th and Mary Ellen streets. No transport.

4:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Nwth and transferred a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:34 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

Friday, April 13

8:29 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Mary Ellen and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:19 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of Cherokee. No transport.

Friday, April 13

5:37 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Browning and transported a patient to PRMC.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following incident during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, April 12

8:32 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 2500 block of Mary Ellen on an unconscious/unresponsive call.

Friday

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slaying of Abel may have happened on that day of the week as well. Some think that the Great Flood and the confusion at the Tower of Babel both occurred on Fridays.

In the entertainment area, novelist Daniel Handler, also known as Lemony Snicket, released the 13th book of the Series of Unfortunate Events on Friday, Oct. 13, 2006.

Some people feel that if you have 13 letters in your name, you will have the devil's luck. Examples of this are Jack the Ripper, Charles Manson, Jeffrey Dahmer and Theodore Bundy.



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Viewpoints

Meeting woefully lacking parental attendance

As one of my assignments, I attended a meeting Tuesday evening at Pampa Junior High School regarding bullying. I was stunned by the number of those in attendance - 25. And of those 25 who attended, five were school board members, the superintendent and the assistant superintendent.

I could not believe the lack of participation in this meeting on such an important topic regarding students.

Do parents not care about the well-being of their children at school? Are parents too busy that they can't set aside an hour one evening to meet with school officials and other parents?

Why do parents gripe and complain about the schools,

the discipline in schools and the education their children are receiving and then when asked to make comments or suggestions chose not to do so?

Principal Randall Stephenson, and assistant principals Marsha Richardson and Susan Baker could not have been more accommodating at the meeting. They provided child care, which consisted of a movie, snacks and a chaperone, to anyone who attended the meeting and had to bring their child.

Baker said they sent out fliers announcing this meeting to the 750 households of PJHS students. We also ran a reminder on the front page of the Sunday newspaper.

I've heard a lot of parents complaining about the problem of bullying and that the schools aren't doing enough to solve the problem. Well, the school was offering parents the chance to make any suggestions they had and voice concerns, but only 25 people, out of 750, showed up for the meeting.

Before I had a child, I didn't care much about what was happening in schools because it didn't directly affect me. But, now that I have a 4-year-old that's one of my main concerns and he's not even in public

school yet.

My son attends day care now and I always try to know what's going on at the facility and with other children. I want to know how they discipline my child and others for bad behavior. At this age, our concerns are pinching, biting and pushing so the physical concerns may not be as important as in older children, but it is still very important.

I want to know when my child is hurt, but also when my child hurts someone else. My husband and I try to parallel our discipline with that

of the day care. If he doesn't get a sticker at school because of bad behavior, we don't let him have candy, play a computer game or watch a video. We feel it's important to work with the day care and the caregivers so all of us can be on the same page.

I know when he gets into public school we will be the same way. I feel it is so important for teachers and parents to work together. The child spends half, or more, of their day at school so what happens there is definitely a big part of molding the child's personality and behavior.

To me, this is the same as people who don't vote and complain about the politi-

cians voted into office. Or, those who complain about not feeling well, but yet they won't go see a doctor.

I know some parents will say they were too busy, but I know that 700 parents were not all busy Tuesday night. And maybe their child is not affected by bullying right now, but they may be in the future so parents should gather all of the information they can.

If parents are not going to attend meetings or conferences when they are offered by the school or teachers, then they have no right to complain. Do not complain about what should be done at schools if you aren't going to be part of the solution.

Kerri Smith
Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 13, the 103rd day of 2007. There are 262 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 13, 1970, Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)

On this date:

In 1598, King Henry IV of France endorsed the Edict of Nantes, which granted rights to the Protestant Huguenots. (The edict was abrogated in 1685 by King Louis XIV, who declared France entirely Catholic again.)

In 1742, Handel's "Messiah" was first performed publicly, in Dublin, Ireland.

In 1743, the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born.

In 1870, the Metropolitan Museum of Art was founded in New York. (The original museum opened in 1872.)

In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial.

In 1957, the jury-deliberation movie drama "12 Angry Men," starring Henry Fonda, opened in New York.

In 1958, American pianist Van Cliburn won the first Tchaikovsky International Piano Competition in Moscow.

In 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award, for "Lilies of the Field."

In 1986, Pope John Paul II visited a Rome synagogue in the first recorded papal visit of its kind.

In 1992, the Great Chicago Flood took place as the city's century-old tunnel system and adjacent basements filled with water from the Chicago River.

Ten years ago: With tanks, sharpshooters and thousands of police deployed to protect him, Pope John Paul II preached forgiveness during a mass in Sarajevo. Tiger Woods became the youngest person to win the Masters Tournament and the first player of partly African heritage to claim a major golf title.

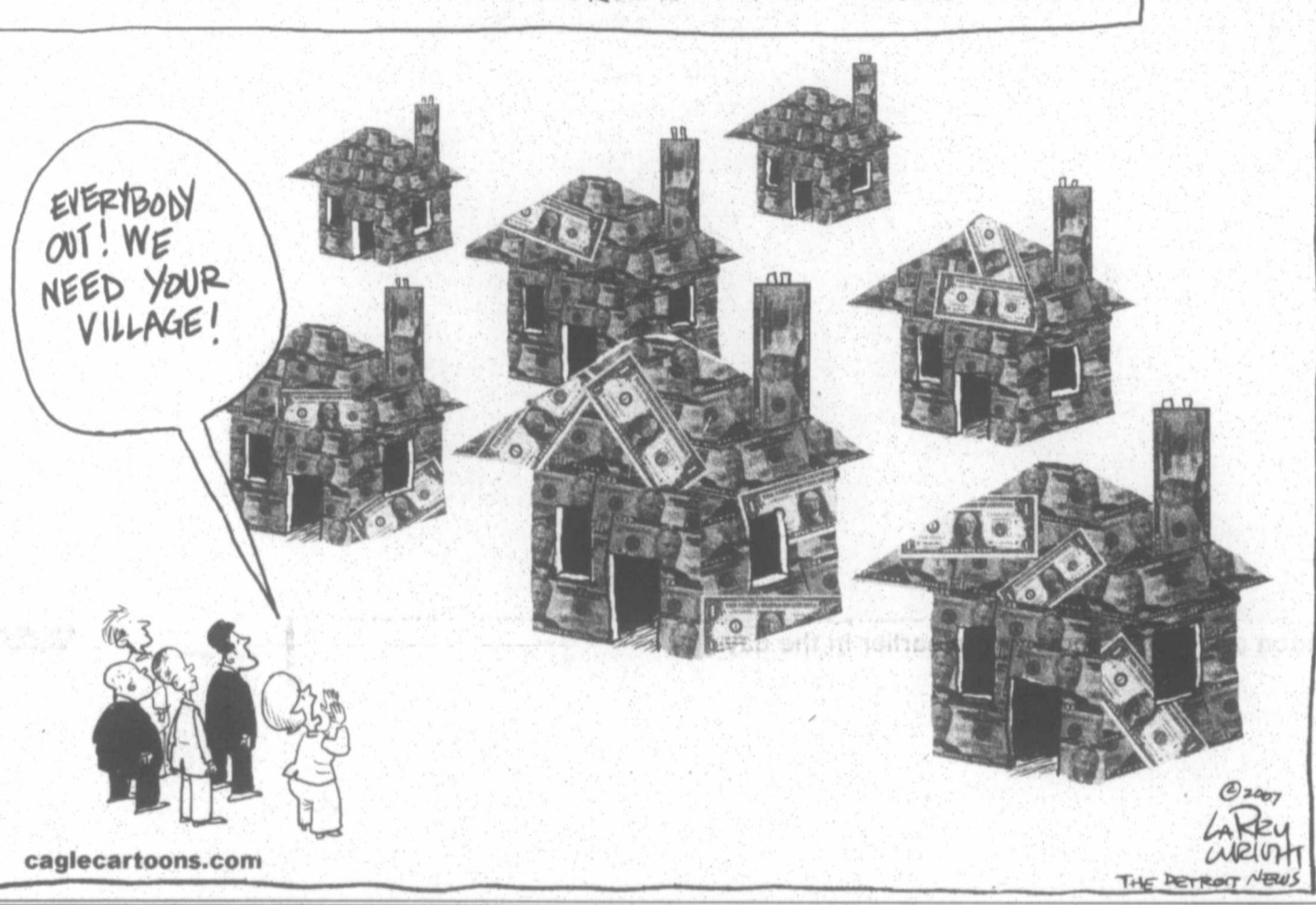
Five years ago: Venezuela's interim president, Pedro Carmona, resigned a day after taking office in the face of protests by thousands of supporters of the ousted president, Hugo Chavez.

One year ago: Confessed al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui expressed no remorse for his role in the Sept. 11 attacks as he took the stand for the second time in his death-penalty trial in Alexandria, Va. British author Dame Muriel Spark died in Florence, Italy, at age 88.

'In most things success depends on knowing how long it takes to succeed.'

— Charles Louis de Montesquieu
French philosopher
(1689-1755)

"IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE"



National health care system not healthy

John Edwards and his rival for the 2008 Democratic presidential nomination, Hillary Clinton, may disagree on some things but they both support a universal health care system, their way of describing what is really socialized medicine.

Anybody who is fighting any disease, including cancer, would be smart not to vote for John Edwards. That includes his wife Elizabeth, because if she votes for her own husband and he establishes universal health care, her chance of survival will decrease by 20 percent.

This startling statistic is borne out in a blockbuster article in The Wall Street Journal by Dr. Scott Gottlieb. Dr. Gottlieb, a physician and resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, served recently in senior roles at the

Food and Drug Administration and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Noting that more than 260,000 women will be diagnosed with some form of breast cancer this year, he explains that thanks to earlier detection and clinical research, survival rates have never been higher.

Writes Gottlieb: "Between 1990 and 2002, deaths from breast cancer declined 2.3 percent annually. Today nearly 98 percent of women with early-stage breast cancer survive at least five years. Many will live long, full lives."

He attributes these

encouraging survival rates largely to new drugs, such as "taxanes, a drug called Herceptin, and advanced hormone therapies such as the aromatase inhibitors.

Other innovative therapies, including one that cuts off tumor blood supply called Anti-VEGF and more recently a targeted drug called Tykerb, have been approved."

He reveals that in 2004, total U.S. cancer deaths were down by more than 3,000 after years of increases — evidence of a turnaround.

In Europe, however, the statistics are grim compared to those here in the U.S., and the blame lies in the national health care systems of the

kind John Edwards and Hillary Clinton want to impose on the American people.

Europe, he wrote, "should be sharing in the progress against cancer, but large bureaucracies have been erected to contain costs, by slowing the introduction of new drugs and restricting how doctors can use them."

"Unfortunately," he wrote, "some people want to import the European model here into the U.S. ..."

That model has produced such results as the five-year survival for breast cancer caught early in England being just 78 percent, compared to 98 percent in the U.S.

"In Germany, a study found that 41 percent of German physicians were

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Michael Reagan
Columnist



When will libs wake up to domestic problems?

I admire Charlie Rose, whose talk show on PBS is a refreshing change from the rant and cant crowd that populates the cable news/entertainment channels. His conversations with his guests are by far the most intelligent and civil to be found.

But Mr. Rose is an old-fashioned Southern liberal, and in a recent lovefest he had with former Sen. Bill Bradley, he enthusiastically listed a number of foreign problems the U.S. could and should solve.

It's a liberal conceit that the United States has the duty — if not the right — and

the capability of solving domestic problems in other people's countries. It's false on both counts. We have no duty to anyone other than the people of the United States. And (this is the toughest for liberals to admit) we don't have the capability or the means to solve all of these problems.

Let's face it: We are a superpower only in the military sense, and only because of our weapons of mass destruction. Our federal gov-

ernment has a debt of \$8 trillion, a current account deficit that is dangerously high, a dysfunctional education system, a deteriorating infrastructure and open borders we lack the will to close.

Americans themselves are spending on average 110 percent of their income.

Household income is falling. We are bleeding jobs, both manufacturing and service, to cheap labor in foreign countries. Our court system is in

bad shape, both in its civil and criminal divisions. Our culture is decadent. A fifth of our people are functionally illiterate. Need I go on?

These are all domestic problems, and that's a full plate. If we don't solve these problems, we're not going to stay a superpower. But we will not solve them without leadership, and so far our political system seems to be failing in that respect.

For some strange reason, limousine liberals, so immersed in their comfortable lives, look right over the problems in America and

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Charley Reese
Columnist



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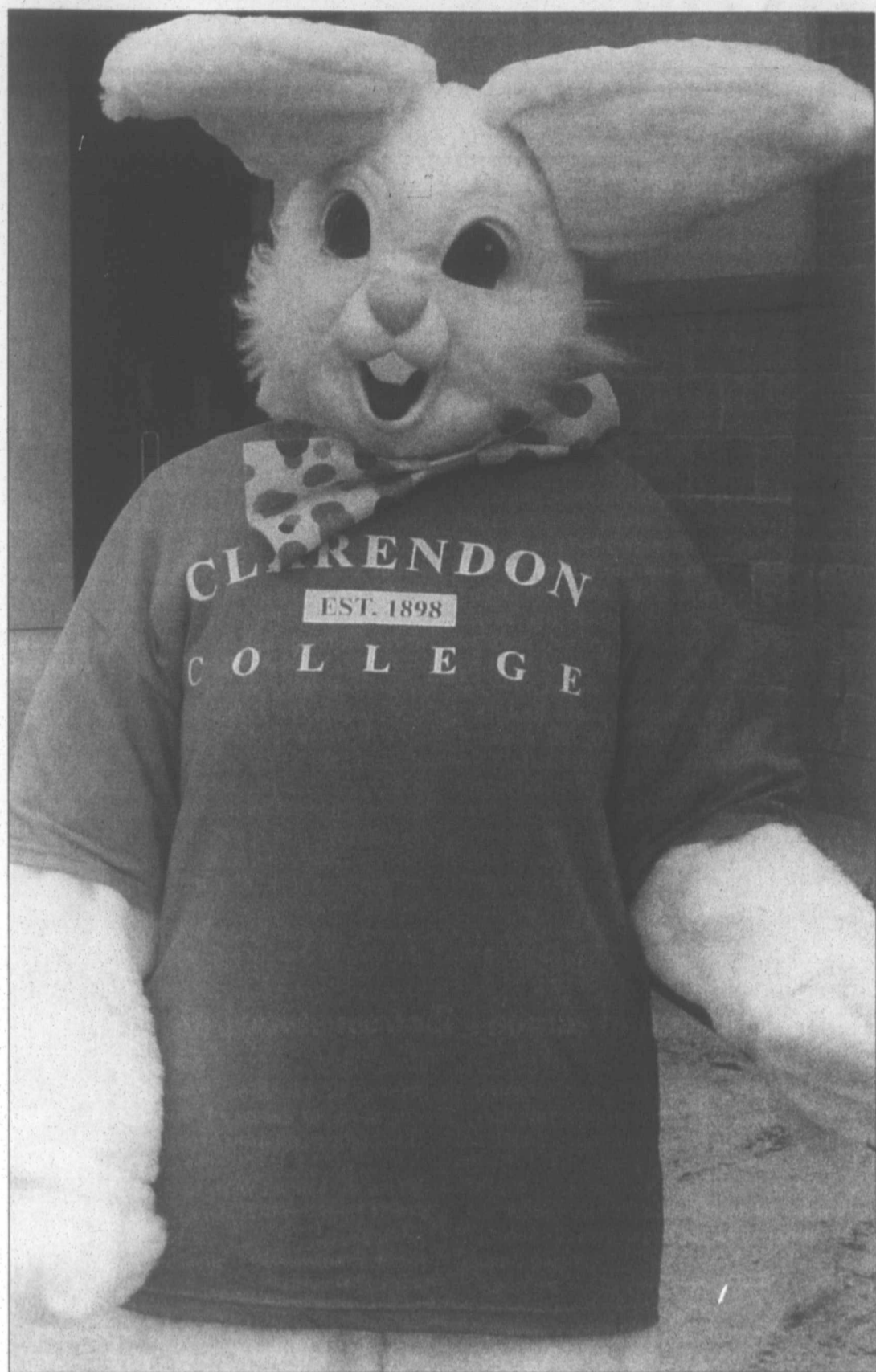
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Campus bunny



COURTESY PHOTO
The Easter Bunny recently put in an appearance at an Easter egg hunt at Clarendon College. The Easter Bunny was on hand at the egg hunt in the afternoon and during registration earlier in the day.

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treating early breast cancer with taxanes, compared to 60 percent in America at the time. German breast cancer mortality decreased by 9 percent from 1990 to 1998, while mortality in the U.S. dropped more than twice as much.

"Overall, between 2004 and 2006 European deaths from breast cancer increased about 1.5 percent while the number of deaths from colorectal cancer increased 1.8 percent."

European drug regulators, Gottlieb wrote, do not allow new medicines to reach patients until government negotiators have negotiated what they deem to be a favorable price. As a result, cancer drugs are often available

in the U.S. months if not years earlier.

For example, he recalls that in 2003, when 31 new drugs were launched worldwide, about 60 percent were available here months before Europe. "Between 1995 and 2001 the 15 cancer drugs approved in Europe and the U.S. took 468 days to reach patients in Europe versus 273 days in America. Herceptin was tangled up in a 550-day approval process as the Europeans fought for a lower price, while the U.S. approved it in fewer than 120 days."

Elizabeth Edwards should sit down and have a little talk with her husband and explain that if the health care system he favors were put in place it could jeopardize her prospects of a longtime survival.

—Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

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focus on AIDS and malaria in Africa, bad government in the Middle East, destruction of the rain forests in Brazil, et cetera and so forth. What they should do is take a walking tour of Detroit or visit New Orleans or some of the schools that are falling down while having to employ armed guards.

My friend Tom Fleming says in some of his talks that people didn't wake up on Jan. 1, 476 A.D., and say, "My heavens, it's the Dark Ages." The decline of civilization was and is a gradual process. It's been so gradual in the U.S. that people now think it's normal to have armed police in public schools and pornography, violence and profanity on television and radio. They think it's normal for illegal immigrants to parade about waving foreign flags and singing foreign national anthems. They think it's normal to ship jobs

to cheap-labor countries and to tolerate the destruction of our own environment.

We are not citizens of the world, nor do we belong to the world, all the globalization malarkey notwithstanding. We belong to the United States. These 3 million square miles are our turf. The rest of the world does not love us. Since our bit of the globe is geographically blessed, people in less blessed places will gladly occupy our country if we let them. No matter how much you've been brainwashed, diversity per se is not a good thing. Neither is uncontrolled immigration.

Unless we find the will to focus on America and Americans, we'll wake up like the Romans to find that the barbarians are no longer at the gate, they're in the city. We can't solve Africa's problems, or Brazil's, or those in the Middle East. We can solve problems in our own country, and we'd better get at them and get rid of those people committed to an empire rather than to a republic.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

WT Artist-in-Residence Jodi Thomas to present lecture

CANYON — Do you have tidbits about your family history you'd like to develop further? Learn how to weave the facts into stories that come alive through creative writing and storytelling.

Noted author and WTAMU Artist in Residence Jodi Thomas will present "Who's Who in Your Family Tree II" on Saturday from 1-4 p.m. in the Hazlewood Lecture Hall of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum.

Participants can employ their creative side to write stories that share their family history and genealogy research.

This program was originally scheduled for

Jan. 13, but due to inclement weather, the program was postponed until April 14.

All participants who reserved a seat for the January program need not call again to RSVP. The seminar is a sequel to the "Who's Who in Your Family Tree" held last year where participants learned to research their family history and preserve family photos and papers.

The cost of the program is \$10 for PPHM members and \$15 for nonmembers. The fee includes a copy of one of Thomas' books and museum admission. Call (806) 651-2258 or email ecunningham@pphm.wtamu.edu for reservations.

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Religion

Fellowship between denominations ...

Have you ever been invited to a meeting only to discover when you got there that you were the main entrée? I was recently reminiscing some old times with a friend, and one such meeting came up that I thought might benefit us all.

It was the 1980s, and I was youth minister at a church in Colorado. The senior minister and I had been at odds with the elders of our church over a "tiny" detail within the subject of marriage/divorce/remarriage. Of course, we thought the difference was tiny, but the elders didn't see it that way.

Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian



After months and months of "discussion," the elders decided that we needed to travel to one of our Bible Colleges in Denver to help settle the matter. We all agreed that we weren't going to Denver to discuss the biblical subject of marriage/divorce/remarriage, but rather how to relate to other churches in our denomination that held differing positions. I thought that was strange since we didn't even agree within our own church.

When we arrived in Denver I asked one of my elders, "Now you are sure that you were clear to the faculty members that we are not here to discuss and debate the biblical issue and verses concerning marriage/divorce/remarriage? But rather we are here to seek their counsel as to how to apply our beliefs in dealing with other sister congregations? Now are you sure?"

Each of the elders said, "Absolutely."

In the meeting room, there were six to eight faculty members, my four elders, the senior minister and myself. Immediately following prayer, I noticed that the oldest teacher was making his way to the blackboard and writing down verses and words concerning the issue itself. I called him by name and asked him, "Brother _____, were my elders clear with you that we are not here to discuss the actual issue, but rather how to apply our convictions in dealing with other congregations?"

He replied, "No, they weren't. Actually we were asked to devote this evening

to helping the two of you better understand what the Bible really says about marriage, divorce and remarriage."

I said, "Then Bro. _____, I am very sorry that you were misled. And you should know that my elders have lied to the minister and myself and I'm not sure what to do now."

You could cut the tension in the room with a knife.

We began discussing how to sort out our differences with other congregations, and after about two hours I asked the faculty: "So do I understand you correctly that you are saying that we should return to Pueblo and cut-off all fellowship with our sister congregation because we differ on one or two small details?"

They said, "Yes, that is what we are proposing."

I was blown away.

I knew one of the professors very well and asked him, "Now Bro. _____ aren't you the leader of the college group?"

"Yes."

"And didn't you take your group over to one of your sister congregations here in Denver and speak at their last college retreat?"

"Yes."

"And didn't you then ask one of their elders to speak at the college seminar that you had here at your church last month?"

"Yes."

"And as a congregation, don't ya'll differ with your sister congregation on several details of the marriage, divorce and remarriage issues?"

The room got terribly quiet again.

I asked for the keys to the van and prepared to leave the room. I said one last thing, "Until you begin to practice the advice and counsel which you so freely bind on other congregations throughout the state, maybe you should just stay out of the counsel and advice business."

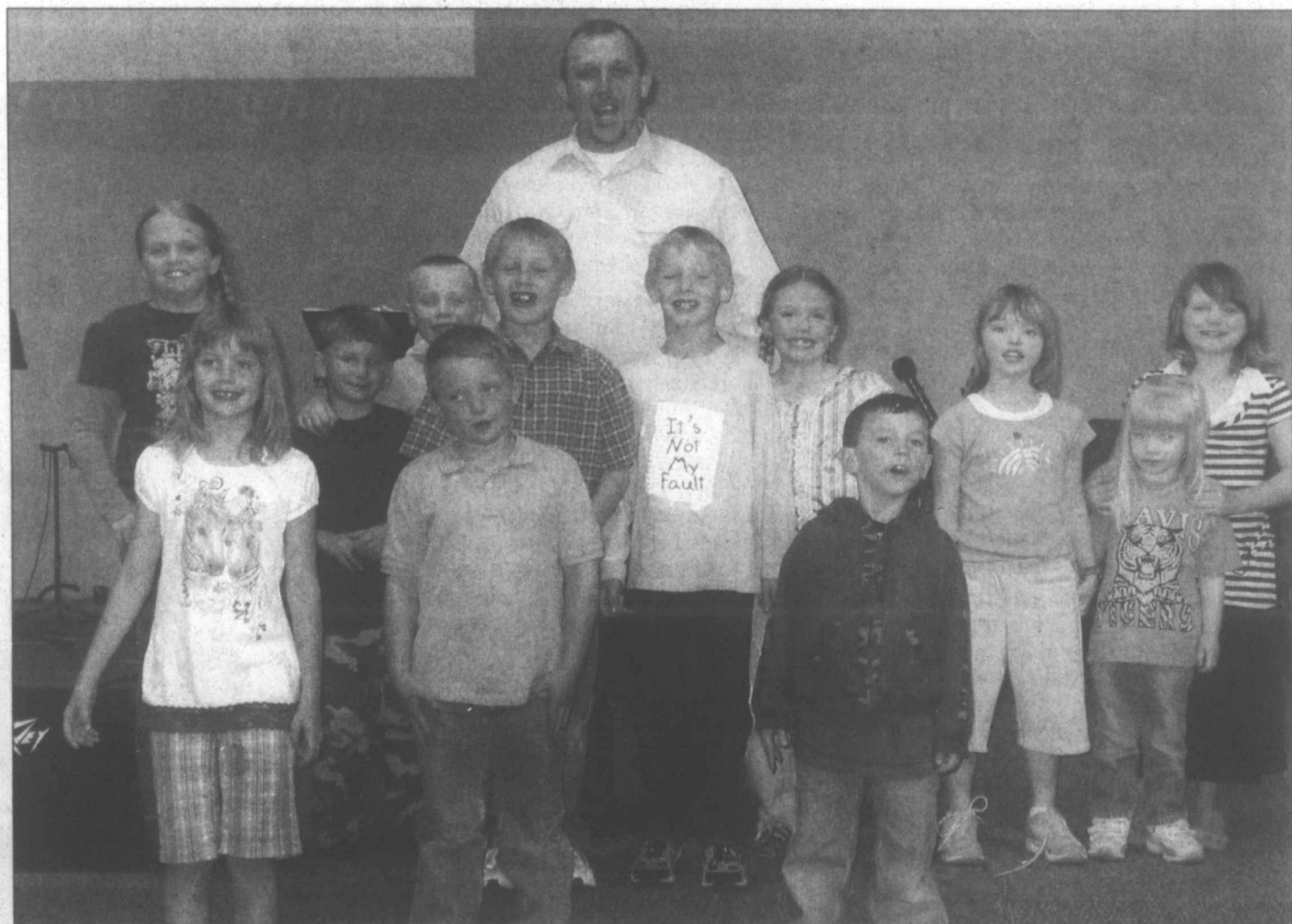
So what is the point of this article? Fellowship between brothers and sisters in Christ is such a special thing to our heavenly Father that we had better be VERY, VERY, VERY careful before we "write someone off." And before we begin throwing rocks at other congregations of believers, we had better make sure that our own house is in order.

Usually tending to the matters of our own church will keep us more than sufficiently busy.

Easter egg hunt



Pamela Whinery made sure that she didn't mess up her freshly done nails while she was helping hide eggs for the younger kids at Hi-Land Christian Church's annual Easter egg hunt recently.



Hot Dog Supper

The children's department at Cornerstone Baptist Church saw a total of 12 in attendance at its Hot Dog Supper on Children's Night during a recent revival. Shown here with guest pastor Schanon Caudle of Van Buren, Ark., are Kyler, Jady, Benjamin, Weston, Austin, Taylor, Mariah, Adyson, Brionna, Kyra, Kaydan and Dillon.

Church briefs

The Rushing Wind Emmaus community will meet Saturday at the Waka Christian Center in Waka. A potluck meal will be served at 6 p.m. followed by a praise and worship service. Families and friends are invited to

attend. A nursery will be provided.

AMARILLO — The next installment of Larry and Jodi's Good-Time Gospel Jamboree will feature the Otwell Twins, of Lawrence Welk fame;

Marvin Stewart, SGMA of Texas 2002 Male Vocalist of the Year; and tenor Russell Routon.

The jamboree will be staged at 7 p.m. April 19 at The Church At Quail Creek, 801 Tascosa Road, in Amarillo.

"Abide With Me"

It is commonly reported that Henry Lyte wrote this hymn in 1847 while dying of tuberculosis. He apparently finished it on the Sunday he preached his farewell sermon to his congregation, before leaving for Italy in hopes of restoring his health. However, there is evidence that he wrote the hymn in 1820 after visiting a dying friend, who on his deathbed, kept murmuring the passage from Luke 24:29, where the disciples who were traveling to Emmaus asked Jesus to "abide with us, for it is evening and day is almost spent." It was first published in America in Henry Ward Beecher's *Plymouth Collection* in 1855.

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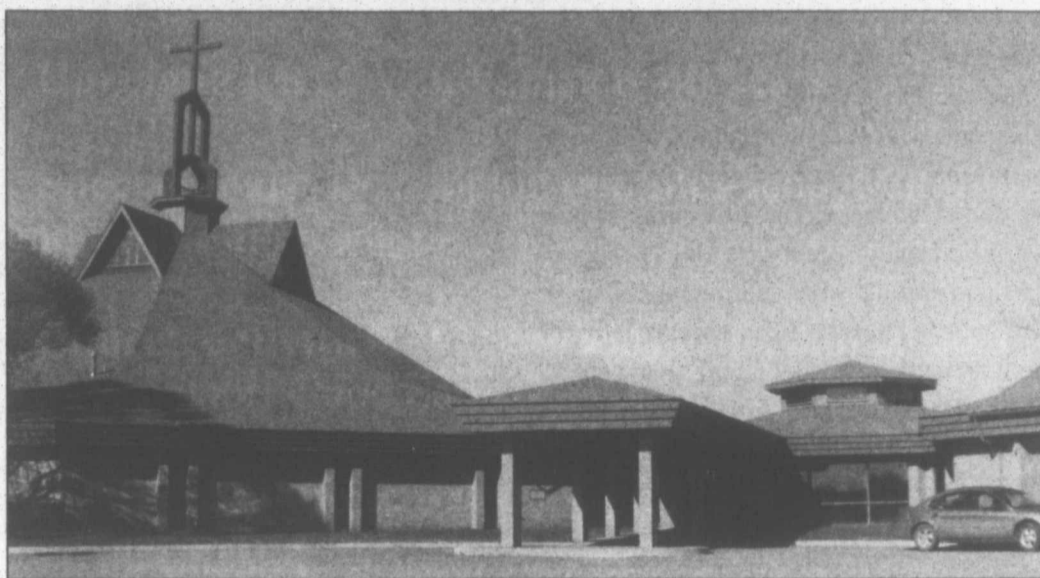
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Briarwood Full Gospel Church

Church name:
Briarwood Full Gospel Church, 1800 W. Harvester, 665-7201.

Minister: Pastor Lynn Hancock.

Services: Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship; Wednesday — 7 p.m. Classes for men, women, youth and children.

Activities: Children Open Gym on Thursdays, Youth Open Gym on Fridays, Kids Cafe at 5:30 p.m. on Fridays, youth camps, children's camps, youth mission trips, Vacation Bible School, Wednesday night dinners, Jazzercise, Weight Watchers, youth ski trip, youth fine arts competitions and much more.

Members: Approximately 300.

Denomination: Non-denominational.

How long here: Approximately 40 years.

Special goals: Developing our after-school tutoring and counseling center.

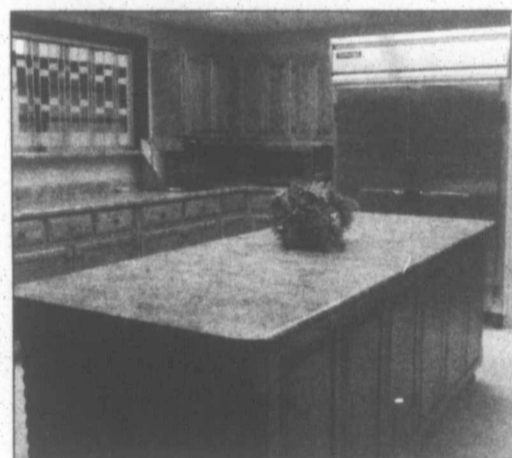
Church activities: Weekly Kids Cafe, annual coat drive, support Good Sams.

Main goal: Ministry to the entire family - body, soul and spirit.

Church message: We are all called to minister unto God, minister to one another and minister to the world.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: One of my sons, "Clayton," is in his early 20s -- tall, slim, handsome and intelligent. He dated a girl in high school, "Julie," who was the love of his life. They broke up and got back together several times, until she finally moved on and married a nice young man. Clayton graduated from college and has a well-paying job. The problem is, all he does is go to work and stay in his room watching TV (yes, he's still at home with my wife and me) until it's time to go back to work. Rarely does he even eat dinner with us. He does go to church on Sunday mornings, but speaks to no one, even though people try to talk to him. Several people his age, male and female, have approached him trying to strike up a conversation, but he is rude to them and won't even say hello. He refuses to go to restaurants with us because he "might see someone" he knows. He says that Julie was the only girl for him, and if it's not Julie then he isn't interested in anyone -- ever. Any suggestions? We don't necessarily want him to date if he doesn't want to, just to have some friends, male or female, and get a life. -- **DISTURBED DAD IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

DEAR DISTURBED DAD: I do have one. Your son needs some professional counseling in order to get on with his life. The behavior you have described is not normal. Clayton could be chronically depressed or even mentally ill. Please don't let the status quo continue any longer. See that he gets the help he needs.

DEAR ABBY: I am a single, 32-year-old woman with an older sister who has 12 grandchildren from her three kids. No matter how hard I try to be fair to all the kids, their parents and grandmother get angry at me for splitting the children into groups

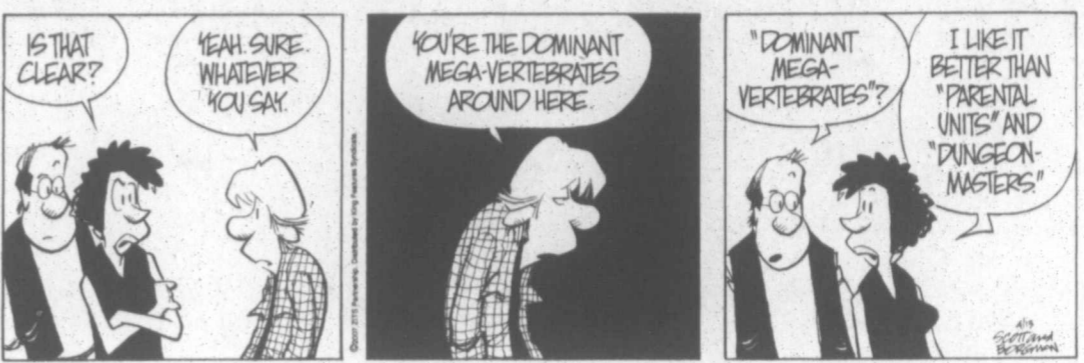
and not taking them all together all the time. I try to split up the outings into age-appropriate activities, but that apparently isn't good enough. They insist that I am not being entirely fair to the group. Abby, I admit I sometimes ask the older children, particularly the three soon-to-be-teenage girls, over for slumber parties a little more often than I do the others -- but that's because they are growing too old to want to spend time with their aunt, and I want to take advantage of whatever precious time I have left with them. The little ones will have their turn as pre-teens, too. Is there something wrong with splitting them up into smaller groups so I can spend quality time with each instead of simply baby sitting or playing referee? Am I asking too much to expect the parents of the younger children (ages 7 and under) to explain to them that they are just too little to go some places, with the promise of an outing just for them later? If you think I'm being unfair, I'll have to stop all the slumber parties because I just can't handle all the kids all the time. But if you agree with me, how do I get their parents to chill out? -- **FRUSTRATED AUNT IN INDIANA**

DEAR FRUSTRATED AUNT: There's an old saying, "There are none so blind as those who will not see." In other words, you can't force people to accept something they would rather ignore. You don't need to be sorry for your "shortcomings," which seem perfectly reasonable to me. Entertain the number of kids you are comfortable with, and stop apologizing. From where I'm sitting, you are a loving and attentive aunt, and the children are lucky to have you in their lives.

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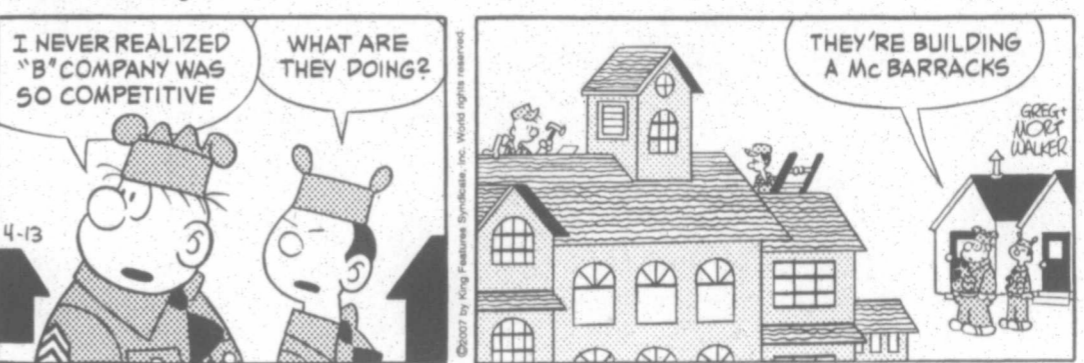
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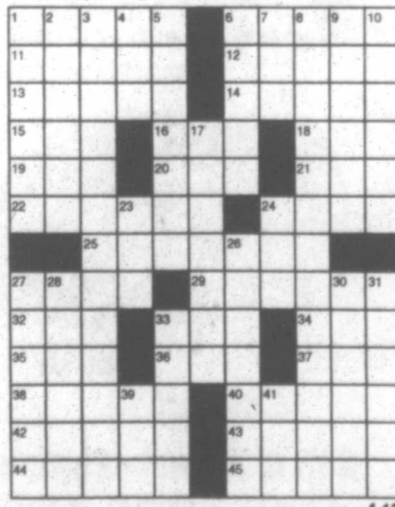
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 15 Homer's dad
 - 16 Limit
 - 18 Canadian grazer
 - 19 Campaign pro
 - 20 CIA's forerunner
 - 21 Fiction
 - 22 Blots
 - 24 Set eyes on
 - 25 Provincial
 - 27 Urban oasis
 - 29 Chic
 - 32 Pharaoh's symbol
 - 33 Sister of Jo, Amy, and Beth
 - 34 Pork place
 - 35 Unlucky
 - 36 "— was saying ..."
 - 37 Bonanza stuff
 - 38 Some tides
- DOWN**
- 1 Throws away
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 - 3 Small flier
 - 4 Unbroken
 - 5 Former liberals
 - 6 Packs down
 - 7 Common verb
 - 8 Candidate for parole
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 - 17 Takes for granted
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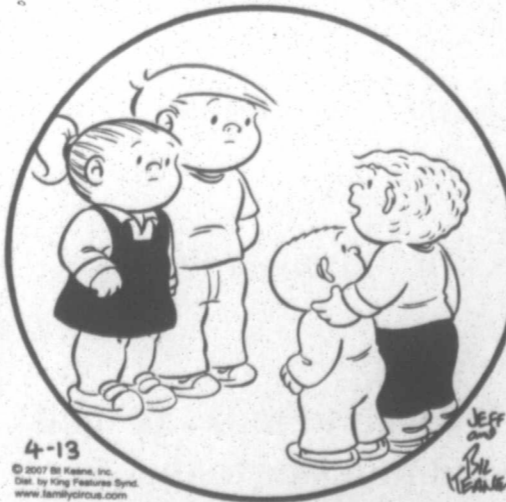


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Sports Day

Lefors Pirates advance through area competition

The Lefors Pirates competed in the Area 1-A track meet Wednesday in Panhandle. The boys placed 5th in team standings, while the girls ended the day in 3rd place. The top four finishers in each event will advance to the Regional meet to be held in Levelland April 27-28. Individual results are as follows:

Girls:
 Discus- Timbra Overstreet - 2nd - 90' 7"
 Pole Vault- Valerie Miller - 1st - 8' 0"
 Shot Put- Timbra Overstreet - 4th - 30' 7.75"
 Triple Jump- Emily Jackson - 1st - 32' 25"; Valerie Miller - 4th - 30' 3.25"
 800 meter run- Valerie Miller - 1st - 2:39.48
 100 meter dash- Emily Jackson - 1st - 13.00; Valerie Miller-2nd-13.10
 800 meter relay- (Emily Jackson, Valerie Miller, Brittny Coombes, Kara Davis) - 4th - 2:00.01
 200 meter dash- Emily Jackson - 1st - 27.78
 1600 meter run- Tori Meeks - 4th - 6:37.39

Boys:
 3200 meter run- Gabriel Miller - 4th - 11:48.74
 Discus- Dustin Forsyth - 4th - 112' 7.5"
 High Jump- Jeremy Sprouse - 3rd - 5' 10"
 Pole Vault- Cameron Klein - 2nd - 10' 0"
 Shot Put- Dustin Forsyth - 6th - 37' 11"
 400 meter relay- (Brent Roberson, Cameron Klein, Nick Hess, Payton Johnson) - 4th - 48.51
 110 hurdles- Payton Johnson - 5th - 18.23
 800 meter relay- (Brent Roberson, Cameron Klein, Nick Hess, Payton Johnson) - 5th - 1:42.38
 400 meter dash- Trever Czubinski - 4th - 58.90
 300 hurdles- Jeremy Sprouse - 6th - 49.59
 1600 meter relay- (Trever Czubinski, Brandon McBee, Jeremy Sprouse, Dustin Forsyth) - 6th - 3:54.66



Courtesy photos by LENDI JACKSON
 Valerie Miller of Lefors High School clears 8'0" to claim the area 1-A championship in girls' pole vault at the area meet Wednesday. Miller also won the 800 meter run, placed 2nd in the 100 meter dash, 4th in the triple jump and was on the 4th place 800 meter relay team.

District track meet postponed

By JORDAN REAGAN
 Sports Editor

With just over two weeks remaining in the month of April, Moore County was issued a "Snow and Blowing Snow Advisory" this morning, as were many other counties in the western Panhandle.

While Gray County is expecting the possibility of snow later in the evening, the Pampa Harvester track team is scheduled to travel to Moore County today to compete in the finals of the district track meet in Dumas. Due to the weather in

Dumas, the district 3-4A track meet has been rescheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday. Pampa competed in the district preliminaries on Thursday and will take 41 qualifying athletes to compete in the district finals Saturday.

CBS fires Don Imus over racial comments

NEW YORK (AP)—Don Imus' wife took over his radio fundraiser today after CBS fired the host for racist remarks about the Rutgers women's basketball team. She described her husband's meeting with the team, praised the women as "beautiful and courageous," and demanded that all hate mail being sent to the team stop.

"They gave us the opportunity to listen to what they had to say and why they're hurting and how awful this is," author Deirdre Imus said as she co-hosted the fundraiser for children's charities.

"He feels awful," she said of her husband. "He asked them, 'I want to know the pain I caused, and I want to know how to fix this and change this.'"

Deirdre Imus also said that the Rutgers players have been receiving hate e-mail, and she demanded that it stop. She told listeners "if you must send e-mail, send it to my husband," not the team.

"I have to say that these women are unbelievably courageous and beautiful women," she said.

Asked this morning about the hate mail, Rutgers team spokeswoman Stacey Brann said the team had received "two or three e-mails" but had also received "over 600 wonderful e-mails."

Don Imus' two-day radio fundraiser had been scheduled long before his on-air description of team members as "nappy-headed hos" set off a national debate about taste and tolerance.



Jeremy Sprouse of Lefors High School took the bronze medal in the boys high jump, clearing 5'10" in the area 1-A track meet Wednesday. Sprouse was also 6th in the 300 meter hurdles and was a member of the 6th place 1600 meter relay team. He will compete in the high jump at regionals.

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1-and-done is better than none Pinewood Derby

By JIM LITKE

AP Sports Columnist
Two weeks ago, Kevin Durant showed up to collect one of several player-of-the-year awards wearing a burnt-orange tie, black shirt and black suit. Somehow, it made him look even younger, taller and skinnier than he did in a Texas Longhorns jersey. That is no small accomplishment.

Durant had to lean down at the lectern to reach the microphone, and at the end of a short, gracious acceptance speech, he flashed an uncertain smile at the front row. There, his parents and grandmother sat and beamed back. He still looked like an 18-year-old kid to everybody present, but he was about to become a \$40 million man with a lot more to worry about than his grades. It was a bittersweet moment.

We no longer debate whether youngsters as talented as Durant and Ohio State's Greg Oden should leave school early — no matter how reluctant either might have been — only in what order they're likely to get drafted by the NBA. Even so, the fact that they even wrestled with the decision is a sign of progress. We'll get to why in a moment.

Durant declared himself available Tuesday and while Oden was coy about his own plans at the Buckeyes' pep rally Wednesday night, he has only until April 29 to decide. Mike Conley Sr., who recently registered as an NBA agent and says he will represent Oden — as well as his own son, Mike Conley Jr., another Ohio State freshman who might turn pro — did not return a call Thursday. But it's hard to imagine Oden saying no.

Whether he gets picked first in the June draft, ahead of Durant, or just behind him at No. 2, there will be one contract worth close to \$20 million over four years awaiting his signature the second after he shakes NBA commissioner David Stern's

hand. A sneaker deal similar to the one Nike reportedly gave Durant would double the dare. Then there's the cautionary tale of Joakim Noah to consider.

Noah returned to Florida for his junior year along with teammates Al Horford and Corey Brewer to defend the Gators' first national title. He wound up playing against Oden in the championship game, won it, and then found out NBA scouts wished he had declared for the draft a season earlier. Noah didn't get a bill for his third year at school — he was on full scholarship — but the decision likely cost him a few million.

So, is one-and-done any better than players jumping straight to the pros from high school?

When Stern won a small concession from the players' union in July 2005, and effectively pushed the league's age minimum to 19 and a year out of high school, it was easy to be cynical about the answer. The decision was still being balanced on the backs of the kids and the league was going to win, either way. It was still assured of a steady supply of talent, and whether a season on campus made those kids more mature was up to them. On that admittedly slim evidence, it's been a win-win proposition.

Coming up with an age-minimum has been a headache for all of pro sports, but it has fallen disproportionately to Stern and the NBA to come up with a remedy. Unlike the NFL, a handful of players could make the jump from high school to Stern's league, and unlike MLB, few were good enough early enough to dominate the headlines.

But Stern fought to force his future employees to do one season in college, anyway. Asked about that decision the other night, he took full credit for what looks to be a shrewd business decision. Stern claimed he didn't have Oden or Durant in mind

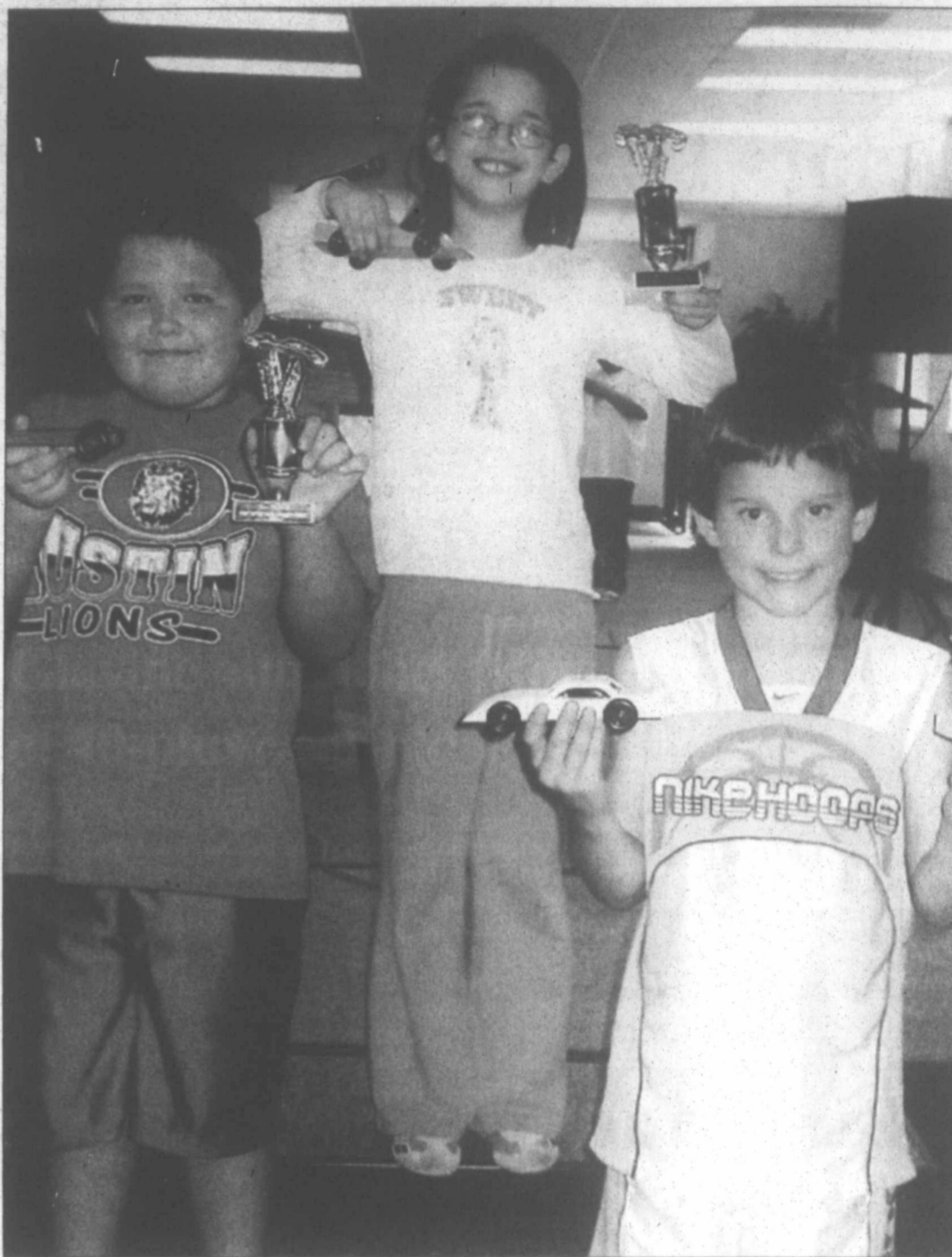
when he lowered the age-minimum, but he wasn't cursing his good luck, either.

"We are going to have a lot of the attention and the hype ... because there are going to be a lot of good players in this draft and a lot of them are going to be very tall," Stern said. "So we've got a lot of teams thinking that they've got a selection to make that's going to be that decade-long choice."

The flip side is that NCAA coaches and the kids they were recruiting benefited, too. They got a breather, knowing they were locked up for at least one season together, and there was even a ripple effect. A few of the best sophomores stuck around as well — besides the Florida trio, UCLA's Aaron Afflalo returned for one more year. College basketball was a better game for the added depth.

The downside is that Noah and the next young man who becomes the model for the stay-in-school crowd might have regrets. But just like Noah, Durant and Oden demonstrated, at the very least, that they learned enough during their season on campus to make an informed choice. And at a time when child actors, gymnasts, skaters and others are being rushed to the stage at breakneck speed, you can't ask for more than that.

Jim Litke is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to him at jlitkeap.org



The "Girls in Action" and "Royal Ambassadors" from First Baptist Church recently had their Pinewood Derby car races with 27 entries, 1st - 5th grade. The winners were Rylee Novian, 1st; Mason McKay, 2nd; and Rhett Harden, 3rd. People's choice awards went to Girls in Action's Kristi Klusmeyer with a silver limo, and to Royal Ambassador Rhett Harden with his Texas Longhorns car. Pictured here are: (L-R) Mason McKay, Rylee Novian and Rhett Harden.



Cole Davis, of Pack 404 of the Tiger Den competed in the annual Pinewood Derby on March 24 at the First Christian Church Activity Gym. With his car, named "American Rebel," Davis won all four of his races with a total time of 11.93, the fastest car in the Tiger division. For winning first place in the Pinewood Derby, Davis was rewarded with a digital camera.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I AM KIND OF A PARANOIAC IN REVERSE. I SUSPECT PEOPLE OF PLOTTING TO MAKE ME HAPPY. — J.D. SALINGER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, April 14, 2007:

Your get-up-and-go defines this year. Stopping you might be challenging, if not downright difficult. Keep it that way. Reach out for others and don't make all your decisions simultaneously. The more feedback you get, the better. You open up to new possibilities and opportunities this year. As a result, you will become far more effective. Take your time pursuing more exciting directions. Time might be a hidden ally. If you are single, very different types of people will enter your life. Be willing to walk another path. If you are attached, you'll break into new turf if both of you let go of your issues. PISCES reads you cold.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
*** Know when to kick back — whether you suddenly realize a key understanding or need to huddle up with your taxes. Accomplishment becomes your middle name. You might want to rethink a situation. Excessive understanding takes you to a new level. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Aim for more of what you want. You might want to see a situation from a renewed perspective, especially as someone reveals more of him- or herself. Others, especially a special friend, sorely tempt you to join in on the mischief. Why not? Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Take a stand and do something

very different. You might want to think through a relationship that often takes a lot out of you. Do you really need it? For whatever reason, you feel the need to step up to the plate. Others try to draw you into their misanthropic mood. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Reach out for new ideas. Clear your mind. Take off for a drive or go for a walk. Let go of stress. Your abilities to visualize and gather information will take you to new ground. Understanding will emerge if you can pull yourself out of a situation. Tonight: Try a new spot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Others force you to open your eyes. You might not have all the answers, as someone clearly lets you know. Let your ego out of the mix, and you very well might come to a new understanding. A heavy discussion could define your day. Tonight: Easy does it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Your popularity soars. You might want to try something different, and others encourage you to walk in a new direction. Listen to others — certainly some fun ideas that you might want to pursue will be sprinkled in the conversation. Tonight: Say "yes."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** Right now you might want to get into a project or two. Share a favorite hobby. Let others just hang out with you. Much that goes on around you could be opening your mind. Take a risk. Tonight: Find the party or happening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** You might not be as sure of yourself as you'd like to be. Avoid taking shopping or another emotionally driven

behavior to an extreme. Look at the issue creatively. Brainstorm with a buddy or two. Solutions will head your way. Tonight: Ever happy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** Deal with basics only. You might be overly tired. You might want to decide which way to go. Spend a cozy day or two at home. Bring others toward you. Consider your options carefully. Tonight: Entertain at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Reach out for others. Your perspective opens up new opportunities. Visit with friends. Dynamic, fun and wild conversations seem to happen with ease. Talk up a storm. Recognize what happens. Tonight: Out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
*** Curb a need to be possessive and perhaps touchy. Friends plug levity into a situation. Are you ready for the glee and good will? You might be delighted by what comes to pass if you just let go of your stuff. Tonight: Easy does it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** You feel your Wheaties and feel downright great. You might want to rethink certain details and get on top of your game. A must appearance ends up being much more fun than you originally had thought. Tonight: Easy does it.

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Actress Sarah Michelle Gellar (1977), baseball player Pete Rose (1941), actress Julie Christie (1941)

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Glavine outpitches Moyer in matchup of 40-plus-year-old left-handers

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Glavine got the win in the oldest matchup of left-handed starters in major league history and wasn't exactly sure how to react.

"Glad to be part of it, I guess," the 41-year-old Glavine said.

Other than a pair of Jimmy Rollins homers, Glavine pretty much shut down the Phillies in New York's 5-3 victory over Moyer on Thursday night. He got it done with his arm and his bat, making a little in-game adjustment after a rocky start.

"I was rushing in my delivery and rushing to try to make pitches," Glavine said. "After the second inning, when I threw my warmup pitches in the third inning, I

kind of tried to make a little conscious adjustment and it felt good. It felt like my pitches were a little bit better during the warmup and just tried to go with it, and it seemed to work."

In the only other NL game Thursday, Washington beat Atlanta 2-0 to snap a six-game losing streak.

Moyer and Glavine (2-1) hooked up in the oldest matchup of lefty starters (85 years, 163 days) in major league history, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. The Yankees' Tommy John and White Sox pitcher Jerry Reuss on May 2, 1988, were the previous record holders (83 years, 299 days).

Moyer (1-1) allowed four runs, three earned, and four hits in six innings.

"I pitched myself into some jams today," said the 44-year-old Moyer, who also hit three batters with pitches. "I probably deserved what I got."

Jose Reyes hit a go-ahead, two-run single in the fourth for New York, and Moises Alou had three hits.

The defending NL East champion Mets took two of three in their first series against Philadelphia, which finished second last year and is off to a slow start again. The Phillies have lost seven of their first nine.

"We need to win some series," manager Charlie Manuel said. "We need to take two out of three. We need to play better."

Their inability to knock out Glavine after his slow start was the biggest difference in the latest loss.

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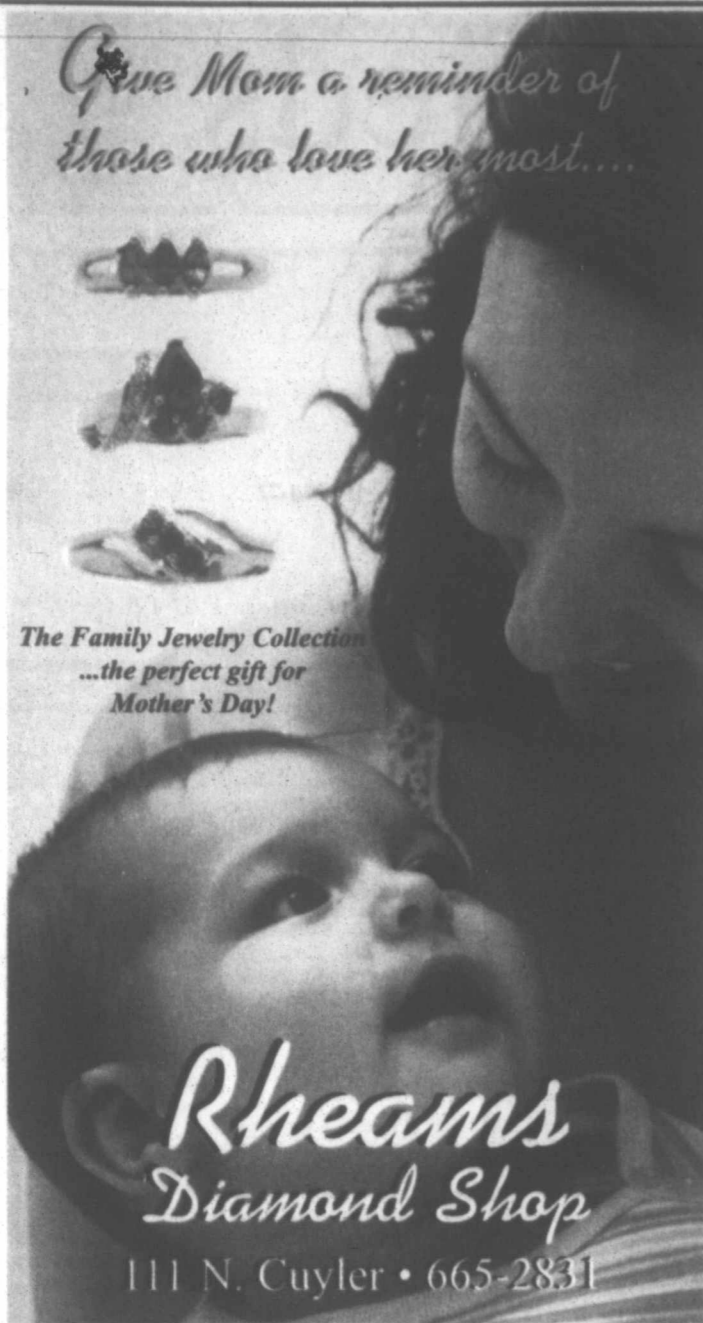
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