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Storm causes thousands of power outages

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STORM DAMAGE: A home on Adcock Road was damaged by a pine tree that was apparently blown over during a severe thunderstorm in the Highway 70 west area around midnight Thursday.

Winds knock down trees, power lines

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A powerful thunderstorm that swept through Garland County shortly before midnight Thursday downed numerous trees and power lines, causing thousands of power outages that stretched into Friday afternoon.

Fallen trees damaged homes in the Adcock Road area off Highway 70 west and a pickup truck on Woodlawn Street in Hot Springs, but there were no reports of injuries.

Greg Asbell, Entergy Arkansas

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POLE SHATTERED: Sheri Burkes, left, and Brian Steele walk down the 200 block of Woodlawn Street on Friday near a shattered utility pole, which was damaged during a severe thunderstorm around midnight Thursday.

Cella's festival dream lives on

BOB WISENER
Sports editor

An Oaklawn Park season known equally for its bad weather and excellent racing may yet produce a defining moment that will etch it in memory.

It often happens during the Racing Festival of the South, the meet-ending crash of cymbals that track president Charles J. Cella introduced in 1974 with immediate success.

In the inaugural festival, legendary jockey Bill Shoemaker scored his 100th victory in a $100,000 stakes race aboard Miss Musket in Oaklawn's Fantasy. A week later, J.R.'s Pet beat Silver Florin by a head in an Arkansas Derby photo finish of Arkansas-owned 3-year-olds.

Just in years ending in 4, like that one and this one, April has produced festival memories.

The 1984 gala supplied renewals of the Fantasy and Arkansas Derby that may never be equaled. For one thing, one horse ran in both races. Althea placed second in the Fantasy when stopped cold on the backstretch but returned a week later and matched the track record for a mile and an eighth.

Trainer Wayne Lukas, defying conventional wisdom by running a filly against males, said he had three ladies to please: co-owners Helen Groves and daughter Helen Alexander — and Althea, the only female winner of the Arkansas Derby.

The 1994 Arkansas Derby winner benefited from a rider change, although Garrett Gomez was not the first choice on Concern. Aaron Gryder picked up the ride after trainer Richard Small's colt had traffic

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PLANTING PINWHEELS: Emily Cunningham, a fourth-grader at Malvern Elementary School, places a pinwheel in the lawn of the Cooper-Anthony Mercy Child Advocacy Center during a Child Abuse Awareness Rally on Friday. A total of 161 pinwheels were placed, which represents the true cases of child abuse in Garland County during the past year.

State urged to fight against child abuse

DON THOMASON
The Sentinel-Record

Only 161 pinwheels were placed on the lawn of the Cooper-Anthony Mercy Child Advocacy Center during a Child Abuse Awareness Rally on Friday, which is 47 fewer than last year.

That was encouraging news for children's rights advocates, since each pinwheel represents a true case of reported child abuse in Garland County during the previous year.

State Rep. Bruce Westerman, R-District 22, said Friday that child abuse is "an evil that all Arkansans must join together and fight against."

Speaking at the rally at the center, 216 McAuley Court, Westerman said child abuse cuts across race and income levels, occurs in the city and country, and is not a Republican or Democrat issue.

"Many children suffer diminished opportunities to develop physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially as a direct result of child abuse," he said.

Janice McCutcheon Beaver, director of the center, said prior to the rally that the event was to "bring awareness about child abuse in our community and to bring community people here to support the center and what we do here in protecting children."

The center, which remains a part of the Mercy Health system, is a "place of hope where children can came and share their story in a safe place and have intervention so the offense can stop and the people out there who are offending them can be stopped and not hurt other kids," Beaver said.

"It (the rally) is about celebrating children and childhood — that time in our lives when we had that innocence and were carefree. I think kids can teach us a lot about being more like that," she said.

The center provides service to children from birth to age 17 free of charge, Beaver said.

"We do interviews with the children, sexual assault medical examinations, advocacy, prevention training, and have added a mental health component. We're

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Suspects caught after bank robbery

STEVEN MROSS
The Sentinel-Record

Two men who allegedly robbed a local bank Friday afternoon were apprehended within about 30 minutes of the robbery after a lengthy chase that ended on the King Expressway near Carpenter Dam Road.

Sometime around 4:15 p.m., Hot Springs police and other law enforcement agencies responded to a report of a robbery at the BancorpSouth Branch, located at 3101 Central Ave., south of Oaklawn Park, and were told the sus-

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The Sentinel-Record/Mara Kuhn

SUSPECT IN CUSTODY: Hot Springs police take a bank robbery suspect into custody on the King Expressway, just west of the Malvern Avenue interchange on Friday. Two suspects who allegedly robbed the BancorpSouth branch at 3101 Central Ave. led police on a lengthy chase and then crashed their vehicle on the expressway. Both suspects were taken into custody.

Schools gear up for testing

JAY BELL
The Sentinel-Record

Local school administrators, students and teachers are working to prepare themselves, and each other, for this year's tests and the changes that are on the way.

Schools prepare each year around this time for the wave of standardized tests that students must take. The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills began this week with Benchmark exams scheduled to begin next week.

Schools are also preparing for the field tests of the new Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, known as PARCC, assessments being implemented with

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MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE LOW 60S. LOWS IN THE MID 40S.
SUNRISE: 6:55 A.M.
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