

Obituaries

Doyle Hindman, 76

McLEAN — Doyle Hindman, 76, of McLean, died Thursday, April 28, 2005. Services are pending under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.

Mamie Pauline Carter Peeples, 97

Mamie Pauline Carter Peeples, died April 27, 2005, in Austin, Texas. She was born Sept. 11, 1907, in Henrietta, Texas.

She married Hugh Peeples in Electra, Texas in 1927. They moved to Pampa in the 1940's. After her sons started to high school she worked as a bookkeeper for Murphee's Department Store and later Bentley's Ladies Clothing store.

After Hugh's retirement as manager of Ideal Food Store she worked with him in their real estate business. They moved to Denton, Texas in 1977 to a Retirement Village. They celebrated 65 years of marriage before Hugh's death in 1992. She moved to Austin in 1998.

Mamie was predeceased by her parents, James Robert and Minnie Pearl Carter; sisters Olive Carter and Opal Pruet; son, Kenneth Peeples; and grandson, John

Peeples. She is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Mel and Betty Peeples of Austin; daughter-in-law, Pat Peeples Johnson of Beaumont; sister, Ruth Ingram of Tulsa; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2005, at Weed-Corley-Fish Chapel with Dr. Joe Griffin officiating. Graveside services will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2005, at Roselawn Memorial Park in Denton.

Arrangements are by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78705 (512) 452-8811. Memorials and guestbook on-line at wcfish.com.

Services tomorrow

PEEPLS, Mamie Pauline Carter — 9 a.m., Weed-Corley-Fish Chapel, Austin. Graveside services, 3:30 p.m., Roselawn Memorial Park, Denton.

Gray County Weather

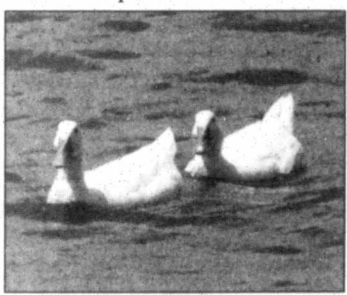
Today: A 20 percent chance of rain before 5 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 50. Wind chill values between 32 and 37 early. Windy, with a northeast wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear, with a low around 32. Northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 61. Wind chill values between 27 and 33 early. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-south-east.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 38. Wind chill values between 31 and 36. Southeast wind

around 15 mph. Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 62. South-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.



Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. South-southeast wind around 15 mph.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy,

with a high near 60. Southeast wind around 15 mph.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. East wind around 15 mph.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 63. East wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 47.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 72.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Thursday, April 28

Fifteen traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 400 block of North Dwight, concerning Highway 60 East, and the 1100 block of Wilcox. A vehicle accident was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of South Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of North Duncan. The back window of a vehicle was shot out with a BB gun, causing \$700 damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of South Reid. A storage building was spray painted, resulting in \$20 damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of Evergreen, concerning mail boxes.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of East Francis, where juveniles were throwing things at vehicles.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of Miami. Compact discs and money were taken, for an estimated loss of \$1,533.

Theft was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester, and in the 600 block of North Nelson.

A sexual offense report was made in the police department lobby and in the 3000 block of Perryton Parkway.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 400 block of Municipal Drive, the 600 block of Davis, and the 600 block of North Nelson.

One residential alarm was reported.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Offenses against family were reported in the police department lobby and at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 600

block of North Nelson.

Assault was reported in the 2200 block of Evergreen. Minor injuries were reported.

Aggravated assault was reported in the police department lobby.

Public intoxication was reported at the intersection of Tyng and Starkweather streets.

Robert Lindsey Curtis, 54, 708 Doucette, was arrested in the 600 block of North Nelson for driving while intoxicated.

James Glen Miller, 44, 912 Fisher, was arrested in the 100 block of South Starkweather for public intoxication.

Friday, April 29

Cedric Deshun Parker, 18, 1116 Varnon, was arrested in the 1100 block of Varnon for evading arrest with a vehicle.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following motor vehicle accident.

Wednesday, April 27

4:41 p.m. — A 1997 Ford F150, driven by Jason Duane Norwood, and a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria, driven by Kelly Jo Parks, 827 N. Dean, collided in the 1200-block of North Hobart. Norwood was cited for no proof of insurance and for unsafe lane change.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, April 27

Sarah Marie Watkins, 22, Burns Flat, Okla., was arrested for possession of a controlled substance over one gram and less than four grams, and for warrants for theft of property by check, theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000, and four counts of issuing a bad check.

Thursday, April 28

Melford Neil Hanks, 49, 441 Pitts, was arrested on a warrant for interference with railroad property.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, April 28

2:21 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

9:10 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 900 block of Sierra.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, April 28

11:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to Golden Plains Community Hospital, Borger.

12:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to GPCH and transported a patient(s) to a local nursing facility.

4:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

5:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of Nelson and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

8:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

8:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of Nelson and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

9:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of Sierra and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Friday, April 29

12:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to the 600 block of Nelson.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.		
Wheat	3.11	
Milo	3.10	
Corn	3.83	
Soybeans	5.37	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
OXY	68.11	+0.81
BP PLC ADR	61.37	+0.57
Cabot Corp	30.08	+0.15
Cabot Oil Gas	29.03	-1.89
Coca Cola	42.93	+0.24
VLO	68.04	+0.53
HAL	41.61	+0.06
TRI	50.24	+0.16
KMI	75.51	+0.33
XCEL	17.09	-0.02
Kerr McGee	76.85	-0.56
XOM	56.22	+0.22
Limited	21.64	-0.24
Williams	17.06	-0.14
MCD	29.30	-0.31
Atmos	25.94	NC
Pioneer Nat	41.07	-0.48
JCP	47.30	-0.22
COP	103.27	+0.51
SLB	68.13	-0.28
Tenneco	12.80	-0.23
CVX	51.00	-0.15
Wal-Mart	46.75	-0.30
OKE	28.26	-0.44
NS Grp	28.76	+0.01
New York Gold	431.15	
Silver	6.94	
West Texas Crude	51.77	

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HARRIETT PRICE Dublin & "Cottonseed Kid", White Deer Land Museum Sunday, May 1, 2:00 PM

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Photo courtesy White Deer Land Museum

Harriett Price Dublin in a photo circa 1942.

Local author revisits pre-television times

Growing up on a ranch north of Pampa, author Harriett Price Dublin relives some of creative fun she, her brother, sisters and cousins had during the pre-television days in her little book, "The Cottonseed Kid."

Dublin will be recalling some of those memories at a book signing on Sunday, May 1, at 2 p.m. in the White Deer Land Museum. The event is sponsored by the Gray County Historical Commission and the public is invited.

Shaded with bits of wisdom and humor, Dublin shares such memories of her hitchhiking day, playing circus, watching the cream separator, bottle feeding lambs, being chased by Old Bossie, and other incidents from a

by-gone era.

She relives her summers in Kansas — camping out, celebrating the fourth of July, and the accident — a forerunner to gaining some compassion. Dublin added an assortment of family recipes, some pencil sketches, and a few family pictures that include her two older sisters, her brother Buddy, and her parents Fady and Honey, otherwise known as Willis and Margaret Price.

The military exhibit that will be on display during the summer is in the beginning stages at the museum, and those attending the signing will have the first view of this tribute to veterans that is being co-sponsored by the WDL Museum and Freedom Museum, U.S.A.

McCormick

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"Even though gas prices are high," McCormick said, "our city has turned around and is starting to grow. Our city is starting to spread out."

The new Wal-Mart has helped, he said.

"That has happened while I have been here," McCormick said. "That's something very nice."

He points to the prison as something that has helped Pampa's economy.

"We were able to furnish some water," he said. "They came to our city and supplied a lot of jobs. We're a part of that because we do furnish their water."

McCormick said that in the future, he would like to see the city annex land north of town because that's where the growth is.

He said the city needs a lift station for water and sewage on the north side of town.

Pampa's sale of water to Lubbock has opened up a new source of revenue, he said.

"It's between \$160,000 and \$180,000 a year," McCormick said.

That extra money, he said, will allow the city to do some things.

"I foresee, like we did last year, save up some money and pay some things off," McCormick said, "and buy some equipment without going into more debt. That's what I would like to see in the next two years."

He said he would like the city to be able to pay off cars and vehicles with cash rather than go into more debt.

He said the city has a new fire truck. "We have another fire truck coming," he said.

"A brand new one. That makes two fire trucks. That's something that we've

needed for a long time," he said.

McCormick said the fire department is very valuable to the city.

"We need to get them the equipment that they need to do the right job, do a proper job," he said.

McCormick said he would also like to help support the chamber of commerce.

"We do have the means. The left over money from the PEDC when it's all said and done, we could take a portion, a small portion, even the interest off of it, and help the chamber of commerce until something else comes along, and I'm not going to say the EDC."

He said the voters have to decide on any economic development council.

"Until something else comes along," McCormick said, "we could supply a quality organization such as the chamber of commerce and let them do their job, which they are doing very well."

He said Clay Rice has done a wonderful job as head of the chamber of commerce.

"I'm not really going to mention the EDC because that's in the future," McCormick said. "I think we do need one, but it's up to the people. We've got to promote it in the correct way."

His big concern is cleaning Pampa's alleys.

"We desperately need to clean the alleys," McCormick said. "I would like to go to the commission and ask them to hire two part time helpers this summer and get all the alleys in the whole city cleaned up, and we can do that."

He said he would like to continue to set aside money each year for seal coating projects and maybe pave some unpaved streets.

McCormick said he's very proud of the new skate park in Central Park.

"That's what I've been a part of that we were able to give back to the kids and to the community," McCormick said.

He's also happy with the Super Playground, being able to furnish a portion of that.

"That was for the citizens," McCormick said. "That was strictly so the kids would have a place to play, a nice place."

McCormick mentioned the rescue dog that was donated to the city.

"That is something that is going to be really valuable when a child is lost," McCormick said, "or when an adult is lost."

He said the dog is a valuable asset, not just for Pampa, but also in the surrounding area.

McCormick said he's concerned about city employees.

"We getting the wages up so the employees can make a decent living," McCormick said. "I know that we're not there yet, but in the next couple of years, it's my plan to give them a decent wage."

He said the city needs to keep the people its got so they don't go find a job somewhere else.

"We need to make the funds available where they can make a decent living," McCormick said.

Part of the reason the city can do that, he said, is because of the increased sales tax receipts.

"Revenue from sales tax is up 20 percent over last year," McCormick said. "We're doing something right. As a commission, we have started a trend."

'I would like to go to the commission and ask them to hire two part-time helpers this summer and get all the alleys cleaned up.'

— Jeff McCormick
City commission candidate

Texas gas prices level after decline

IRVING (AP) — Texas gasoline prices have steadied after two straight weeks of declines, according to a new AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch survey released Friday.

The survey showed that regular unleaded self-serve averaged about \$2.14 a gallon in Texas, up less than a penny from last week but still 45 cents higher than last year's average.

Gas prices rose in five of the eight Texas markets in the

weekly survey, said AAA Texas spokeswoman Rose Rougeau.

"Motorists can expect the statewide gasoline average to remain above \$2 a gallon for the next several weeks," she said in a statement. "Whether prices will increase to new record levels near Memorial Day, remain about where they are now, or fall below \$2 a gallon is uncertain due to the volatile price of oil."

trying to sell the car, and had let Watkins test-drive it.

"Lt. Stephanie Raymond (of the police department) and I started searching for the car as soon as we got the report. We knew who had the car."

"They had let her (Watkins) try the car. They had an agreement with her. They called her several times, and when she didn't bring it back, that's when we got involved," Chace said.

"Every time they would contact her, she'd make up a different excuse as to why she hadn't brought it back," she said.

There was no damage to the car at the time of its recovery, Chace said.

"The owners are pretty happy," she said.

"I've always said that when two departments work together, you can accomplish a lot. That's what happened in this case," Chace said.

"she was believed to be living here in the Pampa area," Hoard said.

In the same hour of Watkins' arrest, the stolen car, a 2001 Ford Mustang, was recovered.

Det. Beverly Chace of Pampa Police Department said she and Deputy Robert Douglas saw the stolen car as they were each driving in the 100 block of West Foster at about 2:30 p.m., Wednesday. A woman was driving the car in the opposite direction, toward them.

"When it passed Robert and I, we shut it down. We called the owner, and she came down and signed a property release form and took the car," Chace said.

The woman driving the car at the time it was recovered was not charged with any offense and was not taken into custody, Chace said.

The Mustang's owners had reported it missing since April 23, she said. They were

Arrest

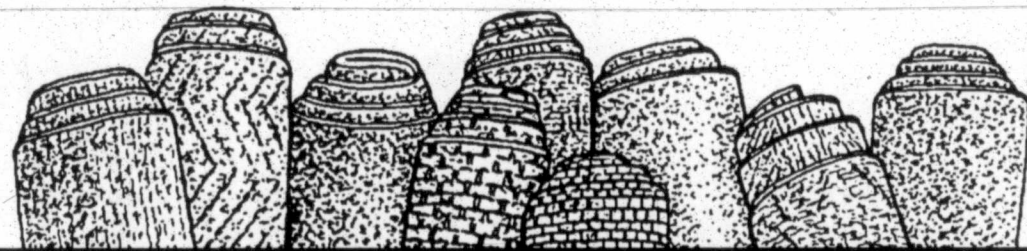
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substance over one gram and less than four grams. She was also charged with the offenses listed on the warrants, which were for theft of property by check, theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000, and four counts of issuing a bad check.

Bond on the controlled substance charge was set at \$2,000. Bond on the theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000 charge, concerning the stolen car, was set at \$1,500. The other theft charge resulted in a bond of \$750, and the bad check charges earned another \$500 each, making Watkins' total bonds \$6,250, according to jail records.

She remained in jail as of press time today.

Although Watkins listed a Burns Flat, Okla., address,



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Viewpoints

Alzheimer's robs families of their loved ones

"Dad, you can't walk out the front door in your underwear and bare feet to go to the Post Office — people might be offended and then you'll have more problems — like the need for bail money", I said to my father as I guided him to his chair.

Mother had called me earlier seeking reinforcements, for in her blockage of the front door, he was going out come hell or high water.

My father is blind in one eye and cannot see out of the other. Earlier the same month, I had forced the legal maneuver to retest him in his driver's license, figuring his eyesight (lack of) would cause failure of the vision and driving tests.

Was I ever fooled. He

passed the eye exam and then passed the driving test, for the DPS officer let him drive the same path he had driven the past 60 years. He could have done it blindfolded! The retests were after the event two years ago when an elderly California man my father's age fainted behind the wheel and killed 10 pedestrians.

It was time to drop back five and punt, so I called the VA in Amarillo and set an appointment for a physical examination to be given my father.

"Dewey is losing blood internally. In fact, the blood loss is creating his mental instability," was Connie Scofield's remark to me after her examination of Dad. "I

recommend admitting him to the hospital to find the cause of blood loss and then we'll assess him afterwards," she continued.

Dad, who had munched a 150-count

bottle of Bufferin in less than a week, said he had "a backache." I don't have to

explain what 150 Bufferin in seven days can do to a stomach wall. Coupled with an ulcer with carotid artery disease, no wonder Dad was in a fugue state.

"Dewey's senility has advanced into dementia," was Connie Scofield's dis-

charge assessment to Mother and I after Dad's hospital stay ended. "I recommend a nursing home," she opined.

Her conversation with us was in August of 2003. The second-most difficult emotional fight of my life had begun, assurance that my full plate was getting fuller.

Who in their right mind wants to place a parent or a loved one in a nursing home? The decision was made to keep Dad at home and have a nursing service tend to his needs. After all, Dad and Mother have been together 60 years, separating

them would be the wrong approach. He'll be just fine at home ... Hmm?

I knew all along that the picture that would unfold by keeping Dad at home, for where goes dementia follows Alzheimer's. Common sense is never a consideration when it involves love, is it?

Watching the day-by-day degeneration of a loved one's mind caused by Alzheimer's has been a trip I wanted canceled from the get-go. Alas, those travel plans will never be canceled until God's plan for my father has been fulfilled.

I/we are forced to venture along when Alzheimer's plays the travel agent. Furthermore, when number

two son with an already full plate spilling with childhood issues becomes the caregiver to his ill father, a side trip worthy of a psychiatrist's dream quickly ensues.

Prayer and routine calls to my therapist in Houston plus a good sense of humor — I truly possess a good sense of humor — have made caring for Dad relatively painless — until anger reared its ugly head. Not with me, but as a side effect of Alzheimer's. Once Dad's safety — and Mother's — became a factor — the decision to place him in a facility came hard, but fast. Dad has been in an Alzheimer's unit since the middle of January.

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Dennis Palmitier
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 29, the 119th day of 2005. There are 246 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 29, 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the Dachau concentration camp; the same day, Adolf Hitler married Eva Braun and designated Adm. Karl Doenitz his successor.

On this date:

In 1429, Joan of Arc entered the besieged city of Orleans to lead a victory over the English.

In 1861, Maryland's House of Delegates voted against seceding from the Union.

In 1862, New Orleans fell to Union forces during the Civil War.

In 1916, the Easter Rising in Dublin collapsed as Irish nationalists surrendered to British authorities.

In 1946, 28 former Japanese leaders were indicted as war criminals.

In 1974, President Nixon announced he was releasing edited transcripts of some secretly made White House tape recordings related to Watergate.

In 1983, Harold Washington was sworn in as the first black mayor of Chicago.

Our readers write

Nominations open for Hall of Honor

It is springtime in the Texas Panhandle, and plans are being made for the annual Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor Banquet. This project was started in 1990 to recognize and honor Panhandle veterans who have distinguished themselves in the service of our country.

We have inducted individuals from Pampa, Amarillo, Canyon, Claude, Miami, Higgins and other area towns. These honored inductees have been recipients of such awards as the Silver Star, Distinguished

Flying Cross and even three who received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

We can never completely show our appreciation to these individuals for their bravery, love of country and unselfish sacrifices. In this small gesture, we hope to let the living and deceased know they are not forgotten and their sacrifices were not in vain.

Some of those we honor have gone on to their final resting places. We feel confident wherever they are, they will hear their names called and know they have not been forgotten.

To nominate an individual, we need a short narrative on their life, what

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Mainstream media: The Fifth Column

The raging battle taking place between the governing Republican Party and the out-of-power Democrats is something to be expected. What is not so easily dealt with are the attacks from the rear, from a Fifth Column allied with the Democrats which controls a large amount of the information made available to the public — the mainstream media, which have all but abandoned any pretense of being an unbiased source of the news.

In recent days there has been a series of examples of the media's propagandizing on behalf of the Democrats.

America woke up the other day to media reports that the CIA has ruled out the possibility that that

Saddam's weapons of mass destruction had been secretly sent to Syria prior to the outbreak of hostilities. According to the media, the issue is now closed. The Washington Times, however, had a different take on the story, reporting that the CIA's chief weapons inspector Charles Duelfer said he cannot rule out the possibility

that Iraqi weapons of mass destruction were secretly shipped to Syria before the March 2003 invasion, citing "sufficiently credible" evidence that WMDs may have been moved there.

According to the Times, speculation on WMDs in Syria was fueled by the fact that satellite images picked up long lines of trucks waiting to cross the border into Syria before the coalition launched the invasion, and that retired Marine Lt. Gen.

Michael DeLong, the deputy commander of U.S. Central Command during the war has written that intelligence reports pointed to WMD movement into Syria. Moreover, in October, John A. Shaw, then the deputy undersecretary of defense for international technology security, told the Times that Russian special forces and intelligence troops worked with Saddam's intelligence service to move weapons and material to Syria, Lebanon and possibly Iran. "The organized effort was done in advance of the con-

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Pharmacists should not impose beliefs

Pharmacists whose beliefs prevent their filling valid, lawful prescriptions should find a new line of work.

Last week, members of the Texas House State Affairs Committee heard testimony on a bill that would protect the jobs of pharmacists who refuse to dispense emergency contraception. It appears the bill is destined to die in committee, an appropriate end to this wrongheaded attempt to legislate protection for behavior that is unprofessional and possibly harmful to the patient.

Across the nation, some pharmacists have adopted the notion that their moral or religious opposition to birth

control and emergency contraception confers on them the right to overrule a doctor's prescription.

On April 1, Illinois Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich issued an emergency order requiring pharmacists to promptly fill contraception prescriptions after two women complained that a Chicago pharmacy declined to fill their prescriptions. That set off a spate of news reports revealing that women in other states had experienced similar harassment. Some pharmacists apparently are participating

in a national campaign by conservative religious groups to hamper access to contraception.

Some state legislatures are considering laws that would prohibit this practice. Lawmakers in several other states, meanwhile, are working to pass so-called laws of conscience that would uphold a pharmacist's right to refuse to fill a lawful prescription. Arkansas, Mississippi, South Dakota and Georgia already have such laws or regulations on their books. Texas must not follow this

dangerous trend. Druggists, though knowledgeable about pharmaceuticals, are not qualified to make medical judgments about a patient's health. And they are wrong to believe their own morality trumps the moral judgment or health care decisions of women and their doctors.

Allowing pharmacists to fill some prescriptions and refuse to fill others would create new obstacles to basic health care and cause more unwanted pregnancies. Refusing to dispense emergency contraception, which prevents pregnancy after unprotected sex (including in cases of rape), is especially

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Texas Thoughts

Houston Chronicle

Disease

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When I walk into his room, I find him asleep in the fetal position, his diapered butt out of proportion with the rest of his body. My inclination is to pick him up and place him against my shoulder and pat his little tush. But he is my father, not

my baby son. Dad will never ever be the jovial, good-natured man that went off to war for his country, fought and won his own personal war with alcohol, and became a loving and caring husband who truly loves his three sons.

Alzheimer's has taken control of his mind. It has robbed my mother of the togetherness created by 60 years of marriage and left

her by herself at home. To me, Alzheimer's is the never-ever disease — no finality — for life will never ever be the same once Alzheimer's insidious grasp initiates its path of destruction.

Dennis Palmitier is a Pampa native, a Pampa High School graduate and pharmaceutical sales representative.

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branch of the service they served in, the awards they received and, if possible, a copy of citations that accompanied the awards, plus copies of newspaper clippings pertaining to the nominee.

In the narrative, tell about the nominee's contributions

to his/her community following years of service in the military. This will give our selection committee a better idea as to overall merit of the individual.

We need to have all nominations in by July 16. New inductees will be notified after selections are made. The banquet will be held Friday, Aug. 22, 7 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 318 N. Cuyler (north end of main street).

Address nominations to: Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor c/o John L. Tripplehorn Freedom Museum, USA 600 N. Hobart Pampa, Texas 79065.

I look forward to receiving all nominations. It is truly an honor for me to be associated with such outstanding veterans.

John L. Tripplehorn
President

Media

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flict," he said. The Fifth Column reported none of that.

Democrats, panicked at the thought that President Bush's judicial nominees might win confirmation if senators were allowed to vote on the nominees instead of being stymied by a filibuster, are attempting to make it look as if the Republicans were trampling on the Constitution by changing the rules to allow senators to cast their votes either for or against the nominees.

Ever eager to help their Democrat allies, big media have gone all-out to perpetuate the falsehoods being peddled by Harry Reid and company.

According to the spunky Media Research Council, ABC and The Washington Post paraded a new poll they said showed two-thirds opposed to a rule change to end Democratic filibusters of judicial nominees. But the poll, it seems, was a "push-poll," designed to get the results the pollsters wanted. The language of the question

led to the media's desired answer. Here's how the questions were framed:

"The Senate has confirmed 35 federal appeals court judges nominated by Bush, while Senate Democrats have blocked 10 others. Do you think the Senate Democrats are right or wrong to block these nominations?"

Right: 48 percent; wrong: 36 percent. "Would you support or oppose changing Senate rules to make it easier for the Republicans

to confirm Bush's judicial nominees?" Support: 26 percent; oppose: 66 percent. MRC asks what the results would have been if the questions were honestly posed:

"In a change from long Senate tradition, Democrats have employed the threat of filibusters to block the confirmations of ten federal appeals court judges who would win majority support in an up-or-down vote. Do

you think the Senate Democrats are right or wrong to use such tactics?"

"Would you support or oppose restoring the Senate's traditional procedures which provide for a majority vote of Senators to confirm judicial nominees?"

When House Speaker Dennis Hastert announced that the GOP would rescind the rule changes to which the Democrats objected and were using to prevent the Ethics Committee from meeting, the media portrayed it as a

slap in the face of Tom DeLay that would subject him to an unwanted investigation. They ignored the fact that DeLay has been calling on the committee to investigate the charges largely made against him by the media.

Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally.

Beliefs

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ly dangerous because the medication must be taken soon after intercourse.

On Thursday, Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., became the latest of several members of Congress to introduce federal legislation that would require pharmacies to fill all prescriptions presented or refer customers

to more cooperative colleagues.

Texas could improve on this concept by passing a bill allowing certain qualified pharmacies to dispense emergency contraceptives without a prescription.

It makes sense for governments to protect whistleblowers and workers who are asked to break the law. Employers have a duty to make reasonable accommodation for employees' religious beliefs allowing spe-

cial garb and time off for high holidays, for instance so long as the employee does his job.

Pharmacists who won't do their job because they find it morally repugnant have to accept that there might be negative consequences, including loss of employment. If a pharmacist's conscience prevents him from performing his job, he should find another line of work.

Community happenings

Pampa Garden Club. Pampa Garden Club meets at 2 p.m. the second Monday of each month from September through May. Meeting location

changes monthly. **Pampa Pilots Ass'n.** Pampa Pilots Association meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Airport Lounge.

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Religion

National Day of Prayer to be observed in Pampa

Area residents will gather between Gray County Courthouse and Pampa City Hall at 12:20 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, in observance of the National Day of Prayer.

A flatbed trailer is to be set up in front of the courthouse with speakers facing the city hall, said Paul Nachtigall, pastor of Highland Baptist Church and one of the organizers of this year's local observance.

Last year, the group met on the south lawn of the county courthouse. Because of the ongoing landscaping project there, the gathering has been moved to the street between the courthouse and city hall.

"We plan to block off the street in front of the trailer," Nachtigall said.

As American troops fight for democracy and freedom around the globe, citizens of the United States are preparing to celebrate their freedom to gather, worship and pray by answering the call to prayer on May 5, the 54th annual National Day of Prayer.

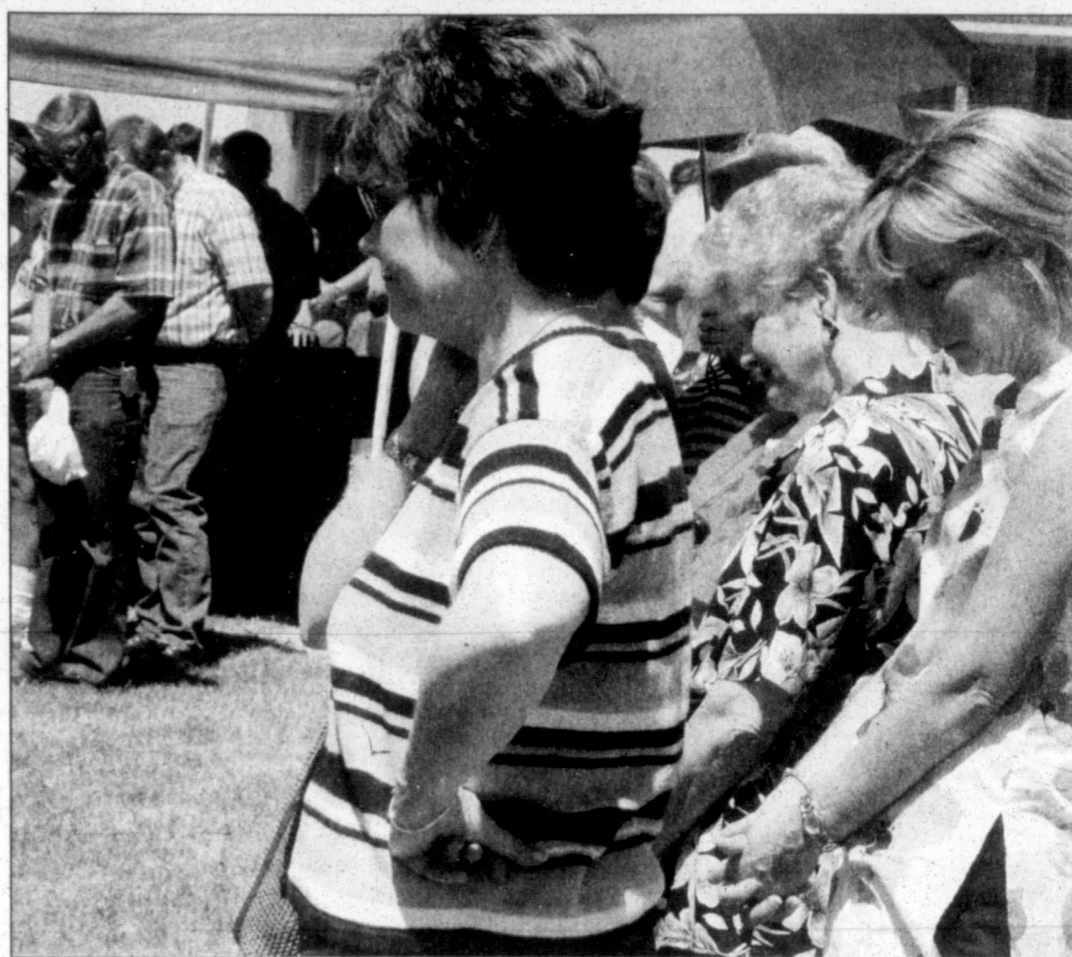
This year's theme is "God Shed His Grace On Thee" and is based on Hebrews 4:16 NIV, "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

National Day of Prayer chairman Shirley Dobson, wife of Focus on the Family founder and chairman Dr. James Dobson, said, "The concept of grace is preeminent in both the National Day of Prayer theme and the support verse for this year."

Noted author and pastor Max Lucado is the 2005 Honorary Chairman and will address the national event in Washington, D.C. In addition to his appearance at the national observance, Lucado has released, "Turn: Remembering Our Foundations," this year's theme book.

The National Day of Prayer tradition predates the founding of the United States of America when the Continental Congress issued a proclamation setting aside a day of prayer in 1775. In 1952, Congress established an annual day of prayer. In 1988, that law was amended designating the National Day of Prayer as the first Thursday in May.

As American troops fight for democracy and freedom around the globe, U.S. citizens are answering the call to prayer on May 5.



Pampa News file photo

A group of local residents bow their heads during the 2004 observance of the National Day of Prayer. They gathered on the south lawn of Gray County Courthouse to pray for our local, state and national governments.

Family sees answer to many prayers

In the afternoon of April 11, I received an alert call from my niece, whose name is Deloise and lives in Clarkston, Wash. The message said, "We three children and grandchildren are all together at my house just in case the worst comes. We have had Mother to the doctors, in and out of the hospital and now Mother is here at my house. The hospice lady is coming."

At this point, two preacher friends came to my door for a visit. While they were here, we locked arms together and prayed for my sister Neggie who, being the youngest of our big family, is looking

Archie Cooper
Pentecostal Holiness



toward Dec. 18, for her 80th birthday living her latter years in regret that she ruined her lungs with cigarette smoke and now has to have oxygen all the time.

Day after day, I have been calling to see if Neggie can speak more than one or two words before being out of breath.

Some days it was a little better and some not so good.

The evening of April 18, Deloise answered my call, "She is much improved. Do you want to talk to her?" Sure, I did. Neggie had much more breath and strength. Deloise said, "We just pray and worship the Lord, morning and night and in between." Wednesday, April 20, Neggie had been sitting outside the house getting some fresh air and uses less medication.

And everyone who has prayed is rejoicing. To the living God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost be the praise.

Macedonia Baptist plans fish fry, bake sale

Macedonia Baptist Church will be sponsoring "Catfish Dinner and a Bake Sale" on Saturday, April 30, starting at 11 a.m.

The menu will be catfish filet, salad and french fries. Pastor Rev. I.L. Patrick and the church family invites the public to come by 441 Elm Street to dine with them or call in orders at 665-4926.

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Dove Brothers in concert

Dove Brothers Quartet will be featured in a free concert presented by Jerry Smith Tuesday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m., in the Borger High School Auditorium. The group was voted 2002 Male Quartet of the Year by the Southern Gospel Music Association and the Singing News Fan Awards. Band members are from left, tenor Jerry Martin, bass David Hester, lead vocalist McCray Dove, pianist Andrew Smith and baritone Eric Dove.

A professor follows the highway to see 'roadside religion' oddities

By **RICHARD N. OSTLING**
AP Religion Writer

Timothy Beal's epiphany occurred on a drive from Washington, D.C., to Cleveland.

Near Frostburg, Md., a hulking assemblage of reddish girders four stories high suddenly loomed alongside Interstate 68. A bold, blue sign explained: "NOAH'S ARK BEING REBUILT HERE!"

The following summer, Beal, a religion professor at Case Western Reserve University, found himself in a rented motor home with the wife and kids, exploring the Frostburg ark and other astonishing spiritual tourist attractions. Among them: Kentucky's cheesy and oddly named Golgotha Fun Park (a miniature golf course, now defunct); the

world's largest Ten Commandments display; and, the world's largest rosary collection in Stevenson, Wash.

Beal's odyssey has wrought "Roadside Religion: In Search of the Sacred, the Strange and the Substance of Faith" (Beacon), published just in time for vacation planning or beach reading.

However quirky, Beal says, the 10 sites he examined in nine states manifest believers' desire to create some "otherworldly realm" set apart from ordinary life. And each destination is a story about an individual's faith.

The idea for an ark replicated to vast biblical proportions originated in 1974, when pastor Richard Greene said God commissioned his task in night visions: Ridicule has

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My 11-year-old daughter sometimes gets scared at night and thinks she hears voices and someone walking near her room. When this happens, my husband will say with complete seriousness, "Perhaps there's an intruder in the house," and then suggest how the intruder may have entered.

The method he suggests is always related to something I have done wrong earlier -- like leaving the back door open too long or forgetting to shut a window.

When I ask him to check the house for intruders (OK, I'm old-fashioned and a scaredy-cat), he says he's too tired and goes to sleep. What's going on here? Is he playing a mind game with my daughter and me, or am I overreacting? -- COWARDLY IN S.F.

DEAR COWARDLY: Your husband's behavior is cruel and unwise. He's encouraging your daughter's fears as a way of punishing you for your forgetfulness. If it continues, your daughter will have phobias that could last a lifetime; it's mental cruelty.

P.S. If there is any question about whether there's an intruder in your house, you should NOT be checking the house alone. The results could be tragic. So the next time the king of your castle pulls that "turning-over-and-going-to-sleep" number, make sure he doesn't reach dreamland.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 16-year-old girl. My mom passed away last February. I have a caring and loving father, but at 69, he's a workaholic. This leaves me with school, cleaning, cooking, yard work and taking care of my teenage brothers. Neither of them helps out with anything, and they have no respect for me. If I ask them to do something, they just say I'm not their mom and call me names.

When I tell Dad, he says he'll handle them, but he never does. I'm tired of it! Please help me. I want to run away and never come

back. Maybe then they'll think about me. -- DROWNING IN LAWTON, OKLA.

DEAR DROWNING: All of you are grieving right now, and part of your brothers' bad behavior may be that they're angry at having lost their mother. Your father may not realize how unfair the burden is that has been placed on your young shoulders.

Make a list of chores that all of you should share, including your own. Indicate what they are, what days they should be done and who should do them. If your brothers don't do theirs, don't nag. Let them remain undone. That takes the responsibility off your shoulders. You are a good daughter, and you cannot -- nor should you -- do everything. With your mother gone, every one of you is going to have to do his or her fair share.

DEAR ABBY: While shopping at the supermarket yesterday, I noticed a woman removing the coupons from the boxes of plastic bags. I watched her take about 10 of them.

When I walked past her, I told her I thought what she was doing was very rude. She said she was going to use them. Abby, she didn't buy any of the boxes of plastic bags. Should I have found the store manager and said something? -- APPALLED IN VER-SAILLES, OHIO

DEAR APPALLED: You should certainly have reported "Ms. Sticky Fingers" to the manager. What the woman was doing was more than rude; it was shoplifting.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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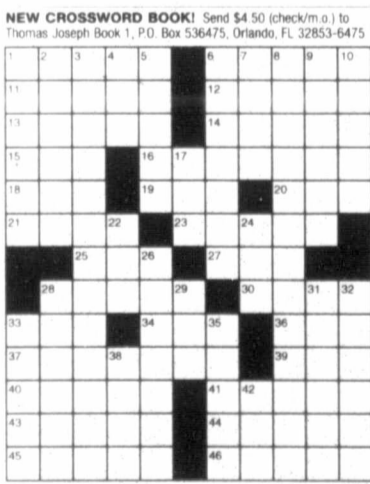


Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 43 "I surrender!"
 - 1 Cause trouble
 - 6 Paris subway
 - 11 Christine of "Jack and Bobby"
 - 12 Needed a massage
 - 13 Fold here
 - 14 What's here
 - 15 TV alien
 - 16 Dazed
 - 18 Rascal
 - 19 Compass dir.
 - 20 Ones with power
 - 21 Like peas in —
 - 23 Metal waste
 - 25 Jupiter or Neptune
 - 27 Acad
 - 28 Ignore the limit
 - 30 Till compartment
 - 33 Polite address
 - 34 New England catch
 - 36 Regret
 - 37 Parrot
 - 39 Crazy —
 - 40 In shape
 - 41 Be rude, in a way
- DOWN**
- 1 Llama's cousin
 - 2 Evoke
 - 3 Grimm tale
 - 4 Acting legend
 - 5 Climber's spike
 - 6 Is important
 - 7 Canyon sound
 - 8 Jeff Bridges movie
 - 9 Pine products
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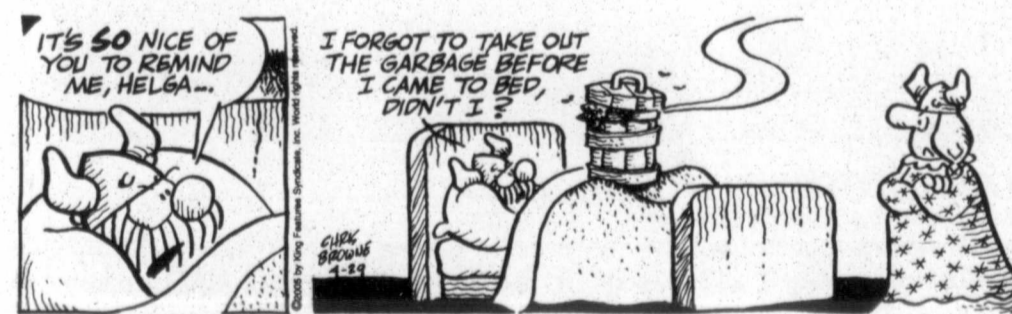
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Flo & Friends



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Sports Day

One challenge left for Pampa squad

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

You would think with the District 3-4A title in its possession, the Pampa Harvester varsity baseball team would rest a bit before entering the post-season. But that wouldn't fit this team's modus operandi. There is still a goal unachieved.

'They want to finish district undefeated.'

— Dennis Doughty
Head Coach, PHS Varsity Baseball

To run the District 3-4A table. To go undefeated. Tomorrow afternoon at Caprock, Pampa will have the chance to do just that.

What's more, pitcher Tyson Hickman can end the regular season blemish free as well. Hickman (7-0) will start on the hill for Coach Doughty Saturday afternoon.

Pampa will take a record of 21-5 (9-0) to Amarillo tomorrow. Caprock is playing for pride with a record of 6-19-1 (3-6).

Still, Coach Doughty is not taking this game lightly. "Caprock has played people tough all season. I want our kids to come out and play their best tomorrow."

Doughty says his team is very focused, not looking ahead to the playoffs, but working to accomplish one more regular season task. "They want to finish district undefeated," said Doughty.

Tomorrow's game is scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

Road to regionals



With bags packed, Pampa track coaches and regional qualifiers stop for a quick picture before leaving for San Angelo Thursday. From left to right, they are Coach Jeff Quisenberry (Shot and Discus), Coach Valeree Valdez (Long, Triple and High Jump), Kendall Stokes (100 Hurdles, Long and Triple Jump qualifier), Matchico Taniguchi (Shot and Discus qualifier), Alyssa Bromwell (100 Hurdles, Long Jump qualifier), Jaclyn Spearman (High Jump qualifier), Keysha Lee (High Jump qualifier) and Head Coach Tad Smith. Events get started at 1 p.m. today and will conclude tomorrow. Not pictured - Coach Billie Osborne (Hurdles).

BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

Weather of no concern for best-of-three series

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Good luck to the Lady Harvester softball team on their bi-district series against the San Angelo Lakeview Maidens. That best-of-three series gets under way this afternoon at 5 p.m. at the Lubbock Monterey girls softball field in Lubbock. Game two will start at 12 p.m. Saturday. Game three, if necessary, will start thirty minutes after the conclusion of game two.

The team was scheduled to leave Pampa at 12 p.m. this afternoon.

Maidens head coach, Margie Lyons, had more than just the game on her mind while visiting with Sports

Day Thursday. "What's the weather like up there," she asked. Her team was troubled by weather early in the season, preventing them from playing a full schedule. "It's sunny and warm here today," she said, speaking from the San Angelo Lakeview school campus. "But we know it can change between here and there."

Said Pampa coach, Bobbi Gill, "I am not concerned about the weather." She added, "Being from the Panhandle, we are used to playing in any condition. It may be to our advantage."

Both the Maiden and Harvester campuses are approximately the same distance from Lubbock, where forecasters are calling for slight breezes and afternoon sun today, with a high of 74. Sunshine and 69 is forecasted for Saturday.

Cassy Tice (12-3) will most likely start this afternoon's game in the pitcher's circle. Nicole Clark (10-6) is listed as Saturday's probable starter.

Lady Harvester catcher, Wendi Miller, suffered an injury Tuesday and will more than likely miss the weekend series against the Maidens.

"I am excited about this weekend. I think we are prepared for a great series," said Gill.

Today's game can be heard on AM 1230 KGRO.

'I am excited about this weekend. I think we are prepared for a great series.'

— Bobbi Gill
Head Coach, Lady Harvester Softball

Dallas 106, Houston 102

HOUSTON (AP) — For three days, Dirk Nowitzki heard about how a lesser player shut him down, how he looked unusually timid and even how Tracy McGrady humbled him.

Nowitzki came up with the perfect rebuttal for all that criticism.

A rejuvenated Nowitzki emerged from his two-game slump with 28 points to rescue the Mavericks, who played with the desperation of a team facing elimination in a 106-102 victory over the Rockets on Thursday night.

"In the first two games, I never really found my rhythm," Nowitzki said. "When my confidence is up, I'm a different player."

Michael Finley had 20 points, Jerry Stackhouse added 18 and the Mavericks

went on a 20-0 run in the fourth quarter that deflated the Rockets in Game 3. The loss ended Houston's nine-game winning streak.

Dallas has a chance to even the Western Conference series in Game 4 on Saturday night. Game 5 is in Dallas on Monday night.

Trailing 88-80 early in the fourth quarter, the Mavericks seemed to be on their way to a 3-0 series deficit — a hole no NBA team has ever rallied from.

But Finley hit a jumper, Nowitzki dunked on a fast break, Finley buried another 3 and Jason Terry made a couple of free throws to retake the lead midway through the quarter.

The Mavs also got some help down the stretch from Houston.

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NCAA allows 12-game season

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The NCAA will allow football teams to play 12 games per year.

The board of directors approved proposals that would add a 12th game to Division I-A schedules — starting in 2006 — allow schools to count one victory over Division I-AA schools each year toward bowl eligibility, and loosen the requirements to qualify for Division I-A status.

The board also adopted a resolution that strongly urged schools not to adopt the new Title IX Internet-based surveys, which the U.S. Department of Education said in

March could be used to scientifically gauge whether schools must expand or create women's teams to meet demand.

The board also asked the NCAA executive committee to propose a comprehensive policy on alcohol advertising during college telecasts. On Wednesday, the American Medical Association asked the NCAA to ban all alcohol advertising. The current policy allows one minute per hour of alcohol ads and prohibits the sale or advertising of alcohol at NCAA championship events.

Malone, Miller pitch Glo-Valve to win

Glo-Valve Service rode the pitching and hitting of Tyler Malone and Reid Miller to an 8-2 victory over Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency Thursday at Optimist Park to maintain first place in the Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League with a 3-0 record.

Malone, who pitched the first, second and sixth innings, was credited with the win. Miller pitched the three middle innings to earn a save. Malone allowed no runs and gave up two hits. He struck out seven and walked one. Miller was touched for two runs and two hits. He struck out five and walked three.

Garrett Erickson, Hudson Bentley and Dane Pereira pitched two innings each for DFB. Erickson surrendered two runs on two hits. He struck out four while walking one. Bentley gave up one run on three hits. He fanned three and walked one. Pereira allowed three earned runs and three hits. He recorded six strikeouts and walked two.

Malone was three for three, including a double and a triple, and scored three times. Miller was two for four with three RBI and two runs scored. Pereira collected a single and a double

in three trips to the plate to score once and lead DFB's hitting.

Malone wasted no time getting Glo-Valve on the scoreboard. He blasted a triple to lead off the top of the first inning and trotted home on a single to center by Miller. Miller took second on a wild pitch, stole third and scored on a wild pitch to give Glo-Valve a 2-0 lead.

In the top of the fourth inning for Glo-Valve, Michael Fisher led off with a triple and came home on a passed ball as Glo-Valve led 3-0.

DFB came alive in the bottom of the fourth. Pereira blasted a double to left field. He moved to third base on a wild pitch. Ranson Triplett walked and stole second with Pereira coming home on the back end of the double steal. Shane White pushed a single to right field scoring Triplett and narrowing Glo-Valve's lead to 3-2.

Malone led off the fifth inning for Glo-Valve with a single. Miller attempted to sacrifice him to second, but both players were safe when the throw to second was not in time to get Malone. Evan Meschke reached base on an error which scored Malone and sent Miller to third. Miller scampared

home on a wild pitch for a 5-2 Glo-Valve lead.

Glo-Valve added three more runs in the sixth. Cody Davis singled to center to start the rally. He went to second and third on wild pitches and stole home. Brennan Dickinson, who singled earlier in the contest, walked. He went to second and third on fielder's choices. Malone walked and took second on a fielder's choice. Both scored on an infield single by Miller.

Pereira gloved a line drive hit by Meschke in the first inning, and Garrett Erickson followed by snagging a rocket hit by Fisher back to the mound for the defensive plays of the game.

D. E. Chase, Inc. defeated Celanese Corporation in the early game 6-3 to move into a tie with Celanese for second place. Celanese's season record is 3-2. Chase is 2-1-1.

Tonight's games feature Cabot and Chase at 5:45 p.m. while DFB and Rotary Club clash at 7:45 p.m. On Monday Cabot and DFB square off in the early game. Glo-Valve and Chase battle in the nightcap.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

Dellucci seeing much better

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — David Dellucci is seeing the ball better after eye surgery during the off-season.

Still, that doesn't really explain why Dellucci suddenly became a big walker and is tied with New York's Derek Jeter for the AL lead with 19 bases on balls.

"I just think right now, just the way it's falling is that they're not throwing pitches for strikes for me," Dellucci said. "That's probably the bottom line. I'm an aggressive hitter, and I'm not trying to look to get a walk."

Ahead in the count 3-0 in his first at-bat Wednesday night against Seattle's Ryan Franklin, Dellucci got a pitch up and in, likely ball four. But he swung and fouled it off before walking on the next pitch. Dellucci was 0-for-2 with a walk in the Rangers' 4-1 loss to Seattle on Thursday night.

"I try not to get too over-analytical about it,"

Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "He's in a real good mind-set right now, and had a lot of good at-bats. ... David's gone through periods like that. Hopefully, he'll be able to maintain it."

Jeter, the Yankees' lead-off hitter, had played in five more games. Dellucci hasn't batted higher than fifth in the Texas lineup.

Dellucci's .478 on-base percentage would be among the best in the AL if he had four more plate appearances to qualify among the leaders. He was hitting .286 (14-for-49) with four home runs, 11 RBIs and 18 runs.

The 19 walks came in 68 plate appearances, meaning he received a base on balls 28 percent of the time. That is nearly three times higher than his career average of 10 percent — 191 walks in 1,867 plate appearances during nine seasons with Baltimore, Arizona, the Yankees and Texas.

Soccer stars



The Cobras U14 boys soccer team recently placed second in the Amarillo Classic Soccer Tournament. The team enjoyed wins over Berger, Canyon and Amarillo en route to the second place finish. Pictured are, front row, left to right- Treavor McVay, Raymond Cox, Noah Cotton and Ryan Stoffle. Back row- Juan Rivera, Yovanny Olivias, Jesus Quesasa, Kelly Stoffle, Coach Roy Anderson, Paul Soria, Faby Soria, Coach Paulin Soria, Jason Rodriguez, Matt Kelly and Olin Boyd.

New coach Perdue, Amarillo Dusters travel to San Diego for AF2 meeting

QUICK FACTS:
 Amarillo Dusters (2-1) at San Diego Riptide (1-2)
 Date: Saturday, April 30, 2005
 Kickoff: 7:00 p.m. CST
 Site: San Diego Sports Arena (12,000)
 Radio: KPUR 1440 AM & internet broadcast at www.dustersfootball.com
 Play-by-Play: Donny Hooper
 Color Commentary: Warren McCarty
 Sideline Reporter: Ray Boring
 Field Mic: Tyler Hooper
 Series Record: 1st Meeting
 Streaks: Dusters W1, Riptide L2
THE STAKES:
 The Dusters are trying to win back-to-back road games, and maintain a tie for second-place in the division. The Riptide aims to snap a disappointing two game losing streak.
THE NEW SHERIFF:
 Coach Steve Perdue takes over as the Head Coach of the Amarillo Dusters, following the resignation of Don Carthel. Carthel leaves the Dusters to accept the

Head Coaching position at West Texas A&M University. Perdue is in his second year with the Dusters, serving as the Defensive Coordinator and Special Teams Coach. The Dusters enjoyed a lot of success under Perdue in 2004, racking up 53 sacks and 31 interceptions, while returning 9 kicks for scores. Perdue played 4 seasons professionally, in the IFL, IPFL, NIFL, and AF2.
COACH PERDUE'S THOUGHTS ON SAN DIEGO:
 "The Key to this game for us will be how we play up front. We haven't had a sack defensively since week one against Tulsa. When we don't get pressure on the quarterback, we're forced to rely on our secondary to cover for way too long. We busted several coverages last week against Bossier, and Hicks hurt us. Overall, we never made him uncomfortable. Ditto for Jones in Memphis. If we let Anthony Buich stand back there for San Diego, it will be a long night. That being said, we also have to pass protect. We did great in week one against Tulsa,

and Julian Reese was the AF2 Offensive Player of the Week. In week two against Memphis, we didn't protect well at all, and Julian was terrible. Against Bossier, they didn't come close to touching Julian, and he was hot again. It's a pretty simple concept: get after their and protect ours."
REESE SHINES AGAIN:
 For the second time this season, Dusters QB Julian Reese earned AF2 Offensive Player of the Week Honors for his performance against the Bossier City Battlewings. Reese dissected the Battle Wings defense for 424 yards on 27-of-34 passing with nine touchdowns and no interceptions. The mobile signal-caller also rushed six times for 28 yards and two additional touchdowns, making him responsible for 11 touchdowns on the night. Reese threw touchdowns to five different receivers. With 424 passing yards, Reese became only the sixth player in af2 history to eclipse the 400-yard mark. His total ranks as the second highest single game total in league history.

Mavs

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McGrady missed two free throws, Houston misfired on seven straight shots and the Rockets showed an uncharacteristic lack of poise — especially for the league's oldest team.
 "We got hammered in the fourth quarter at home," Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "That says a lot about Dallas and I'm sure as we analyze and watch, we'll be disappointed in ourselves."

McGrady had another big game for the Rockets, finishing with 28 points, nine rebounds and six assists, while Bob Sura added 21 points, 10 rebounds and six assists. Yao Ming, who scored 33 points on 13-of-14 shooting in Game 2, was held to 15 points and 10 rebounds while battling foul trouble for much of the game.

After thoroughly outplaying Nowitzki in Dallas, the Houston crowd of 18,199 serenaded McGrady with chants of "M-V-P! M-V-P!" during breaks in the action. McGrady, trying to get past the first round for the first time in his eight-year career, responded with another impressive all-around effort despite Dallas' varied attempts to slow him down.

Playing with childhood idol Magic Johnson watching from a sideline seat, McGrady almost flawlessly ran the Rockets' catch-and-shoot offense. McGrady's drive-and-dish for David Wesley's 3 gave Houston only its second lead of the game, 60-58, in the third quarter and the Rockets seemed to only be getting started.

Sura flew in for an offensive rebound and tapped the ball back out to Scott Padgett for another 3. McGrady followed with a twisting, pumping layup in front of Nowitzki, Sura hit a running jumper in the

lane and Wesley capped the spurt with another 3-pointer from the corner to put Houston up 70-60.

"It seemed like we were relaxed in the fourth quarter," Yao said, "like the game was already in our hands."

Not so fast. A frustrated Nowitzki yelled at Marquis Daniels for a bungling a pass that led to a turnover. Johnson berated Stackhouse for blowing a defensive assignment that led to an easy layup. Both of them jawed with officials throughout the game.

Then, a strange thing happened: The Mavericks started chipping away and the Rockets came undone.

"We all knew if we don't do it know ... it's probably over," Nowitzki said. "We all responded the right way."

Nowitzki finally got the best of McGrady, hitting jumpers despite double teams, making all 10 of his free throws and providing an emotional boost for a team on the ropes. In short, he played like a superstar.

And seldom-used Rockets forward Ryan Bowen, playfully dubbed the "German-ator" for his improbably successful defense against Nowitzki, went scoreless and fouled out in 20 frustrating minutes.

"I just tried to stay aggressive," Nowitzki said. "Hopefully I can keep this going in Game 4."

McGrady, meanwhile, went more than 13 minutes without scoring during the Mavs' game-turning spurt.

Notes: Dallas forward Keith Van Horn left in the second quarter with a sprained ankle. ... Sura set playoff career highs across the board: points, rebounds and assists. ... During a timeout in the first quarter, Mavericks owner Mark Cuban ran onto the court to support a Dallas jersey-wearing fan who was a victim of a gag by the Rockets' mascot, Clutch.

NHL players association makes defensive move

The NHL Players' Association applied for union certification in the Canadian provinces of Quebec and British Columbia to prevent the Montreal Canadiens and Vancouver Canucks from using replacement players at home during the hockey lockout.

Employees in Quebec and British Columbia can't be replaced during a lock-

out or strike that is governed by the provincial labor code. The players' association wants to establish itself in those provinces as a certified union under the provincial labor codes.

So far, the NHL hasn't said it would use replacement players next season should the lockout that wiped out this hockey year continue.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, April 30, 2005:

Often this year you will want to assume a low profile. On some level, that might work for you. You are blessed with unusual insight and perspective. You will get what you want, but not by pressuring others. Your charisma helps draw the right people to you. Your daily life is enhanced through October. You also could see a pay raise or promotion. Watch a tendency to overeat. If you are single, a cascade of suitors will greet you after the fall. You have the opportunity to meet someone very special this year. If you are attached, develop a hobby or pastime that you both enjoy. This common interest will create more warmth between you. Come winter, you will enjoy being together much more. AQUARIUS pushes you into the limelight.

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)

***** You need to be where the crowds are. Add lightness where others are serious. Express your caring so that others can hear it. Sometimes actions speak louder than words. Use care with someone you meet today. Avoid negativity. Tonight: The party follows you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** You might want to let your hair down and be more carefree. Responsibilities call, be it work or an older relative. You might feel that you don't have a choice. The good news is that when you decide to swing into weekend mode, others are delighted. Let go of a heavy feeling. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Your vision and perspective help not only you, but many other people. You can manifest far more caring if you relax. Take in new information without making judgments. More facts will follow. Use care with spending. Tonight: Enjoy yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Work with individuals rather than groups. You could get into a game of Scrabble or some other favorite pastime. Quality time enhances a relationship much more than you'd anticipated. Go out for an early dinner. Tonight: Catch up on others' news.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Unexpected events toss you into the limelight. How you see someone else could change because of a development involving a key friend or loved one. Enjoy being indulged. Tonight: Play follow-the-leader.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Slow down and get into a favorite hobby or pastime as soon as you can. Clear out errands and calls. Share news and visit with people who add to the quality of your life. A little routine helps you relax. Tonight: Let someone else do the work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Allow more playfulness into your life. Everyone gets dragged down by the banality of his or her life sometimes. Initiate a change. Make your daily life more enjoyable by infusing lightness into it. Tonight: Do what is good for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Center activities on your home. Enjoy yourself with others, be it a child, a relative or new friends. Someone shares a more caring side with you. Getting to know him or her better could be a delight. Tonight: Share and be more open.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Look toward unexpected changes on the home front. Review recent decisions with an eye to a more dynamic approach. Though you might need a change, how you instrument it could be different from the norm. Tonight: Favorite place, favorite people.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** How you deal with someone could change because of new information. Be more accepting of the follies and problems of others. Indulge and buy that new item you have been thinking about. Give up being so budget-conscious. Tonight: Out on the town.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** The Moon bestows energy on you. You no longer have a problem where there previously was one. Invest in your security rather than be so care-free. A purchase today could be very special but also expensive. Tonight: As you like it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Know when to say little and simply be responsive. You have a tendency toward bold action. Know when to call it quits and head in another direction altogether. You draw many people. Be discerning. Tonight: How about some privacy?

BORN TODAY

Actor Gary Collins (1938), actress Jill Clayburgh (1944), actor Perry King (1948)

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Thursday's MLB Linescores

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AMERICAN LEAGUE
 Tampa Bay 300 000 001 — 4 10 0
 Toronto 000 005 02x — 7 12 1

Waechter, Fossum (6), Harper (6), DBaez (8) and CJohnson; Towers, Chulk (7), Speier (9), MBatista (9) and Zaun. W—Towers 2-1. L—Waechter 0-1. Sv—MBatista (6). HR—Toronto, Zaun (3).

Minnesota 300 000 200 01 — 6 10 1
 Kansas City 003 000 011 00 — 5 10 1 (11 innings)

Lohse, Guerrier (5), Romero (7), JRincon (7), Nathan (9), Crain (10) and CMiller, Mauer (11); RuHernandez, Sisco (7), Burgos (9), Cerda (10), MWood (10) and Buck. W—Crain 1-0. L—MWood 0-2.

Detroit 300 000 000 — 3 7 0
 Cleveland 000 020 000 — 2 7 0

Maroth, Farnsworth (7), Urbina (8), Percival (9) and IRodriguez; Millwood, Howry (8), Rhodes (8) and VMartinez. W—Maroth 2-1. L—Millwood 0-3. Sv—Percival (2). HRs—Cleveland, Blake

(3), Peralta (1).

Los Angeles 002 100 000 — 3 9 0
 New York 000 010 000 — 1 8 1

Lackey, Woods (6), Donnelly (6), Shields (8), FRodriguez (9) and JMolina; KBrown, Groom (8), Gordon (9) and Posada. W—Lackey 2-1. L—KBrown 0-3. Sv—FRodriguez (5).

Seattle 000 000 112 — 4 7 1
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Meche, Villone (8), Guardado (9) and DWilson; Young, Almanzar (9) and Barajas, SALomar (9). W—Meche 2-1. L—Young 2-2. Sv—Guardado (7). HRs—Seattle, ISuzuki (2), Sexson (5). Texas, Blalock (4).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
 Milwaukee 011 020 000 — 4 6 0
 St. Louis 000 100 110 — 3 8 1

Capuano, Bottalico (7), Tumbow (9) and DMiller; Marquis, Cali (8), Journell (8) and YMolina. W—Capuano 1-2. L—Marquis 3-1. Sv—Tumbow (2). HRs—Milwaukee, Brayan (5). St. Louis, RSanders (5).

DiMarco shares first-round lead

AVONDALE, La. (AP) — Chris DiMarco bristled at the suggestion that he might be little rusty after taking a two-week break from the PGA Tour following his draining playoff loss to Tiger Woods in the Masters.

"No, because when I went home for two weeks, I played a lot of golf," DiMarco said.

He certainly looked sharp Thursday, shooting a season-best 7-under 65 for a share of the first-round lead in the Zurich Classic.

"I felt I was playing good," DiMarco said. "My confidence was very high going in."

India's Arjun Atwal also opened with a 65, birdieing six of his final nine holes on the wind-swept TPC of Louisiana, the Pete Dye-designed course in its first year as the tournament site after a 16-year run at English Turn.

"The wind was tough," DiMarco said. "It was coming from all directions. There were some very, very tough shots out there."

"As long as I'm hitting the ball as solid as I'm hitting it, it really doesn't matter if you play in the wind or not. My irons are very crisp and when you hit crisp iron shots the wind doesn't affect them as much."

DiMarco, who started play on No. 10, had three birdies on the first nine holes. He got to 4 under with a birdie on No. 1, made five straight pars, and holed a 20-foot eagle putt on the par-5 seventh. He closed the bogey-free round with a birdie on No. 9.

Atwal, a playoff loser in the BellSouth Classic, was a late addition to the field.

"I was playing the Monday qualifier at that Bridge's casino for this course, and they came and told me on the 17th hole that I got a sponsor's invite, which was awesome," Atwal said.

He's concentrating on his putting.

"I was putting pretty well," Atwal said. "And got it going a little bit toward the backside of the back nine. Then on the front, I hit it pretty good and made most of the putts."

Oddities

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only reinforced his Noah-like persistence.

Greene has suffered through breaks with his Church of the Brethren, the loss of some followers and complaints about financial mismanagement — and over the decades, his God's Ark of Safety Ministry has raised only enough money to pour a foundation of 3,000 tons of concrete and erect part of the framework.

Yet Beal found the Quixote-like effort moving, and says that after visiting Greene he lamented his own "lack of faith and inability to hope for an absurd miracle."

He's less indulgent of the world's largest Ten Commandments, on display at Fields of the Wood east of Murphy, N.C. The 216-acre site, operated by the Church of God of Prophecy, also boasts of the world's largest altar and world's largest New Testament, both in concrete.

The commandments are presented in concrete letters, five-feet tall, marked off by 10-foot Roman numerals. The sacred text can only be read from an adjacent hillside or by air.

Beal accuses the sponsors of turning God's Word into an idol.

"These giant hillside tablets deserve a prize for irony, making a graven image of the prohibition against graven images," he says.

Yet Beal turns respectful again when he encounters the awesome piety of Bill Rice's Cross Garden outside Prattville, Ala. It consists of thousands of makeshift wooden crosses strewn across 11 acres, interspersed with rusting appliances, other junk and placards proclaiming urgent — if ungrammatical — messages, such as "IN HELL FROM SEX SEX" and "RICH MAN IN HELL REPENT".

Like Greene, house painter Rice received visions in 1977 that told him to warn passersby of impending judgment and God's remedy. He began by planting three crosses in the front yard, dreading what the neighbors would think. One cross just led to another.

"You don't take it in. It takes you in," Beal marvels.

The Rice extravaganza is an example of what aesthetes call "outsider art," folk works by self-taught visionaries. A far better-known practitioner was the late evangelist-handyman Howard Finster, whose weather-beaten Paradise Gardens outdoor gallery at Summerville, Ga., is also toured by Beal.

After completing the book, Beal came upon an obscure artist right where he lives. Albert Wagner, 82, has filled his Cleveland home with his own distinctive paintings, which blend Pentecostalism with Egyptian and African themes. Wagner leads small worship services down in the basement.

Kirkus Reviews called the book condescending of its subjects, but Beal said that's not the case. He is struck that Wagner and the others he has encountered need to express "a radical, private experience in such a public, spectacular way."

Beal's Unitarian publisher calls the author an atheist, but he depicts himself as an ambivalent quester. He was raised in Alaska by Presbyterian parents who were leaders in the evangelical Young Life organization. He met his wife Clover, who was raised Pentecostal, at evangelical Seattle Pacific University, when both were drifting from the faith of their youth.

Today, Clover is pastor of the liberal Forest Hill Presbyterian Church in Cleveland Heights, and Timothy sometimes helps out teaching Sunday School.



Height of fashion

Lisa Clifton participated in the Altrusa Style Show held recently at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. Clifton is wearing an outfit from the local Bealls Department Store.

Mental health

TPMHMR marks mental autism month

AMARILLO — According to a news release from Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation, Mental Autism Awareness Month is being observed in April across the nation.

"Imagine you have a beautiful child who is saying her first words, mimicking basic gestures and hugging you. Then she suddenly stops. She withdraws, stops using words and becomes easily upset. Autism does not always present itself this way, but this is the harsh reality that unfolds for families of the 1.5 million Americans currently living with autism," the news release said.

The release said autism is, citing U.S. Department of Health and Human Services statistics, generally diagnosed in children 3-years-old and under.

"Autism is confusing and frustrating," the release said. "This disorder is hard to diagnose, difficult to treat and it has no cure. Autism has a wide variety of symptoms, and varies even among children suffering from the disorder."

"In most cases of autism a child is progressing normally, and then begins to regress, losing speech, social skills and physical abilities. While there are varying degrees of severity, most children with the disorder completely withdraw into a world of their own."

While no universal cause has been linked to autism, "it is generally agreed that autism is caused by abnormalities in the brain structure or function. Researchers are considering a number of theories including a connection between heredity, genetics and birth-related medical problems. Psychological factors are not thought to be the cause of autism."

To find out more about autism and the services provided by TPMHMR for the disorder, call (806) 358-8974.

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