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Tax deadlines creeping up for next week

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Two tax deadlines are coming up next week for local taxpayers.

The first deadline is Monday, when annual rendition forms are due from local businesses. The forms are due in the Gray County Appraisal District office before 5 p.m. Monday, according to Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley.

"They can come and get forms if they've lost theirs, and they can contact us with any questions," Bagley said.

Any business which does not get its rendition in to the appraisal district by the end of the workday Monday will be required to pay an extra 10 percent penalty on their business personal property tax for the year, he said.

All businesses are required to render their personal property whether or not they receive a rendition form in the mail. Information to be completed on the form consists of each asset owned and used by the business and that asset's value. The information is used to levy property tax on businesses each year.

This year's forms were mailed in early February. The response has so far been slow, Bagley said last week.

"I have to believe that quite a few will come in at the last minute," he said.

The appraisal district office is at 815 N. Sumner, telephone 665-0791.

Another deadline next week, which affects all who pay federal income tax, is Tuesday, the deadline for filing federal tax returns.

The traditional deadline for filing the federal returns and paying any tax owed is April 15. This year, however, since that date falls on Sunday, the deadline was moved to Tuesday. Monday, April 16, is Emancipation Day, a legal holiday in the District of Columbia, and was not used as the deadline for that reason, according to the Internal Revenue Service's Web site.

The April 17 deadline applies to returns filed both on paper and elec-See TAXES, Page 3

Code enforcement will meet the electronic age

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Pampa Fire Marshal Keith Fisher was the first to get new software for code enforcement.

Fisher has actually had the new software since January, but he's been using it on his handheld Personal Digital Assistant, or PDA.

"Right now, he's the only one," City Manager John Horst said. "He's the guinea pig on the project."

Horst said their trial experience has proven successful and there are plans to replace the small PDA with a laptop com- ment office sees a violation and notifies the puter and a printer and expand the system to owner.

another violation," Horst said. "He can stop, pull over to the curb."

The officer is able to pull up who owns the property on his computer, who's paying the utilities, pull up the city code, print the citation or warning and take it to the house or tape it to the door.

"If it was a 10-day notice," Horst said, "in 10 days, the computer automatically tells him to follow up on the notice."

The new system eliminates having a clerk in an office somewhere type the letter to the property owner, keeping a tickler file and any delay between when the code enforce-



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include the city's entire code enforcement operation.

"What it does," Horst said, "it really streamlines code enforcement." The code enforcement officers will have

a laptop and a printer in their vehicles, Horst said

"Let's say he's on a routine call and sees

"It's really going to speed up weed letters this summer." Horst said.

Along the same line, Horst said that the city has a big drive at present to get rid of

junked vehicles throughout the city. "The police are working on that," he said.

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Pampa Fire Marshal Keith Fisher checks his handheld Personal Digital Assistant, or PDA. The PDA is soon to be replaced by a laptop computer, which is on order.

Tornado spotters, sirens designed to keep public safe

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

As dark clouds rotated over the landscape southeast of Pampa, two storm spotters watched intently. Pampa Emergency Coordinator Kenneth Hall sat at his emergency console deep in the reinforced walls of his office at City Hall, watching his radar screen, looking for telltale

signs of a tornado.

While Hall was a split-second away from sounding nine of the 10 emergency sirens located across Pampa, the wailing scream never came. Hall's cool hand never pushed the button. The tornado everyone feared never touched down.

Despite his ready smile and affability, Hall turns serious when

Panhandle weather grows angry. He remembers the deadly Saturday night when he was chief of police in Plainview three decades ago when David Bryant, one of his storm spotters, was killed in the dark when a tornado ripped across U.S. Highway 70 on the west side of town. He knows first hand the danger and power of Panhandle storms.

It was this and similar experiences that prevented the panic that's likely to occur in such intense moments.

When the sirens sound, he said, people need to take cover. There will be immediate danger.

Hall said he doesn't take want to take chances, but he doesn't want to

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TAKS blitz pizza party scheduled

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

Pampa High School will host a TAKS Blitz Pizza Party Monday evening for those students who need some extra help or practice before the TAKS tests begin on Tuesday.

Families are welcome to attend this event so parents can see what TAKS is all about.

"Teachers will be available to help students with any last minute questions and practice items," PHS

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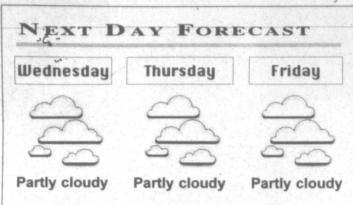
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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

No serious injuries were reported Monday afternoon as a result of a rollover involving a Pampa Independent School District van. The accident occurred at about 2:30 p.m. at the intersection of Kingsmill Avenue and Somerville Street. The van, which came to rest on its driver's side, appeared to be occupied by the driver and one passenger. No further information was available as of press time.

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Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 67. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. West-southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming eastsoutheast. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

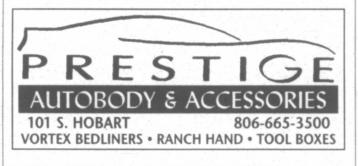
Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 76. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 60. Windy, with a south-southwest wind 15 to 20 mph becoming west-northwest between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. Windy, with a north-northwest wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

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Obituaries

DUMAS Jeffie Johnson, 93, died Saturday, April 7, 2007, at Dumas. Services were scheduled for 2 p.m. today in Morrison Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Rick Korsmo, pastor of Bible Baptist Church, officiin 1983. ating, with the Rev. David Carrington, pastor of United moved Pentecostal Church, assist-Canadian ing.

Burial was in Dumas Cemetery under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors of Dumas.

Mrs. Johnson was born

Jeffie Johnson, 93

Oct. 12, 1913, at Quanah, to Julius and Mary (Mollie) Seitz. She married Arvil Johnson on Aug. 15, 1937, at Wheeler; he died couple from to

Johnson Dumas in 1961 and established

"Johnson Western Wear and Miller, (both 1995); and 10 Boot Shop." She operated brothers and sisters. the shop until 1997.

Survivors include three She belonged to Bible daughters, Ferriel Miller of

Baptist Church since 1982 and enjoyed yard work.

Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death by two grandsons, Bobby Johnson (1974)and Gary Kent (1984); two sonsin-law, Lee Roy Kent and Bobby

Pampa, Melba Kent and Sharon Truitt, both of Dumas; two sons, Lewis Johnson of Amarillo and Johnson of Johnny Cummings, Ga.; 14 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and six great-greatgrandchildren.

The family will be at 1017 Durrett in Dumas and requests memorials be to Bible Baptist Church, Building Fund, 222 W. 1st St., Dumas, TX 79029.

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Emergency Services

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Pampa PD

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

Four traffic stops were made.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of North Somerville, the 1200 block of North Hobart and the intersection of Harvester and Duncan streets.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 700 block of South Barnes and the 900 block of Twiford.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 600 block of North Naida, the 900 block of East Fisher, the 300 block of Anne, the 300 block of Doyle, the 700 block of North Sumner, the 200 block of Tyng, the 400 block of North Dwight, the 500 block of North Dwight, the 1800 block of North Dwight, the 500 block of Henry, the 1300 block of East Francis, the 1100 block of East Foster and the 900 block of Terry Road.

Lost property was reported in the 2300 block of Chestnut. A purse and contents valued at \$150 were lost.

Lost property was reported in the 900 block of North Crest. A purse and contents valued at \$50 were lost

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1000 block of Charles and the intersection of Wilks and Faulkner streets

Criminal trespass was reported in the police department lobby and the 900 block of South Faulkner.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of North Faulkner. Oil was poured on a vehicle and in the vehicle's vents, resulting in an estimated \$300 damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of Sandlewood, the 600 block of Bradley Drive and the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of East Francis.

Domestic assault was reported in the 1100 block of Finley. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Domestic assault was reported in the 800 block of Bradley Drive. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Assault was reported in the 1100 block of Huff Road. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 2400 block of Charles. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1400 block of North Hobart. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

One burglar alarm was reported. Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby. The inci-

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Monday, April 9 12:35 p.m. - A 2000 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Kendra Jean Hart, 21, of 704 Lefors St., and a 2007 Toyota Corolla driven by Sandra Jo Veach, 45, of 504 N. Lefors St., collided in the 600 block of West Kentucky Ave. There were no apparent injuries. Hart was cited for failure to control speed.

7:09 p.m. - A 1984 Jeep Wrangler driven by Eric Michael Freelan, 16, of 8010 Co. Road 8, and a 1994 Mercury Cougar driven by Linda Lamberso Justice, 53, of 813 Bradley, collided at the intersection of Duncan and Harvester. There were no apparent injuries. Freelan was cited for failure to yield row - turning left.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Monday, April 9

a.m. - A mobile ICU 9:08 responded to the 7500 block of Beverly.

10:45 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Kentucky and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

responded to the 8600 block of

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A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

A suspicious person call was received from the 100 block of West Foster.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1000 block of Varnon Drive.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of South Barnes and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

dent occurred in an unknown location

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 800 block of East Scott. A pit bull valued at \$400 was taken.

Attempted burglary was reported in the 1000 block of Jordan. A back door and window area were damaged. Estimated cost of damage is unknown.

County Road 4 and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Rose and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:13 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Tuesday, April 10 5:10 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Wells. No transport.

U.S. announces new trade cases against China

WASHINGTON (AP) -The Bush administration announced new trade cases against China on Monday over copyright piracy and restrictions on the sale of American movies, music and books.

Standing near a table of pirated movie DVDs, music CDs and books, U.S. Trade. Representative Susan Schwab said American companies were losing billions of dollars annually from piracy levels in China that 'remain unacceptably high."

She said the United States

would file the two cases on

Tuesday with the World

Trade Organization, the

Geneva-based organization

that oversees trade disputes.

Beijing's lax enforcement of

copyright and trademark

protections violates WTO

rules, and the other will

argue that Beijing has erect-

ed WTO-illegal barriers to

the sale of U.S.-produced

movies, music and books in

The action marked the lat-

est move against China on

the part of the Bush adminis-

tration, which is trying to

deal with rising political

anger over soaring U.S.

The trade cases exposed a

split in the business commu-

nity: The film, music and

book publishing industries

supported the move while

some other industries were

concerned over whether the

aggressive approach to

China could result in retribu-

In her news conference,

different industries favor dif-

China.

trade deficits.

tion.

One case will contend that

that the software industry scored a big victory last year when China agreed to sell all computers with operating software.

> The administration on March 30 announced it was imposing penalty tariffs on Chinese glossy paper imports in a case that broke a 23-year precedent that had barred U.S. companies from seeking such protection in cases involving nonmarket economies such as China.

support Chinese companies. The administration on March 30 announced it was imposing penalty tariffs on Chinese glossy paper imports in a case that broke a 23-year precedent that had barred U.S. companies from seeking such protection in cases involving nonmarket economies such as China.

Democrats, who won control of both the House and Senate last fall with campaigns that attacked Bush trade policies, said Monday that tougher action was still needed.

"Late is better than never," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "I hope this is just the beginning of a much-stronger administration stance on China's nonstop violations of free-trade rules."

Schumer and a group of other senators are drafting legislation to penalize China for manipulating its currency to gain trade advantages.

Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, called the timing of the new cases "certainly suspicious" given that they come when the administration is asking Congress to renew President Bush's fasttrack authority, which allows him to negotiate trade deals for expedited consideration by Congress.

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KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP WEDNESDAY APRIL 11, 2007 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Parents and children are encouraged to attend our Kindergarten Round-Up for students wishing to be enrolled at Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District during the 2007–2008 school year. During this round up parents and children will be given the opportunity to visit with Mrs. Brown, the Kindergarten teacher, and Mrs. Martin the school nurse, as well as tour our facility. Grandview-Hopkins ISD offers great student to teacher ratios, daily transportation and free tuition.

If you would like for your child to attend Grandview-Hopkins ISD please contact the school office at 669-3831. To be eligible for Kindergarten your child must be five years old before September 1, 2007.

Kindergarten Round-Up (Pre-registration) will be held on Wednesday April 11, 2007. Registration will take place in the meeting room from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Parents will need to bring a copy of their child's birth certificate, shot record, and social security card. We look forward to meeting you and your child on April 11th.

"Where we are making progress, there is no need to litigate," Schwab said.

The U.S. trade deficit set a record for the fifth consecutive year in 2006 at \$765.3 billion. The imbalance with China grew to \$232.5 billion, the highest ever with a single country.

Earlier this year, the administration filed a WTO Schwab acknowledged that case against China's use of ferent approaches. She noted government subsidies to





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Ginger Test, watercolor artist from Novice, will be in Pampa for her annual watercolor workshop. The two-day workshop will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 19 and 20 at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. For more information or to reserve class space, call Dona Cornutt at 669-7353.

Watercolor workshop set

will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 19 and 20 in the library of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

Ginger Test, watercolor artist from Novice, will teach the workshop, an annual event for her in Pampa.

All skill levels are invited to attend, from beginners to professionals. Participants may bring a sack lunch and have one-on-one time with Test during the noon break.

Those attending may bring their own palettes, paints and brushes. Extra palettes will be available for those interested in learning about watercolor techniques before investing in watercolor supplies.

Cost of the class is \$45 for one day or \$80 for both days. For more information, a list of supplies or to reserve class space, call Dona Cornutt at 669-7353.

Test has been teaching and showing her work profes-

A watercolor workshop sionally since 1982. Her 2006 shows include a solo show at the Smith Art Gallery at Scott and White Hospital in Temple and a showing at the Ruiz Gallery in San Angelo. Her work was also shown at the River Oaks Gallery in Abilene and the Stribling Invitational Art Extravaganza.

"Millissa," an original watercolor by Test, won one of 10 jurors' awards given last year at the Rio Brazos Show Art National Competition, sponsored by Tarleton University.

Test's 2007 show schedule began with an acceptance to the Stars of Texas juried show in February, for which she was selected 125 out of 289. On March 30, her paintings were entered in the Stribling Invitational Art Extravaganza.

In May, her work will be shown at the Cross Timbers Art Council, an invitational Western art show in Stephenville.

Life doesn't always happen during business hours....

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By DAVID AGUILAR

Associated Press Writer TROY, Mich. (AP) - Ninety minutes after reporting to work, Jean Larson heard what turned out to be deadly gunfire inside her office building - then "all hell broke loose."

Police say Anthony LaCalamita III, an accounting firm employee fired from his job last week, returned Monday to the building where he previously worked and shot three people, killing one. Two of the victims were apparently targeted, police said.

"We heard pop, pop, pop," smelled gunpowder and heard co-workers yelling, said Larson, 48, a staff accountant for G&C, a subsidiary of Gordon

Shooting suspect targeted two victims

"I heard one employee screaming, 'He's got a gun. He's got a gun.' ... It was a panic. No one knew what to do. No one knew where to go.'

The gunman then left the office complex and headed north, where he was spotted hours later by a motorist 50 miles north of Detroit. He was taken into custody after leading officers on a 30-mile highway chase that reached speeds up to 120 mph.

LaCalamita, 38, said nothing after officers surrounded him, Genesee County Sheriff Robert J. Pickell said. Officers subdued him and found a 12gauge pump-action shotgun and three live shells in the vehicle, the sheriff

said.

LaCalamita was being held on charges of fleeing and eluding police. Police investigators were expected to meet Tuesday with Oakland County prosecutors to authorize charges in the shootings, and LaCalamita was to be arraigned Wednesday, Troy Police Lt. Gerry Scherlinck said.

Troy Police Chief Charles Craft said LaCalamita was fired last week but still was listed on the Web site of Gordon Advisors, a 40- to 50-employee company where workers had been busy preparing tax returns.

Police said the person killed was a 63-year-old woman but would not name her

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Judge rejects Padilla's motion

Advisors.

MIAMI (AP) — A federal judge rejected a in a 12-page order filed late Monday that she motion by alleged al-Qaida operative Jose was not passing judgment on the torture alle-

"We could sound the

sirens when we have this

combination of circum-

stances," Hall said, "but we

might get to the point where

we would be giving quite a

few false reports. That could

eventually work against us."

Operations Center policy is

for a tornado to be con-

firmed on the ground before

past seasons, he said there

have been a number of

"It is a very difficult call,"

But it is a call that he

made earlier this month as

he talked with Pampa Police

Chief Trevlyn Pitner and a

Gray County Deputy watch-

approaches Gray County,

Hall sends out experienced

storm spotters and stays in

firmed sightings. He wants

the moment, he said, is the

warning siren at Kiowa and

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Hall's major concern at

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Counselor

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Padilla to dismiss terrorism charges against him over claims he was tortured in U.S. military custody.

The ruling removes one of the last major obstacles to the start of Padilla's trial next 1/2 years Padilla was held as an "enemy week.

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cry wolf when there is little danger. He fears too many warnings will lead to a lack of response.

"The situation did not justify that response," Hall said, "unless we want to start sounding the sirens for close calls."

Clouds with rotation that are producing high winds, large hail and heavy rainfall can produce a tornado, he

Taxes

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tronically via computer, as well as certain other situations, including tax-year 2006 contributions to a Roth or traditional individual retirement account.

For more information on federal income tax, visit the IRS web site at http://www.irs.gov.

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Fisher is a former police officer, but when he joined the fire department, he let his peace officer's commission lapse. Horst said Fisher is working to get recertified so he can go on property for junked vehicle cases.

gations. Rather, she said the effort to dismiss the case for "outrageous government conduct" was faulty on legal grounds.

Padilla's lawyers claim that during the 3 combatant" at a Navy brig he was routinely U.S. District Judge Marcia Cooke stressed subjected to harsh treatment and torture.

> Navajo. It's been down for some time, he said.

Steve Hawkins of Hawkins Communication maintains the emergency sirens in Pampa. He the one who found a faulty piece of equipment in the Kiowa and Navajo siren and sent it off to be repaired. It was returned, but Hawkins found another faulty part and sent it back to the Whelen Siren Co. for repair. It hasn't been returned yet.

The sirens were the result of Hall's work. He's the one that got the federal grants to help fund them.

"He used grants and local funds to buy the 10 sirens," Pampa City Manager John Horst said.

"We needed them for a long time," Hall said.

"Twenty years or more," Horst said.

The sirens are tested each Saturday at noon, except in bad weather.

"We don't want anyone to "I want to confirm tornamistake a test for the real thing," Hall said. Each year, Hall said he

When they go off, Hall gets a number of uncon- said he doesn't want anyone to think it's a false alarm. They need to be taken seriously.

will be held

Thursday, April 12th, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at Cook Angus Bull Barn

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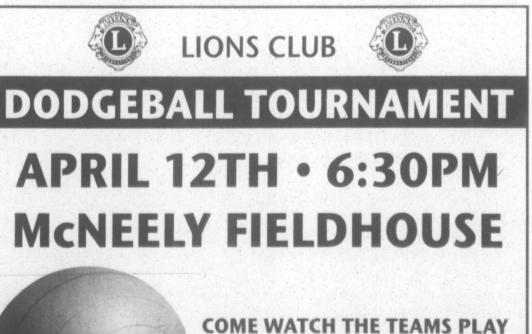
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Viewpoints

It's not always easy being content with the season

restlessness, excitement or laziness brought on by the coming of spring, according to YourDictionary.com.

Some people may feel restless or excited, but I am definitely suffering a bout of laziness.

This time of year, all I want to do is take a long nap during the day and sleep all night.

I imagine the restlessness and excitement felt by some is due to the warmer weather allowing for more activities to be held comfortably outside. Gardeners are planning their flower beds and vegetable patches, and lawnmowers have already been out for the summer, when

Spring fever is a feeling of put to use on many yards. Outdoor sports are beckoning to some to take a

> swing at a softball or baseball, run or walk to a new personal record time or distance, break out that bike, practice one's backhand on the tennis courts and shoot hoops in driveways.

Travelers are thankful that the possibility of any more snow and ice to drive on isn't likely for several months. Some realize that summer vacation trips are finally approaching and begin serious planning for getting away from it all.

School students are counting the days until school lets they can enjoy freedom from warm weather. tests, class bells and studying.

Even the Marilyn flora and fauna get **Powers** into the act. Staff Writer Trees are leafing out, is grass

greening up

and early flowers are already blooming in a vivid array of color.

Birds and squirrels are busy getting ready for additions to their families. New, squeaky-clean calves are everywhere.

My internal barometer, however, must take a different view of the coming of despondent over long hours

I think my sleepiness and laziness stems from the fact that for the next several months, I don't have worry to about driv-

ing on frozen surfaces, hauling in firewood, wearing enough clothes to make me look like the Michelin Man's girlfriend, or making sure I get all my errands run before a blue norther blows in.

I don't have to clean out the fireplace or dispose of cold ashes. I don't have to be

of darkness and too few hours of sunlight. I don't have to worry about doing much major holiday decorating or other seasonal extra effort until October.

Of course, there are disadvantages to warm weather, too.

Insects reappear, yard work is added to the list of things to do, and sometimes we get too much of a good thing and wish we could have daytime highs of less than three digits.

The days between summer and winter which occur twice each year are like a breather for me. I don't have to cope with too-hot or toocold weather and the prob-

lems and chores each brings. I can pause to marshal my inner forces before the next weather extreme has to be faced.

Sometimes it's hard to be content with whatever season we're in. Each winter I swear I will never again complain about summer heat, and each summer I vow not to gripe anymore about winter cold.

Meanwhile, my own personal hibernation schedule is aligned with our all-too-few spring and fall days.

Somebody wake me up when the temperature gets back up to 80 degrees and stays there.



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 10, the 100th day of 2007. There are 265 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 10, 1912, the RMS Titanic set sail from Southampton, England, on its ill-fated maiden voyage. On this date:

In 1790, President George Washington signed into law the first United States Patent Act.

In 1866, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was incorporated.

In 1925, the novel "The Great Gatsby," by F. Scott Fitzgerald, was first published.

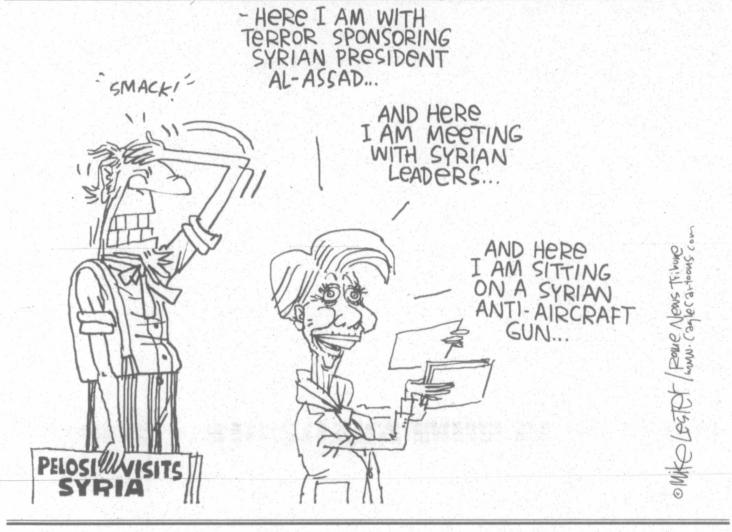
'To understand another human being you must gain some insight into the conditions which made him what he is."

> - Margaret Bourke-White

In 1932, German pres-Paul Von ident Hindenburg was reelected in a runoff, with Adolf Hitler coming in second.

In 1957, Egypt reopened the Suez Canal to all shipping traffic. (The canal had been closed due to wreckage resulting from the Suez Crisis.)

1957, In John Osborne's play "The Entertainer," starring



American photojournalist (1904-1971)

Olivier, Laurence opened in London. In 1963, the nuclearpowered submarine USS Thresher sank during

deep-diving tests off Cape Cod, Mass., in a disaster that claimed 129 lives.

In 1972, the United States and the Soviet Union joined some 70 nations in signing an agreement banning biological warfare.

In 1981, imprisoned IRA hunger striker Bobby Sands was declared the winner of a by-election to the British Parliament.

In 1998, the Northern Ireland peace talks concluded as negotiators reached a landmark settlement to end 30 years of bitter rivalries and bloody attacks.

Ten years ago: A federal judge struck down the Line-Item Veto Act, a law that let the president strike specific items from spending bills passed by Congress. (The U.S. Supreme Court later set aside the judge's ruling; however, the nation's highest court ultimately struck down the veto as unconstitutional in 1998.) One-time fighter pilot and former POW Pete Peterson was confirmed by the Senate as the first postwar U.S. ambassador to Vietnam.

Five years ago: Eight Israelis were killed by a suicide bomber aboard a bus in Haifa.

One year ago: Former Enron Chief Executive Jeffrey Skilling began testifying in his fraud and conspiracy trial in Houston, declaring himself "absolutely innocent."

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Higher education filled with intolerance

Many of our nation's colleges and universities have become cesspools of indoctrination, intolerance, academic dishonesty and the new racism. In a March 1991 School of Education espeech, Yale President mailed its faculty asking Benno Schmidt warned, them "The most serious problems of freedom of expression in our society today exist on our campuses. ... The assumption seems to be that the purpose of education is to induce correct opinion rather than to search for wisdom and to liberate the mind."

Writing in the fall 2006 issue of Academic Questions, Luann Wright, in her article titled "Pernicious Politicization in Academe," documents academic dishonesty and indoctrination all too common today. Here are some of her findings:

- An ethnic studies professor, at Cal State Northridge and Pasadena City College, teaches that

Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

April 1

Houston Chronicle on the accessibility to higher education in Texas:

AS rising tuition threatens to put a college education out of the reach of the average Texan, lawmakers in Austin are debating whether to shortchange Texas Grants, one of the state's most successful education assistance programs. Such an action in a year of budget surpluses would betray the aspirations of Lone Star students and leave the state less competitive.

Texas is in the bottom third in per capita rates of college graduates, while facing increased demand for skilled workers. The last thing our leaders

"the role of students and budget teachers in ethnic studies is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable." - UC Santa Barbara's

to consider

classroom Walter options Williams concerning Iraq Columnist War, suggesting they excuse stu-

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dents from class to attend anti-war events and give them extra credit to write about it.

- An English professor at Montclair State University in New Jersey tells his students, "Conservatism champions racism, exploitation and imperialist war."

Other instances of academic dishonesty include professors having their students write letters to state representatives protesting

black.

cuts. Students enrolled in cell biology, math and art classes must sit through lectures listening to professorial rants about unrelated topics such as globalism, U.S. exploitation

> of Middle East a n President Bush. Wright is also founder of

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NoIndoctrination.org, a Web site containing hundreds of reports of similar academic bias and dishonesty.

Anne D. Neal, president of The American Council of Trustees and Alumni, wrote a companion article titled "Advocacy in' the College Classroom." She says that campuses across the nation have cultivated an atmosphere that permits the disinviting of politically incorrect speakers; politicized

need to be doing is making higher edu-

Since the program was launched in

2000, Texas Grants has provided

tuition and fees for 161,000 students,

more than half of them minorities.

Anglos make up roughly a third of

recipients; more than 13 percent are

effective in assisting Hispanic students,

who received nearly half of the tuition

grants over the past seven years. Their

need for assistance will expand by the

year 2040, when nearly 60 percent of

the state's college age population is

Texas Grants provides a gateway for

urban students to a variety of academic

settings around the state. For instance,

Texas Tech at Lubbock received \$1.14

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instruction; reprisals against or intimidation of students who speak their mind; political discrimination in college hiring and retention; and campus speech codes.

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On most college campusthe es, there's the worship of diversity. The universities of Harvard, Texas A&M, UC Berkeley, Virginia and many others boast of officers, deans and vice presidents of diversity. Many academics make the mindless argument, with absolutely no evidence to back it up, that racial representation is necessary for academic excellence. For them, getting the right racial mix requires racial discrimination.

> Diversity wasn't the buzzword back in the 1970s, '80s and '90s. Diversity is the response by universities, as well as corporations, to various court decisions holding racial quotas, goals and

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million in initial grant allocations and more than \$8.6 million in renewals this fiscal year. That aid enabled more than 2,000 students to enroll.

State Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston, who crafted the enabling legislation, says Texas Grants reaches only a fraction of the students who need the program. If fully funded at nearly \$900 million, the program would nearly triple the number of students receiving assistance to more than 180,000.

The House Appropriations Committee has approved \$454 million for the program, while the Senate Finance Committee has not yet voted on a bill that would earmark \$399 million. Ellis, who has introduced a bill to fully fund Texas Grants, is asking educators, parents and students to let law-

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timetables, unconstitutional. Offices of diversity and inclusion are simply substitutes for yesterday's offices of equity or affirmative action. It's simply a matter of old wine in new bot-

tles, but it's racism just the same.

In an open letter titled "To the President of My University," Carl Cohen, professor of philosophy at the University of Michigan, summarizes, "Diversity is a good thing - but the claim that the need for diversity is so compelling that it overrides the constitutional guarantee of civic equality is one we swallow only because, by holding our nose and gulping it down, we can go on doing what our feeling of guilt demands."

Until parents, donors and taxpayers shed their unwillingness to investigate what's sold to them as higher education, what we see today will continue and get worse. Just as important is the recognition of the fact that boards of trustees at our colleges and universities bear the ultimate responsibility, and it is they who've been grossly derelict in their duty.

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

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makers know about their support for increased college aid.

Funding is not the only issue that could diminish the program's effectiveness. To qualify for the grants, a student must prove residency, show financial need, be a Texas high school graduate and complete an advanced or recommended high school curriculum. A plan offered by Texas Gov. Rick

Perry would attach strings to the grants, requiring that they be converted to interest-free loans to be repaid if students fail to graduate within the specified span of their studies. Ellis and other program supporters

claim such strictures would have the effect of discouraging even more students from applying for the grants. As anyone who has' worked his way through college knows, sometimes more than four years are needed to earn a degree, particularly if the student is working full time.

There is no higher priority for our legislators than making sure public

Events calendar

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 Pampa Book Club will discuss "Peace Like a River" by Leif Enger, Wednesday; and "The Last Promise" by Richard Evans, May 9. The group meets at 10 a.m. in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

Panhandle Elementary School in Panhandle will be the location for a public meeting about a wastewater discharge permit amendment requested by Pantex. The meeting, sponsored by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, will

get underway at 7 p.m. Thusday.

• The 2007 "Fang-**Tastic" Rattlesnake Hunt** is slated Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Waurika, Okla. The event is being sponsored by Waurika Fire Department and will include James White and the Outlaw Handlers of Granbury; a butcher shop with snake meat, rattlers and hides; a photo booth for pictures with a live diamondback; a carnival; and more. A contest to judge the longest snake, the snake with the most rattles and the shortest snake will

higher education remains affordable to the public, particularly the children of low- and middle-income families. The continuing rise in costs to attend state universities, typified by Texas A&M University's recently announced intention to hike tuition and fees up to 13 percent, make this an issue on a par with property tax reduction.

With the money available, there's no excuse for failing to fund Texas Grants at a level that guarantees that every qualified student with the desire for education and the financial need gets the opportunity to attend college.

also be conducted. Events are all day Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call (580) 228-2553 or log on to www.rattlesnakehunt.com on the Internet.

• St. Francis Catholic Youth Organization of Amarillo will hold a steak dinner and dance to raise funds from 6-8:30 p.m. Saturday in St. Francis Church Hall. Catholic Tickets are \$15 per person. Tickets will be available at the door or may be purchased in advance. For more information, call (806) 226-5018.

 Amarillo Alumnae Panhellenic Association will host a rush or recruitment meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday in the library of Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2525 Wimberly, Amarillo. The meeting is open to all Panhandle-area high school senior women and college undergraduates interested in membership in any national sorority. Participants will receive rush packets and deadlines. For more information, call (806) 352-3767 or (806) 358-4880.

 The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., April 18, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

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 The deadline to enter a Christian Fine Arts Society-sponsored free poetry contest is April 21. To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 1012 Beechwood Dr., Nappanee, IN 46550; or online at enter www.freecontest.com.



By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I chuckled when I saw the letter from "Eating Single but Not Alone" (Feb. 5), about discovering single men in a diner at breakfast. She's right on. I own and run a diner that's been serving breakfast and lunch for more than 25 years. Not only do male customers meet and eat here weekly, many of them eat here every day, usually at the same time, so they can catch up with others who do. Many of the men are single, widowed, divorced or retired, and just want to start their day with a decent meal in a friendly atmosphere. Between 8 and 9:30 a.m. seems to be the most popular time -- and yes, they sit at the counter. My advice to single women: Bring the crossword puzzle from the daily paper and you won't feel so awkward. It will give you a legitimate reason for starting a conversation, and you may even get offered help with the answers. -- MAINE-LY COOK-**ING IN PHIPPSBURG**

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DEAR MAINE-LY COOKING: You may be Maine-ly cooking, but I wouldn't be surprised if you have stirred up more than a couple of love matches. I loved the mail that letter generated. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I'm a waitress at a 24-hour diner. Kudos to you for passing "Eating Single's" letter along. I love it when our "regulars" come in and become friends with each other. Even if it leads to nothing more, it widens your circle of friends. --AMANDA IN CARMEL, IND.

DEAR ABBY: I have another suggestion for meeting men -- if you don't mind dating someone who's been around the block and single dads either getting their kids for a Wednesday evening with not enough time

to do anything but feed them, or just after picking them up on Friday night after a hard day at work, and again on Sunday just before dropping them off to Mom. Some of these guys are a little skittish, but there are some real treasures among them who make great friends until they're ready for something more. After all, one woman's trash is another woman's treasure. I hope this helps some of the gals out there meet Mr. Right, or at the very least, make some good friends. I speak from experience. I've been married to my McDonald's man for 25 years. - GOT MINE IN WEBSTER, TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: I'll tell you where all the dateable men are. If you like boating, go to the boat show. If you like motorcycles, go to a motorcycle show. If you like architecture, go to a home remodeling show. Go where the men are! You'll find men in all age ranges and income brackets. For the price of a \$10 ticket, you can have an experience you'll never forget. Oh, and this is for the men: If you want to meet a nice woman and get to know her background without asking questions, go to a nail salon and get a manicure and pedicure. My fiance and I get pedicures and manicures together, and the ladies just love chatting with him. It's one of the few times they can talk and a man will listen. -- HAPPY **HUNTING! NUTLEY, N.J.**

DEAR ABBY: Folks who want to meet eligible singles should join their high school or college alumni association and attend all the events offered. There are beautiful "gems" out there among the The Pampa News — Tuesday, April 10, 2007 —7



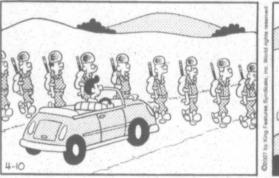
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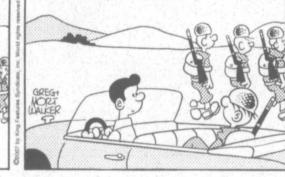


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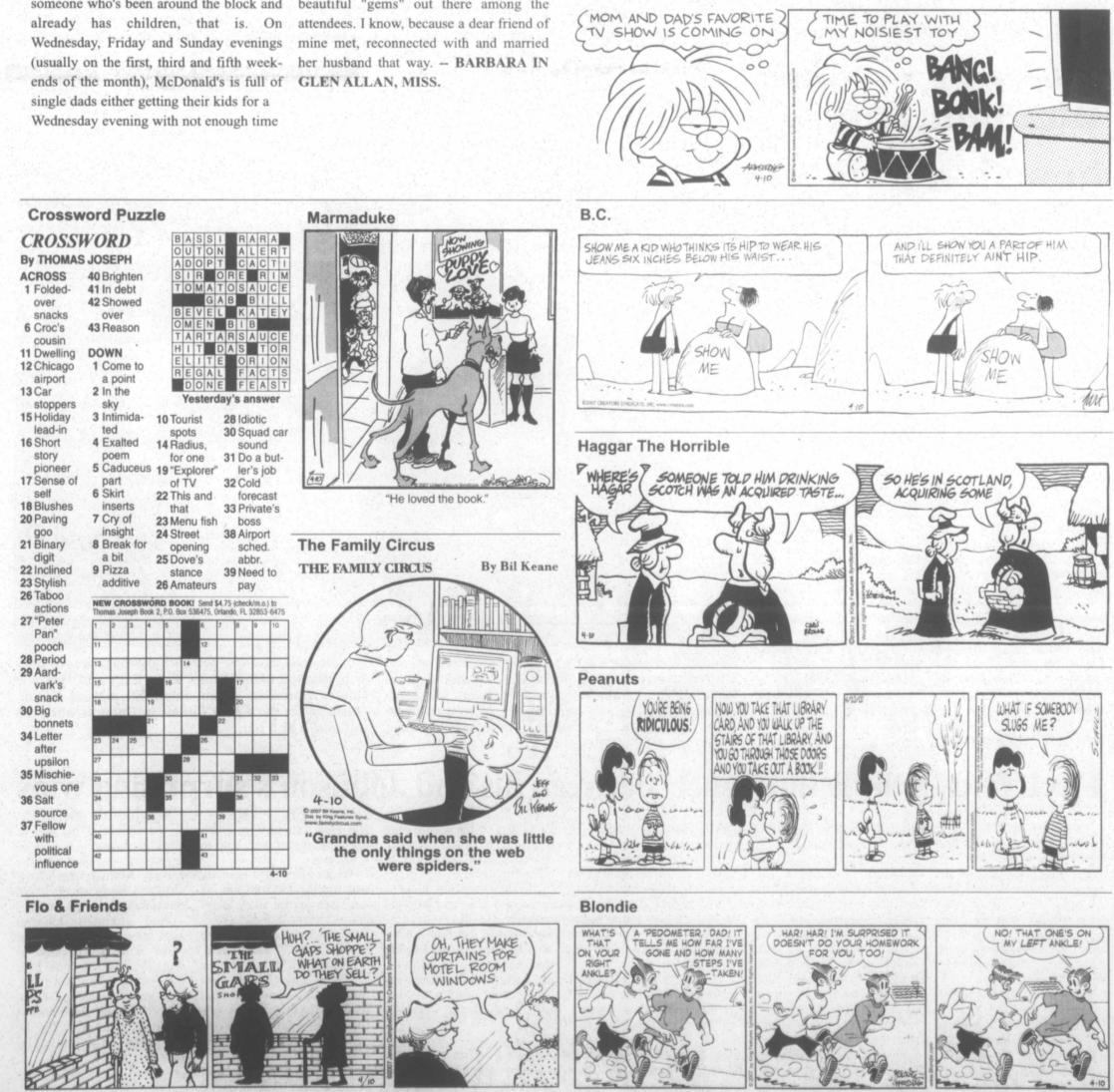


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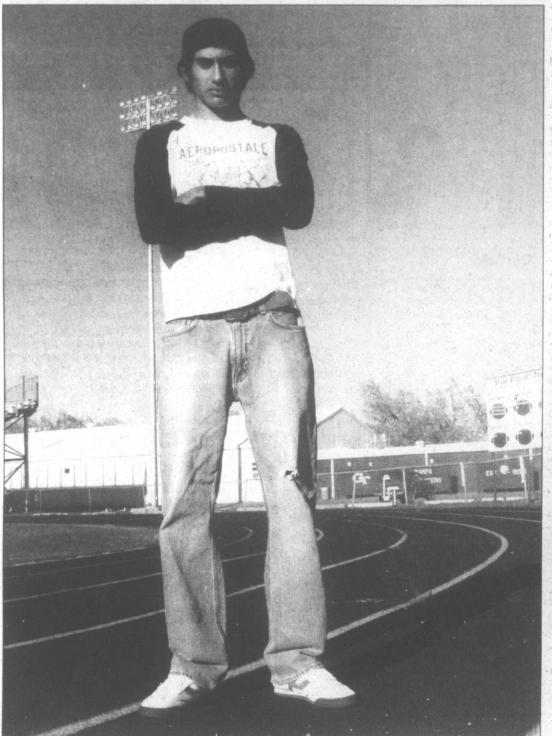
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Sports Day

Jimenez gets running start at college career



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The party of the second s

Sports Editor As high school seniors every year eventually discover, there comes a time to move on to bigger and better things, as Colin Hanks once exclaimed in the movie Orange County, "College ... it's what you do after high school!"

Senior Matt Jimenez plans on "doing" college after high school, and doing it well.

For as long as he can remember, Matt has been running.

From the time he was able to compete at the junior high level, and even before, Matt has exercised his passion for long-distance running and is now preparing to take it to

the next level.

During these years, Matt stacked up well against competition throughout the area, and has achieved a best time of 4:35 on the mile, and 2:00 on 800 meters.

"It's just what I do best," Matt said.

It's not hard to notice that running is what Matt does best, as the recruiters from Wayland Baptist University will tell you.

Today, Matt signed on with WBU at Pampa High School, and will run for them as a freshman next year.

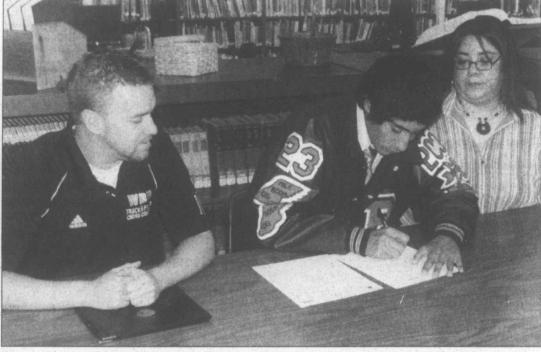
"I've been practicing my signature for the past two days!" Matt admitted. With just six weeks left

the school year, he has a promising college career to look forward to, but his time at Pampa High School is quickly nearing its end.

Matt and the rest of the track team will travel to Dumas on Thursday to compete at the district meet.

"Whatever happens at district, it's gonna be good, and I'll have a lot of memories to take with me," Matt said, "I'm gonna miss the green and gold, and the Pampa tradition. I'm gonna miss having fun with the team."

Even though he will be sporting a blue uniform come next fall, Matt will always be a Pampa Harvester at heart.



Matt Jimenez signs on with Wayland Baptist University this morning in the Pampa High School library as his new coach, Brian Whitlock and mother, Myra Jimenez look on.

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The Pampa Harvesters and Lady Harvesters will be on the field today, welcoming some competition at home and facing off with district rivals.

play Caprock at 4:30 today better team in the district. in Pampa.

With a current 6-0 record in district, the softball girls hope to keep a firm grasp on their significant lead.

Baseball, softball All-Stars

The boys will play at 4:30 today at Harvester Field, in The Lady Harvesters will hopes of proving to be the

Mavericks clinch top spot in Western Conference

DALLAS (AP) — Prop up your feet, Dirk Nowitzki and Jerry Stackhouse. The Dallas Mavericks have clinched the NBA's best record with five games to go.

Nowitzki and Stackhouse were Dallas' leading scorers in a 96-86 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday night that sealed the top seed this postseason, then coach Avery Johnson announced right away that they wouldn't be joining the club on a road trip to Minnesota.

"I told them if I see them on the plane, I'll fine them,"

Johnson said.

It makes sense. With home-court guaranteed in every round of the playoffs, one less round-trip flight and one less game is far more important in the Mavericks' big-picture goal of getting back to the NBA finals and this time winning the title they let slip away last summer.

"We didn't come into the season trying to be No. 1 (seeded), we came into the season trying to finish the year with a win." Johnson said.



Seniors McKensie East and Tyler Hall were selected to represent Pampa in the 2007 Golden Spread All-Stars Tournament this past weekend. The tournament consists of four teams from the area, North, South, East and West. The teams will play one another, and the two with the best record play in a championship game. Both East and Hall will play on the East Team. East will play at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Event Center in Canyon, and Hall will follow at 8 p.m.

Fleck finds 'a little difference' between his and Johnson's surprising wins

(AP) — The man who beat Ben Hogan in the 1955 U.S. Open to claim one of the biggest upsets in golf said Monday the similarities between his win 52 years ago and Zach Johnson's victory over Tiger Woods at the Masters are outnumbered by, the differences.

About 1.3 million differences.

An Iowan and a relative unknown like Johnson, Jack Fleck was in his first full year on the professional circuit when he made two

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. birdies on the final four lost in the final round of a holes at San Francisco's The Olympic Club to tie Hogan at 287 after four rounds.

In an 18-hole playoff the next day, Fleck shot a 69 to Hogan's 72 and captured his first professional victory.

On Sunday, Johnson pulled away from Woods, Retief Goosen and Rory Sabbatini with three birdies in four holes to finish with a final-round 3-under 69 for a two-shot win. It was Johnson's second-ever victory — and the first time Woods failed to regain a lead

major.

Fleck, 85, is accustomed to sharing his thoughts when a golfer defies all odds to win a major. Calls poured in to Fleck's Fort Smith home. in 2003, when 500-1 long shot Ben Curtis won the British Open.

And Fleck's phone started ringing before Johnson put on the green jacket Sunday.

"Most of the guys that called, they wanted to compare my beating Hogan to Zach Johnson beating Tiger Woods," Fleck said Monday

a round of golf. "But there's a little difference in

the comparison. "In the first place, I had to come into a tie and he wins outright. He didn't have to tie anybody. He didn't have to play again. I had to play the next day - 18 holes and I win \$6,000 and he wins \$1,335,000. I said 'that's the difference in the comparison.""

Fleck, who played at Augusta 11 times on the tour, said he watched Sunday's round intently after a windy

as he was on his way to play and cold Saturday in which only one player was able to break par.

> While Fleck said his wife was rooting for Johnson, he was cheering for all the players - except Woods.

"I was rooting for any one of the guys," Fleck said. "But I think it'd be better for golf that Tiger Woods does not really dominate that much. I like to see people that can challenge Tiger Woods. He's the greatest player in the world."

Fleck tries to play golf every day the weather allows

he shoots at his age or slightly lower — and is preparing to play in the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf tournament in Savannah, Ga., next week.

And although Johnson kept his cool and made the shots he needed to make to win, Fleck said he could help him handle the sudden fame.

"I know one thing," Fleck said. "With my experience, I could help the guy. But he can really hit it and really play."

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Zero in on what makes you happy. Certainly, opportunities rarely come your way that have you rethinking your decisions. You might want to talk about what is going on in your mind. Tonight: Away you go.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** A take-charge attitude could take you far. Right now your intuition could play into a decision. Your bright ways and positive energy take you quite far. Investigate options with an eye to only better. Tonight: Count on burning' the midnight oil.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Take a leap of faith, and you'll feel much better very quickly. You have style and happiness on your team. Do needed research and be willing to find an expert, if need be. Understand what might be going on around you. Tonight: Get as much insight as you can. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** You might have difficulty seeing what a partner means if you don't relax and open up. A must appearance takes you in a new direction. Use care in the next few weeks - your feelings could be hurt more easily. Tonight: Accept an invitation. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might want to veer in a new direction or do something very different. You don't need to have all the answers. You do need to trust yourself more fully. Others respond to your inquiries. Reach out to someone else. Tonight: Just don't be alone

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might want to approach a personal matter a lot differently. Work with one person to get a project done. Too many cooks could spoil the mix. Funnel your energy in an appropriate manner. You'll get a lot done, quickly. Tonight: Go for a walk.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Your creativity bubbles up. Think through a decision more carefully. Others inspire your creativity. You might want to rethink your decisions and ideas. Investigate opportunities. Reach out for experts. Tonight: Make plans to take off. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Basics do count. You might not have the say or impact you'd like. Understanding will take you down a new path if you flow with a situation. Think positively. If you are focused on getting the job done, you might be surprised by what you achieve. Tonight: Order in.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ You are all smiles and approach life quite differently. Pressure could build and force your hand. You know what you want. Ask and make the right inquiries. You might be surprised and pleased by what lands in your lap. Tonight: Look again at a loved one or new friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Know when to pull back and approach others for a subtler perspective. Your mind could be working overtime about a financial matter. Follow your sixth sense with confidence and direction. Tonight: Some personal time.

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Hayek, MGM company to feature Latino-themed films

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LOS ANGELES (AP) - Salma Hayek and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. have formed a new production company, aiming to create movies that not only feature Latino themes and talent but have mass-market appeal.

The company, Ventanazul, will be an equal partnership between the Mexico-born actress and MGM, according to a joint announcement Monday.

Easter Bunny

Under the deal, Hayek will be chief executive and her production partner Jose Tamez will serve as president. The company was expected to release between two and four films a year, with MGM handling marketing and distribution.

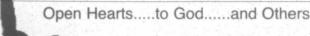
"This deal represents an amazing opportunity to draw upon the entire range of ways the Latin world can contribute to the film industry," Hayek said. "We want these movies to appeal to everyone, but we also hope to make Latino audiences proud."

Hayek, 40, has starred in films such as "Frida," "Desperado" and "After the Sunset."



Imus gets two-week suspension

NEW YORK (AP) ence is heavy on the politiand referred to Sen. Ben cal and media elite that Nighthorse Campbell of advertisers pay a premium Colorado, an American Indian, as "the guy from 'F to reach. Authors, journalists and politicians are fre-Troop."' He and his colleagues also called the New quent guests — and targets York Knicks a group of for insults. "chest-thumping pimps." On Sharpton's program Monday, Imus said that "our This is a two-week agenda is to be funny and cooling off period. MSNBC, which telecasts sometimes we go too far. It does not And this time we went way too far." challenge the Imus made his remark the character of the day after the Rutgers team, which includes eight black show, its political women, lost the NCAA *impact, or the* women's championship impact that these game to Tennessee. He was "Our future relationship speaking with producer comments have had Bernard McGuirk and said on our society." "that's some rough girls word," the network said. from Rutgers. Man, they got — The Rev. Jesse The suspension begins tattoos ...



Don Imus' morning talk show will be suspended from CBS Radio and MSNBC for two weeks following protests about his reference to members of the Rutgers women's basketball team as "nappy-headed hos," both networks said Monday.

the radio show, said Imus' expressions of regret and embarrassment, coupled with his stated dedication to changing the show's discourse, made it believe suspension was the appropriate response.

with Imus is contingent on his ability to live up to his

next Monday.

Imus, who has made a career of cranky insults in the morning, was fighting for his job following the joke that by his own admission went "way too far." He continued to apologize Monday, both on his show and on a syndicated radio program hosted by the Rev. Al Sharpton, who is among black several leaders demanding his ouster.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson said that Imus' suspensions would not halt the protests.

"This is a two-week cooling off period," Jackson said. "It does not challenge the character of the show, its political impact, or the impact that these comments have had on our society."

Imus could be in real danger if the outcry causes advertisers to shy away from him, said Tom Taylor, editor of the trade publication Inside Radio. The National Organization for Women is also seeking Imus' ouster.

Imus isn't the most popu-the trade publication Talkers ranks him the 14th most influential - but his audi-

Jackson

He has urged critics to recognize that his show is a comedy that spreads insults broadly. Imus or his cast have called Colin Powell a "weasel," New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson a "fat sissy"

"Some hardcore hos," McGuirk said.

"That's some nappyheaded hos there, I'm going to tell you that," Imus said.

The Rutgers comment has struck a chord, in part, because it was aimed at a group of young women at the pinnacle of athletic success.



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