

SATURDAY

De La Hoya's big bout

Veteran Whitaker says he's ready for tonight

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Tiger chews up Augusta

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Helping hands

'Senior Olympics' seeks volunteers

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Fit for sound

Dog donated to aid the deaf to get hearing aids of her own

MEDFORD, Ore. (AP) — Megan McKenzie loves her dog, but when Sassy flunked out of obedience school and had to be ballied out of the dog pound, Megan agreed to donate the 1-year-old American Eskimo to Dogs for the Deaf.

Though Sassy was smart and confident enough to be trained to serve as the ears of a deaf person, trainers at Dogs for the Deaf figured out that she couldn't hear herself.

Thursday, Sassy was fitted with her own hearing aids for free, and this weekend she will go home with 9-year-old Megan to Klamath Falls.

"I'm happy," Megan said. "Now I can take her for show and tell again."

Life was tough for Sassy from

the beginning. When she was just a puppy, someone tossed her out of a car last September and tried to run her over, said Megan's mother, Alice McKenzie.

Someone saw the dog and took her to Double-C Dog Training, a Klamath Falls kennel. That's where Megan spotted the black and white bundle of energy on a Browise field trip.

"She said, 'Mom, it's almost my birthday. Please,'" recalled Megan's mother.

Sassy was a wonderful dog, became friends with the McKenzies' other American Eskimo, Angel, and the cats, Tursis and Tiger, McKenzie said. But Sassy just wouldn't mind, and it cost \$100 to get her out of the



Kim Meinhardt, a trainer with Dogs for the Deaf, holds Sassy, who's still groggy after a fitting for hearing aids.

Government checked in medicinal pot case

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge yesterday temporarily barred government action against California doctors who recommend marijuana for their patients, saying federal policy on the issue was too confusing.

The ruling doesn't change federal law which deems any marijuana use illegal. But the temporary restraining order was an important first-casual victory for supporters of the state's medical marijuana ballot issue.

The measure, approved by voters last November, allows patients in California to grow and possess marijuana for medical use at the recommendation of their doctors. (Arizona voters approved a similar measure last year.)

The Clinton administration responded by saying doctors who recommend marijuana could lose their federal authority to prescribe medicine, be disqualified from Medicare and Medicaid and face criminal prosecution.

Drug czar Barry McCaffrey's office later issued a clarification, saying doctors could discuss marijuana as long as they didn't recom-

mend it.

But U.S. District Judge Fern Smith said the distinction between discussing and recommending can be fuzzy, leaving doctors uncertain what they can tell patients.

She issued the restraining order in a lawsuit filed in January by four medical marijuana users — one of them a San Francisco prosecutor with AIDS — and several doctors who treat AIDS and cancer patients.

The doctors said they considered marijuana the best treatment for some patients' nausea and other side effects of chemotherapy.

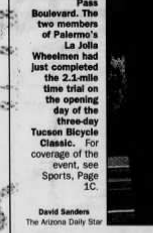
"It is time for drug czar Barry McCaffrey and the Clinton administration to end their threats and let Proposition 215 work as the voters intended," Dave Fratello of Americans for Medical Rights said in a statement.

Patricia Seitz, chief lawyer for McCaffrey, said the administration hoped to move toward a settlement at a conference Thursday ordered

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April flowers

California cyclists Mike Walkenhorst, left, and Michael Jacobson get an up-close view of the springtime desert in full bloom as they make their way down Starr Pass Boulevard. The two members of Palermo's La Jolla Wheelmen had just completed the 2.2-mile time trial on the opening day of the three-day Tucson Bicycle Classic. For coverage of the event, see Sports, Page 1C.



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Search for A-10 intensifies even as hope fades

By Jon Burstein

The Arizona Daily Star

Searchers plan to have as many as 19 aircraft flying over a stretch of the Colorado Rockies today in an attempt to find a missing attack jet.

But even with clear skies

Westerly of the Colorado the wilderness area near Vail, military 400 sighting

edged yesterday that there probably will soon to the mystery of the A-10 Thunderbolt II that vanished last week during a routine training mission.

Data collected from a military radar plane indicate that Capt. Craig David Batten's jet may have crashed near Red and White Mountain, about 13 miles north of where the search previously had been focused, said Lt. Gen. Frank Campbell, commander of the 120 Air

Force Base.

About 4 feet of snow on the 11,000-foot mountain combined with what is probably a small crash site may make the Thunderbolt hard to find until the snow melts this summer, said Maj. Gen. William Westerland of the Colorado Army National Guard.

"If he went in at 400 knots, you might have an 8-foot smoking hole that's not smoking anymore," he said. "It would literally disappear."

Radars tapes and 100 sightings

reports help track the missing jet. Page 12A

regate. The A-10 is tougher than most planes, but if he was at full power ... you aren't going to find much there.

Satellites and 185 flights by dozens of aircraft have failed to yield a clue to the whereabouts of the jet and its 32-year-old pilot, who officials said had little chance of surviving both a crash and the weather.

Earlier in the day at a Force at Davis-Moonthan Air

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Assistance is plentiful as Tuesday tax deadline ticks ever closer

By Sarah Garrecht

The Arizona Daily Star

Tax season is quickly coming to an end, but procrastinators have several ways to get last-minute help setting up With Uncle Sam.

If you race out the door or pick up the phone, collect your W-2 forms, 1099 forms and any other documents showing income. It's also helpful to bring along a copy of your 1996 returns.

Dan Zemke, spokesman for the

Arizona Department of Revenue, said the most common error of early filers on the Arizona form has been failing to include a copy of federal Schedule A when itemizing deductions.

Many early filers also fail to list the names of dependents, and mathematical errors are as common as ever, he said.

A number of short-form state filers are missing the personal exemption, maybe because it has moved from its form line of recent years, he said.

The average refund this year is \$464, up 13 percent from the \$410 average last year, he said.

Remember to include the Social Security numbers for yourself, your dependents and your spouse, sign all forms and checks, and stamp the envelopes.

Here's where you can find help picking up, filling out or dropping off your 1996 state and federal tax returns.

• Tax Break 1997, Tuesday from 8

a.m. to 5 p.m. at El Con Mail; CPAs, representatives from the Internal Revenue Service and the state Department of Revenue will be on hand Tuesday at the west end of the mall near Robinson's May (in the old Gap store) to help fill out simple federal and state tax forms.

The help is free, and Spanish-speaking tax preparers will be available. There's also electronic filing, but both taxpayers must be there if filing a joint return. The event is co-sponsored by the

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance group and Tax Counseling for the Elderly program.

• H & B Block: All stores will be open today and tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Monday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Offices also will be open on Tuesday from 8 a.m. until the last customer leaves, or midnight, whichever comes first.

Fees for tax preparation start at around \$30 and depend on how complex

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Tomorrow in The Arizona Daily Star

The road back

Last August, Travis Clark accidentally shot himself in the head. Since then, he's been struggling to bring his life back to normal.



Breaking the barrier

Tuesday commemorates the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's debut in the major leagues. Star sports begins a three-day look at his career.

Historic sites

Fifteen homes and buildings in the West University Neighborhood will be open to the public on April 20.

WEATHER

Sunny, breezy. Today is expected to be sunny and warmer, breezy this afternoon with northwesterly winds of 5 to 15 mph. Look for a high in the lower to mid-70s, low in the mid-40s. Yesterday's high was 70, and the low 49. Details on Page 13A.

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Europa views whet appetites for flights

By Jim Erickson

The Arizona Daily Star

Marine scientist John Delaney is eager to plunge into any ocean he sees, even if it's beneath the frozen surface of Jupiter's moon Europa.

"What turns me on, since I spend most of my life trying to get to the sea floor in a submarine, is getting into the water. The bottom line is getting into the water," the University of Washington oceanographer said while a slide projector flashed pictures of iceberg-like blocks drifting on Europa's icy surface.

Scientists say the images, sent back by the Galileo spacecraft and released Wednesday by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., provide the strongest evidence yet for an ocean of water or slush beneath Europa's ice.

The Galileo imaging team is headed by astronomer Michael Belton of Kitt Peak National Observatory. Several local researchers are analyzing the Europa images and planning missions to peer beneath the ice.

Some of the scientists gathered on the University of Arizona campus Thursday to discuss the latest Galileo

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Europa offers scientists a tantalizing picture

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