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USU updates website to incorporate new features

By KASEY VAN DYKE
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The USU homepage got a facelift this weekend which Ben Renard-Wiart, the USU Webmaster, said is part of a cycle. Aside from changes in the look and feel of the homepage, Renard-Wiart said there is more information targeted toward prospective students.

"We wanted to give more info about USU and the great school it is," he said.

One of the more obvious changes is the wider page layout. Renard-Wiart said this is because computer screens are getting wider and the website needed to evolve along with technology.

A website is usually updated every three to five years, Renard-Wiart explained, and the last time the USU website was updated was in 2006, four years ago. USU Spokesman John DeVilbiss said the update was a matter of timing.

"I think of the website as a home," he said. "Like any home, it needs updating."

Renard-Wiart said the homepage is a marketing tool when it comes to prospective

students. Most of the change, he said, will be geared toward the future students, though those changes aren't as noticeable right away.

"We want it to help prospective students discover what Utah State is about and how cool we are," he said.

Around 15 pages will be added to the website, including pages about living on campus, the history of USU and things to do in Logan. There will also be a more comprehensive calendar which will compile the different academic and extra-curricular calendars around campus.

One of the new features being developed is a career finder application. Renard-Wiart said the new feature, which is fairly unique to USU, will hopefully be available within the next two months. Students will be able to use the career finder to learn about career options, what they can do with their degree and what different careers are like.

Renard-Wiart said, "it's a huge huge tool we're bringing to the website. Very few universities have done that."

Many specific areas on campus are also updating their pages, including several depart-

ments and colleges, Admissions and ASUSU. Renard-Wiart said the new ASUSU page will be much better than what they had before.

"It's so much better than what they had," he said. "There's a huge improvement here."

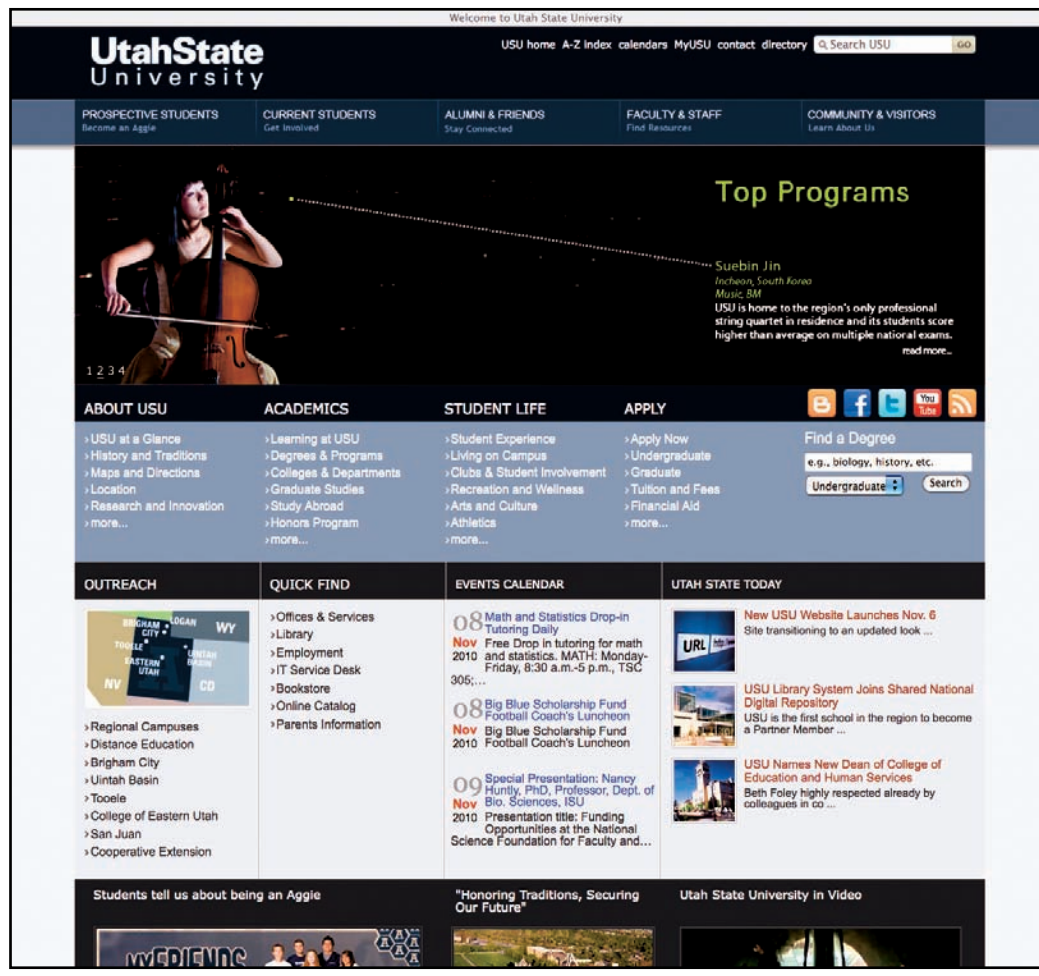
The new website also ties in popular social networking and content sharing sites, such as Blogger, Twitter, Facebook and YouTube. As students become more and more competent with computers and the Internet, DeVilbiss said, the website needs to evolve with them.

"We have students who are very savvy when maneuvering around the website," he said.

Renard-Wiart said one way to make the website more user friendly will be the different chains used on the website. By reorganizing content and revamping the look, students are able to find the information they need in less time than before.

Annalisa Purser, a public relations specialist who has also been working on the website, said content for the updates has been coming in for about 10 months, while work on the

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USU'S WEBSITE WAS updated over the weekend in order to stay streamlined with advancing technology which has incorporated wider computer screens. The site now offers more features including a career finding application, department and college updates and links to social networking sites. *Statesman photo illustration*

Campaign encourages club involvement

By JESSICA SWEAT
staff writer

This week, students across USU's campus are being invited by ASUSU Diversity Vice President Kaho Fiefa to get involved and "Go Clubbing." The campaign is aimed at getting students motivated to join a club or organization.

Fiefa, who is overseeing the campaign, said when students get involved, the rewards are numerous. He said students' college life will improve, they will make more friends and feel more a part of USU. He also said students will have the opportunity to apply the knowledge learned from classes in real life.

"The real college experience comes from being involved," Fiefa said.

Fiefa said the campaign's timing couldn't be better because it corresponds with the launch of USU's new website along with the new ASUSU website.

Fiefa said clubs and organizations will be represented better on the new website. He said the old version looked unattractive and was difficult to search. He also said the new website will provide club seekers three different ways to find a club to join. The new search methods include alphabetically, by category, or by academic college.

For those who cannot locate a club, Fiefa said students can create their own club as long as it enhances student life.

"We want diversity in clubs," he said.

Fiefa is also making other changes as Diversity VP. While all clubs were required to attend Council of Student Clubs and Organizations (CSCO) meetings, Fiefa said attendance was only around 30 percent, meaning many clubs were not receiving necessary information. From now on, each college senator will attend CSCO meetings in place of the clubs associated with their college.

College senators will also take the concerns and questions from their clubs to be addressed at the meetings. Fiefa said this will assure each club receives the information they need.

Physical Therapy Club President Melissa Lambert said she believes this may benefit her club. Lambert said while CSCO meetings are only once a month, they are usually lengthy and some of the material would not apply to certain clubs. She said the new system would enable clubs to be able to ask more questions and relay their issues.

Also new this year is the creation of a diversity council. Fiefa assembled a council of individuals to help him with tasks throughout the year. Fiefa said having a council has made his office better and more efficient. Covering public relations and marketing for Fiefa is student Michael Brice. Brice said he is a success story when it comes to "clubbing" because he used to live off campus and didn't participate in many events. Brice said that he now lives on campus, got involved, and feels that everything is going much better.

Student Katie Parker said being part of the club "The HURD," turned out being fun and worth its fee. Parker said she would not have joined initially if it wasn't for her friends.

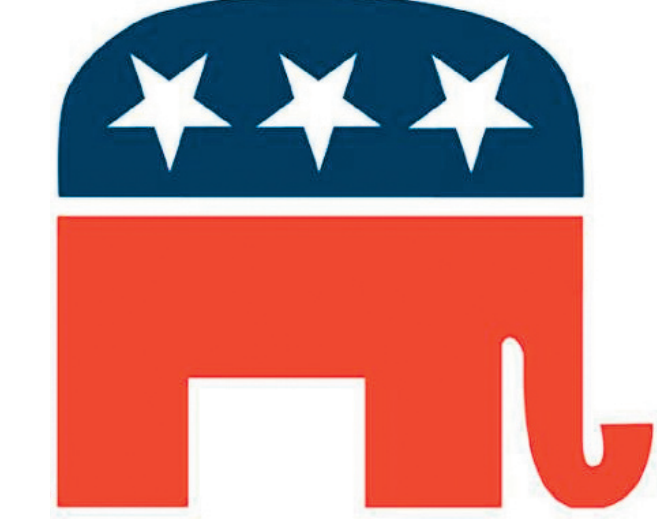
"It got me involved all over campus and made me want to attend more events, especially with athletics," said Parker.

Lambert said her club currently charges a \$5 fee because it does not receive any funding from ASUSU. She said her club still functions well without funding and the benefits of being a part of the club are worth more than the small fee. Lambert said that because of the physical therapy club, students can come learn more about physical therapy and find other students who are applying for

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DOZENS OF CLUBS on campus are looking forward to the opportunity to put their names out there for students and encourage them to join groups that interest them in order to become more involved at USU. *Statesman file photos*



College Republicans celebrates success of party in 2010 midterms

By ASHLEY CUTLER
staff writer

The leadership committee of USU's College Republicans gathered Thursday night to celebrate the results of the 2010 Midterm General Election.

"We're celebrating the midterm elections because we see this as a huge shift in the way our government is going to work," said Terry Camp, chairman of the College Republicans and political science major.

The midterm elections resulted in a transfer of power from one party to another in the U.S. House of Representatives. According to the CNN Politics Election Center, the Democrats kept the majority in the United States Senate, with 53 seats, but the United States House of Representatives is now dominated by Republicans, with 239 seats. They needed 218 seats to take control of the House.

"We're anxious to see if President Obama is going to reach out and be bipartisan, like he said he would," Camp said, referring to President Barack Obama's post-elections press conference Wednesday, shortly after voters ousted several Democrats from the Senate and House.

"... No one party will be able to dictate where we go from here. We must find common ground in order to make progress

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Nat'l Briefs

C-4 is seized in Navy SEAL smuggling case

LAS VEGAS (AP) – Federal agents seized five pounds of C-4 military explosives from the Colorado home of a man accused with a Navy SEAL and a Las Vegas associate of smuggling machine guns from Iraq into the U.S. for sale and shipment to Mexico, authorities said Thursday.

Grenades and night-vision goggles also were found in the Durango, Colo., home of 34-year-old Richard Paul, according to federal prosecutors and federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agents in Las Vegas and Colorado.

Paul and Andrew Kaufman, 36, of Las Vegas, were arrested Wednesday and appeared Thursday before federal magistrate judges in Durango and Las Vegas on conspiracy charges. Each was ordered held in federal custody pending an evidentiary hearing.

Newcomer wins NYC Marathon, his first

NEW YORK (AP) – Gebre Gebremariam saw his country's greatest marathoner pull up in pain on the Queensboro Bridge, at the 16th mile. He urged Haile Gebrselassie to keep going, but what the world-record holder felt in his right knee told him his career was over, and it was time for a new Ethiopian star.

"I can't, Gebre. You have to move," the 37-year-old told Gebremariam as the leaders of the New York City Marathon ran on. "You have to reach them."

Gebremariam, who started the race certain he couldn't win it, soon became a believer. The 26-year-old pulled away from Kenya's Emmanuel Mutai in the 24th mile to win in 2 hours, 8 minutes, 14 seconds, becoming the first man to win New York in his marathon debut since Alberto Salazar in 1980.

AirTran flight makes emergency landing

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) – An AirTran Airways flight carrying 65 people from New Orleans to Milwaukee had to make an emergency landing in Tennessee when smoke and an odor was reported onboard.

The Boeing 717 landed safely in Memphis on Saturday night. No one was injured.

The airline says in a statement that flight 619 was diverted to Memphis out of an abundance of caution.

The airline says it is looking into what happened.

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Top 10 Signs You're Not Going to Win the NYC Marathon – Nov. 5, 2010

- Your number "467" is also your cholesterol level.
- You once pulled a hamstring opening your mail.
- Crowd noise drowned out by your wheezing.
- Dick Cheney shoots you in the face with the starter's pistol (still a reference, people!).
- You're so fat you're wearing a headband on your wrist.
- Miss start of the race because you're trapped in Charlie Sheen's hotel room.
- Marathon is sponsored by I.N.G.; you're sponsored by P.I.E.
- Three blocks and you fall down a manhole.
- Just passed a "Welcome To Newark" sign.
- You still haven't finished last year's marathon.

First gay Episcopal bishop will retire

The first openly gay Episcopal bishop said Saturday that he will retire in 2013, due in part to the "constant strain" on him and his family from the worldwide backlash against his election seven years ago.

Bishop V. Gene Robinson, whose consecration convulsed the global Anglican fellowship, said he was announcing his retirement early so the transition would be smooth for the Diocese of New Hampshire. He assured congregants that he is healthy and sober after seeking treatment for alcoholism five years ago. He will be 65 when he steps down.

Robinson revealed his plans at the annual diocesan convention in Concord.

"The fact is, the last seven years have taken their toll on me, my family and you," the bishop said, in prepared remarks released by the diocese. "Death threats, and the now-worldwide controversy surrounding your election of me as bishop have been a constant strain, not just

on me, but on my beloved husband, Mark."

Robinson was surrounded by bodyguards and wore a bulletproof vest under his vestments when he was consecrated in 2003, an event celebrated far beyond the church as a breakthrough for gay acceptance even as it broke open a long-developing rift over what Anglicans should believe.

The Episcopal Church is the U.S. body in the 77 million-member Anglican Communion, a group of churches that trace their roots to the missionary work of the Church of England.

The spiritual head of the Anglicans, Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, has been struggling to keep the fellowship together since Robinson was installed.

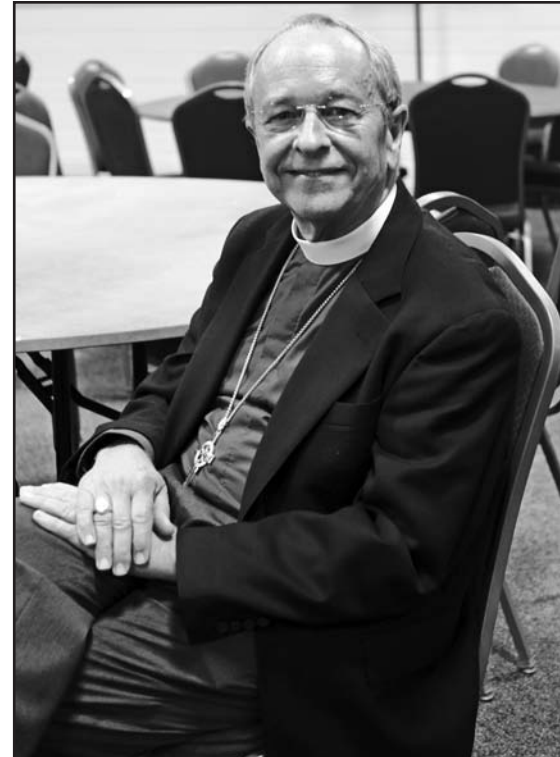
Episcopal and Anglican traditionalists overseas formed alliances and created the Anglican Church in North America as a conservative rival to the Episcopal Church.

Under pressure from conser-

vatives, Williams did not invite Robinson to the 2008 Lambeth Conference, a once-a-decade meeting of the world's Anglican bishops. Instead, Robinson flew privately to England and spoke at local churches while the other Anglican bishops convened.

Robinson and his partner of more than two decades, Mark Andrew, held a civil union ceremony in 2008, and the bishop publicly advocated for same-sex marriage in New Hampshire, which the state approved last year. Robinson also gave the opening prayer at a concert ahead of Barack Obama's inauguration as president.

The bishop's retirement will not heal tensions among Anglicans, which go beyond Robinson. Episcopalians solidified their support for same-sex relationships last year by authorizing bishops to bless same-sex unions and by consecrating a lesbian, Assistant Bishop Mary Glasspool of Los Angeles.



NEW HAMPSHIRE BISHOP V. Gene Robinson, the first openly gay Episcopal bishop in the global Anglican fellowship, announced his retirement at the annual diocesan convention in N.H. Saturday. AP photo

20 killed over weekend in Mexican border city

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) – At least 20 people were killed in drug-gang violence over the weekend in this northern Mexican border city, including seven found dead outside one house.

The seven men were believed to have been at a family party when they were gunned down Saturday night, said Arturo Sandoval, a spokesman for the attorney general's office in Chihuahua state, where Ciudad Juarez is located. Five were found dead in a car, and the other two were shot at the entrance of the home.

There have been several such massacres in Ciudad Juarez, a city held hostage by a nearly three-year turf battle between the Juarez and Sinaloa cartels.

Few residents now venture out to bars and restaurants. And like those attacked on Saturday, others have discovered that they aren't even safe in their own homes: Last month, gunmen stormed two neighboring houses and massacred more than a dozen young people attending a party for a 15-year-old boy. Eleven other people were killed Saturday in the city, includ-



RELATIVES OF FALLEN police officers react as they arrive to the scene after gunmen attacked a municipal police car in the northern border city of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, Sunday. A male and a female officer were killed in the attack. AP photo

ing two whose bodies were found dismembered, Sandoval said. On Sunday, two city police officers, a man and a woman, were shot to death inside their patrol car.

Ciudad Juarez, across the border

from El Paso, Texas, has become one of the world's deadliest cities in the time that the two cartels have been fighting. More than 6,500 people have been killed since the start of 2008.

The U.S. Consulate in the north-

ern city of Hermosillo, meanwhile, announced new travel restrictions for its U.S. employees in the states of Sinaloa and Sonora.

A consulate warden message said all official travel is banned along Benito Juarez highway between Estacion Don and Guamuchil, Sinaloa, "due to extreme threats of violence."

U.S. employees must travel in armored vehicles in the rest of Sinaloa, a state considered the cradle of the drug cartel by the same name and where drug-gang shootouts are frequent. The consulate made an exception for the city of Mazatlan, though it did not explain why.

In Sonora, the consulate said armored vehicles were required south of Ciudad Obregon and it banned travel south of Navojoa and in the mountainous areas in eastern Sonora.

U.S. personnel also must travel in armored vehicles in the area around Nogales, a town across the border from Nogales, Arizona, "due to widespread violence" and "the threat of known drug trafficking activity throughout northern Sonora."

Citizens rally against G-20 in South Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) – Thousands of people chanted anti-globalization slogans in South Korea's capital Sunday to protest this week's Group of 20 summit. Part of the crowd attempted to march down nearby streets but were stopped by riot police, who fired pepper spray.

The protesters sang, danced and waved signs reading "We oppose the G-20" at a large plaza near Seoul City Hall. South Korea is hosting a gathering of leaders from the G-20 advanced and developing economies on Thursday and Friday.

Some protesters danced and played traditional Korean drums, while about 9,000 riot police and many police buses encircled the rally site to keep order. Police said about 20,000 people took part in the rally.

The rally was initially peaceful, but some protesters engaged in minor scuffles with riot police who tried to prevent them from marching through down-

town streets. Riot police fired pepper spray at some protesters at the front of the crowd, forcing them back.

The protesters oppose globalization and say the G-20 is not focusing on creating jobs or protecting social programs.

Labor activist Lee Chang-geun accused the G-20 of failing to formulate meaningful measures to curb speculative financial capital and of pushing cuts in public spending on social welfare.

Activists plan to stage smaller rallies every day until the summit begins Thursday, he said.

In Manila, six Filipino activists who planned to join anti-globalization rallies in Seoul said they were denied entry by South Korean immigration officials on Saturday and forced to return home.

"We condemn the South Korean government and we demand that it apologize to us and remove us and others from its blacklist," Josua Mata, one of the

activists, told The Associated Press in Manila.

Calls to South Korea's Justice Ministry seeking comment were unanswered late Sunday.

The G-20 forum, founded in 1999, has taken on greater significance since the global financial meltdown and is seeking to reform the world economy to ensure stable growth and strengthen the financial system to prevent a recurrence of the 2008 crisis. It held its first summit in Washington two years ago.

South Korean police and military are on heightened alert to prevent any attempt by protesters, terror groups and North Korea to sabotage the summit, which will include President Barack Obama and other leaders. North Korea has a history of staging provocations when world attention is focused on rival South Korea.

The Korean peninsula remains officially at war because the 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty.

Pakistan: 2 US drone strikes kill 14 militants

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) – A pair of American drone strikes killed 14 suspected militants in northwestern Pakistan on Sunday, local intelligence officials said, in the latest attacks against al-Qaida and Taliban militants seeking sanctuary in the region.

The missiles struck an hour apart in the North Waziristan – the area that has seen the overwhelming majority of drone strikes over the last two months. The rugged region is home to hundreds of Pakistani and foreign militants, many belonging to or allied with al-Qaida and the Taliban.

In the first strike, one American missile slammed into a house and another hit a vehicle in the town of Ghulam Khan just north of Miran Shah, the main town in North Waziristan, the two officials said. Nine insurgents were killed.

An hour later, another pair of missiles struck a vehicle in the nearby town

of Datta Khel, killing five suspected militants, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to talk to the media. They said all five killed were foreigners.

Further details were not immediately available. The intelligence officials said agents on the ground were collecting more details.

North Waziristan, which is part of the Pakistan's semiautonomous tribal belt, is home to the Haqqani network, a powerful insurgent group that U.S. officials say is behind many of the attacks on U.S. and NATO forces just across the border in Afghanistan. The group is believed to control the town hit by the first strike Sunday.

The region is too dangerous for outsiders to visit and independently confirm the attacks, and U.S. officials do not acknowledge firing the missiles, much less discuss who they are targeting.



PAKISTANI HOSPITAL STAFF transport an injured man, victim of militants attacked in police complex, at local hospital in Pakistan Nov. 1. The militants attacked the police complex in the Pakistan northwest town of Swabi. The attack triggered a gunbattle in which two officers and two insurgents were killed. AP photo

Community learns about Egyptian afterlife

By CATHERINE MEIDELL
news editor

Not only have Egyptian mummies been gold mines for anthropological research in past centuries, they were used in Chinese medicine and as fuel for trains in the Transcontinental Railroad, said David Lancy, a professor in the sociology, social work and anthropology department.

"It's pretty sacrilegious when you think about it," Lancy said to laughter from his audience at the Museum of Anthropology.

During the most recent Saturday at the Museum program, Lancy presented a variety of information on the beliefs and rituals of Egyptian afterlife. Many families, students and residents from all areas of Cache Valley came to view the replicas of Egyptian artifacts in the museum and partake in the craft activities that were available.

Lancy, a recipient of the USU Humanist Award, has done extensive research on ancient Egyptian culture and traveled to Egypt to explore tombs open to the public. He said there are so many tombs open for public viewing in Egypt that it would take months to see all of them. Many of the areas in Egypt are "thick" with tombs that have still not yet been discovered, he said.

"There is an incredibly long history of sets of cultural practices related to the afterlife that stretch 4,000 years back, if not further," Lancy said.

Lancy focused on the mummification and burial methods of Egyptians, though all cultures deal with afterlife in a distinct way. He said anthropologists and archaeologists believe the ancient Egyptians began mummifying after observing the great preservation of their ancestors who were buried in desert cemeteries beneath the sand. The salt in the sand and the dry climate was an ideal condition to preserve the bodies. The problem was that over time wind blew the sand from the burial sites revealing the corpses, Lancy said.

Egyptians began building immaculate tombs to bury significant figures in their society. Many were built directly into rock; tombs made from mud brick began



LIZ GABBITAS, right, helps Rachel Nelson, middle, and Joanna Nelson, left, learn some of the hieroglyphic letters through one of the activities that was available at Saturday's Museum of Anthropology event. Museum staff invited Professor David Lancy to speak about his research on ancient Egyptian culture. CATHERINE MEIDELL photo

to disintegrate over time, he said. Within these tombs, constructed by servants, there were engraved or painted murals on the walls, representing the occupant of the tomb as well as their judgment before the gods and afterlife. The rooms were piled high with furniture, food, clothing and pets. Some servants sacrificed themselves to remain in the tomb with the deceased so they would have company, Lancy said. He said the Egyptians believed all of these things would pass over into the next life with them.

"It's pretty evident that they found the afterlife significant," Lancy said. "They invested their wealth and their time into their tombs more so than their living spaces."

Often, Egyptian rulers would die before their tombs were complete, so a fraction were left unfinished. Tombs were not only constructed for rulers, Lancy said, but some

workers who built these tombs were wealthy enough to have their own.

Many families with young children attended the event, and the Museum of Anthropology staff advertised to schools around Cache Valley hoping to pique students' interest in learning about Egyptian afterlife.

"I think it's a great way to get young children involved in learning and developing a love of exploring the world around them," said Liz Gabbitas, a theatre major and employee of the anthropology museum. "We want to teach them something worthwhile that will make them want to come back again."

Gabbitas also said these activities that cater to people of all ages are a great way for the community to benefit from USU's knowledgeable professors.

Two tables were set up to entertain children who attended. They

had the opportunity to make gold bracelets with their names painted on in hieroglyphics or they could color the hieroglyphics alphabet. There was also a demonstration in which apples were mummified. Museum employees showed how salt was used to dry out corpses, or in this case, fruit.

"I didn't know they took the lungs out of the dead body and put it in a box and wrapped it up," said 10-year-old Joanna Nelson. "My mom told me what the museum was about today and I just got really excited about it."

Monique Pomerleau, curator for the Museum of Anthropology, said the museum's staff worked side by side with Lancy to provide information concerning ancient Egypt in the exhibits.

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Step into B.J.'s office



B.J. NOVAK, a writer for NBC's popular TV show "The Office," performed at USU Saturday night to an audience in the Performance Hall. ASUSU coughed up \$51,000 to bring Novak to campus. USU asked Novak to keep his routine free of anything offensive. As well as performing a comedy routine, Novak answered questions from the audience concerning the fate of "The Office" and his career. Some students and other members of the community had the privilege of meeting him backstage. CARL R. WILSON photo

Clubs: Event to help students feel welcome

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physical therapy school or just have that similar interest.

Fiefia said there is about \$12,000 in funding available for clubs and out of the \$6,000 available this semester, only \$2,000 has been awarded. Fiefia said this is due to clubs not asking for funding. He said clubs need to actually request funding, and while they don't usually award the whole amount asked for, so far no request has been fully declined.

"We try and help them budget for necessary needs," said Fiefia. "If they need help, we have that for them."

Fiefia said he was once unsure about college life, but after attending an open social he felt like he had found a place where he belonged.

"My main goal is to help everyone feel welcome and feel like they have a place that they can call home," he said.

Now Fiefia is challenging students to find a place they feel suits them by asking, "Who are you clubbing with?"

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templates and design started about a year and a half ago. Purser said her favorite parts of the new homepage are the banners, which are much bigger, and the incorporation of multimedia throughout the website.

"We've been doing a lot of videos and this gives them another venue to be shown," she said.

She said one benefit of the new format is the ability to talk about all the different facets of the website in one place.

"It's written in a way that we're trying to make USU better for its audience," she said.

Renard-Wiart said they aren't changing the whole website overnight, but he looks forward to seeing it all come together in the future. Devilbiss said he was pleased with the new look.

"Like anything else," he said, "if you put more time and effort into it, you get more out."

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Briefs

Campus & Community

Program award encourages health

A new award has been established to celebrate the ways individuals pursue and represent a healthy lifestyle. The Inspire Me Wellness Award is coordinated by the Utah State University Wellness Program.

Each month, one employee (faculty or staff member) and one student will be selected from the Inspire Me nominations.

"We invite you to nominate an employee or student who models a healthy lifestyle, has made significant changes in health behaviors, motivates others to make health improvements or has implemented a policy to help create a positive wellness culture at Utah State University," said Caroline Shugart, USU employee wellness coordinator.

Individuals receiving the monthly honor received a desktop acrylic Inspire Me Wellness award and a free Be Well T-shirt from the USU Wellness program.

Aggies for Change donates to SNAC

USU's Aggies for Change presented the Student Nutrition Access Center (SNAC) with a check on Nov. 4, from student donations collected during the Aggies for Change Coin Collection.

Over two days, students donated nearly \$1,000 in change they had collected to support the program. Each of the 250 students that participated had the opportunity to vote for one of three campus projects to which the money could be given. The SNAC Pantry received the most votes.

The SNAC is a food pantry serving students at Utah State University, who do not have access to another food pantry. The mission of the SNAC is to provide students with supplemental nutrition needs and nutritional information. The pantry is located in the Taggart Student Center on campus, and students can receive aid with a valid USU student ID.

All students, staff and members of the community were welcome to attend the event and the check presentation that will be held in the TSC.

Aggies for Change is the first ever all-student giving program at Utah State University. The Aggies for Change mission is to create a culture of philanthropy among the student body at USU. After our successful Coin Collection in October, we are excited to start focusing on our next collection on March 17-18, 2011.

Department head publishes book

Norman L. Jones, head of Utah State University's History Department, adds to his considerable scholarly output a new book, *The Elizabethan World*.

Professor Jones spent his last sabbatical at Oxford, where he worked with co-editor Susan Doran, a senior research fellow in history at Jesus College, to produce the volume.

The book is a comprehensive and beautifully illustrated collection of essays that convey a vivid picture of a fascinating and hugely significant period in history. Featuring contributions from 38 international scholars, the book takes a thematic approach to a period that saw the defeat of the Spanish Armada, the explorations of Francis Drake and Walter Raleigh, the establishment of the Protestant church, the flourishing of commercial theatre and the works of Edmund Spenser, Philip Sidney and William Shakespeare.

The volume conveys a vivid picture of how politics, religion, popular culture, the world of work and social practices fit together in an exciting world of change, and will be invaluable reading for all students and scholars of the Elizabethan period.

Jones' many publications include *The Birth of the Elizabethan Age: England in the 1560s* (1992) and *The English Reformation: Religion and Cultural Adaptation* (2002). He is also co-editor of *A Companion to Tudor Britain* (2004). He received the D. Wynne Thorne Research Award in 1991 from Utah State University, acknowledging his significant scholarly contributions.

■ Compiled from staff and media reports

College: Former chairwoman says Democrats are unseen by Utahans

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in some uncommonly difficult challenges ... I want to engage both Democrats and Republicans in serious conversations about where we're going as a nation," Obama said in the address.

Camp said he hopes to see certain aspects of the health care bill repealed, especially the individual mandate, which would require all citizens who can afford health insurance to purchase some coverage. "Hopefully the Republicans will be able to cut spending like they planned on; hopefully there will be actual changes," Camp said.

The Utah State University College Democrats were disappointed by state-wide election results.

Caitlin Laughlin, former Chairwoman of the College Democrats, said she was especially disappointed that Peter Corroon did so poorly in Utah. "People don't see Democrats in Utah. (Corroon) was a wonderful moderate candidate. Utahns missed that on the ballot," she said.

According to Corroon's campaign website, his race for governor was the first joint ticket for Lt. Governor and Governor of a Republican and Democrat in Utah's history. His running mate, Sheryl Allen, "had education down pat," said Anna Harris, current Chairwoman of USU's College Democrats. She said she wondered how Gov. Gary Herbert will live up to his campaign as

a man who hasn't graduated from college.

"People think that in order to represent their religious concerns they have to vote Republican, which is not the case," Harris said.

"Politicians aren't afraid of college students because we're not a threat."

She said she hears of students who don't feel like their voices are being heard, but politicians would listen if students became politically involved and gave them reason to.

"The most dramatic change (occurs) on the local level," Laughlin said.

The College Republicans voiced a similar concern over students' general apathy towards

politics.

"A lot of students don't even know they should be involved until it affects them. We try to educate them always," Camp said.

Camp said students need to find a balance, and "realize that you're going to be out in the job market, you're going to be out paying taxes, you're going to be forming families. This stuff is going to affect you."

The purpose of College Republicans and College Democrats is to help members from their parties get elected, but also to inform students.

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Friday, Oct. 29

- USU Police responded to Snow Hall in three minutes for a report of an intoxicated subject in the building. A student was injured after being hit by the suspect. This investigation is continuing.

- USU Police responded to the ASTE parking lot on a report of a traffic accident involving a parked vehicle and a riding lawn mower. There was minor damage to the parked vehicle and no injuries were reported.

- USU Police received a student of concern report regarding a missing student. The student was located at her home and was fine.

Saturday, Oct. 30

- USU Police received a report of a spectator of the High School Band Competition at the USU Football Stadium had lost a hearing aid.

- USU Police responded with Logan Police to a report of rocks thrown at a car. No one was found throwing rocks.

- USU police contacted a female who was under the age of 21 and had been drinking alcohol. The female was contacted after running from police. A breath test showed the underage female having .206 BAC. Due to her age, the female was booked into jail for MIP Alcohol and Intoxication.

- An event person at the HOWL party was treated by on site medical personnel for a bite he received from another individual.

- USU Police was contacted by an individual who was having a panic attack at the front doors of the HOWL Medical personnel were called and checked this individual out. Subject was released to a roommate who escorted him back to his dorm.

- USU police located a female that had fainted on the third floor of the Taggart Student Center. The female was being attended to by friends. The female apparently had not eaten during the day and had become too hot while dancing. EMS arrived and it was determined that the female could be released to an adult friend/family. Water was provided to the female who was conscious and alert.

- USU Police received thirteen University ID cards and drivers' licenses that were found during the howl at the Taggart Student Center. The item will be stored at the USU Police office until they are claimed by the owners.

Sunday, Oct. 31

- USU Police responded to Romney Stadium in two minutes for a report of people sitting on the goal posts. The subjects left the area before police arrived.

- While on patrol USU police found a bike in the Fountain on the south side of the The Taggart Student Center. The bike was picked up and taken to the USU impound yard.

- USU police and facilities responded to a report of three male individuals stuck in an elevator. One of the male individuals had been jumping in the elevator, causing the elevator to malfunction.

- USU Police and Logan EMS personnel responded to the Living Learning Community for an attempted suicide. The individual

was transported to the Logan Regional Hospital by Ambulance in good health.

Monday, Nov. 1

- Police responded to a suspicious person in the Taggart Student Center. Complainant informed the police that the subject was in full military gear with several toy firearms in his possession. Police made contact with the subject and learned that the student was involved in a game called "Humans vs Zombies." Police were informed that the game will be played throughout the week.

- USU Police responded to the LLC on a report of an individual shooting an air soft gun at pedestrians. Police made contact with several individuals and warned them about shooting in the city limits.

Wednesday, Nov. 3

- USU Police and Logan Fire Medical personnel responded to the Vet Science building on a report of a female that had passed out in class. The victim had given plasma and was not doing well even after emergency medical people arrived, so she was transported by ambulance to the Logan Regional Hospital.

Thursday, Nov. 4

- The bronze Aggie Bull statue had been pummeled by pumpkins sometime during the night. Someone had stuck pumpkins on the ears and the horns of the bull. There were lots of smashed pumpkins around the statue on the ground.

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Local author tells of journey with Autism

By ALEXANDRA EVENSEN
staff writer

The average 2-year-old can speak more than 100 words. By 3, that number jumps to anywhere from 200 to 1,000. Michael Swaner never hit those milestones. In 32 years he has never spoken a word.

As an infant, Michael was diagnosed with severe low-functioning autism, a neurological disorder that impedes brain development. More than one million people in the United States are affected by autism, though only a small percentage of those cases are as severe as Michael's.

"If there's one thing you don't get enough of with autism, it's affection," said Michael's mother Ruth Swaner, USU graduate and author of the book "Words Born of Silence."

The book, Swaner's third, is about her personal journey in dealing with the anger, denial, acceptance and what she likes to call "over-dedication" of autism.

"One day my oldest son came up to me and said 'We're tired of helping you take care of Michael,'" she said. This was a turning point. She realized that she was so caught up in Michael's needs that she wasn't meeting the needs of her family or herself.

"She's been through a lot with her son," said Margaret Jacobs, a friend of Swaner's who has worked with autistic children in the Netherlands. "She's gotten through it with faith and friends."

In his childhood, caring for Michael was a 24-hour-a-day task. Swaner said often one of

the most pronounced symptoms of autism is a bizarre obsession with certain items. Unfortunately for Swaner, Michael's childhood fixations were with water, dirt, and his own feces.

One night, she woke up and he had smeared his feces all over the wall. Another time, when the Swaners were remodeling their current home in Smithfield, she left Michael in the living room while she went to change her clothes.

Hearing some unusual noise, she walked down the stairs to find that Michael had taken all of the dirt out of her flower pots, mixed it with water and coated the walls in mud.

"I simply cried," she said. "He didn't know the difference between right and wrong, he just liked the texture." Not knowing what to do, she called her new neighbor Christina Greene, who she had never met.

Christina had a son named Luke who, like Michael, suffered from severe autism. Even at the prompting of close friends, Swaner had resisted meeting her.

"If she hadn't fallen apart like I had, I didn't want to meet her," Swaner said. Christina immediately came to her aid, gathering neighbors to help clean up the mess.

By the time Swaner came back down the stairs, the mess was clean, Michael was being watched by a neighbor, and there was a fresh loaf of bread sitting on the counter.

It was the start of a 25-year friendship, or as Swaner puts it, "a 25-year journey helping

autistic children."

"I learned I didn't have to be a perfect Mormon mother," Swaner said. "I learned to ask for help."

Michael's autism was severe enough that at age 13 he was placed in a group home that could meet his needs. However, there are many autism-diagnosed students who live fully functional lives and attend school full time. For students whose needs

may often fly under the radar, there are resources all over Cache Valley and at USU.

Diane Baum, director of the Disability Resource Center, said the center is open to any student that needs help. This includes those who have any form of autism.

"We look at every individual case," Baum said. "We've even had graduate students with autism." Students may qualify for extra time on tests,

or a private exam room. It all depends on their needs, she said.

Even though Michael is no longer living at home, his journey is far from over. He still visits his parents on occasion, and comes home for family holidays. Now that Ruth and her husband are in their 60s, bringing him home is a challenge.

"The home can do fun things for him that we

couldn't do like shopping, movies, and going to fairs," she said.

Although it has been a long road, Swaner said she wouldn't change what she's been through. She says it's because of Michael that she discovered her ability to write.

Although at first she wrote only therapeutically in jour-

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MICHAEL SWANER POSES, second from left, with his father and two brothers. Michael's mother Ruth Swaner, a Logan native, has published a book about raising a son with severe Autism. photo courtesy of RUTH SWANER



THE POISONOUS PLANT LAB keeps and researches plants that are poisonous both to humans and animals. The lab uses the information gathered to treat diseases such as fungus and cancer. JON LARSEN photo

Lab takes the poison out of poisonous plants

By NIKKI LIVES
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Lurking in a quiet corner of campus, tucked away behind the soccer field, is a poisonous plant research lab. The lab contains plants poisonous to humans and animals alike, and the researchers at the lab are dedicated to finding these plants and taking the poison out of them.

Kip Panter, supervisory animal research assistant said, "Poisonous plants are all around us, interacting with us in one way or another."

Panter said there are three types of interaction: herbal, accident and intent. Herbal interaction with poisonous plants could come from everyday herbs that people don't know are poisonous.

Some people find themselves interacting with poisonous plants by accident, stumbling upon them in the mountains or wild. Also, some people interact with poisonous plants with intent, namely, plants that can be used as drugs.

However, Panter says that "the poison is in the dose." Some poisonous plants can be consumed in small doses, but a larger dose of the plant poison could be potentially fatal.

The mission of the USDA Poisonous Plant Research Lab on campus is agriculture, Panter said. The lab studies the natural toxins in plants and how they affect livestock around the country. The lab focuses on the rangelands in the West, but can also have effects around the nation and "has an international impact, as well," Panter said.

The lab collaborates with land grant universities like USU, and was established at USU in 1955 to work with range and livestock, Panter said.

According to the Poisonous Plant Research Lab website, a few of the projects they are working on include researching the poisoning of

livestock by various larkspur plants, the investigation of lupine-induced crooked calf disease, and research on the locoweed in the rangelands of New Mexico.

"The mission is mainly agriculture and livestock," Panter said, "But we also have what I like to call 'spin-off' benefits from the plant research."

The spin-off benefits come from researching the toxins inside the plants, taking them out, and attempting to use them for the purposes of good.

"The poisonous plants are valuable resources that are virtually free," Panter said.

Some spin-off benefits include ways to treat fungus, cleft palate and even cancer. Panter said one research project leading to a beneficial result came from the discovery of a genetic inhibitor called cyclopamine.

"The cyclopamine caused a large birth defect in sheep, causing them to have only one eye," said Panter. "We isolated this and found that it inhibits the same genetic pathway that causes some cancers."

In cooperation with a pharmaceutical company, the lab is now testing the effects of cyclopamine on pancreatic cancer, but Panter said the tests are still in progress so there is no information on if it works.

Panter said the Poisonous Plant Research Lab consists of a team of 10 scientists, all from different backgrounds, to research the plants.

From toxicologists to chemists to biologists, the lab uses many resources to help farmers and livestock owners figure out what plants are poisoning their livestock, why the plants are poisonous and what ranchers can do to prevent it.

"The lab is a multidisciplinary approach to solving plant problems in the Western U.S.,"

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Student became an Aggie after hiking Old Main

By MARLEAH JACOBSON
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Caught on Campus



Kim Garrett freshman horticulture

Utah Statesman: If you had to describe yourself in three words, what would they be?
Kim Garrett: Leader, joyful, responsible.

US: If you could tell the world one thing, what would it be?
KG: Be nice. I was just raised like that. My dad would always ask, "Were you nice today?"

US: What is your favorite building on campus? Why?
KG: The TSC because there are lots of places I can go and lots of things going on. It's a great place for students.

US: What is your favorite comic strip?
KG: "Zits," because I can relate to it.

US: What is your favorite flavor of Aggie Ice Cream?
KG: Moose Tracks.

US: What is your idea of the perfect date?
KG: Going out on a hike. Just enjoying nature. Something simple.

US: What is the best pick-up line you have heard?
KG: Did you fall from heaven because you look like an angel.

US: Are you a cat or dog person?
KG: Neither. I like my fish, Rupert.

US: If you were to rename November, what would you call it?
KG: The perfect month. The weather is just awesome. And Nov. 5 is the perfect day. Before we met, my husband and I both wrote "the perfect day" in our journals on November 5. It's our first Nov. 5 together.

US: Do you have any addictions?
KG: Chocolate. I could eat it all day long. And I like movies.

US: What is the best concert you have been to?
KG: My first concert ever, Relient K. Taking in everything for the first time was awesome.



KIM GARRETT, LEFT, POSES in front of the TSC with high school friend Emily Epslin, a freshman majoring in Elementary Education. Garrett enjoys taking naps in the TSC. *MARLEAH JACOBSON photo*

US: What is your favorite late-night snack?
KG: Homemade chocolate shakes.

US: Fill in the blank: I knew I was a true USU student when

KG: I hiked up Old Main Hill.

US: What is your favorite time of the day and why?
KG: The afternoon because that's when I'm home from school and can eat and relax.

US: What is your favorite place to do homework?

KG: The library. I love the library because of its openness and it is cool and modern. They really took into account the students and their comfort.

US: What is your favorite place to take naps?
KG: I always go to the TSC in the lounge.

US: Will you share your favorite joke?
KG: Why did the girl fall of the swing? Because she had no arms. Why did the girl not her dad? Because she had no dad.

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Dress up this winter with coats, scarves and hats

Winter is here! The mornings are chilly, lawns are covered with frost, and there is a noticeable increase of steaming coffee mugs around campus. This can only mean one thing ... it's finally time to replace light sweaters with heavy winter coats. There is no use in delaying the inevitable.



One of the most important rules to keep in mind is to make fashion meet function. There are plenty of ways to stay warm and toasty, without sacrificing style.

So what are the steps to ditching the 'snowman look'?

— Opt for a tweed or wool coat, instead of a ski jacket — save that for the mountains. Look for: High waists to add some curves; oversized collars to keep your neck and face warm and add a little interest; fur details, buttons, ruffles and rich hues which will add femininity and help create a softer look.

— Add some scarves to your wardrobe! A scarf can not only keep you warm, but it's also a fun and inexpensive way to change up your look. Try tying them in different ways. There are hundreds of tutorial videos on YouTube. Look for: A variety of fabrics, colors, and prints. Knit scarves are the most common during winter, but a long cotton scarf that can be wrapped around various times will keep you just as warm.

— Ditch your bulky sweater and wear layers instead. Layers are great for two reasons: if you get too warm you can always shed a layer or

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Autism: Swaner credits some for giving her the gift of writing books

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nals, with friends' encouragement she sent a selection of her writing to The Deseret News. From there, she went on to write for many publications and became president of the Utah League of Writers.

"He's given me this gift," she said. "I would have never known that I could be a professional writer without him."

The greatest lesson Swaner has learned through her journey is that accepting service from others is a keystone in life, and that nobody is perfect.

"You do what you can do with the opportunities you have at hand," she said. "No woman with autistic children should do this without help. You don't have to bear this alone."

Copies of Swaner's book can be found online at Amazon, IUniverse and Borders. They can also be found at The Book Table and Lee's Marketplace in Smithfield. She will have a book signing hosted by The Book Table Dec. 3 from 6 p.m. to 12 p.m.

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SWANER POSES WITH HER son Michael, the subject of her new book. Swaner has been published in the Deseret News and served as president of the Utah League of Writers. *photo courtesy RUTH SWANER*



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POISONOUS PLANTS SOMETIMES undergo a total DNA extraction, to determine what toxin causes illness. The lab is located behind the soccer field and is the only building that houses livestock on campus. *JON LARSEN photo*

Poison: Lab works with the DNA

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said Panter. The lab isolates the chemicals and toxins from the plants in what Panter calls “the CSI plant lab.” Steven Lee, a research chemist at the lab, works with taking apart the plants and finding and extracting the toxins. “We ask two questions when trying to discover what is poisonous about a plant: ‘What is it?’ and ‘How much?’” said Lee. After the plant is collected from the field, the chemists narrow the cause of the poisoning down to certain chemicals. They then test the chemicals on cells or mice to see how much of a toxin or what toxin causes illness.

Jessie Roper, a biological science technician,

does what she calls a “total DNA extraction” on some of the plants.

Currently, she is working on a project dealing with a fungus and the poisonous plant locoweed and trying to understand how the fungus and locoweed interact. According to Roper, she works with the “genetic fingerprint of the plant.”

The research lab also includes the only place that has actual livestock on campus.

“Driving by, you wouldn’t even know that there are cows and a couple horses back here,” Panter said. “We keep our livestock clean and keep an odor-free buffer zone.”

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Winter: Skirts don’t need packing

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two, and you can mix and match patterns and colors. In a nutshell, it’s fun and it’s functional.

– Stock up on gloves. Regular knit gloves are probably the most inexpensive fashion accessory out there! If you’re feeling daring, try different materials, patterns, or lengths. Elbow length gloves are in this season and make any outfit a little ‘50s chic.

Look for: Fun patterns, colors, and styles; details like buttons, contrasting stitching or zippers to add a little spunk to your outfit.

– Wear a hat. Going hat-less during cold Logan winters can not only be well ... cold, but this season, it’s also unfashionable – heaven forbid, right?

Look for: Fur or fur-lined hats (opt for synthetic, it will be easy on your wallet and on our furry animal friends); berets with embroidered

details; knit hats in fun colors or patterns; fedoras with brooches or feathers.

– Wear thick tights or leggings. Don’t put your skirts in storage just yet. Skip the jeans and pair up a flirty skirt with a fun pair of leggings or tights and a pair of boots to keep you warm. Look for: Interesting patterns, fun colors and thick knits.

Staying warm while keeping your individual style is achievable. It takes a little more time and effort than with summer and spring looks, but you also have a lot more pieces to work with per outfit. By keeping these steps in mind, and mixing fun prints and colors, you’ll keep the winter blues away while staying warm and cozy!

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STAYING WARM THIS WINTER as well as staying stylish can be hard. Knit hats, scarves and gloves can be cute and trendy, while wool coats look great and keep out the cold. *photo courtesy McClatchy Tribune*

Hallmark tries a more youthful appearance

By MONICA WATROUS
McClatchy Newspapers

Hallmark, you hide your age well. Like many 100-year-olds, the card company is sweet, traditional and occasionally crass.

But in its centennial year, Hallmark stays young and fresh because it has to, amid the rise of e-cards, e-mail, social networking and, generally, the changing platforms of communication. Declining sales last year forced the corporation to eliminate 550 to 750 positions – about 6 to 8 percent of the workforce.

To draw a straying market back to the Kansas City-based brand, Hallmark has pioneered card trends, such as cards with sound and, more recently, customizable greetings that users create online and the company prints, stamps and sends.

The company also sharpened its edge with the new One Tough Chick line, which tackles tough topics such as cancer with playful language like this: “Chemo sucks.”

Here, three creatives working in some of the century-old institution’s most fresh and innovative divisions discuss how they stay relevant and creative in a changing industry.

HEATHER HALE

Print-on-demand designer

Heather Hale, 27, designs print-on-demand cards – online customizable greetings such as baby announcements and party invitations that Hallmark prints, stamps and sends. Users add their own photos and messages to templates Hale created.

The designer, who has worked at the company for four years, often relies on research from Hallmark’s trend spotters for each year’s hottest hues.

“The first couple years I had to compromise my personal aesthetic,” she said. “I had to stretch myself. I’ve definitely gotten to a place where I can create something and know what’s right.”

When Hale hits a slump, she seeks artistic refuge in crafty activities such as woodworking or bead making. Hallmark calls it “creative renewal,” and staffers often retreat to a farm in Kearney to recalibrate their creative juices.

“It gets your mind thinking in a whole different way,” Hale said.

DANIEL MIYARES

Illustrator

Hallmark has rolled out a century of new innovations, from the basic greeting card in 1915 to the recordable storybook last year.

Daniel Miyares, 30, has illustrated both. “My job evolves as the business evolves,” said the artist, who has created art for various divisions within the company over the past eight years.

“When you work at a company like this, you’re constantly having to reinvent yourself creatively.”

For all its advances in technology, such as this year’s webcam greeting cards, the company still looks to the beauty of plain old paper. Traditional cards remain the base of Hallmark’s business, company spokeswoman Sarah Kolléll said.

Lately, Miyares has been working on holiday cards with laser-cut scenes of sleigh rides and snowfall.

“We’ve been exploring what we can do with paper to make people want to hold onto it,” he said.

Miyares finds inspiration for his work on industry trend websites and in the details of daily life.

“I’m constantly experiencing life through my sketchbook and documenting it,” he said. “My 2-year-old teaches me a lot. She sees the beauty in a lot of things I take for granted.”

MAUREEN URNESS

Editorial director for humor cards

Editorial director and “paid joke picker” Maureen Urness decides what’s amusing – and appropriate – for Hallmark’s humor cards.

As social acceptance evolves, so does Hallmark’s ability to joke about some previously off-limits topics, like cancer, divorce and job loss.

Those sensitive issues, which the company dared not tackle five or 10 years ago, are the focus of a new line called One Tough Chick.

These cards offer encouragement in a playful way: “Wow, if the economy gets much tighter, I’m going to have to quit buying wine.”

In troubled times, Urness said, “people need humor more than ever.”

Pushing the envelope with edgy humor is one way Hallmark stays fresh and current. Some of the funniest jokes, though, push the boundaries of social acceptance and don’t make the cut.

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Kickoff returns power USU in battle of the Aggies

By TAVIN STUCKI
staff writer

After starting slow and overcoming a last-minute scare, Utah State was able to get its third win of the season Saturday, beating New Mexico State 27-22 as quarterback Diondre Borel moved to No. 2 all-time in passing yards in USU history.

Scoring a touchdown to go up 17-20 in the final three minutes of the game, the blue-clad Aggies came up with the game-winning stop as sophomore cornerback Quinton Byrd broke up NMSU quarterback Matt Christian's pass to Kyle Nelson on fourth down, giving Utah State the ball with 52 seconds left. To waste out the clock, Borel ran out the final 8 seconds by scampering back into the endzone before taking a safety as time expired.

Borel, a 6-foot senior out of Freedom High School in Oakley, Calif. now trails only Jose Fuentes on the career passing-yards list. Borel said he didn't even know about the record until after the game when the coaches told him.

"It's great for me to know that I am number two on the all-time passing yards list," Borel said. "I didn't know it was going to happen, especially coming in as a receiver my freshman year. I've got to thank all my teammates for catching the ball, they are a big part of me having this record."

The performance of the senior was vital to the win over New Mexico State, as Borel threw 11-22 for 110 yards and one interception. He would add a touchdown

and another 30 yards rushing.

The crimson-clad Aggies of New Mexico State would take an early lead as Christian marched his team down to score on two of their first three drives in the game, giving them a 14-0 lead.

"When they jumped out to an early lead, there was no panic on our sidelines," USU defensive end Levi Koskan said. "We knew it was early in the game and that we would have chances to get back into the game."

Koskan also said two important kickoff returns by sophomore running back Kerwynn Williams helped to jump-start the home team.

Williams led Utah State in all-purpose yardage, carrying the ball five times for 29 yards and returning five kickoffs for 201 yards. His first big return came near the end of the first quarter, taking New Mexico State junior kicker Jordan Davenport's kickoff 84 yards to the 10-yard line. The return would set up a pair of rushes from senior running back Derrvin Speight to take the ball into the end zone to make it 14-7.

"It's a big deal when Kerwynn makes plays like he did today," Borel said. "When he returns the ball and ultimately sets us up to score on offense, it can change the entire game."

Williams added another return in the fourth quarter, this time for 64 yards. A New Mexico State penalty would shorten the field for the blue and white, placing the ball at the 12-yard line. On the subsequent play, junior wide receiver Eric Moats would take the option pitch from Borel in for the score and give Utah State the lead 24-20.

"On those two kickoffs it was very disappointing," New Mexico State head coach DeWayne Walker said. "They really hurt us, especially the second one."

In the third quarter, the Aggies were helped out by another couple of New Mexico State penalties that allowed Speight to set up the score from Borel to tie the game at 17.

Speight would lead all rushers and finish the game carrying the ball 19 times for 114 yards and a touchdown. This is the first time in his collegiate career the senior has rushed for 100 yards or more.

"I have to give the credit to the offensive line," Speight said. "They created holes that allowed me to run downhill and get my shoulders square."

USU head coach Gary Anderson said both Williams and Speight played hard.

"Kerwynn Williams did a tremendous job with returns and Derrvin (Speight) did great with rushing and got us a lot of yards," Anderson said. "Our kids came in to half time with a great mindset and we went out and got the victory. This win is for the kids; they fought a tough game, with lots of adversity."

On the defensive side of the ball, USU was helped by junior linebacker Bobby Wagner who led the team in tackles. Koskan, who notched seven tackles in the game, said Wagner is a player who is in on every play.

"He gives 130 percent every down," Koskan said. "It's not surprising that he had 17 tackles today. He is a great athlete."

Senior corner Rajric Coleman and junior defensive



RUNNINGBACK DERRVIN SPEIGHT runs through the New Mexico State defense on one of his 19 carries that netted him 114 yards rushing and a touchdown in Saturday's win. *TODD JONES photo*

end Quinn Garner added another 12 and 11 tackles, respectively. The Aggie defense was also able to come up with two sacks in the game.

"It is great to get a victory. Falling behind early put us in a hole, but defensively we stepped up," Anderson said. "For as young as we are to get down and hang on in the end; it is tremendous. We need to execute in all scenarios. We don't have to play great in all phases of the game; we just have to play

good in all phases."

The win brings Utah State to 3-6 overall and 1-4 in the Western Athletic Conference. New Mexico State drops to 2-7, 1-4 WAC. On Nov. 6, USU will travel to San Jose State to take on the 1-8, 0-4 Spartans, while NMSU will play host to 3-6, 2-3 Louisiana Tech.

To become eligible to play in a postseason bowl game, Utah State will need to win all of its final three games against San Jose State, Idaho, and Boise State. Koskan said the Aggie players know they

cannot lose another game.

"It is going to take a lot of effort and focus for us to take the momentum we made here tonight and take it to California with us," Koskan said. "We want to win in San Jose and set ourselves up for the opportunity to win over Idaho and go into Boise State for the chance to go to a bowl game."

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Aggie men topple Grand Canyon in dominating fashion

By TYLER HUSKINSON
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Senior forward Tai Wesley had a near-perfect night, scoring 23 points on 10-of-11 shooting, and junior guard Brock Keith Pane dished out 10 assists to lead the Utah State Aggies over the Division II Grand Canyon Antelopes Saturday night at the Spectrum, 76-46.

"Tonight it felt good," Wesley said. "I only had one guy on my back so it felt like I could have my way down there. One thing I thought that helped was us getting stops. We were able to get stops and run and that got us some easy looks. That kind of got me going."

The Aggies matched the physical pressure of the 'Lopes with suffocating defense as they limited them to 29.6 percent from the floor and 31.6 percent from the 3-point arc.

"We did play better 'D'," Aggie head coach Stew Morrill. "I thought we came out and played hard. That was totally different kind of game than our first exhibition game, so it was good for us to see that kind of pressure. We did a good job of holding them down percentage-wise and scoring at a pretty high clip."

The Aggies shot a sweltering 62 percent from the floor, and all but two of the Aggies who saw playing time scored. For the second consecutive game, junior forward Brady Jardine finished with a double-double, scoring 10 points and grabbing a game-high 11 rebounds. The Aggies did struggle with turnovers, committing 15 on the night, which was in large part due to the 'Lopes defensive pressure.

"(We had) too many turnovers, but they force you to make some plays," Morrill said. "You can't just run your offense, you have to make some basketball plays and we did a pretty good job of that. If we shoot 62 percent, I'll always be happy. Whatever happened out there, if you're percentage is at 62 percent, you'll live with it. I wasn't displeased with our offense."

The Aggies wasted no-time putting a

choke hold on the 'Lopes offense, as they jumped out to an early 19-9 lead and went on a 20-9 to finish the half with a 39-18 lead. The 'Lopes' starters struggled the entire game and accounted for only five of the 'Lopes' 18 first-half points. The 'Lopes' starters only managed two more points the rest of the game. Sophomore guards Steve Morin and Brad Carroll came off the bench and scored 13 and 12 points respectively to lead the 'Lopes.

"Coach told us this week that we had to get down and dirty on defense," Pane said. "We did our best to guard. We gotta to continue to keep going. If we want to be a top team, we have to bring it every night."

Wesley said, "I thought our defense took a step forward, especially in the first half. Tonight we came out on it. We heard that they thought our defense was suspect so we wanted to come out and make a statement and I thought we did."

The Aggies only managed three points in the final four minutes of the game, and that brings some concern because their schedule only becomes more challenging when the season starts on Saturday.

"We've still got a long way to go and obviously the level of competition improves with four straight in-state games coming up," Morrill said. "The main thing I'm concerned about with our basketball team is that we practice more consistently. We'll have real good one then we'll have a real bad one. We're just a ways away in terms of practice habits. So that's certainly going to be a key."

Last season the Aggies struggled greatly at the beginning of the season and Morrill attributed the struggle to inconsistent practice habits. If the Aggies don't want a repeat of last year they will need to hone their practice skills and buy into Morrill's system. The Aggies host the Weber State Wildcats on Saturday and they will have their hands full with junior guard Damian Lillard, who averaged 25 points per game during the Wildcats' exhibition games.

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AGGIE FORWARD TAI WESLEY rejects a layup attempt by Grand Canyon's Chris Johnson for one of his two blocks in Utah State's 76-46 victory Friday. *TODD JONES photo*

Women's basketball tunes up in exhibition win over Mary

By STEVE SCHWARTZMAN
staff writer

The Oxford Dictionary defines the word "maraud" as "roaming in search of things to steal or people to attack" — quite an epic mascot to be held by the Marauders of the University of Mary.

Friday night, however, it seemed like the Aggies were doing most of the marauding.

The USU women's basketball squad started off their season soundly with an 84-50 victory in their first exhibition match-up against the University of Mary, outscoring their opponent by 20 points in the second half.

"It feels good. The University of Mary gave us a good test," USU head coach Raegan Pebley said. "They came to compete, but I thought our team as a whole played really well."

The Aggies found great success through stellar scoring performances by forwards Amber White and Ashlee Brown.

White, a native of San Leandro, Calif., finished with 16 points, shooting 6-12 and 2-5 from the 3-point line. The USU senior didn't credit her performance just to herself.

"It was great," White said, "I really owe it to my teammates. They did the work. I just ended up at the right place at the right time."

Brown, a redshirt junior, came out explosively in her first game as an Aggie. The former Santa Barbara forward went 9-15 from the field, topping off the game with 20 points,

seven rebounds and two assists, creating a well-needed offensive spark for a defense-honed Aggie team.

After her first game, Brown looks to be a great fit to the squad.

"Last year as a redshirt she worked really hard and maximized that redshirt year to improve her game," Pebley said. "I was so happy for her after the huge investment she made that she could see some productivity her first game out."

"[Brown] was spectacular," White said. "It was everything I was expecting. I'm really proud of her."

The Marauders kept things competitive, trailing by three points with five minutes left to play in the first half. The Aggies then led a charge of solid shooting and a great rebounding performance from sophomore center Banna Diop to force an 18-7 run, giving USU a 44-30 lead at halftime. The scoring run was highlighted by a pair of consecutive 3-pointers by White, who was brought back into the game just in time to give her offense a much-needed boost. From there, the Aggies never looked back.

"We got a little bit of confidence toward the end of the half," White said. "It gave us some momentum and we took advantage of it. I think we knew we had to take advantage after a certain time."

Pebley said she has been impressed with White's senior leadership thus far.

"She's done a great job in her day to day. Her practice leadership, her locker room leadership is really solid. She's confident, she doesn't feel like

she's just a scorer for us, and she isn't panicking. Those are great characteristics."

The Aggies also saw great inside play from Diop, who was big on the boards with 14 rebounds to go with seven points, five assists and three blocks. The six-foot-six Senegal native played a key role on offense, executing well through passing and finding open looks in the back court.

"Banna will continue to be a big part of our offense for sure," said Pebley. "She's just so long and a great passer. As long as she continues to stay consistent we're going to continue to utilize her."

Pebley said the team has work to do on the defensive end to be successful.

"The defense is pretty good. I feel pretty good as to what we finished at, but I know when I go back and watch film I'll be unhappy with our inability to contain penetration. There are just some things we've got to get done to get better."

Overall, Pebley said she felt good after the team's first try on the court.

"We look really good," Pebley said. "This is one of the best passing teams I think we've had here at Utah State for a while. When you play like that you get good team chemistry on and off the court, and it's going to produce some high percentage shots. It should be fun."

The Aggies start regular season play Friday when they host Dixie State at 4 p.m. at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

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UTAH STATE'S AMBER WHITE puts up a shot in the lane during Friday's exhibition win over the University of Mary. TODD JONES photo

Hockey team dominates competition during San Jose Showcase

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The Utah State hockey team traveled to the San Jose Showcase this past weekend for a three-game set against Denver University, the University of Washington, and San Jose State.

Of the four teams participating in the weekend's games, the real showcase was put forth by the Aggies, who came out from the very beginning firing on all cylinders, said assistant coach Jay Obmerga, and never let up throughout a dominating effort in which Utah State outscored its opponents 15-2.

The weekend began against the Pioneers of DU, a game in which the Aggies game-planned to wear down their opponents from the start.

"They're a really up-tempo team, but they had a very short bench, so we tried to push them as hard as we could to get them tired out," USU head coach Jon Eccles said.

The Aggies didn't waste much time jumping out to an early lead, scoring their first goal just two and a half minutes into the game off the stick of Kent Arsenault. Then just minutes later Tyler Mistelbacher buried another USU goal to put the Aggies up 2-0 going into the first intermission.

Billy Gouthro put his name on the score sheet with the second period's lone goal to put USU up 3-0 after two periods.

Following a five-minute major penalty to USU's Brendan MacDonald, the Pioneers used the ensuing power play to score their lone goal of the game to give Denver a glimmer of hope, trailing just 3-1 at that point.

USU forward Jeremy Madigan quickly extinguished that glimmer for Denver when he stole the puck near the blue line of Denver's defensive zone and scored just seconds after the Pioneers' lone goal of the contest.

"The kind of broke their backs," Eccles said of Madigan's goal, which was the final tally in the Aggies' 4-1 win Thursday.

Friday saw the Aggies matched up against the Huskies of the University of Washington. The Huskies found after two periods, though, that they could not quite match up to USU.

Washington opened up the game with a level of intensity that gave USU trouble from the beginning, but nothing more than the Aggies could handle as they jumped out to 1-0 on a goal from Madigan.

"They really came out flying," Eccles said of Washington's first period play. "I think for them it

was one of their biggest games of the year."

That intensity paid off for the Huskies, as they answered Madigan's goal with one of their own just three minutes later to take a 1-1 tie into the first intermission where Eccles attempted to get his team refocused on taking control of the game.

"We talked in the locker room," Eccles said. "We talked about getting our legs back, getting our energy going, start hitting, start punishing them like they had kind of jumped on us and we came out and scored four goals."

Those four goals, as well as the rest of the goals in the game, came in bunches. Matt Hamilton took back the lead for Utah State just more than a minute into the second period, and then scored again less than a minute later to put USU up 3-1.

Then it was Gouthro's turn for a scoring rush, as he netted the next two Aggie goals to take a 5-1 lead into the third period.

Arsenault scored the next two goals, the first coming off the power play with 14:30 remaining in the third period. He took all of 14 seconds to score his second goal of the game to put USU up 7-1.

Hamilton wanted the get the last word in however, capping off his night with a hat-trick goal coming off an assist from David Reeve, who, despite not scoring any of the team's goals, earned particular praise from his coach.

"He only had a couple shifts, but he really went out and worked hard," Eccles said of Reeve's effort

Friday.

USU goalie Cody Palmer saved 18 of Washington's 19 shots, with the Huskies' lone goal coming off a deflection off of one of Palmer's own teammates' stick.

Saturday night, goalie Dan Cornelius was back in net for the Aggies after an impressive effort where he allowed just one goal on 21 shots in Thursday's game.

This time around, Cornelius saved 27 out of 27 shots to lead Utah State in a shutout of San Jose State.

MacDonald scored a pair of power play goals for USU, with one goal coming in each of the first two periods, while Mistelbacher capped off the 3-0 victory with a goal of his own in the third period.

"Everybody really kind of stepped it up and really played all out and just did everything they needed to do to help their teammates," Eccles said of the final game of the weekend sweep.

The Aggies improved their record to 16-2 on the season after the weekend sweep, and have now won seven consecutive games and remain undefeated on the road. They have also outscored opponents 27-3 over the team's past five games.

The team returns home this weekend for games against Metro State Thursday and in-state rival Weber State Friday.

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Soccer team falls to Fresno State in WAC semifinals

By MARK ISRAELSEN
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The Utah State women's soccer team has got to be getting sick of Fresno State. After losing to the Bulldogs on Oct. 22, which snapped a six-game undefeated streak and gave USU its first conference loss of the season, the Aggies were beaten again by Fresno in the semi-finals of the WAC tournament. USU came into the game looking to avenge their past losses, but still couldn't find a way to stop Fresno in the 1-0 loss.

The Aggies and Bulldogs are no strangers in WAC tournament play, with last week's meeting the third in the last five years. USU has always had trouble with the Bulldogs, though, and with this most recent loss they fall to 0-3 in the WAC tournament against Fresno, and 2-6 overall in WAC tournament matches.

"We felt good coming into this tournament," said head coach Heather Cairns. "Fresno was one of the teams that we had lost to, so we knew we were going to have to play differently and we felt like we had a good game plan in terms of how to do that."

The Aggies game plan wasn't quite enough, as about midway through the first half, Fresno got on the board with a goal from Lauren Linstrom. The goal, which was Linstrom's first of the season, came off Krissy Looney's corner kick, and put the Bulldogs up 1-0.

In the first half, junior Shantel Flanary and freshman Kendra Pemberton both had two shots on goal for Utah State, but it was Fresno State who was really on the attack, out-shooting the Aggies 8-6 and scoring the lone goal. Fresno also had four corner kicks while USU had none.

"We came out and just played OK," Cairns said. "But OK doesn't win you conference tournament games. We limited them in the attack, but they got us on a corner which was the way they got us before."

The Aggies went into halftime trailing 1-0, but

when they took the field again in the second half, they were a different team. USU got their first corner kick in the 51st minute and out-shot Fresno 7-3 in the second half. Pemperton and Senior Stefani Shiozaki, playing in her last game, did their best to pull the Aggies back with shots early in the second half, but it wasn't enough to catch the Bulldogs.

"At halftime we made more adjustments and we came out with a lot more fire," Cairns said. "We had some opportunities to tie it up, but unfortunately the damage was done by that point and the ball just didn't bounce our way. We felt Fresno was the better team the first half and we were the better team the second half, but that's not going to get you results."

Fresno State is 6-2-2 all-time against Utah State. The Bulldogs are the only team in the WAC to have a winning record against the Aggies since joining the league. The Bulldogs were the last team to get into the tournament this year, but came in with plenty of momentum as they finished their season going 5-0-2 in their last seven games. This year also marks Fresno State's fifth tournament championship appearance in the last six years.

"They're a solid team," Cairns said. "They didn't do anything differently (from the first game), but what they do they do well and we just were not able to execute quick enough and figure them out quick enough."

Friday's game also marked the last game for three Aggie seniors; Shiozaki, Lauren Hansen, who recently became the all-time goal and points leader in USU history and Heather Pond. These three players had successful Utah State careers, winning 42 matches, second only to the 43 wins of the 2009 class. They are also the first class in Utah State history to have a winning record all four seasons.

"These three seniors have meant a lot to us and moved the program forward," Cairns said. Their impact now turns into a legacy with all that they have accomplished."

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Still adjusting after daylight savings switch

Yesterday marked that once-a-year tradition in which we turn our clocks back one hour for the end of daylight savings time. For the optimists of the world, this means Saturday night included an entire extra hour to live it up as one would see fit, but past that one night, what purpose does the time change still serve?

If anything, it caters to the people of the world who are early to rise by making their mornings brighter. Left out, though, are those who tend to never wake before the sun is up anyway, leaving their days shorter since the sun will generally be down by around 5 p.m. rather than 6 p.m. were it not for the time change during Fall.

Seeing as how the time change was initially implemented to accommodate to the farmers of the world, it would seem out of place for those of us at an agricultural university to speak ill of the time change. In this current day and age however, it seems like the impact of the confusion of changing our clocks twice a year probably causes more inconvenience to the entire population than it offers in benefit to the sliver of the population that do the farming of the world.

Not to mention, it makes for serious complications in traveling to the state of Arizona, since they do not participate in daylight savings time. Must we really be required to keep track of whether or not the clocks in Arizona are an hour ahead or behind ours when we cross their borders? Couldn't we just play by their rules on this one?

The main thing is, why not just leave things the way they are? We generally have the simplicity of cell phones and computers updating the clocks accordingly, but that still leaves car stereos, alarm clocks, wristwatches, microwave ovens and whatever else tells time to be updated twice a year for something that seems entirely outdated in modern society.

At the very least, it would result in a lot fewer people showing up an hour late for church or work on Sunday mornings every Spring and an hour early each Fall.

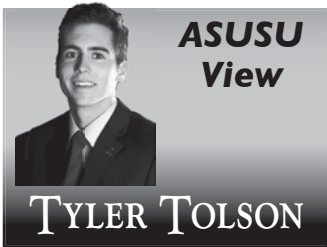
Multiple new programs under way at USU

What a wonderful time of year to be an Aggie. The leaves are starting to fall and the amazing Logan winter is setting in. With this time of changing of seasons comes a lot of new things. The ASUSU President's Cabinet has been in full stride with its wonderful members working tirelessly on several initiatives that are sure to catch your attention in the ensuing semester. One of these initiatives is a campus-wide suggestion box.

We as student officers want to know what the students want to change about the university as well as what we need to keep doing. We know that Utah State is fantastic, but, we also understand that there is always room for improvement - and no one knows better than the students in terms of what needs to happen. So look for the campus-wide suggestion boxes at the beginning of the next semester and give us some feedback.

Another initiative that we are working on came from a student that expressed a concern for the flow of traffic in front of the HPER and B Lot. We are currently engaged in research to check the possibility of getting a crosswalk light there to help regulate the pedestrian traffic and alleviate some of the congestion that many students experience everyday whilst attempting to leave the campus.

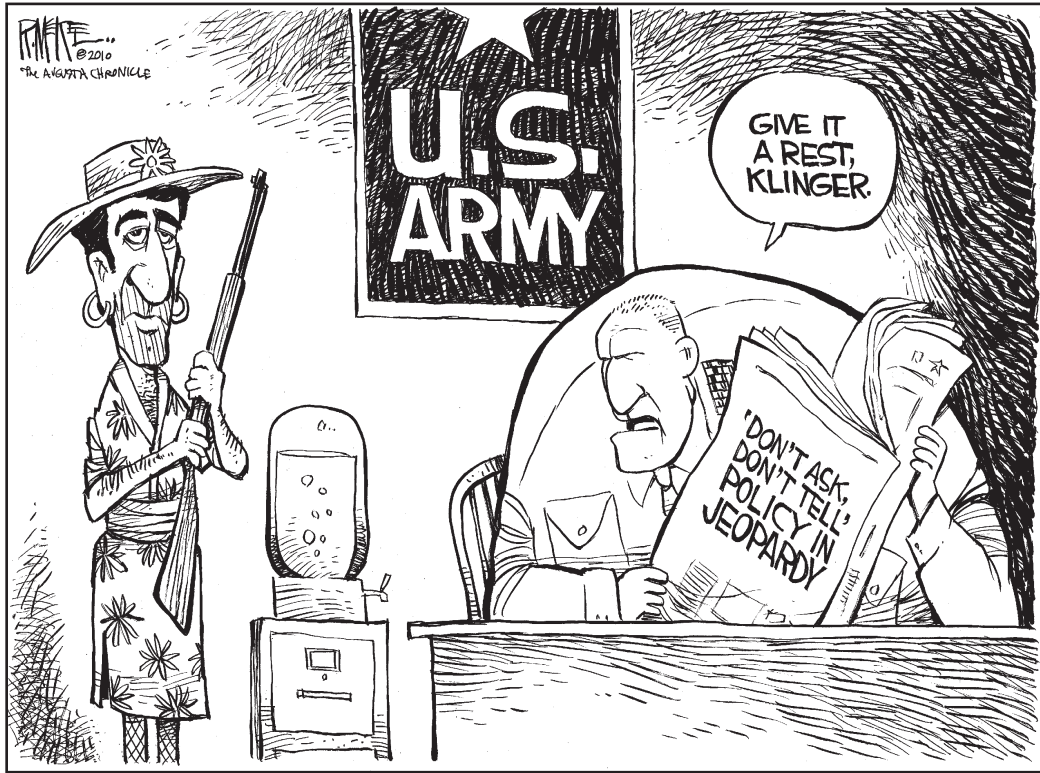
Another item that I am so excited about is the Professional Development and Certificate Program. We are more than fortunate to have the amazing professors from the Speech Communication Department and they have formed a private entity known as "The Institute for Communication and Leadership." We will be working with them to provide seminars for our students outside of the classroom for professional development. This is a way to supplement and enhance your degree from the University, with a valid certificate that is credible in the job market. This will be one more thing to set our students above the competition as they enter a field of their choice. This is also a marvelous opportunity for students to increase their skills in the realm of interpersonal communication, conflict resolution, presentation and speaking skills, and many other attributes at the top of employers' hiring criteria. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your leadership attributes and sharpen your speaking and



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HOWL apology insulting

To the editor:

Does the ASUSU think so little of the intelligence levels of their fellows that they feel that we would happily accept being pandered to?

We're all highly intelligent, thinking individuals who can see for ourselves that this letter to the statesman was nothing but fluff. A shallow attempt to appease the rather substantial percentage of the HOWL'S highly disappointed attendees.

Was it solely out of misguided feelings of obligation which led to this extremely weak and watered down, blatantly insincere apology to the students for their absolutely abysmal attempt of planning and executing this year's HOWL?

I certainly didn't feel apologized to. This spokesman spent the first half of his so called "apology" defending ticket sales: "While it is true that the HOWL was sold out it was not over-sold, and everyone that bought a ticket had the right to participate in the event."

Obviously we had the right to participate but where was the opportunity?

I suppose that I and those in my immediate environment had the ability to get together and have a fantastic evening on our own while we spent from 9:40-12:10 waiting in line together, moving from the bus turnaround to the map locator, 60 yards in almost two and a half hours with 50 minutes to make it another hundred. Even had we gotten in what would we have enjoyed? And for how long?

That says to me OVER-sold and Under-planned.

The second and larger portion of this letter was even more of a slap in the face than the pitiful excuses of the

first portion. This spokesman spends the majority of the "apology" trying to excuse himself further by telling us about what a good job they actually had done and about all the fun and exciting things that were happening and to thank all of the people that contributed to the success of the HOWL.

I guess that I - and the absolutely staggering number of others - got a completely different view of the level of success of the HOWL.

In whose reality is telling those of us about all the great things we COULD have done and all the fun that we COULD have had an effective portion of an apology?

Hidden right in between excusing themselves and extolling the finer points of the HOWL Mr. Atwood includes ONE and only one line of actual apology: "I can't tell you how sorry I am." Big deal, This line was immediately followed by "I could give a detailed explanation outlining the reasons, but what matters most..." Once again, nothing more than an excuse.

I can read through this petty and insincere letter as can the rest of my fellow students. Have a little respect for our intelligence. I felt more apologized to by Tyler Barlow in his probably much more accurate article titled, "Feeling a HOWL of a headache" than I did by the ASUSU. "An apology to the party goes lost in line" was not an apology, it was a shame-faced organization's automatic and defensive response to being called out.

Line crowders to blame

To the editor:

I'm writing to discuss a simple issue I thought we'd all put behind us in the third grade: crowding in line.

Last Saturday a group of friends and I eagerly ascended Old Main Hill at 9:30 dressed in our Halloween scariest to attend the Howl. We were disappointed to find a long line leading up to the doors on the south side of the TSC, but, since we'd come a bit late, we understood that we might have to wait a while to get in. Eventually though, that understanding grew into frustration and eventually anger as hundreds of people walked right past the line and bunched at the foot of the stairs, waiting just a few minutes. It took us two hours to move from the doors at the ESLC to the doors at the Taggart.

Later, when I talked with other friends who had gone to the Howl, I complained about the wait in line. They excitedly told me that they had gone to the front rather than waiting, and couldn't understand why my group had waited. Apparently these friends didn't realize that it was thanks to them the line moved so slowly.

Crowding may seem simple and innocent, but it creates a completely unfair system. Selfish people use others for their own benefit. Had everyone simply waited in line, it would have gone much faster. Instead, all the wait was forced on one small group of people: those honest enough not to crowd. Additionally, while standing in line, I saw people acting disrespectfully towards women and towards the military officers at the door who were there to ensure our safety. I was disgusted.

The Howl is a great opportunity for students to relax and celebrate a fun holiday, but even in high spirits I hope we can act more responsibly. Thousands attend from other schools; are these the true Aggie colors we want to show them?

Timothy Hammond

The 2010 election crossword puzzle

A man sitting on a park bench fills out his crossword puzzle. The date: November 5, 2010. These are his thoughts:



Sketches by Z

BEN ZARITSKY

Okay, three across "If the Tea Party candidates who were just elected succeed in disassembling the Department of Education, what, aside from public schooling, will be affected?" Lets see, two words, 12 letters ... AH! S-T-U-D-E-N-T L-O-A-N-S.

That one wasn't too hard. Seems pretty obvious that the Department of Education also deals with many student loans that university kids need in order to actually go to college.

"Watery libertarian god." A-Q-U-A B-U-

D-D-H-A.

Eight down "Amount of federal budget Senator-elect Mike Lee suggests cutting?" F-O-R-T-Y P-E-R-C-E-N-T. I wonder how that would really affect me, the man pondering. What will be cut? Social security and Medicare are some of the biggest costs of government. Will I not be able to retire until I'm 80 because Social Security could be cut? Will I not get health care anymore because Medicare will be cut too deeply? The budget for defense will most definitely have to be cut. Does this mean less security? Would we have a smaller army? Weaker technology?

He continues his puzzle.

On a roll. Nine across "Name of the write-in Senator from Alaska that is Joe Miller's biggest threat." Well that one isn't

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Puzzle: Mid-term results no game

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so bad. M-U-R-K ... hmm ... is it Murkouski? Or Murkawski? Or Murcow ... OK, I'll just have to come back to that one.

"Democrat's 2010 election strategy; also warfare action at sound of bugle." R-E-T-R-E-A-T.

"Strong conservative; also a Halloween costume." O'-D-O-N-N-E-L-L. The man recalls what he had heard of this Senatorial hopeful. "I am you." What happened to American Exceptionalism? I know nothing of the political realm. Why would I want to send someone like me, who doesn't know politics, to run the country? I wouldn't want someone that doesn't know anatomy and medicine to perform surgery on me.

He continues his puzzle. "Supreme Court cases Christine O'Donnell could name?" Z-E-R-O.

"Best word to describe humiliation received at hands of Republicans?" S-H-E-L-L-A-C-K-I-N-G. A pause. The man remembers promises made only two years earlier. "Change. Hope." What changed?

Murkoski? Morkoski ... No, no, no. Hmm ...

"Journalist on 'indefinite suspension' for making political contributions." Hmm ... Murdoch? No, it asks for a journalist, not the owner of a major news organization. Sean Hannity? No, too many letters. Glenn Beck? Close. Keith Olbermann? Huh ... it fits. O-L-B-E-R-M-A-N-N. Why would there be such a harsh punishment for this? Sean Hannity, and even Rupert Murdoch, have given

donations to political parties. Perhaps people have started over-reacting a bit. Rick Sanchez could sure still use a job.

"Ironic words written on shirt of man who slammed moveon.org protestor while on ground with foot." D-O-N-T T-R-E-A-D O-N M-E. The man recalls the violent action. It was all because of a political dispute. A girl was thrown to the ground and stomped on because she was making a political point. I wonder what religion she is. Is she even American? Maybe we should start marking people so that we can know what they are. Yellow stars could work ...

election?" Well now, this could go a few different ways. It could be Republic ... no, too many letters. What about Tea Party? No no. Americans? Hmm... Nope. AHA! F-O-X N-E-W-S. Pheh, that one was a tricky one. "Reasonably sane comic" J-O-N S-T-E-W-A-R-T. The man stops his writing, paused for a moment with a reflection of signs he saw only a few days before: "I really don't mind pressing 1 for English." "Use your inside voice." "Hitler is Hitler." "Things are pretty OK."

A woman pushing a stroller walks by. The man's mind begins to wander. I wonder if she is a liberal. Did she vote for Reid or Angle? Did she vote? Can't tell just by looking. There really isn't much of a difference. MURKOWSKI! Yes. Finally.

Last one "How much longer will it be until the American people can elect representatives that can actually fix real problems in this country?" Huh ... Now that's a tough one.

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Tolson: Planning for USU's future

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communication skills.

We are also having our first follow-up Aggie B.L.U.E. workshop session. Aggie B.L.U.E. is a leadership conference put on by our officers and advisers in the Student Involvement and Leadership Office that is designed to help students find out more about who they are and how they should interact with other people.

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working towards creating the world you wish to live in. We are so excited with all of these wonderful things going on in the university. We want every student to participate and let us know what they need/want, for a better tomorrow for themselves and fellow students here at Utah State University. Please contact me at any time to express questions or concern at tolson.tyler@gmail.com.

Tyler Tolson is the ASUSU president.

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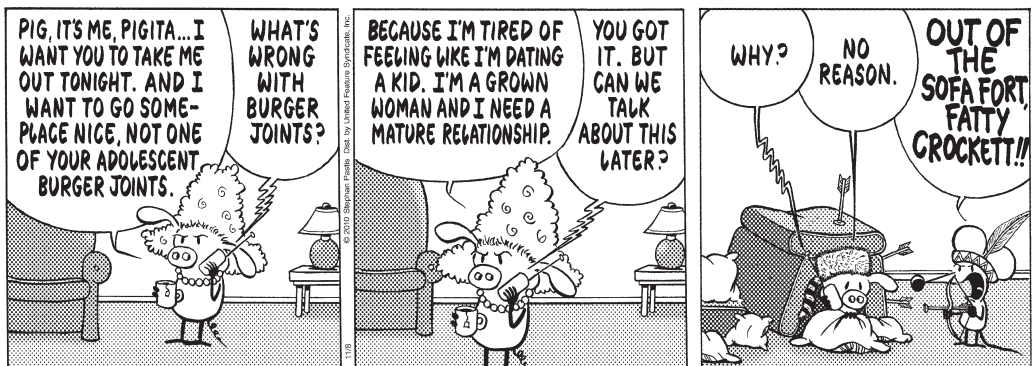


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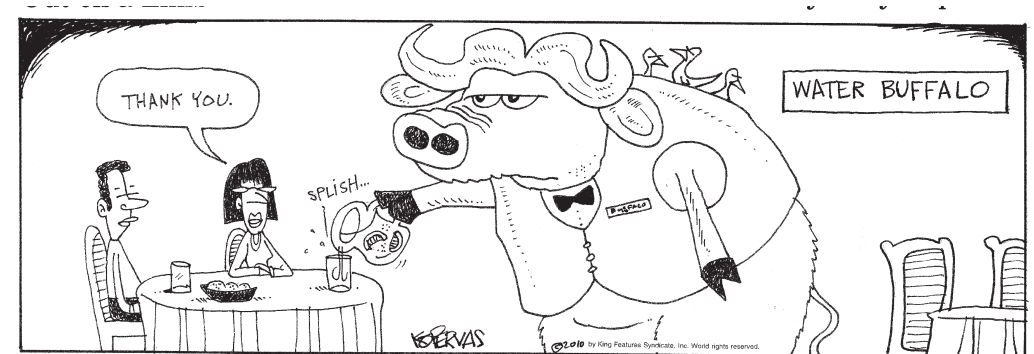
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4. IBM
5. 3M
6. Hewlett-Packard
7. DuPont
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- 5 Strike-breaker
- 9 Burst of energy
- 14 "Onesome George"
- 19 Gulf country
- 20 Unwind a rind
- 21 Actress Shire
- 22 Nose
- 23 Vitale statistics?
- 24 Movie mutt
- 25 Speaker of remark
- 27 Alarm
- 29 Mrs. Zeus
- 31 XXVII x II
- 32 Sleep stage
- 33 Contralto Stevens
- 35 Rampur royalty
- 39 Soho snack
- 41 Diocese
- 42 Start of a remark
- 49 Hair ball?
- 50 Former nation:
- 51 D-Day code name
- 52 Gilbert of "Roseanne"
- 55 Game division
- 58 Massachusetts
- 60 Paint pigment
- 62 Author Irving
- 63 Fluffy female
- 64 September birthstone
- 67 They may be saturated
- 70 Add fringe
- 73 Remsen or Flatow
- 74 Cambodia's Lon
- 75 Part 2 of remark
- 81 Fire
- 82 — Dhahi
- 83 Oomph
- 84 Floor model
- 85 Flatter
- 88 A mean Amin
- 90 Still's partner
- 94 Be nosy
- 95 Nud and void
- 99 Impasse
- 100 Basilica area
- 101 Make some dough
- 102 Jet-setter's need
- 104 Onassis' nickname
- 105 Part 3 of remark
- 110 Sosa stat
- 113 Swell place?
- 114 Moment of truth
- 115 — do-well
- 116 Browning's bedtime?
- 117 Pipe cleaner?
- 119 Manipulates
- 122 In shock
- 126 End of remark
- 132 Word with steak or soda
- 134 Marseilles mother
- 135 Adhesive ingredient
- 136 Viewpoint in 1947
- 137 Hunky-dory
- 138 Key
- 139 Rob of "Silk Stalkings"
- 140 Sorcery
- 141 Lacquered metalware
- 142 Footfall

DOWN

- 1 Like a wet noodle
- 2 Section
- 3 "The Journey of Natty —" ('85 film)
- 4 Apt rhyme for worm
- 5 Bath, e.g.
- 6 They're nuts
- 7 Commedia dell'
- 8 Denizen
- 9 Fr. holy
- 10 Norm
- 11 Einstein's birthplace
- 12 100 dinars
- 13 "Bewitched" kid
- 14 Actress Rita
- 15 Planet, for one
- 16 Transvaal residents
- 17 Roast host
- 18 Delibes opera
- 26 Done
- 28 Org. founded in 1947
- 30 Eyebrow shape
- 34 Cozy
- 36 Sailor's shout
- 37 "Nautilus" captain
- 38 Author Dinesen
- 40 Moral man?
- 42 Wading bird
- 43 "Candid Camera" creator
- 44 — Domini
- 45 '68 US Open winner
- 46 Mason's tool
- 47 Proposition
- 48 Apiece
- 53 Endangered animal
- 54 TV's "Broken —"
- 56 Facts, for short
- 57 Spruce
- 59 Sill
- 61 Sniggler's quarry
- 65 Parched
- 66 Sheet of stamps
- 68 It'll give you a lift
- 69 "Elephant Boy" actor
- 71 Guy's counterpart
- 72 Monitor message
- 75 Animals
- 76 Successful
- 77 "High Sierra"
- 78 Salad
- 79 Bullets, briefly
- 80 Director Nicolas
- 81 "Nash Bridges" network
- 86 Reggae's Peter
- 87 Duel-use items?
- 89 "What — for Love" ('75 song)
- 91 Slightly open
- 92 Exceptional
- 93 Surrounded by
- 96 Neither
- 97 Crooner Jerry
- 98 Slaps on
- 99 Shoestrings
- 101 Persian poet
- 103 Freshly
- 106 Push a product
- 107 A/C measure
- 108 Spear-headed
- 109 Pathos' pal
- 110 Appomattox signature
- 111 Freeway sounds
- 112 Gold brick?
- 118 Author Ferber
- 120 "Braveheart" extra
- 121 Nevada city
- 123 Gusto
- 124 — Stanley Gardner
- 125 Profound
- 127 Viking weapon
- 128 Fleur-de —
- 129 Souffle ingredient
- 130 Actress MacGraw
- 131 Cal. page
- 133 "Toodle-oo!"

Statesman **Back Burner**



Today is Monday, Nov. 8, 2010. Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Ashlee Nelson, a senior majoring in human movement science from Orem, Utah.

Almanac

Today in History: In 1895, physicist Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen (1845-1923) becomes the first person to observe X-rays, a significant scientific advancement that would ultimately benefit a variety of fields, most of all medicine, by making the invisible visible.

Weather

High: 45° Low: 32°
Skies: Rain and snow with 80 percent chance of precipitation.



Monday Nov. 8

- USU's Got Talent, TSC Ballroom, 7 p.m.
- Fry Street Quartet, Performance Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday Nov. 9

- Aggie CARE Faculty Forum, Skyroom Restaurant, 12 p.m.
- CIL Short Course, ANSC 115, 5:30 p.m.
- Fry Street Quartet, Performance Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Nov. 10

- Meditation Club, TSC 335, 12 p.m.
- ARC Workshop, TSC 315, 3:30 p.m.
- Monty Python Night, Old Main 121, 7 p.m.

NFT fundraiser

There is a fundraiser for the National Foundation for Transplants (NFT) on Nov. 13, 2010 at 9 a.m. It is a 3 on 3 basketball tournament and anyone is welcome to sign up! There is a \$30 per team fee. All proceeds will go to NFT. T-shirt included! Any other donations are welcome! Sign ups will be on Nov. 3, 4, and 5 in the TSC all day.

Monty Python

Phi Alpha Theta is sponsoring Monty Python Night with introduction by Dr. Norm Jones. Don't miss this classic event! Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. in Old Main 121. Food will be served.

Appreciation Day

The third annual Aggie Appreciation Day for Veteran's will be held on Nov. 11 from 12 to 1 p.m. outside the TSC next to the flagpole. That evening at 7:30 p.m. the American Festival Chorus and USU Symphony Orchestra will present a tribute to veterans.

Ecology Seminar

Ecology Center Seminar on Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. in NR 105 entitled How does Natural History become science, and what can it tell us about climate change. Also on Nov. 11 at 3 p.m. in ENGR 101 about the effects of climate change at high altitude on phenology, frost frequency, plant demography and pollinators.

Food Pantry

The Cache Community Food Pantry is in need of both food and cash donations for the upcoming holiday season. Items needed are traditional Thanksgiving products such as canned pumpkin, evaporated milk, olives, and stuffing mix in addition to other staples that families need throughout the year. Cache County Community Food Pantry is located at 359 S. Main.

You need to know...

Come watch some great talents and vote for your favorites at **USU's Got Talent** Nov. 8, in the TSC Ballroom! Tickets are \$3 and the proceeds benefit the S.E.E.D. program. Interested in competing for the \$100 grand prize? Search "USU's Got Talent" on Facebook, or email USUgottalent@gmail.com

Fry Street Quartet at The Performance Hall. The program includes works of Beethoven, Bartok, and the Brahms Piano Quintet with guest pianist Jason Hardink. Performances held Nov. 5-9.

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Got Bagpipes? Drums? The **Bagpipe Club** is now meeting on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. at the Caine College of the Arts building. Come join us! We're also recruiting drummers. Pipers talk to Matt Earl for more info: 801-694-3997. Drummers talk to Brandon Orr: 801-678-3588

John Schmidt Christmas concert on Nov. 20. Tickets are now on sale at www.arts.usu.edu. Prices range from \$10 to \$16. Steven Sharp Nelson and Daniel Beck will open at the concert.

Stokes Nature Center invites adults and children ages 8 and up to the History & Lore of Logan Canyon, from 4-5 p.m. on Nov. 11 in Room 154 of the Merrill-Cazier Library. For more information, please call 435-755-3239 or visit www.logannature.org.

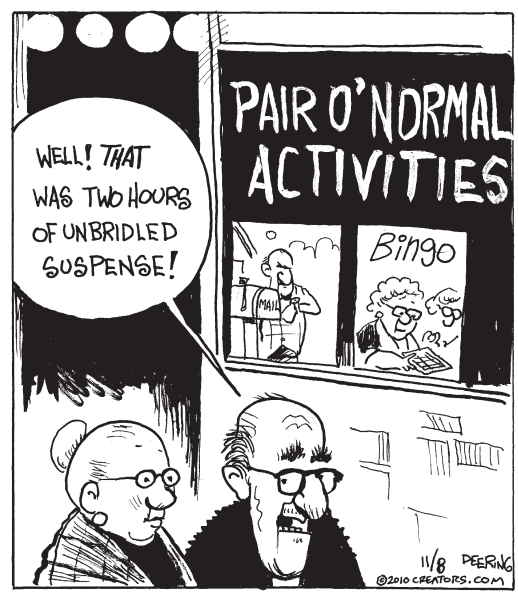
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