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Recession almost over, says Bennett

By RACHEL A. CHRISTENSEN
news editor

Sen. Bob Bennett, R-Utah, visited Logan Tuesday to meet with USU students, see the results of funding he brought to USU and participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Bennett spoke to students Tuesday in a class for lobbyists. He gave the students advice on how to be good lobbyists and told them not to let others tell them they don't have a right to do their work.

"First thing to remember," he said, "the right to lobby is right in the First Amendment, next to freedom of press, freedom of speech, freedom of religion and don't let, well I'll watch my language, but don't let any characters in the press tell you you're a corrupting influence."

Jeff Muhs, director of the USU Energy Lab, gave Bennett a tour of the labs. Michael Kennedy, special assistant to the USU president for federal and state relations, said research being conducted at the labs concerning the conversion of algae into bio-fuel has been funded by Bennett.

Tuesday morning, Bennett was given the honor of cutting the ribbon for the new Cache Valley Transit District building. Mark Daines, CVTD board president, said the new building, located at 754 W. 600 North, was built in three months by Cache Valley Builders.

According to information provided by the CVTD, the building process provided work for 33 local workers and cost about \$210,000. The money was a grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which was secured by Bennett, the Federal Transit Administration Region 8, Utah Department of Transportation Public Transit and the CVTD management.

Bennett said the new building demonstrates Cache Valley's growing population and capacity.

"You now have the mass that can use mass transit in a logical way," he said.

During a question and answer session, Bennett addressed issues important to the nation such as health care, cap and trade and the economy.

Bennett said President Barack Obama made a standard mistake by "squandering the beginning of his term" instead of getting right to work on things such as the health care bill. Campaigning is more fun than actually governing, Bennett said, and Obama didn't stop campaigning until well into his term.



SEN. BOB BENNETT cuts the ribbon, celebrating the opening of the new Cache Valley Transit District center. RACHELA A. CHRISTENSEN photo

"But campaigning doesn't substitute for governing," Bennett said.

With regards to the health care bill, Bennett said Obama tried to act smarter than the Clinton administration by giving members of Congress the basic principles and letting them write the bill.

Although this plan was aimed at appeasing Congress by letting them be more involved, it failed because theories began circulating and no one could agree on a single health care plan, Bennett said. Neither House nor Senate could create a logical bill before the deadline Obama had set, which was the August Congressional recess.

"President, you should have had more leadership here, have more outline of what you wanted," Bennett said.

Bennett and Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore, created their own health care plan called the Wyden-Bennett Health Reform Plan, which took four years to create. More information about the plan can be found at www.bennett.senate.gov.

senate.gov.

Cap and trade, which Bennett referred to as a "spectacularly bad idea," is a system in effect in Europe to handle its emissions. Bennett said if a business goes over its allowed amount of carbon emissions under cap and trade, they can buy unused portions from other businesses for about \$30 per ton of emission.

While the system is functioning in Europe, Bennett said he is skeptical about its efficiency if the concept were tried in America. Utility business' emissions are the only kind that can be reasonably measured and regulated. Bennett said cap and trade wouldn't affect emissions released by transportation, which accounts for a large portion of America's pollution.

Bennett also said to be on the lookout for an economic recovery. He said the recession has most likely bottomed out and the nation will see signs of recovery as soon as the fourth

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Speech merger put on hold

By BENJAMIN WOOD
senior news writer

Sitting in his office on the third floor of Animal Science, Interim Department Head of Journalism and Communication Edward Ted Pease appears busy, and his phone will not stop ringing.

"I'm not approved for Banner," Pease smilingly tells one caller. "I don't even have keys yet."

When journalism students left school last spring they were told their department would be merging with languages, philosophy and speech communication, then-Department Head Michael Sweeney was leaving USU and Bradford Hall, department head of speech, was slated to helm the combined department as an interim. Returning to classes this week, both journalism and speech students found their disciplines intact and distinct.

"I understand students from all areas were nervous," Hall said.

Pease said there was a feeling in the department that the merger was happening too fast.

"We had objections to the merger and concerns about losing our professional identity," Pease said. "We decided by the end of spring semester to slow down and turn it back."

Even with those concerns, Pease said there are some potential benefits to a combination of Speech and Journalism disciplines. Many journalism students, especially those with an emphasis in public relations or broadcast, already take or would benefit from taking

classes in speech. Hall also felt that students could stand to gain in the transaction.

"There were positives from having all of the communications together," Hall said.

In the merger discussions, Hall said, the possible affect on the students was always a part of the conversation — merged or not, students would be equally taken care of.

"I think it will be positive either way. It's a win-win situation," Hall said.

Merger talk has been postponed because both department heads feel there are more important issues to deal with right now.

Hall said, "The university is looking through adjustments on a broader level."

Whether the merger will take place in the future remains to be seen. Pease said there are a number of conversations that have to take place, a process that can potentially take years. In the meantime, the journalism department is looking at a reconfiguration of its program after losing two faculty last spring, which more are to follow this year.

"We're having to think about being leaner and meaner," Pease said. "It's a time to rethink the recipe we have for our journalism curriculum."

Part of that rethinking includes the creation of an online minor, which Pease is working on in addition to teaching online courses for the department and acting as department head.

"Like the rest of the faculty I'm



TED PEASE, DIRECTOR OF THE JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT, looks over a newspaper with public relations student Alyson Croft. PATRICK ODEN photo

having to pitch in," Pease said.

While he admits he feels "buried," Pease is happy to act as department head.

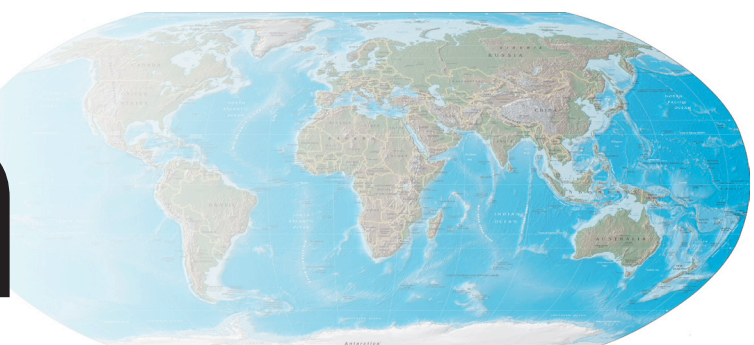
"The reason the provost could talk me into this is because I am

committed, and I love this program," Pease said. "This is our home."

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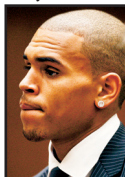


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Celebs & People

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge on Tuesday sentenced **Chris Brown** to five years probation, six months community labor for the beating of Rihanna and ordered the R&B singer to stay away from his former girlfriend for the next five years.



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Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Patricia Schnegg told Brown that he could be sent to state prison if he violated any terms of his sentence, including an order to stay 100 yards away from Rihanna unless they're attending music events.

News Briefs

Gov. Herbert to speak for Bell

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah Gov. Gary Herbert plans to appear at a confirmation hearing this week for his lieutenant governor pick, Sen. Greg Bell.

The Senate Government Operations and Political Subdivisions Confirmation Committee will hold a hearing Thursday for Bell, a Republican from Fruit Heights.

Herbert is the only person who has asked to appear before the committee.

Herbert spokeswoman Angie Welling says it's important to Herbert to make a brief statement on Bell's behalf.

Late Nite Humor

David Letterman, August 24, 2009

Top Ten Signs President Obama Needs a Vacation

10. Last week's radio address was ten minutes of snoring.

9. Switched from beer summits to tequila summits.

8. Asked CIA director what we're doing about terrorist organization "Al-Pacino."

7. Staffers often find him on White House roof meowing like a kitty.

6. Announced he's sending an elite military unit to kill Hitler.

5. Lately, he's been fist-bumping staffers in the face.

4. Asked for the number of Rush Limbaugh's OxyContin guy.

3. Called Bush for advice on sneaking naps during intelligence briefings.

2. Been babbling nonsense about government death panels -- wait, that's a sign Sarah Palin needs a vacation.

1. Barely has the energy to smoke.

Top reformist confesses in Iran political trial



A female local staff member of the French Embassy in Tehran, Nazak Afshar, sits in a court room in Tehran, Iran, Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009, in this photo released by the semi-official Iranian Fars News Agency.

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Saeed Hajjarian was a die-hard hero of Iran's reform movement, campaigning to reduce the power of the Islamic clerics even after being shot in the head in an assassination attempt that left him partially paralyzed.

On Tuesday, he was brought into a courtroom propped up by men who put him in the front row of defendants in Iran's biggest political trial in decades, where he proceeded to renounce his entire career as a reformist.

His speech slurred and nearly unintelligible from the 2000 attack, Hajjarian had a statement read proclaiming that Iran's supreme leader represents the rule of God on Earth and asking for forgiveness for his "incorrect" ideas.

The stunning confession was among the most dramatic in the trial of more than 100 reform leaders and protesters arrested in Iran's post-election crackdown, a testimony the opposition says was coerced by threats and mistreat-

ment during weeks of solitary confinement.

A procession of the biggest names in the reform movement has taken the stand during the past month, some looking thin and tired, all dressed in blue pajama-like prison uniforms and slippers. They have confessed to taking part in what the government says was a plot backed by foreign enemies to overthrow Iran's clerical leadership in a "velvet revolution."

The opposition has compared the

proceedings to Josef Stalin's "show trials" against his opponents in the Soviet Union, saying the government is trying to wipe out the reform movement.

Hajjarian's turn in court perhaps more resembled a scene from China's Cultural Revolution, as he repented of the pro-reform ideology he has espoused for years.

In a statement read by a fellow defendant, he confessed to trying to spread "Marxist thought" that "has no relation to Iran." He said he had led astray his political party, the Islamic Iran Participation Front, with his ideas and announced his resignation from the party.

He threw his support behind Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, whose rule "springs from the rule of the Prophet Muhammad."

"I've committed grave mistakes by offering incorrect analysis during the election," Hajjarian said. "I apologize to the dear Iranian nation because of my incorrect analyses that was the basis for many wrong actions."

The Islamic Iran Participation Front dismissed the confessions by Hajjarian and other party leaders as forced, saying: "What is uttered from their tongue today is not by their will."

The 55-year-old Hajjarian was arrested soon after mass protests erupted over the disputed June 12 presidential election, when hundreds of thousands took to the streets claiming that President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's victory was fraudulent. Held for weeks in a secret location with no contact with lawyers or family, the opposition repeatedly expressed concern over his health in custody.

A top architect of the reform move-

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Conservative Group tries to scuttle Bennett health care bill

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A conservative anti-tax group is trying to scuttle an attempt at health care reform by Republican Utah Sen. Bob Bennett by making a direct appeal to GOP delegates who will likely decide if Bennett gets his party's nomination next spring.

The Washington, D.C.-based Club for Growth said it will send letters urging more than 3,000 previous delegates to lobby Bennett to drop his reform bill.

The club also launched a television commercial that criticizes Bennett's proposal, which is co-sponsored by Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore.

The Club for Growth has a history of taking on moderate Republicans whose policies conflict with its positions.

The Club for Growth said the ad is part of a \$1.2 million national campaign focused on opposing government-run health care. The group was unclear how much of that money would be spent in Utah.

The ad contends the Healthy Americans Act is "government health insurance that pushes you out of your current plan."

Bennett's campaign spokesman, Jim Bennett, issued a lengthy statement disputing nearly every criticism in the ad.

"It is unfortunate that the Club for Growth does not appear to embrace the principles of the Bennett bill such as choice, portability, tax reform, incentives for healthy behavior and

would throw money on a campaign ad that hinders solving the health care crisis with a free market, patient-driven plan," the statement said.

Bennett is seeking his fourth term in 2010 and faces several challengers from within his own party, including Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff.

Shurtleff has been critical of Bennett's health care bill, which among other things would require employers to convert worker health care premiums into higher wages, which would then be used by employees to purchase private cover-

age. A federal tax credit would be given to employees to offset the cost of joining a private plan.

Employers who

don't offer health insurance would be required to make payments to the government so low-income families could afford to buy one of the private insurance plans.

Plans would be approved by the federal government, and insurers could not turn down anyone who applied for coverage.

"Senator Bennett's bill is a health care nightmare," Chris Chocola, president of Club for Growth, said in a statement. "Rather than lowering the cost of care by increasing competition, it turns control of our health insurance system over to the government."

■ Senator Bennett visited USU's campus Tuesday. For Statesman coverage see page 1.

Family feud results in small town riot

MARION, Ala. (AP) — Two feuding families and their friends lined opposite sides of a small-town Alabama street and hurled rocks, tools and pieces of wood at each other, striking the police chief with a crowbar, in a riot rooted in a disagreement that began years ago with schoolchildren.

Members of the Sawyer and Moore families were in jail Tuesday, a day after the melee that swelled to 150 people, including gang members.

"They came with guns, sticks, bricks, golf clubs. It was a bad situation," said police chief Tony Bufford, who was OK.

State police and officers from other west Alabama towns were called to keep the peace in Marion, which was under a 10 p.m. curfew.

Bufford said the families have been feuding for at least two years but wasn't sure exactly what happened to start it all except it was over school-children.

Five adults named either Moore or Sawyer and sev-

eral juveniles were arrested on assault charges, said District Attorney Michael Jackson, and more charges were likely. In all, at least eight people were arrested in the city of 3,300 about 85 miles west of Montgomery.

"Part of it was families that didn't get along with each other. It's big families with a lot of friends," Jackson said, adding that gang members also were involved.

Tension began Sunday night when a fight fueled by the families' bad blood erupted after a pickup basketball game, and at least one shot was fired.

"They shot my truck up with my 1-year-old baby inside," said Littenger Moore, 30.

Problems continued at a high school the next morning, with a fight ending in two arrests.

Relatives of those arrested followed officers to police headquarters, where a crowd gathered. Authorities said six more people were arrested there after an argument turned violent.



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Campus & Community

UAV team takes first place

Students from USU's College of Engineering seem to be proving a point in recent months to the nation's other engineering programs.

The college's Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Team took the first-place prize at the 7th Annual Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International Student Unmanned Aerial Systems Competition in Maryland against many of the top programs in the nation and even from around the world.

That first-place award comes just after the USU rocket team took top prizes at NASA's 2008-2009 University Student Launch Initiative in May. They also won "Best Vehicle Design" and the "Project Review Award."

Alumnus receives conservation award

Utah State University alumnus Huey D. Johnson is the recipient of a 2009 Cornelius Amory Pugsley Medal from the National Park Foundation and the American Academy of Park and Recreation Administration. Johnson will receive the award in a ceremony Oct. 15 in Salt Lake City during the National Recreation and Park Association's annual congress.

A renowned conservationist and author, Johnson earned a master's degree in wildlife management from USU in 1966. Fred Wagner, Johnson's major professor and a USU emeritus faculty member, describes Johnson as a scholar with "incredible initiative and imagination."

"Huey is a shining example of the impact College of Natural Resources alumni can have on the world," says CNR Dean, Nat Frazer. "We are proud of his contributions to conservation and the environment."

Johnson was appointed western regional director of The Nature Conservancy in 1963 - the organization's first employee west of the Mississippi River. During his nine-year tenure, he was responsible for more than 50 projects, including the preservation of Hawaii's Seven Sacred Pools.

In 1972, Johnson founded the Trust for Public Land, now the nation's fifth largest environmental organization. Since its founding, the organization has completed nearly 3,000 land conservation projects in 46 states, protecting two million acres.

Johnson served as secretary of resources in the cabinet of former California Gov. Jerry Brown from 1978 to 1982, where he launched several successful water and energy conservation programs, doubled the state's salmon numbers, strengthened forestry policy and preserved several million acres of wilderness and 1,200 miles of rivers.

In 1983, Johnson founded the California-based Resource Renewal Institute and currently serves as the organization's president. According to its Web site, the non-profit organization "facilitates the creation, development and implementation of practical strategies to solve the entire complex environmental problem by addressing it comprehensively."

Student writing project for online publication

The Encyclopedia of Earth recently completed a successful pilot of a new student writing project that provides students with the opportunity to prepare article for online publication if they meet the encyclopedia's standards.

The project not only is a means for students to gain experience in professional writing, but also is a great reference for future career opportunities.

Compiled from staff and media reports

Researchers seek to find cure for H1N1 virus

By BRENDON BUTLER
staff writer

Researchers at USU's Institute for Antiviral Research are developing an anti-viral program to fight the Swine Flu virus, also known as H1N1, in preparation for the upcoming flu season. Research professor Don Smee is one of six principal investigators working to test different regimens of anti-viral drugs to determine their flu-fighting efficacy. The research program, sponsored by the National Institutes for Health, uses anti-viral drugs already on the market or at the final stages of FDA approval so that they can be distributed quickly in the event of an epidemic, said Smee.

The researchers are using available pharmaceuticals, such as Tamiflu, Ribavirin and others to determine the most effective treatment for people already infected with the virus, Smee said. Compounds in Tamiflu work by preventing the virus from releasing itself inside lung cells, said Smee, while Ribavirin inhibits virus production.

"When you combine compounds that have two different ways of attacking a virus, then you get synergy," Smee said. "That's the goal."

Smee is careful to point out he is not developing a vaccine, which is made from weakened virus cells and relies on an immune response from the body to be effective. Instead, the drug regimen will be used to treat people who are already sick.

"The problem with the vaccine is, there's not enough of it," Smee said. "There will be sick people, and there could be a lot of sick people. We just don't know yet."

The pharmaceuticals would have to be administered within two days of a person feeling sick, Smee said.

Because the seasonal flu is an RNA virus that



KYLE MILLER, AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT STUDYING BIOLOGY, and Brett Hurst, graduate student studying virology, prepare MEM (Minimal Essential Media) MEM acts as food and a living environment for cells and is then diluted with drugs and injected with the H1N1 virus. *TYLER LARSON photo*

changes rapidly, experts are concerned about a resistant virus emerging this season, said Bart Carbett, another researcher involved in the USU project.

Researchers are paying close attention to countries located in the Southern Hemisphere, Carbett said, because they are currently in their winter flu season. As of yet, the flu season south of the equator "hasn't been too bad," he said.

In April of this past year, the Swine Flu virus showed up in Mexico and quickly spread across the United States by vacationing tourists. To date, Utah has seen 300 cases, with 17 deaths caused by the virus, according to the Utah Department of Health. The World Health Organization declared the H1N1 viral outbreak a pandemic in June.

The virus is highly transmissible through the respiratory system, Smee said. Washing hands frequently and covering your mouth when coughing will help lower transmission of the disease, he said, as well as remembering not to touch your face. Students who suspect they have the flu should stay home from school, he said.

Jim Davis, the director of student health and

wellness at USU, said young people between the ages of 18 and 24 are most susceptible to the Swine Flu. The virus changes slightly each year, and most people develop at least partial immunity to viruses over time, but the Swine Flu virus came "out of the clear blue sky" earlier this year, he said. Older people seem to have built immunity to a similar virus when they were young, he said.

Young students, pregnant women, and mothers of young children should plan to get vaccinated when the H1N1 serum arrives in the middle of September, he said. The vaccine will require two immunizations spaced six weeks apart, he said. This vaccination will be free of charge, Davis said.

Students who want to get vaccinated for the seasonal flu should anticipate to pay about \$20 this year, he said. Student Health Services will begin administering those shots in late September and early October, Davis said.

For more information, students can visit www.usu.edu/health or call 797-1660. Students can also visit the Utah Department of Health's Web site for Swine Flu updates at <http://bit.ly/106ly8>.

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SEN. BOB BENNETT, TOP LEFT, VISITED A CLASS OF STUDENT LOBBYISTS during his tour of campus. At a ceremony for the new transit building, Mark Daines, Cache Valley Transit District board president, said the new building, "is another step to accomplish necessary space and confident personnel." *photos by TYLER LARSON and RACHEL A. CHRISTENSEN*



DURING HIS VISIT TO A CLASS OF LOBBYISTS, Sen. Bob Bennett told students the first rule of being a lobbyist is understanding the currency with which you are dealing. His second rule is to never ask members of Congress to do something that is at their disadvantage. His last rule was to represent their client to Congress but also explain the government to their client. *TYLER LARSON photo*



Senator: Engages on campus

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quarter of this fiscal year.

During his time in the Senate, Bennett said he has experienced two recessions and has learned the nation generally feels the negative effects of a recession before it occurs and will not experience the benefits of recovery until it is well under way. He said the U.S. started feeling the impacts of 2008's recession in 2007 and will likely experience a jobless recovery until at least 2010.

Currently, in absolute dollars, the U.S. has the largest budget deficit it has ever had. However, in terms of gross domestic product the U.S. has the same budget deficit percentage as during the Regan era, Bennett said.

"If the economy comes back strongly, we can deal with the deficit and it will go away," he said.

National debt was at 150 percent GDP after World War II, he said.

The deficit is currently past 80 percent GDP, and is predicted to get to 100 percent in 2011.

"To have a deficit of that size when we're not at war is a very, very serious thing," he said.

Despite the economic issues America is facing, Bennett said the nation always seems to come up with the right people at the right time. He said even when cessation and slavery issues threatened to divide the U.S., it found Abraham Lincoln and survived.

"We're Americans," Bennett said. "We can survive, and we can thrive. This situation will be over. The recession will be over. It will be difficult, but it will end."

Bennett urged the nation to not be too gloomy over economic issues and to continue to push through.

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Commencement ceremony cut from program

By RACHEL A. CHRISTENSEN
news editor

USU will no longer be hosting commencement ceremonies for fall graduates starting fall 2010, said Sydney Peterson, USU chief of staff and chair of the commencement committee.

"We've only done it for four years, so it's not a long-standing tradition," she said.

The ceremony was cut primarily as a response to a recent budget cut of about \$27 million, Peterson said. The university as a whole has had to deal with the cuts, and campus community members were looking for ways to cut back. However, finances weren't the only reason.

Less than one-fourth of fall graduates who are eligible to walk actually attend their ceremony, Peterson said. Weather concerns also played a factor. With Logan's winters in full swing during

December, administration was concerned about the students who were to walk.

"We were concerned about the safety of the students," she said.

There's no way of knowing exactly how much money the university will save by eliminating the ceremony, Peterson said, because people and departments from all over the university put time and money into the program – costs include payment of the people involved, preparations and facilities.

"Every little bit helps," she said. "The money saved could end up being some person's salary."

Krista Park, senior in technical writing, said she hopes to graduate this fall. She said the fall commencement program was a recent addition and she doesn't feel slighted by the possibility of not having one.

"I would go (to the commencement) if we had one in the fall, but I probably

wouldn't care if they had a walk-on ceremony," Park said.

Peterson said Weber State and Brigham Young will be the only two universities in the state to still hold fall commencement ceremonies.

Ceremonies are always bigger in the spring, Peterson said, and include separate ceremonies for the individual colleges on campus. The only other noticeable difference between fall and spring ceremonies were the choice of speaker. Peterson said spring commencement speakers were generally chosen from outside of the Logan and campus community while fall speakers were chosen within the campus community.

Fall graduates are welcome to attend the spring ceremonies, she said, and many already do.

"We accommodate everyone," Peterson said.

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STUDENTS WATCH 'FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF' in the TSC Ballroom as part of the Week of Welcome Tuesday. The movie was moved inside due to weather concerns. *CODY GOCHNOUR photo*

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Meet the editors: *Get to know a few of the faces behind The Utah Statesman*

Patrick Oden: editor in chief

Patrick is a senior from Miami, Fla., majoring in journalism and history. His favorite quote is "Buy the ticket, take the ride," by Hunter S. Thompson. Patrick said his biggest fear is finding dead batteries in his camera. He has spent the last three years as a photographer for The Utah Statesman.



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Mark is a junior from Logan, Utah, majoring in print journalism. In five words he describes himself as reclusive, meticulous, easygoing, workaholic and conservationist.



Karlie Brand: web editor

Karlie is a junior from Bountiful, Utah majoring in public relations. She says her biggest pet peeves are long, detailed recounts of dreams and hasty marriages. She said there are three songs to which she knows all the lyrics: "Banana Pancakes" by Jack Johnson, "When did your Heart Go Missing?" by Rooney and "Must Have Done Something Right," by Relient K.



Timothy R. Olsen: sports editor

Tim is a senior from Smithfield, Utah, majoring in print journalism. Three songs that Tim can sing all the lyrics to are "Walk This Way" by Aerosmith, "I'm Still a Guy" by Brad Paisley and "The Scotsman." He says the most important event in his life so far is being able to cover the USU Football team's winning season in 2009.



Rachel A Christensen: news editor

Rachel is a senior from Sandy, Utah, majoring in print journalism. She said her biggest pet peeve is fake people. If she had five words to describe herself she said they are "one motivated, spontaneous, clumsy girl."



Tyler Larson: photo editor

Tyler is a senior from Logan, Utah, majoring in broadcast journalism. His biggest pet peeve is when a person chews next to his ear. Tyler says his biggest fear is failure.



Courtne Packer: features editor

Courtne is a junior from Tremonton, Utah, majoring in broadcast journalism. She said her biggest pet peeve is people who smack their gum. In five words Courtne describes herself as organized, energetic, optimistic, friendly and spunky.



Pete Pithai Smithsuth: photo editor

Pete is a senior from Bangkok, Thailand, majoring in aviation technology. He said his favorite knock-knock joke is told by Tom Hanks in the movie "Catch Me If You Can." Pete said the most important event in his life so far was this past summer in Vietnam. He drank a glass of alcohol that had ginseng, a dead gecko and a dead sea horse soaking inside, similar to the worm in Mexican Tequila. This famous drink, locals claim had medicinal qualities.



Catherine Meidell: assistant news editor

Catherine is a sophomore from Reno, Nev., majoring in print journalism. She said her biggest fear is letting others down. She said the three songs she knows all the lyrics to is "Stray Cat Strut" by Stray Cats, "Ice Ice Baby" by Vanilla Ice and "I Like Big Butts" by Sir Mix-A-Lot.

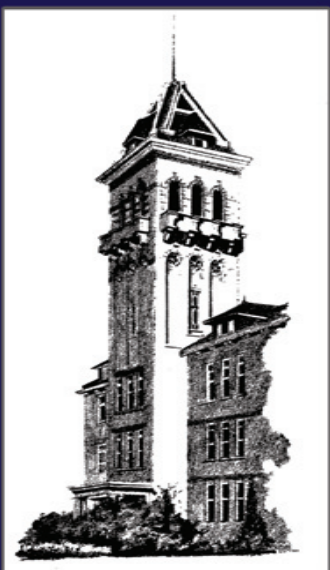


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FRESHMAN CURTIS LUNDSTRUM leaves his first class, history of physical education, PEP 2000 on Tuesday. TYLER LARSON photo

A fresh beginning

Aggies anticipate new school year

By SETH BRACKEN
 senior features writer

For some, being an Aggie is in the blood. It certainly is for Curtis Lundstrum. Out of 24 grandchildren, Lundstrum is the 23rd and is continuing a family tradition. His grandfather even has a building named after him on campus: The Lundstrum Student Center. "I always planned on going to Utah State," Lundstrum said. "More or less, I feel like I'm at home." Lundstrum, freshman in physical education, started his collegiate career on Monday. He is preparing to be an official for basketball by advancing his knowledge and understanding of the sport. However, Lundstrum says student life and activities are just as important to him as preparing for a career.

"I am excited about going to all of the sporting events but especially the basketball games," Lundstrum said. Lundstrum is one of 3,492 freshman starting school this year, according to the University's Web site. The number of first-year students is up from last year's 2,491, a 29 percent increase. But it doesn't take an Aggie family legacy, like Lundstrum's, to be enticed by USU's charm. The entering freshmen are just as excited this year as ever, despite the signs of a recession, said Rick Williams, who has been with the student ambassador program for four years and is a senior majoring in business administration. The new students coming to USU are just as excited as ever to become Aggies and there is an even bigger push to stay in school and become competitive with a struggling

economy, Williams said. Students have a variety of reasons for being interested in obtaining and continuing their education, said Claire McConkie, who is majoring in exercise science and is a four-year student ambassador. "Students are trying to stay in school as long as they can to be more prepared (for the job market) when they graduate," McConkie said, which could be because of the recession. It appears the freshmen this year and those still considering coming to Utah State seem even more determined and focused on succeeding in school than those that started school in previous years, Williams said. "Last week, the freshmen dominated campus," Williams said.

"I always planned on going to Utah State. More or less, I feel like I am at home."

Curtis Lundstrum, freshman, physical education major

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Editors: The students behind the scenes

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Greg Boyles: assistant features editor

Greg is a senior majoring in public relations. He grew up as an army brat and said his biggest fear is the rum being all gone. Greg considers the most important event in his life is getting married.



G. Christopher Terry: assistant sports editor

G. Christopher Terry is a senior from Logan, Utah, majoring in print journalism. He said dying is his biggest fear and he considers the most important event in his life when the Green Bay Packers won the Super Bowl in 1996.



Benjamin Wood: senior news writer



Benjamin is a junior from Huntsville, Utah, majoring in print journalism. He is terrified of bees and hornets. In five words he describes himself as Republican, opinionated, jovial, tangy and delicious. Ben says his biggest pet peeve is being asked the same question twice.

Seth Bracken: senior features writer

Seth is a senior from Magna, Utah, majoring in print journalism. He said the three songs he could sing all the lyrics to are "I Will Survive" by Aretha Franklin, "Swim" by Jack's Mannequin and "Brat Pack" by Rocket Summer. Seth said his biggest peeve is people who chew their cereal with their mouth open.



Connor H. Jones: senior sports writer

Connor is a senior from Park City, Utah, majoring in public relations. In six words he describes himself as Common, Ordinary, Normal, Non-confrontational, Opaque Routine. Connor considers the most important event in his life so far when he came to the realization that Harry Potter was himself, a horcrux.



information gathered by Courtne Packer
photos by Tyler Larson

What to know when starting a new job

Welcome back to Utah State where tuition costs are constantly on the rise and jobs are becoming more and more difficult to find. Many students are determined to find new ways to make money, but caution must be taken when considering a new line of employment. Allow the mistakes of others to teach a lesson about what not to do when starting a new job.

Today's lessons: How to properly rob a bank.

1. According to an article published by The Deseret News, when Todd Markham spoke with the teller at a bank in Murray, Utah, in August, he showed the teller a note demanding cash. Markham was robbing the bank.

But rather than using a blank piece of paper, Markham wrote his demands on the back of a drug-screening receipt. The teller was able to take down Markham's name, social security number and date of birth. Markham walked out of the bank with a bag of cash, but was met by the police when he arrived home.

If Markham had merely invested a few cents in a new piece of paper, he could have gotten a large return on his investment. Don't be afraid to invest a little money in order to get results.

2. For our next lesson, we go to West Valley City, Utah, where a young man learned a great lesson on how to dress for success.

According to ABC News, a man in his 20s walked into a bank and announced he was robbing it, as he held up a semi-automatic handgun and showed his face to the security camera. He escaped with a small amount of cash. Police have been circulating the man's photo and description gained from the security footage. Police said he was wearing a black hoodie, black gloves and had bad acne.

Here we learn to dress for the occasion: when going to an interview, look the part by dressing formally – a suit or skirt and blouse would do.

Try to match the attire of those that are doing the interview. When robbing a bank, a hoodie may be in order so that police cannot identify and humiliate you by labeling you as the robber with bad acne. That's just embarrassing.

3. And last, but not least, is an old adage that says, "A man is only as good as his tools."

The Deseret News reported that Albert Martin, 61, walked in a bank located in Salt Lake City and announced that he was robbing the bank while he waved his gun in the air. He said if they filled a bag with money, no one would get hurt.

Martin's problem was that his gun was fake. He was bluffing the whole time. But a bluff only goes so far: Martin was arrested for aggravated assault.

Whether you are working construction, with comput-

"Let these three lessons help you in your back-to-school job search; whatever it may be."

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Students: Excited to become Aggies

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SITTING IN CLASS, freshman Curtis Lundstrum takes notes. Lundstrum said his first day of classes went well and is excited to be here at his home away from home. TYLER LARSON photo

There are some changes on campus and there is quite a buzz about the new football program, Williams said, who is a guide tour for athletic recruits.

"I hear lots of people talking about the new program and coach Andersen," Williams said. "More people are coming to check out the program, especially in-state recruits."

Whether it's the variety of student clubs, athletic programs, academics or the family tradition that brought the students to USU, the student experience is alive and thriving, he

said, and the year is starting off with plenty of excitement.

Lundstrum said his first classes went well and is enthusiastic to be here at his home away from home despite only having returned from serving a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints less than a week ago. Lundstrum could hardly wait to start off the school year.

From Cincinnati, Ohio, to Logan, Utah, Lundstrum, like many of the new students, is a true-blue Aggie.

Robbery: Do things the right way

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ers or robbing a bank, it's important to have dependable tools that can get the job done. Make sure to buy quality tools as well as look for a bargain.

Three bank robberies in one state within a few weeks of each other and all three went awry. Let these three lessons help you in your back-to-school job search; whatever

it may be.

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Grant funds kids from polygamous sects



Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (FLDS) member Mary Harker speaks at a hearing at the Matheson Courthouse in Salt Lake City Wednesday, July 29, 2009.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A tiny southern Utah nonprofit that helps women and children who leave the polygamous lifestyle has received a \$40,000 grant from a women's organization affiliated with the national Presbyterian Church.

The funding about doubles the HOPE organization's annual budget. The money will fund Jump Start, a life-skills program aimed at helping children ages 6 to 17 build self-esteem, develop interpersonal skills and understand mainstream society, HOPE President Elaine Tyler said.

"We are so honored," Tyler said. "It's going to make a huge impact in the lives of some of these kids."

Three segments of Jump Start classes, "in groups aged 6 to 9, 10 to 13 and 14 to 17," begin Sept. 11 and last eight weeks. Tyler hopes to have about 25 kids enrolled. The grant is also paying for a facilitator to run the program and the rent for the facility where classes will be held.

The grant is from the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women, which awards several Thank Offering grants annu-

ally.

Based in Washington, Utah, HOPE works mostly with families who have left the insular Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Last year the organization helped 85 individuals who need assistance with basic needs such as transportation and clothing, housing, legal assistance, education, employment and referrals to other programs and service agencies, Tyler said.

Founded in 2004 with just \$7,000, HOPE runs on a shoe-string budget of grant funding and private donations that total about \$30,000 annually and relies heavily on in-kind contributions, Tyler said.

Tyler applied for the Thank Offering grant last year after making presentations to Presbyterian women's groups at churches in Cedar City and St. George.

Such a small organization seemed an unlikely candidate for a grant, said Carolyn Jantzer, who attends Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in St. George. But high-profile events raised the awareness of problems faced by those who leave the church, she said.

Iran: Opposition says testimonies were coerced

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ment, Hajjarian was a senior aide to former reformist President Mohammad Khatami, helping to design a program of social and political liberalization during Khatami's 1997-2005 administration, "policies that were ultimately stymied by hard-line clerics who dominate Iran's Islamic republic system."

Hajjarian was among the radical students who seized the U.S. Embassy during the height of the 1979 Islamic revolution and held American diplomats hostage for 444 days. He later helped build the Islamic republic's Intelligence Ministry, rising to high rank in the ministry.

But in the 1990s, Hajjarian became disillusioned with the clerical leadership and began to speak out for freedom of expression and political reform. He called for limit-

ing Khamenei's powers and formulated a reform strategy of "pressure from the bottom, bargaining at the top," "rallying the public in favor of change while pressing demands within the halls of power."

In the 2000 assassination attempt, gunmen believed linked to hard-liners shot Hajjarian in the head at close range and the bullet passed through his cheek, lodging in his throat. For years, he had to use a wheelchair, though he can now stand with a walker or support from others. His speech remains impaired from a stroke he had after the attack.

During Tuesday's session, the prosecutor called for Hajjarian's party to be dissolved and urged "full punishment" against Hajjarian, though officials have not said what the maximum sentence

would entail.

Many of those on trial held key positions in Khatami's government and now hold prominent positions in reform parties. Hard-line clerics and politicians have pushed for the arrest of opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi, who claims to have won the June election, and his ally Mahdi Karroubi, who also ran in the election.

Among the defendants who appeared Tuesday was Kian Tajbakhsh, an Iranian-American academic charged with espionage, contact with foreign elements and acting against national security.

Tajbakhsh appeared to try to speak broadly about foreign interference in Iran, telling the court that "undeniably this was a goal of the U.S. and European countries to bring change inside Iran" and that "the root cause of the riots are

found outside the borders."

But, he added: "Since I've had no contacts with any headquarters inside and outside the country, I have no evidence to prove foreign interference," the state news agency IRNA said.

In a rare show of defiance, another defendant, Abdollah Ramezanzadeh, said he opposed Ahmadinejad's government and rejected the court's indictment.

"As a reformer, my position is clear," said Ramezanzadeh, a prominent figure in Hajjarian's party. "I've put forward my views in my speeches and I won't change my views."

Dozens of relatives of the defendants protested outside the court building during the session until they were dispersed by police and plainclothes pro-government vigilantes, the pro-opposition Web site Norooz reported.

Party headquarter windows smashed in protest of health care reform.

DENVER (AP) — At least two people smashed windows bearing health-care reform posters at the Colorado Democratic headquarters in Denver in what party officials are calling an act of political vandalism.

Police say the windows were broken at about 2:30 a.m. Tuesday. A policeman on regular patrol witnessed two people smashing windows with hammers, stopped, then pursued the suspects as they fled on bicycles. The officer arrested 24-year-old Maurice Schwenkler on suspicion of criminal mischief.

The other suspect was still at large Tuesday afternoon. There was no phone number listed for Schwenkler and it wasn't immediately clear if he had an attorney.

State party Chairwoman Pat Waak says most of the 11 shattered windows

were directly in front of posters supporting health care reform and President Barack Obama.

Waak says a flier opposing Obama's health care plans had been glued to an outside wall, though it was unclear whether it was placed there by the vandals.

"It was name calling on the other side against health care reform and our assumption is that this wasn't a random thing," Waak said. "And to aim your slugs right at posters and pictures looks pretty intentional."

The Democratic Party estimates the damage at \$10,000.

Denver Police said they don't know what motivated the suspects. The headquarters was unoccupied at the time and there were no injuries reported.

"This kind of hooliganism has no

place in American politics. I condemn it," said Republican John Andrews, former Colorado Senate President and head of the conservative think tank, the Centennial Institute. "Beyond that, it's just idle speculation as to what might have motivated whatever slug did this. The most obvious health-related link might be alcohol impaired judgment."

Across the country, members of Congress conducting town hall meetings on health care reform have been met by protesters, some who have disrupted meetings with angry outbursts. In Arizona and New Hampshire, protesters have shown up outside Obama appearances carrying guns, while Ohio Rep. Steve Driehaus was met by protesters in Cincinnati shouting his home address that he said was a veiled threat.

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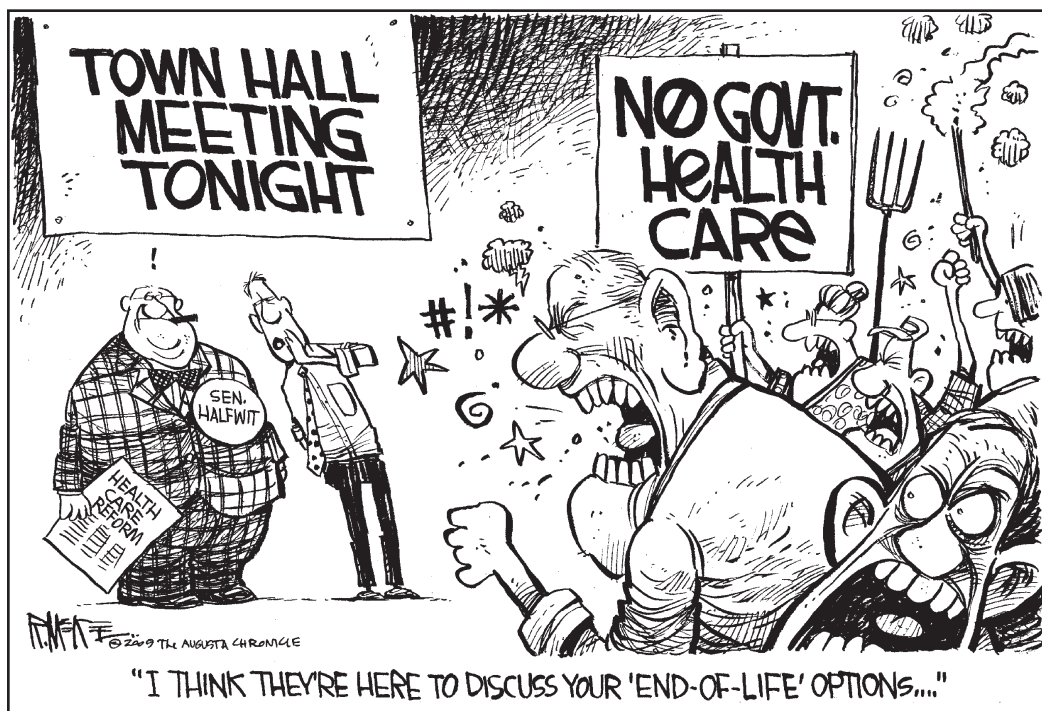
Doing away with winter commencement ceremonies next year will be an inconvenience for those students who finish their education in the fall semester. But how big of an inconvenience and is the demand worth the price?

Many students don't realize USU didn't have a winter commencement ceremony for 117 years; the first one took place four years ago. Every winter, graduates up to that point accepted the fact they would celebrate their commencement five months later or be OK with not being handed an empty folder (what they give you at the ceremony doesn't actually contain your diploma).

The reality is only a small fraction of the students who are eligible to participate in the winter ceremony actually do. As unfortunate as it is for the graduates, who want a commencement but can't wait for spring, the money saved by holding only one ceremony is certainly worth the inconvenience.

With enrollment numbers on the rise and professors taking early retirement left and right, many students are finding themselves out of luck in getting into required classes. Other students are feeling unfulfilled because the class they are taking is filled with more than 300 students. The money saved by eliminating one commencement ceremony is enough to pay someone's annual salary. One professor in a staff of 863 may not sound like a lot but if it opens up an extra class, relieving those of you who have been begging professors to sign an add form, it's a sacrifice with purpose.

Ultimately, this is a smart and easy cut to make. Maybe one day when the school is rolling in dough, the green beam has made its return, and they can finally afford to fix the seats in the TSC Auditorium the fall commencement can return, until then, sorry early grads, see you in May.



Exercising the 1st and 2nd

The hostility and anger on display at some recent town hall meetings are disturbing. Shouting down lawmakers is not the best way to get answers to legitimate questions or to propose alternatives to pending health insurance reform legislation. The presence of firearms near events with President Obama this month, however, took our concern to a whole new level.

It seems to have started when William Kostric showed up outside the president's health-care forum in New Hampshire last week with a gun strapped to his leg. That he also carried a sign that read, "It Is Time to Water the Tree of Liberty," only fueled fears he might have nefarious intentions. That's because it was a riff on a line from Thomas Jefferson that says, "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants." On Monday, a dozen gun-toting men, including one with an assault rifle, were outside Obama's speech to veterans in Phoenix. The Department of Homeland Security has warned about an increase in right-wing extremism because of the soured economy and the election of the first African American president. So anxiety over the threat posed by armed men at politi-

cal events cannot be sloughed off as merely paranoia.

Yes, all of these men were abiding by the law. In both New Hampshire and Arizona, it is lawful to carry a loaded weapon in public. Also, according to the Secret Service, the immediate area occupied by the president is considered a federal site, with no weapons allowed. This prohibition is enforced by requiring attendees at presidential events to go through magnetometers upon entry. The White House seems untroubled by it all. Press Secretary Robert Gibbs has said, "There are laws that govern firearms. ... (They) don't change when the president comes to your state or locality."

This is true. But American history is replete with examples of folks sending a message through the barrel of a gun. That's why this new show-your-gun craze is frightening. Supporters of the Second Amendment ought to find another way to send their message — assuming it's a peaceful message they're trying to send.

The following editorial first appeared in the Aug. 21 edition of the Washington Post.

When gas prices hit \$20 per gallon

When gas prices reached \$4 a gallon in the summer of 2008, panicky American commuters changed their vacation plans and dumped their SUVs. So imagine if prices hit \$6 or \$8. We'd see riots, right? And at \$10 or \$15, might we have a second Great Depression — for real this time? And if a gallon of gas cost \$18 or \$20, would the nation descend into a sort of post-motorized Lord of the Flies?

Well, Forbes reporter Christopher Steiner has imagined it, and his advice is not to worry. In his new book "\$20 Per Gallon: How the Inevitable Rise in the Price of Gasoline Will Change Our Lives for the Better," Steiner posits that expensive oil, while traumatic as it becomes reality, will ultimately make America a cleaner and healthier nation.

Each chapter forecasts our lives at a different price per gallon. At \$6, public transportation becomes "the belle of the ball," with subways overflowing and new train routes proliferating. Driving deaths and obesity both plummet. Say goodbye to the little yellow school bus — unaffordable.

At \$8, "the skies will empty" as the airline industry contracts and ticket prices spiral upward. Vegas goes back to being just a desert.

When gasoline hits \$10 — a price Steiner believes is a

decade away — electric cars go mainstream. "Gasoline-slurping big boy toys," such as jet skis and snowmobiles, are out.

At \$12, families abandon the suburbs and cluster in cities, sparking a renewal of commerce and culture from Atlanta to Cleveland.

A price of \$14 per gallon of gas marks the death of Wal-Mart as global shipping costs become prohibitive. Manufacturing firms rediscover small-town America.

Onetime suburbs morph into farms for local markets when gasoline reaches \$16, as the costs of transporting fresh food skyrocket. Eat your toro sushi while you can.

Finally, when gas prices top out at \$18 or \$20, high-speed rail takes over nationwide and nuclear power becomes "the clear choice" for most of our energy.

The ground Steiner covers is not entirely original, of course, and the gaps in the tale (What happens to the Middle East? How do rich and poor deal with rising gas prices differently?) are far from trivial. But as thought experiments go, Steiner offers an interesting, counterintuitive case — one that part of me hopes we'll never have to put to the test.

This editorial was written by Carlos Lozada, deputy Outlook director of the Washington Post.

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The ailing Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., has asked the Legislature of his home state to overturn a 5-year-old law under which the voters, not the governor, will choose a successor if Kennedy can't complete his term. Kennedy's unselfish idea probably won't be adopted, but it could help derail an unnecessary amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Kennedy, who suffers from brain cancer, understandably wants a senator sworn in swiftly to help the Democrats enact health care reform, long a priority for him. He's also right on the general principle. An interim appointment guarantees that a state won't have its representation in the Senate reduced by half while a special election is organized.

The problem is that in 2004, fearful that Republican Gov. Mitt Romney would choose a replacement for Sen. John F. Kerry if Kerry were elected president, Democrats in the Legislature abolished interim gubernatorial appointments. A new law provided that the voters would choose a successor 145 to 160 days after the seat became vacant. Kennedy supported the change.

Now he is asking that Massachusetts again provide for an interim appointment by the governor. In a letter to Gov. Deval Patrick — a fellow Democrat — and legislative leaders, Kennedy reiterated his support for the 2004 law but added: "I also believe it is vital for this Commonwealth to have two voices speaking

for the needs of its citizens and two votes in the Senate during the approximately five months between a vacancy and an election." He also asked Patrick to appoint a caretaker who wouldn't seek election.

It's ironic that Kennedy now seeks to reinstate a practice Democrats dismantled for short-term partisan advantage, and that his proposal likely will collapse under the weight of that contradiction. Still, it will have the salutary effect of reminding members of Congress of the usefulness of interim appointments.

Earlier this month, with Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., sensibly voting no, a Senate Judiciary subcommittee approved a constitutional amendment proposed by Sen. Russell D. Feingold, D-Wis., that would strip governors of the power to fill Senate vacancies temporarily. The vote was an overreaction to the unusual number of recent interim appointments, including one made by disgraced former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich. The 17th Amendment to the Constitution already allows states to dispense with interim appointments by governors.

Most states, including California, have chosen not to — for the very reason cited by Kennedy for his own change of heart.

The following editorial first appeared in the Aug. 25 edition of the Los Angeles Times





Dear Miss Jones:

Dear Miss. Jones

I'm an 18-year-old freshman who has never really spent much time away from home. I'm feeling a little overwhelmed living without the rules. I'm having a hard time passing up hanging out with my new friends from Connections and when I do return to my dorm to study my roommate drives me crazy. I swear I've heard Circus by Britney Spears at least 48 times and the consistent phone conversations with her out-of-state boyfriend make me want to jam pine needles under my fingernails ... Please help!

- Finally Free and Frantic

Dear Finally Free and Frantic

Thanks for the question and congratulations on being my first! Although you may think you're the only one feeling this way the reality is that many incoming freshmen are going through the same thing. Let me use an example that may tie in with USU's agricultural history; when a calf is being weaned from its mother's milk it often goes through major withdrawals, but as the weaning progresses, the calf becomes adjusted and soon the farmers are able to steal the milk for themselves. You see, it takes time to become accustomed to the taste of grass but, with persistence, the calf begins to accept the prospect that it will never again enjoy the sweet taste of milk from its mother's teats.

College is a big change for many of you new Aggies, living far from the the comfort of your mother's teat; making your own bed, setting your own schedule and being able to choose how much television you watch

are large departures from your previous lifestyles. One of the biggest changes for freshmen is deciding for themselves how much time should be spent playing vs. studying. As the first week passes, you freshmen will soon become aware that the buck stops with you. Sure the professors would like you to learn something from their class but they could care less what grade you get. There are no parent teacher conferences, or calls home when you're late to class too many times. With that said I think it's important to remember why you're at school and to be responsible when it comes to how you distribute time between man-hunting and studying.

In regards to your roommate problem, it's important to understand that you're never going to be completely compatible with your university or apartment-assigned roommate. Each of you are going to have to make sacrifices, which is why communication is so crucial. If you never express your feelings about Britney Spears' "Circus" or strawberry-scented incense, you're going to live your freshman year in your own personalized, sweetly-perfumed, version of hell. Talk to your roommate, and in a very kind way tell her that you have a really hard time studying when she's talking on the phone 5 feet away, ask her if she can talk to her boyfriend outside the room. And turn your roommate on to "Single Ladies" by Beyonce and you'll never have to worry about that loosie goosie Britney Spears again.

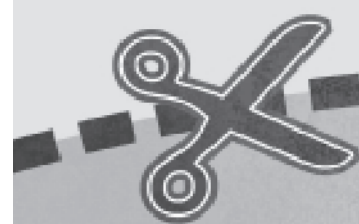
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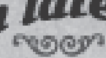
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Some Iraqi refugees surprised at U.S. life

BY ALEXANDRA ZAVIS
Los Angeles Times

On a pleasant afternoon in Amman, the genteel Jordanian capital, a petite Iraqi woman with carefully coiffed hair, heavy makeup and lots of gold jewelry sat in a classroom full of refugees heading to America, her face frozen in wide-eyed horror.

Her husband had disappeared in the war. Her request to settle in Jordan had been denied. Now an adviser from the International Organization for Migration was telling her no U.S. company would recognize her law degree or her nearly two decades of experience.

In a month, the 51-year-old woman was due to leave for Portland, Ore. In the hushed room, she protested helplessly, "I am a lawyer. What else can I do?"

A few desks away, Anwer and Avan Shalchi, bound for Folsom, Calif., nervously took notes on how many bags they would be allowed to take on the plane (two apiece), how much cash they could bring into the United States (\$10,000 duty free) and how much financial aid they could expect (only the first month's rent would be guaranteed).

Avan, 32, wondered how they could reduce their lives to so little. Her husband, Anwer, 37, worried about how they would afford medical costs for their youngest daughter, born prematurely, and for his diabetes and high cholesterol.

They too had hoped to last out the war in Jordan. But Iraq's neighbor was handing out few residence permits, and they hadn't wanted to keep working illegally.

In the year of waiting for their applications to resettle in America to be processed, both families had run through most of their savings. They had assumed that the U.S. would take care of them. The two-day class, just weeks before their departure last fall, was the first they had heard of how hard it might be to pursue the American dream.

There would be more rude surprises after they arrived.

Under Saddam Hussein, the Shalchis had belonged to a privileged Baghdad elite. So too did the lawyer, who asked to be identified only as Shifa to protect relatives still in Iraq. Weekends were spent at clubs, where intellectual leaders and regime favorites would gossip around the pool and sip expensive whiskeys at the bar. Holidays were for touring the Middle East and Europe.

But privilege was no protection once the war started -- quite the opposite. As lawlessness took over the capital, prominent families were hunted down by kidnapers and religious extremists.

Two of Shifa's brothers were shot to death in the streets. In May 2005, gunmen in a speeding car seized her husband as he left for work at an electronics import company. Shifa watched from a window. It was the last time she saw him.

To pay a \$150,000 ransom, she sold the new home they had been building. But she did not get her husband back. She spent months scouring police stations, hospitals and morgues, studying hundreds of pictures of corpses, battered, burned and riddled



IRAQI REFUGEES: Mouna Shalchi, 5, right, looks like a natural in a cowboy hat that she wore for a line-dance performance by her kindergarten class. She has quickly become adept at English too. Shifa, below, left, and daughter Ann have traded their Baghdad BMW for riding buses in the U.S. "It's humiliating," Shifa said of living in this country. Los Angeles Times photo by Al Seib.



with drill holes.

"I even went to the trash dump to see if his body was there," she said.

Shifa and her daughter Ann, now 25, fled the country after receiving an envelope with a single bullet tucked inside. Bandits chased the car they hired to take them to Jordan.

Anwer's mother, a respected doctor, was on her way home from work in July 2005 when masked gunmen pistol-whipped her and shoved her into a car. The only reason they didn't kill her, they told her, was because she had treated their wives and children.

Anwer, who owned an Internet cafe and a luxury car parts business, borrowed money for the \$30,000 ransom. To pay it back, he sold a car. While he was in court registering the

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5 myths about health care around the world

BY T.R. REID
Special to The Washington Post

As Americans search for the cure to what ails our health-care system, we've overlooked an invaluable source of ideas and solutions: the rest of the world. All the other industrialized democracies have faced problems like ours, yet they've found ways to cover everybody — and still spend far less than we do.

I've traveled the world from Oslo to Osaka to see how other developed democracies provide health care. Instead of dismissing these models as "socialist," we could adapt their solutions to fix our problems. To do that, we first have to dispel a few myths about health care abroad:

1. It's all socialized medicine out there. Not so. Some countries, such as Britain, New Zealand and Cuba, do provide health care in government hospitals, with the government paying the bills. Others — for instance, Canada and Taiwan — rely on private-sector providers, paid for by government-run insurance. But many wealthy countries — including Germany, the Netherlands, Japan and Switzerland — provide universal coverage using private doctors, private hospitals and private insurance plans.

In some ways, health care is less "socialized" overseas than in the United States. Almost all Americans sign up for government insurance (Medicare) at age 65. In Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands, seniors stick with private insurance plans for life. Meanwhile, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is one of the planet's purest examples of government-run health care.

2. Overseas, care is rationed through limited choices or long lines. Generally, no. Germans can sign up for any of the nation's 200 private health insurance plans — a broader choice than any American has. If a German doesn't like her insurance company, she can switch to another, with no increase in premium. The Swiss, too, can choose any insurance plan in the country.

In France and Japan, you don't get a choice of insurance provider; you have to use the one designated for your company or your industry. But patients can go to any doctor, any hospital, any traditional healer. There are no U.S.-style limits such as "in-network" lists of doctors or "pre-authorization" for surgery. You pick any doctor, you get treatment — and insurance has to pay.

Canadians have their choice of providers. In Austria and Germany, if a doctor diagnoses a person as "stressed," medical insurance pays for weekends at a health spa.

As for those notorious waiting lists, some countries are indeed plagued by them. Canada makes patients wait weeks or months for nonemergency care, as a way to keep costs down. But studies by the Commonwealth Fund and others report that many nations — Germany, Britain, Austria — outperform the United States on measures such as waiting times for

appointments and for elective surgeries.

In Japan, waiting times are so short that most patients don't bother to make an appointment. One Thursday morning in Tokyo, I called the prestigious orthopedic clinic at Keio University Hospital to schedule a consultation about my aching shoulder. "Why don't you just drop by?" the receptionist said. That same afternoon, I was in the surgeon's office. Dr. Nakamichi recommended an operation. "When could we do it?" I asked. The doctor checked his computer and said, "Tomorrow would be pretty difficult. Perhaps some day next week?"

3. Foreign health-care systems are inefficient, bloated bureaucracies.

Much less so than here. It may seem to Americans that U.S.-style free enterprise — private-sector, for-profit health insurance — is naturally the most cost-effective way to pay for health care. But in fact, all the other payment systems are more efficient than ours.

U.S. health insurance companies have the highest administrative costs in the world; they spend roughly 20 cents of every dollar for nonmedical costs, such as paperwork, reviewing claims and marketing. France's health insurance industry, in contrast, covers everybody and spends about 4 percent on administration. Canada's universal insurance system, run by government bureaucrats, spends 6 percent on administration. In Taiwan, a leaner version of the Canadian model has administrative costs of 1.5 percent; one year, this figure ballooned to 2 percent, and the opposition parties savaged the government for wasting money.

The world champion at controlling medical costs is Japan, even though its aging population is a profligate consumer of medical care. On average, the Japanese go to the doctor 15 times a year, three times the U.S. rate. They have twice as many MRI scans and X-rays. Quality is high; life expectancy and recovery rates for major diseases are better than in the United States. And yet Japan spends about \$3,400 per person annually on health care; the United States spends more than \$7,000.

4. Cost controls stifle innovation. False. The United States is home to groundbreaking medical research, but so are other countries with much lower cost structures. Any American who's had a hip or knee replacement is standing on French innovation. Deep-brain stimulation to treat depression is a Canadian breakthrough. Many of the wonder drugs promoted endlessly on American television, including Viagra, come from British, Swiss or Japanese labs.

Overseas, strict cost controls actually drive innovation. In the United States, an MRI scan of the neck region costs about \$1,500. In Japan, the identical scan costs \$98. Under the pressure of cost controls, Japanese researchers found ways to perform the same diagnostic technique for one-fifteenth the American price. (And Japanese labs still make a profit.)

5. Health insurance has to be cruel. Not really. American health insurance

companies routinely reject applicants with a "preexisting condition" — precisely the people most likely to need the insurers' service. They employ armies of adjusters to deny claims. If a customer is hit by a truck and faces big medical bills, the insurer's "rescission department" digs through the records looking for grounds to cancel the policy, often while the victim is still in the hospital. The companies say they have to do this stuff to survive in a tough business.

Foreign health insurance companies, in contrast, must accept all applicants, and they can't cancel as long as you pay your premiums. The plans are required to pay any claim submitted by a doctor or hospital (or health spa), usually within tight time limits. The big Swiss insurer Groupe Mutuel promises to pay all claims within five days. "Our customers love it," the group's chief executive told me. The corollary is that everyone is mandated to buy insurance, to give the plans an adequate pool of rate-payers.

The key difference is that foreign health insurance plans exist only to pay people's medical bills, not to make a profit. The United States is the only developed country that lets insurance companies profit from basic health coverage.

In many ways, foreign health-care models are not really "foreign" to America, because our crazy-quilt health-care system uses elements of all of them. For Native Americans or veterans, we're Britain: The government provides health care, funding it through general taxes, and patients get no bills. For people who get insurance through their jobs, we're Germany: Premiums are split between workers and employers, and private insurance plans pay private doctors and hospitals. For people over 65, we're Canada: Everyone pays premiums for an insurance plan run by the government, and the public plan pays private doctors and hospitals according to a set fee schedule. And for the tens of millions without insurance coverage, we're Burundi or Burma: In the world's poor nations, sick people pay out of pocket for medical care; those who can't pay stay sick or die.

This fragmentation is another reason that we spend more than anybody else and still leave millions without coverage. All the other developed countries have settled on one model for health-care delivery and finance; we've blended them all into a costly, confusing bureaucratic mess.

Given our remarkable medical assets — the best-educated doctors and nurses, the most advanced hospitals, world-class research — the United States could be, and should be, the best in the world. To get there, though, we have to be willing to learn some lessons about health-care administration from the other industrialized democracies.

T.R. Reid, a former Washington Post reporter, is the author of "The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care," to be published Monday.

Refugees: Some adjust, but many find it hard

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ownership transfer, the kidnappers, who were watching him, called his cell phone.

"What are you doing there?" they demanded. "We will come after you."

Within hours, the Shalchis too were speeding toward Jordan.

Six years of war have produced an estimated 2 million Iraqi refugees. Jordan and other neighboring countries have been overwhelmed. Refugee advocates have long pressed the United States to take in a greater share.

This year, the U.S. has pledged to admit 17,000 Iraqis, a huge increase over the 202 permitted in 2006.

Some refugees felt ambivalent about moving to America.

"The country that occupied my country ruined everything, and now I am going to live there?" Shifa said. "It's humiliating."

The timing of their arrival hasn't helped. Shifa, Ann and the Shalchis flew to the U.S. in September, as major financial institutions were crashing and jobs vanishing.

Still, the Shalchis have an advantage that most Iraqis lack: family in the country.

Anwer's aunt, a longtime California resident, was waiting at the Sacramento

airport. She delivered them to the home she had found for them, a tidy apartment complex in a leafy part of Folsom.

Shifa and Ann arrived in Portland knowing no one. A local charity met them at the airport and found them an apartment in a poor, heavily immigrant neighborhood.

For refugees arriving in the U.S., the first few weeks are a whirlwind. They apply for Social Security numbers, food stamps and cash assistance; register for English classes; get health screenings; and start looking for a job. The government contracts with nonprofits including the New York-based International

Rescue Committee to guide them through the process and toward independence.

But a recent Rescue Committee report suggests that the nearly 30-year-old system is failing new arrivals from Iraq by assuming that they quickly can become self-sufficient.

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Guilt by association for LA's 'taggers'

LOS ANGELES (PAT) — City Attorney Carmen Trutanich wants to give police the ability to arrest "taggers" simply for hanging out together, without having to catch them in the act — raising thorny constitutional issues as he lays the groundwork for a campaign to tackle a vexing graffiti problem in Los Angeles.

In an interview, Trutanich said his staff had begun amassing street-level intelligence and reviewing legal strategies that would pave the way for a series of injunctions targeting graffiti and "tagging" crews. The measures would be lawsuits of sorts, brought on behalf of the public, treating much of the graffiti that mars buildings and overpasses in the city as a criminal enterprise and arguing that it has become such a nuisance that it requires extraordinary police response.

Los Angeles is the national leader in the use of civil injunctions to combat criminal gang behavior — the model for Trutanich's proposal. The city has 43 injunctions targeting 71 gangs, including one rolled out earlier this year over a 13.7-square-mile area of South Los Angeles. The tagging injunctions would focus on neighborhoods where graffiti is particularly acute.

"I'm going to put together an end-of-days scenario for these guys," Trutanich said. "If you want to tag, be prepared to go to jail. And I don't have to catch you tagging. I can just catch you ... with your home-boys."

It's tough talk, but Trutanich

has some work ahead of him. Peter Bibring, staff attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, called the proposal "unquestionably unconstitutional," and some law-enforcement officials said they were skeptical or ambivalent.

Injunctions prohibit behavior that would otherwise be legal: wearing certain clothes, making certain hand signs, going to certain parks. Their most potent provisions make it illegal for two alleged gang members to associate in public — an offense that can lead to arrest even if no other crime is being committed.

Critics say injunctions go too far, criminalizing entire communities and pushing kids on the edge into the criminal-justice system, not helping them stay out of it. Injunctions, critics argue, don't distinguish between hard-core gang-bangers and hangers-on and fail to recognize that in some neighborhoods an association with a gang is the only way to stay safe.

In South Los Angeles, police Capt. Mark Olvera said he feared that injunctions against taggers would be untenable. He said it could blur the line between hardened criminals who use graffiti to mark territory and challenge rivals, and aimless punks who try to enhance their street credibility by scribbling designs on lamp-posts, vans and buildings.

Olvera is commander of the Los Angeles Police Department's Newton station on South Central Avenue, in



A GRAFFITI-MARRED WALL in South Los Angeles. City Atty. Carmen Trutanich wants to make it a crime for documented "taggers" to associate in public. *Los Angeles Times photo by Michael Robinson Chavez.*

the heart of a neighborhood where graffiti is ubiquitous. He said an injunction could be helpful in policing hardcore gangsters. But he feared that targeting low-level taggers could undermine the city's efforts to combine traditional police suppression tactics with social-service programs meant to steer at-risk youths onto a better path.

"I think the concept could be useful," Olvera said. "But I'd have to see where this is going to go. ... Who is going to work with that kid? Is there another organization that is

going to do counseling or work with him in (developing) a new art form? Or are we just going to keep arresting them?"

Trutanich says he is seeking a balance between public safety and civil liberties. At the same time, he is proposing to adopt the same tactics police use on the city's toughest criminals against people who typically are viewed as an annoyance.

"At the end of the day," he said, "they are no less of a gang."

To support that contention, he pointed to several incidents

in which people had been shot and killed after confronting graffiti vandals.

Although his proposal is in its infancy, Trutanich said it would treat many graffiti vandals and taggers as like-minded members of a criminal enterprise and make it a crime for documented taggers to associate in public.

Almost all of them, he argued, work in teams — with lookouts, or spotters who can help them access difficult-to-reach areas. Each injunction also would require a judge's approval.

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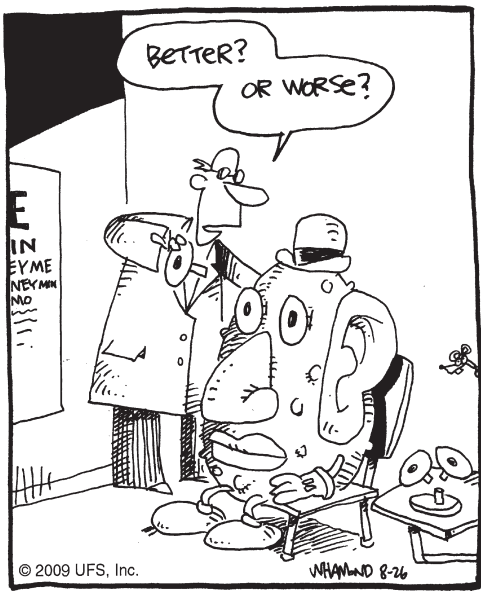
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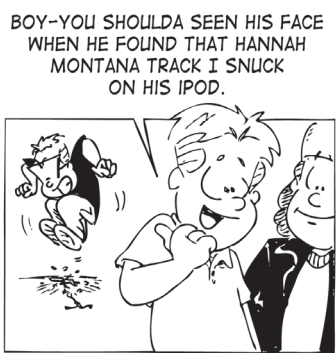
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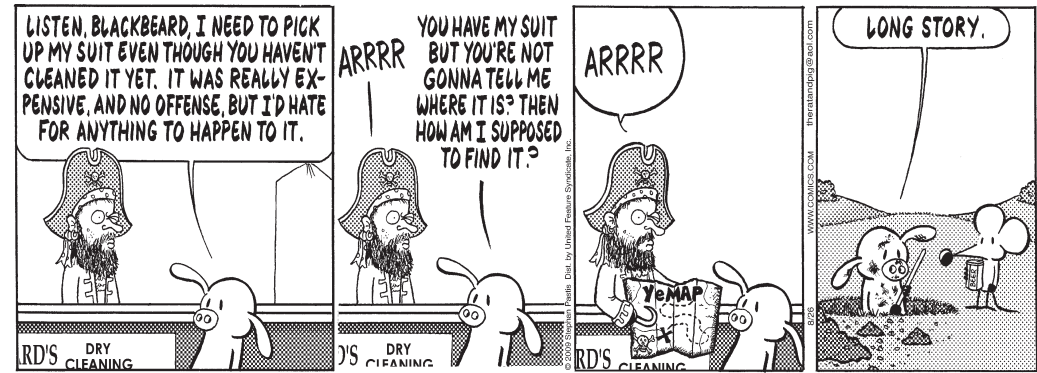
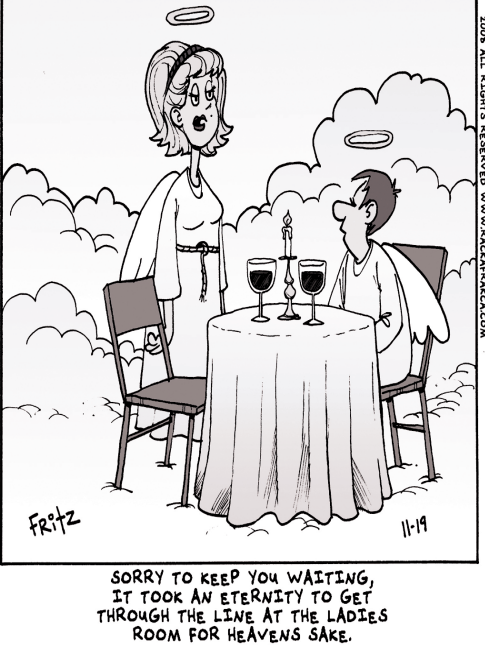


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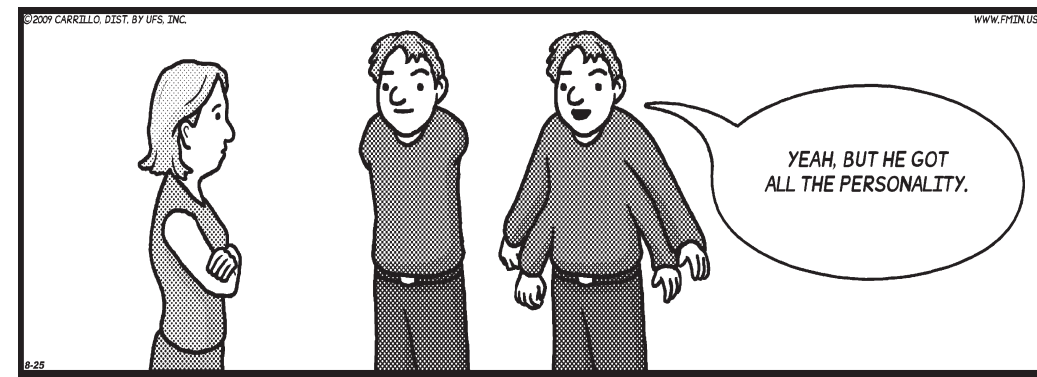
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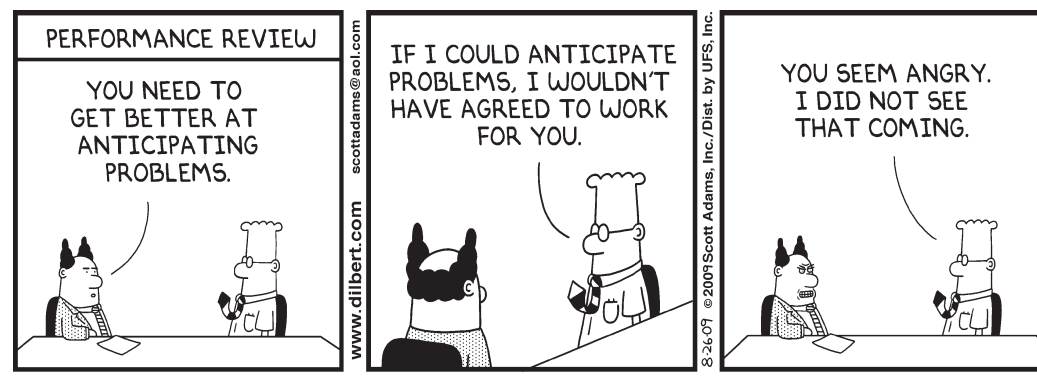
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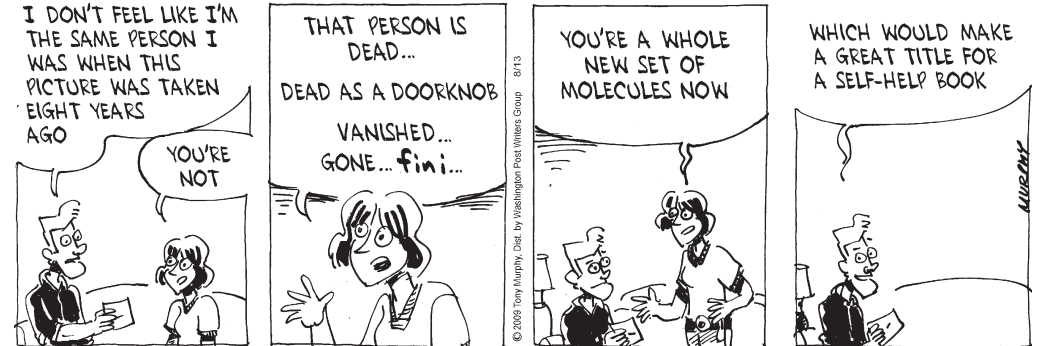
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- Garbage barge
- Rifle with tiny shot
- Ready and willing partner
- Home of the NCAA's Bruins
- Bangor's state
- Ohler's look
- Ogler's look
- Relative via marriage
- Give one's verdict
- On the Atlantic, say
- Part leg
- Game-hunting trespasser
- Lumberjack's tool
- Lil' Abner's home
- Two-part
- Create a distraction
- Coup d'...
- Supply water to artificially, as farmhand
- Singer Garfunkel
- Degrading
- Military utensils set
- Teamsters leader who disappeared in 1975
- Get rid of by promoting, as an employee
- ... be? "Is that possible?"
- Lang. of Rome
- Disorderly type
- Prefix with structure
- California wine
- Chichén ...
- Idols
- Counterfeit
- Backyard storage facility

DOWN

- Florida city on the Gulf Coast
- WWII German sub
- Dental thread
- To the point
- "Star Trek" crewman
- U.S. Grant
- Polo Grounds slugger Mel
- Hole in one
- Tennis great
- Evert
- Reason for talking in one's sleep
- Frakish
- Tiny flying biters
- Racecar's stopping place
- Before, in verse
- Sweat spot
- Precise
- Surrenderer to U.S. Grant
- Polio Grounds slugger Mel
- Hole in one
- Tennis great
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- Reason for talking in one's sleep
- Frakish
- Tiny flying biters
- Racecar's stopping place
- Temperature meas.
- Part of TGIF: Abbr.
- Sea eagle
- Correct
- Dogs from 21-Down
- Ballpoint brand
- Low-carb diet maven
- Dress bottom
- Kalahari refuge
- Serious grime
- Didn't move a muscle
- Equally poor
- Four Corners state
- Mama's mate
- Close angrily
- Spanish hero
- EI
- 365 dias
- Org. where you can see the first words of 20-, 38- and 55-Across

By Teri Smalley

6 Sent a duplicate letter to, briefly

7 Cassini of fashion

8 Fireside feeling

9 Key related to D major

10 Language group that includes Swahili

11 Hodges who managed the Miracle Mets

12 A. in Abruzzi

13 "and improved!": ad claim

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22 Before, in verse

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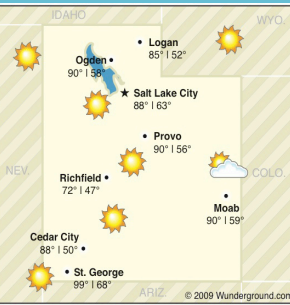
Today is **Wednesday, Aug. 26.** Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for two friends from Layton—Kylie Suarez a sophomore, and Sierra Schang, freshman majoring in psychology.

Almanac

Today in History: On this day in 1939, the first televised Major League baseball game is broadcast on station W2XBS, the station that was to become WNBC-TV. Announcer Red Barber called the game between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Weather

High: Near 90, with clear skies all day **Wednesday.** **Low 60, Thursday is more of the same.**



Wednesday

August 26

- 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Blood Battle TSC Sunburst Lounge

Thursday

August 27

- 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Blood Battle TSC Sunburst Lounge

Friday,

August 28

- All Day Car-Free Fridays
- 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Blood Battle, TSC Sunburst Lounge
- Deadline for Tuition and Fee Payment
- Last day to Add w/o Signature
- 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., IWA/IMA Open House, LDS Institute
- 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Science Unwrapped, ESLC Auditorium
- 4:00 p.m., Women's Soccer @ Texas Tech
- 7:30 p.m., Volleyball @Weber State

Payment deadline *You need to know...*

REGISTRAR'S office Deadlines - August 28th: Tuition and Fee Payment Deadline, Last Day to Add Without Instructor's Signature. August 29th: Registration Purge, Open Registration Continues at 1p.m.

IWA open house

IWA/IMA OPEN House. Friday, August 28th at the Institute 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Ride the mechanical bull, play on the blow up toys, eat cotton candy, and dance the night away!

Wellness yoga

USU WELLNESS Program presents Yoga with Dennis starting August 31 and running through December 4. Students, employees, families and community members are invited. For details call Caroline Shugart at 797-0735 or visit www.usu.edu/wellness

GRE prep course

GRE & LSAT prep course. Courses run Sept. 8-Oct 15. LSAT is T/Th 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. and GRE is T/Th 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. For more information contact Melanie Klein at melanie.klein@usu.edu or cal 797-0462.

Nature hikes

JOIN STOKES NATURE Center for a Geology Tour at Tony Grove on August 29th from 8:00 a.m. until late afternoon. Participants will be hiking from Tony Grove to the White Pine Overlook. Bring food and water, as well as sturdy boots, a camera and binoculars. Meet at First Dam. Fee is \$10 (\$7 for members). For more information or to register, call 435-755-3239 or email nature@logan-nature.org.

Rodeoers gather

The Rodeo club is having our first meeting on August 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Ross Diagnostic Laboratory on 1400 North.

Aggie Walking Club every Wednesday. Meet on the Fieldhouse Track at noon. Weather permitting we will walk campus. Employees earn a "Be Well" t-shirt. Track is open to employees, spouses.

The USU Men's Lacrosse team will be holding an informational team meeting on September 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Please meet in the lobby of the HPER building. All those returning need to attend or contact Coach Mercer. All new students wishing to participate this year need to be in attendance. The meeting should not last more than one hour.

MUSIC FOR THE Small and Tall 2009 Fall Session starts September 15th. This is a program for young children, ages 6 months to 6 years old. All classes are held at the Book Table and include a Family Class at 10:15, a Babies and Tots Class at 11:00, and a Preschool Class at 11:45. For more information contact Ewa Wilczynski at: 755-0853 or email her at music4st@comcast.net.

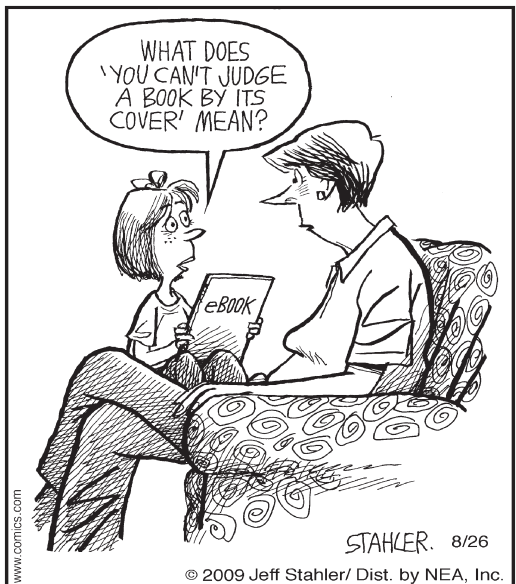
SCIENCE UNWRAPPED: Rockets and Energetic Materials. August 28, 2009 7 p.m., ESLC Emert Auditorium, Room 130. Inquiring minds of all ages are invited to join USU Alum Robert Wardle of **ATK Launch Systems** to learn more about rockets. Don't miss the fun! For more information, visit www.usu.edu/science/unwrapped.

The USU Speech and Debate Team will have its first meeting this Thursday August 27th in Library 405 at 4:30 pm. If you are interested in joining a winning team (Northwest Forensic Conference Champions 5 years in a row) and developing your speaking skills then come to our team meeting. Whether you have high school experience or have never competed before, we would love to have you join us. We pay all travel expenses. If you are interested and can't come to the meeting contact Dr. Tom Worthen at 435-994-0023 or editor@poet-icpower.com.

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Time to get offensive

By TIM OLSEN
sports editor

It's been an offseason of change for the USU football team, but on the offensive side of the ball Utah State will showcase a bevy of familiar faces. The Aggies return an astounding 10 starters and 21 lettermen, highlighted by explosive quarterback Diondre Borel.

The quiet junior burst onto the scene last year with his big play ability, overtaking the starting duties just three games into the season. Despite starting only nine games and never having a full grasp of the playbook, Borel led the Aggies in both passing and rushing yards – one of only seven quarterbacks in the nation to accomplish that feat.

Borel looks to be even more dangerous heading into 2009 with a full offseason as the starter under his belt, 10 pounds of added muscle and a new, dynamic offensive system – the spread.

Utilizing a predominantly shotgun formation, the spread offense uses multiple receiver sets and will give the already dangerous Borel more options both in the running and passing game.

"On the offensive side of the football we've got some weapons, and the main weapon is our quarterback Diondre," said USU head coach Gary Andersen.

He is a very, very talented young man and a great athlete."

In fact, the former Utah assistant favorably compared Borel to former Ute quarterback Brian Johnson.

"Brian may hear it or not, but Diondre's a little bit better athlete than Brian ever was," Andersen said. "But I know how talented Brian ended up being at the end of the day, and hopefully Diondre can come close to those strides as he continues through his junior year and senior year."



Part of that growing process for Borel has really been focusing on his ability as a pocket passer. By his own admission, Borel said he was quick to run last season, and this season he knows the success of the offense rests on an improved pocket presence.

"Being a bigger pocket passer, in spring that was one of the things I wanted to work on," said the junior. "Last year I was kind of just taking off, and I was still learning the offense at the same time. This year I just need to try and stay focused and stay in the pocket and run when I need to."

While being the focal point, Borel is not the only weapon the Aggies possess on the offensive side of the ball. USU returns a surplus of talented running backs, including Robert Turbin, Marquis Butler, Derrvin Speight, Ronald Scott and, speedy JC transfer, Michael Smith just to name a few.

■ See OFFENSE, page 18

TouchBase

Baseball club tryouts announced

Utah State's club baseball team has announced that it will hold team tryouts from Sept. 2-5.

The tryouts will be held at the Providence City Field and will run from 6-8 p.m. on evenings of the Wednesday and Friday. On Sept. 5, the tryouts will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Aggies will kick off their season Sept. 11-12.

Bowling Club practice set for Friday

The USU Bowling Club has announced that practice will begin Friday, Aug. 28.

Practice will be held at Logan Lanes, located at 1161 N. Main, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Questions can be directed to clofty@comcast.net.

Ags sign 7-ft big man

BY USU MEDIA RELATIONS

Utah State men's basketball coach Stew Morrill announced Monday that Anthony DiLoreto has enrolled at USU for the 2009 fall semester and will compete for the Aggies beginning this year as a freshman.

DiLoreto (pronounced De-low-ret-o), a 7-foot-1-inch, 230-pound center from Minnetonka, Minn., averaged 8.2 points and 8.0 rebounds per game as a prep senior at Hopkins High School as he helped lead the Royals to a 27-2 record. During his senior year, he scored in double-figures nine times and had a season-high 16 points versus Edina High School. Hopkins won the Class AAAA (biggest schools) title during DiLoreto's freshman (2005) and sophomore (2006) seasons, and went 26-2 during his junior year (2007) under head coach Ken Novak.

"Anthony comes from an unbelievable high school program," said Morrill. "I have known Ken Novak for many years and it is widely known that he has one of the best high school basketball programs in the country. Ken's recommendation of Anthony as a player and a person was very important in our decision to pursue him."

DiLoreto recently entered a plea of no contest to a year-old robbery charge. With no same or similar offenses, the plea will be vacated and the charges dismissed in one year.

"Anthony's situation is well known," added Morrill. "He made a mistake. He is anxious to move forward in his life and prove himself on and off the court."

Former Aggie assistant and current Santa Clara assistant coach James Ware also recommended DiLoreto to Morrill. Ware had coached DiLoreto as a youngster and has known Anthony and his family for a long time.

Lack of seniors no problem for experience laden Aggies

By G. CHRISTOPHER TERRY
assistant sports editor

This year's USU volleyball team presents fourth-year head coach Grayson DuBose with a paradox: lots of experience, but not one single senior.

"We don't have any seniors, but we have a lot of guys who have won some big games together," DuBose, the 2007 WAC coach of the year, said after practice Tuesday.

The core of this team will be junior returning starters Chelsea Fowles, Christine Morrill and Katie Astle. All three were second-team WAC selections last year as USU went 11-17 and 9-7 in the WAC. Morrill, who had 409 digs as a sophomore last year, good for fourth best in a single season all-time at USU, will anchor the defense from her libero position.

Fowles, who is already sixth on the all-time list at USU with 2,158 assists, said she is ready to assume a leadership position on this young yet experienced team.

"I'm excited," she said. "Setters have that responsibility

anyway and I think I'm a natural leader. Last year we were in a rebuilding situation, but this year we have a ton of talent even though we have a lot of young girls."

Other players, who will be making an impact for DuBose's team this fall, are Emily Kortsen, who was an All-Freshman selection in the WAC last year and Danielle Taylor, who sat out last year with an injury after being second team all-WAC in 2007. Lori Wilson-Beckstrom, Shantell Durant and Liz McArthur are also returning letter-winners.

The team will be running what DuBose says he feels is the fastest offense in the WAC. "It's a high-risk, high-reward offense," DuBose said.

With that offense and the returning experience - USU returns 94 percent of its assists from last season - the Aggies have been picked to finish third in the conference by the coaches. Fowles said the team's goals are loftier than that.

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JUNIOR KATIE ASTLE, 7, battles with her teammates in Saturday's scrimmage. TYLER LARSON photo

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JUNIOR WIDE RECEIVER ERIC MOATS, 82, stretches out to catch a pass as he battles sophomore linebacker Reuben Willis, 15, during the Aggies fall scrimmage Saturday. *PATRICK ODEN photo*

Offense: Ags loaded on offense in '09

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Turbin is the leading rusher out of the group after posting 485 yards on 106 in the 2008 season as a freshman – an admirable 4.6 yards per carry. A bruising, attacking back, Turbin scored 10 touchdowns last season, with eight coming on the ground – the most for a USU running back since Emmett White in 2001.

After a great offseason, Turbin is anticipating even better results in 2009.

"I am a lot stronger than I was last year; I got stronger in the summer," Turbin said. "I stayed here in May instead of going home to work on some things that I felt I needed to work on to be a better football player. I do feel a lot stronger, and it made me a better football player."

The Aggies new offense will allow Andersen to use Turbin and each of the running backs in a unique way. The ability to use their talents on the field has consistently been a focus of the coach's since his arrival as he has continually said the offense will have to hang its hat on the running backs' heads.

USU's receiving corps, is a talented but mostly unproven group. Senior Nnamdi Gwacham should provide a big target, while fellow senior Xavier Bowman possesses speed and game breaking ability. Stanley Morrison is

the lead returning target from last season, and he will be joined by fellow lettermen Austin Alder and Omar Sawyer.

Up front, five returning offensive linemen, a group led by senior center Brennan McFadden will anchor the Aggie offense.

"We've just got to pave the way for those guys and let them do what they've got to do, show their athletic ability and show what they can do when they get the ball in their hands," said the Rimington Trophy candidate. "We're fine with doing all the dirty work and not getting any credit for it, we'll knock heads all game and get bloodied up, but as long as we win that's what we're trying to do."

With so much talent returning, new exciting schemes on both sides of the ball and a new coaching staff, the players are keenly aware of heightened expectations heading into the 2009 season.

"I can't even measure the excitement on a scale of one to 10, because it would be past the 10 mark. Guys are excited to run this new offense and defense and really get after it," Turbin said. "It is going to be a lot of fun. We worked hard and we are just really excited to get out and play some games and win."

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SENIOR FORWARD ERIN SALMON, 8, battles with a Northern Arizona player Friday during the Aggies' season-opening win over the Lumberjacks. USU brings high hopes into the 2009 season after heading into the conference tournament as the No. 1 seed in 2008. Thirteen returning players will anchor USU on the pitch as they seek a second undefeated WAC regular season in 2009. *PATRICK ODEN photo*

Aggies picked to finish first in the WAC

By LONDON HEMSLEY
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Utah State Aggie soccer has made clear its mission for this year: get to the NCAA tournament.

After going undefeated in conference up until the championship game of the WAC tournament last fall, the Ags fell to Fresno State, and the elusive chance to get to the collegiate soccer's "big dance" fluttered into the breeze. The Aggies are looking to turn that around this year with a fresh defense and 13 returning players. Aggie head coach Heather Cairns said she believes the team's chances are pretty good, but also that they need to look for new definition.

"We are looking forward, we're not looking back," Cairns said. "This team needs to define itself in a new way."

If nothing else, however, last year's accomplishments, along with the number of returning players, garnered the No. 1 preseason ranking for the Aggies, but Cairns said she doesn't put a whole lot of stock into the preseason hype and rankings.

"Looking into the preseason No. 1, we really are trying our best to put that behind us," she said. "It's really not a good indicator of what our team is made up of this year. We are focusing on what we can accomplish this year and to get to that NCAA tournament. The way we're going to get in is to win the conference tournament."

Following up last year's incredible in-conference undefeated streak will be a tough order to fill, but USU certainly has the talent to give itself a shot.

Leading the team onto the pitch week-in and week-out will be three returning players: Sidne Porter-Garner, Lindsey Smart and Lauren Hansen. Cairns was quick to point out these players are not the only leaders on the team. Mollie Merrill of Bountiful High School has stepped in to fill the vacancy between the posts.

"Mollie Merrill is a sophomore taking over the starting duties as goalkeeper from our senior that graduated last year," Cairns said. "She's been doing a fantastic job in goal for us."

Merrill's leadership this last week came in the form of a 2-0 shutout in the opening game of the season against Northern Arizona. Cairns said she was very impressed.

"There's always little things you want to pick, change and fine tune but to get a shut out, that's great," she said. "It's been a seamless transition in her taking over the goal-keeping spot. The team has a lot of confidence in her and feels very comfortable with her."

Looking ahead to this weekend, the Aggies will face a Big XII opponent for the first time in a long time when they will take on the Red Raiders of Texas Tech. USU will also face Stephen F. Austin at the El Paso, Texas, tournament.

Cairns said there's little room for error. "I can't remember the last time we played a Big XII team. They're big and athletic. It's more of a different style in the Central region than maybe the style out West," she said. "We're going to have to beat them. We're not going to be able to play 60 minutes of soccer or play so-so soccer and come out with two wins. We're going to have to put our best foot forward in order to beat them."

Beyond this weekend, the Aggies will play Wyoming and Oklahoma State, another Big XII team, at home this year and will play Washington and Brigham Young University on the road and Utah at Rio Tinto Stadium in Salt Lake City before beginning their conference schedule on Oct. 4 against the Nevada Wolf Pack in Reno.

Most home games are played Friday and Sunday and admission is free. The field is located approximately at 1400 North and 1100 East, just west of the Plant Research Center and just north of the indoor football practice facility.

Cairns said she hopes many Aggie fans will turn out to see the home team win, and that more often than not, the home team wins in Logan.

"We have a pretty good track record at home," she said, "and a lot of that has to do with the fan support we get at home, especially from the students."

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Experience: Ags return multiple starters

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"We always want to win the WAC and go to the NAAs," she said. "One of our huge goals this year is to beat Idaho and Nevada at their place."

USU has not won on the road in Reno or Moscow since joining the WAC.

DuBose concurred. "It is a big one for us. If we're going to be a good team we need to accomplish that," he said. "Moscow is a tough place to

play." USU also brings in a class of six freshmen, including Smithfield, Utah, product Josselyn White, who was first-team all-state as a junior and a senior.

The season begins with a tournament at Weber State this weekend, where USU will face the Wildcats, as well as Gonzaga and Utah Valley University. The first game in the Dee Glen

Smith Spectrum will be Sept. 1, when rival Brigham Young comes calling. This will be followed by back-to-back matches against Utah and Idaho on Sept. 8 and 9. WAC play begins with a road trip to face New Mexico State and Louisiana Tech Sept. 24 and 26.

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