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American Fork teens arrested for making napalm

AMERICAN FORK, Utah (AP) — Two teen-agers have been arrested and charged with making napalm from a recipe from the Internet.

American Fork Police Department spokesman Darren Falslev said 14-and-15-year-old boys were arrested after it was discovered they were testing and storing the explosive under a bridge.

They are now in their parents' custody. They had burned a plastic figure and rocks, Falslev said. They boasted of their experiment to friends who tipped off an officer stationed at American Fork High School.

Officers were then dispatched to the youths' homes, and the boys led the police to the bridge.

The Utah County bomb squad removed the napalm, which had been stored in a plastic container. Napalm is a jellylike incendiary explosive that bursts into flames on impact.

It was used in bombs and flame-throwers during the Vietnam War. It's considered extremely dangerous and volatile. Falslev said two boys probably didn't understand what they were dealing with.

"I don't think they have a clue," he said.

One of the teenagers was involved in blowing up a rest room toilet last year at American Fork Junior High School with a homemade device also made from information found on the Internet.

Police have confiscated the computer the boys used to gather the bomb-making information.

Election committee chosen via e-mails

LAURA BELLAMY
Senior News Writer

Nine students were chosen from random e-mails last week to act as supervisors to those running for Associated Students of Utah State University offices in March.

Christina Domichel, ASUSU public relations vice president, said "students chosen for the election committee are distant from ASUSU. They were selected from e-mails that were received after (a November) *Statesman* advertisement."

The committee will consist of: Joilynn Banner, Kelly Cook, Rebecca Duncan, Jennifer Fuller, Mark Hullinger, Cannon Parry, Betsy Roundy, Natalie Shane and Erica Thomas.

The proctors, or supervisors, will assist the candidates with questions, advertising, forums and debates.

The committee will also help with the open house, which will be held Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Taggart Student Center, Domichel said.

"The open house is a chance for candidates to be introduced to current officers," she said.

Elections for the 2000-2001 ASUSU officers will be held March 20 through 31.

According to the ASUSU Election Packet, primaries will be held March 20 through 23.

The final elections will be held March 27 through 30.

During the two weeks of elections, there will be three sponsored forums and two receptions.

"The receptions give students the opportunity to meet all the candidates," Domichel said.

Students interested in running for an ASUSU Executive Council office can pick up an election packet in the Taggart Student Center Room 326.

The filing deadline for candidates is Feb. 28 at 1 p.m. A mandatory meeting will be held that night at 5 p.m. for all candidates.

At the meeting, candidates will be assigned a proctor who will answer candidates' questions and remind them of calendar events and deadlines, Domichel said.

"Students interested in running for office should talk to existing officers or read the charter to find out about the ASUSU offices," Domichel said.

Fee Board votes to increase student fees by \$6.50

LAURA BELLAMY
Senior News Writer

Students can expect to see a \$6.50 increase in student fees next year after the Fee Board approved five different fee increases at its Monday meeting. The fee increase is up 3 percent from last year's fees and was meant to mirror the 3 percent increase in tuition, said Student Body President Nate Anderson.

The increases, meant to improve Utah State University as well as student life, ranged from money needed to maintain computer labs to funds needed to improve Aggie Shuttle operators' pay equity.

Several different options were put forth to the Fee Board, which had to reduce the \$18.50 requested to \$6.50 in approved fees.

"It's my feeling that we should look at these and prioritize," said Academics Vice President Emily Croshaw. "We should look at how many students each of these fees affect."

I think to prioritize we need to go with the library," Croshaw said. "Right now I don't think (the computer fee) is a necessity. We have other fees that I feel are more important."

According to the proposal from USU libraries, the proposed library fee would place the computers in the libraries on a replacement schedule. According to Croshaw, all other computer labs are currently on a schedule to have their computer equipment replaced every four years. This fee will allow the libraries to

update their equipment on a regular basis. The current library fee is \$6 for all students and, after debate, was approved to be increased to \$8.

The proposed computer fee, which received no funding increase, would have helped to provide additional capacity for student use of computers. It would also provide three additional labs with 84 work stations open at night-time hours, the Computer Services proposal said. The current computer fee for students taking eight or more credits is \$45.

Board members said they felt libraries are in greater need of funding and reach a greater percent-

age of students.

"I feel that this fee is a top priority in that it is something that would benefit the majority of students," Croshaw said. "Most every student uses the library whether they come in or just access the databases online."

The library fee, however, would not help the university in updating or obtaining new academic materials.

"I'm not really against it, but I don't really know how it helps students," said Graduate Vice President

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Petitions made to Fee Board for student fee increases:

Money
MATTERS

Area	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Computer	\$4.50	\$0
Library	\$2	\$2
Activity	\$2	\$1.25
Bus	\$1	\$0.75
Music/Theater	\$1	\$0.50
Technology	\$4	\$0
Western Surgery Center	\$4	\$2
Total Request:	\$18.50	\$Total Granted: 6.50



Tickle those ivories

Jonathon Coombs, a home school student from Fruit Heights, and Ben Salbury, a Skyview High senior, participated in the Monster Concert Tuesday. The concert is an annual piano recital.

In addition to regular performances, a musical is written from the music that is performed in duets and skits that are put on between musical numbers.

This year's theme is based on the movie 'Star Wars Episode One: The Phantom Menace,' and will have performers from ages 4 to 60.

ASUSU shoots down Housing's speaking privilege petition

DOUG SMEATH
Assistant Features Editor

For fear of "opening a can of worms," the Associated Students of Utah State University Executive Council unanimously agreed not to extend speaking privileges to nonmember visitors at meetings.

Residence Hall Student Association President Robin Wignall proposed that the council give her and future RHSA presidents the right to speak on non-legislative items in the council's weekly meetings.

Currently, discussion of non-legislative issues — including committee reports and other input as well as all legislative issues — is limited to members of the council. In most cases, the council can decide to suspend the rules,

allowing visitors to give input, said ASUSU President Nate Anderson.

Many council members expressed concern that if RHSA representatives were allowed to speak, other campus organizations may seek similar privileges.

"I see this kind of opening a can of worms," said College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Senator Bethany Mills. "I have a hard time giving preference, and I don't want to feel like I am giving preference."

Wignall said RHSA represents 2,200 students who live on campus and has national and international affiliations, duties she said could lend themselves to discussion.

Former RHSA President April Stevenson often had pertinent information and experience to add to discus-

sions, but was unable to, Wignall said.

Council members said there are opportunities for this input to be shared.

"Council's been more than willing to suspend the rules," said ASUSU Athletics Vice President Sam Winward.

He said all student voices are important, and he didn't want to give special privilege to what he called a "lobbyist group."

In addition, Winward said Wignall and others can share information with council members outside of meetings.

"There's a week in between meetings; there's five minutes before meetings," he said.

Other ASUSU officers said taking time to suspend the rules to allow a nonmember to speak is not a big deal and has been done often in the past.

"I guess I don't understand when having to suspend the rules is such a bad thing," said ASUSU Graduate Vice President Dan Ward.

Wignall said it can hamper discussion, especially heated discussion, to have to stop and officially suspend the rules.

Another issue that concerned members of the council is over-representation of students.

ASUSU Activities Vice President Mandy Saunders said on-campus students are represented in various ways by other council members, such as the senators for the colleges of their majors.

The council unanimously passed a motion to continue granting speaking privileges to nonmembers on a case-by-case basis by suspension of the rules.

Committee kills bill that would make large families pay more for schools

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A bill that would shift the burden of paying for education to large families was resoundingly defeated in a House committee Tuesday.

Under current law, 75 percent of the federal deduction, or \$2,063, can be deducted from state income taxes.

Rep. Kory Holdaway's bill would have increased the deduction to 80 percent for the first two dependents — generally a husband and wife — and reduced it to 70 percent for each additional dependent.

That would have meant a tax cut of

about \$9.60 for the first two dependents, and a tax increase of that same amount for each child. Thus families with no children or one child would still see a tax cut, those with two children would see no change, and couples with three or more children would see a tax hike.

Because state income taxes pay for education, the revision would have meant \$5.3 million more for the Uniform School Fund.

Holdaway, R-West Valley City, called the bill a fairness issue.

"If I have students that are participating in education, whether higher or pub-

lic, then I feel I have a greater responsibility to pay for that education," said Holdaway.

Utah has a higher percentage of school-aged children than any other state and the smallest percentage of working-age adults, due to the state's huge families. It's a byproduct of the Mormon church's family emphasis.

The result is that, while Utah taxpayers put the highest percentage of their income toward education, the state spends the least per-pupil in the nation.

The bill had the backing of the Utah School Board Association, Utah School

Superintendent Association. The Utah Education Association and Davis Education Association teachers unions both supported the bill as well.

Karen Derrick, a Salt Lake City Board of Education member and mother of seven, said it seems only fair that she pay more.

But the committee worried the small tax hike would push large families, already forced to pay to feed and clothe their children, to the breaking point.

"To increase the burden right when

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WORLD & NATION

N.H. primary leads to upset

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Arizona Sen. John McCain scored a convincing win over George W. Bush in New Hampshire's leadoff primary Tuesday, puncturing Bush's self-styled aura as the Republican's inevitable nominee. Bill Bradley, the Democratic underdog, battled Vice President Al Gore in a high-stakes race of their own.

It was a typical New Hampshire primary, with voters delivering a lecture to front-runners in both parties. Gore and Bradley were in a close race, according to voter interviews that showed McCain winning easily in his showdown with Bush.

"We beat him amongst everyone, men and women, Republican and independent, young and old," McCain said in an interview with The Associated Press. He credited his agenda of political and campaign finance reform for his victory, and said New Hampshire voters had provided the momentum he needed heading into South Carolina and states that vote later.

"When I pointed out that I would be the one to be able to tell Al Gore that I'm going to make what he did illegal, I think that was one of the turning points in the campaign," he said.

McCain invested most of his time and money in the nation's leadoff primary, gambling that New Hampshire's independent-minded voters would be drawn to his reform agenda. Though his



Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore makes the rounds at a cafe Tuesday during the New Hampshire primary.

campaign is more national in scope, Bush also invested millions of dollars in hopes of winning New Hampshire and stopping McCain's insurgent candidacy.

"New Hampshire has long been known as a bump in the road for front-runners and this year will be no exception," Bush told The AP. He congratulated McCain and pledged to campaign hard against the Arizonan in follow-up primaries, starting with

South Carolina on Feb. 19.

"The road to the Republican nomination is a long road. Mine will go through all 50 states and I intend for it to end at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue," Bush said.

McCain's victory was projected from interviews conducted by Voter News Service as voters left their polling places. VNS, a consortium of The AP and major television networks and cable news outlets, showed conserva-

tives Steve Forbes, Alan Keyes and Gary Bauer in the back of the pack and fighting to remain viable.

The interviews showed McCain winning in every age, income and education group. He won among men and women, Protestants and Catholics, young and old, rich and poor. Most tellingly, he was well ahead

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Military creates rules to protect gays

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time, the nation's military services have issued written guidelines to ensure that troops who complain of anti-gay harassment or harassment are not themselves investigated.

The intent is to allow such complaints to be aired without fear of being drummed out of the service for being homosexual.

Defense Secretary William Cohen said Tuesday the new guidelines on how to investigate

anti-gay threats are incorporated in updated training programs designed to ensure that the Clinton administration's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays is enforced fairly and uniformly throughout the services.

As a matter of policy, commanders are not to use complaints of anti-gay harassment or threats as a reason to investigate the complaining person. Instead the commanders are supposed to investigate the source of the threat or harass-

ment.

"These plans make it very clear ... that there is no room for harassment or threats in the military," Cohen said in a written statement.

"Service members need to understand that harassment for any reason will not be tolerated, and commanders will take prompt, appropriate actions against individuals involved in such behavior," Cohen added.

The Pentagon also announced Tuesday the num-

ber of discharges from the military in the fiscal year ended last Sept. 30 fell to 1,034 from 1,145 in the year-earlier period. Spokesman Kenneth Bacon said 83.5 percent of discharges resulted from statements by service members that they were homosexual.

Under the administration's policy, gays may serve in the military as long as they keep their sexual orientation to

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Crisis strikes Ireland government over IRA arms verdict

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic government was plunged into crisis Tuesday after a report by an independent commission confirmed that the Irish Republican Army has failed to begin turning over its weapons.

Amid doubts that the 8-week-old Northern Ireland administration could survive, the major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, accused the IRA-linked Sinn Fein of failing to deliver on its side of an American-brokered deal that led to their power-sharing Cabinet.

The disarmament commission delivered its report — confirming that no specific acts of IRA disarmament had taken place — to the

British and Irish governments late Monday. They declined to make the report public Tuesday.

In a statement, the IRA insisted its 1997 cease-fire should be sufficient grounds for Sinn Fein's continued place within the four-party administration, the central goal of the 1998 Good Friday peace accord.

The IRA said its representatives had met directly with Northern Ireland's disarmament commission three times since the Cabinet's formation and spoke by to its members by phone on Monday night.

The outlawed group said it had consistently stressed the message "that the IRA's guns

are silent and that there is no threat to the peace process from the IRA."

But the IRA gave no hint it intended to hand over a single bullet, much less its many tons of weapons stockpiled in hidden caches. The accord anticipated the IRA's total disarmament by May.

Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble said the British government now had a "regrettable but inevitable" choice: to suspend the Cabinet's powers in hopes fresh negotiations could produce a more advance of the just-completed report, not merely to talk about it with the commission's chairman, Canadian Gen. John de Chastelain.

WorldGLANCE

➤ New ambassador calls for human rights

BEIJING (AP) — The new U.S. ambassador to China said Tuesday that the United States wants to open wide-ranging talks with the Chinese government on human rights issues.

Joseph Prueher, speaking to U.S. business executives in Beijing, said Washington welcomed the release last week of Song Yongyi, a librarian at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania who had been detained in China since August.

But Prueher said a meaningful dialogue on human rights would have to go further.

"I think it's important that human rights discussions with China not be a series of spikes, of individuals, but rather a broader dialogue where we get more philosophically in tune," he said to the American Chamber of Commerce-China.

"A secure, stable and prosperous China is what's in the interests of the United States," Prueher said.

The United States has said it will present a resolution calling for China's censure for human rights abuses when the U.N. Human Rights Commission holds its annual meeting in Geneva in March.

Vice Foreign Minister Wang Guangya said the "anti-China resolution" would make restoring bilateral talks on human rights impossible, state media reported Monday. China broke off the talks in May after the bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade during the war in Kosovo.

Prueher also said the United States should support China's changes from rule by individuals to rule of law, from a planned economy to an open market and from a closed society, as it was until reforms began in the late 1970s, to a "world player."

Some of the ways the United States is trying to promote these transitions is by backing China's entry into the World Trade Organization and working on better military relations, he said.

Prueher, a former Navy commander who became ambassador two months ago, said he has met with nearly all China's senior leaders and many provincial and local officials. He said the talks were "very productive" and left him convinced that China's leaders want good relations with the United States.

➤ Far-right Austrian party gains state role

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Outspoken populist Joerg Haider on Tuesday negotiated a deal to allow his far-right party to share power in Austria's government — despite warnings from the United States and the European Union that such a move could lead to Austria's diplomatic isolation.

Haider, leader of the rightist Freedom Party, and Foreign Minister Wolfgang Schuessel reached the agreement late Tuesday on a proposed coalition government between Haider's Freedom Party and the conservative People's Party.

The deal can still be rejected by President Thomas Klestil, who could call new elections or propose other alternatives. But he is unlikely to do so, even though he fears the foreign backlash that would result from the Freedom Party's inclusion in the government.

Earlier, while talks were still under way, the Clinton administration warned that the United States would carefully examine its relations with Austria if Haider's party moved into a leadership position.

State Department spokesman James Foley said the United States is "continuing to keep the situation under review" and added that Secretary of State Madeleine Albright had called Schuessel on Tuesday. He offered no details.

Suspicion of Haider's party stems in part from his past hostility to the EU, his opposition to immigration and remarks sympathetic to aspects of Adolf Hitler's regime. The EU's 14 other members have threatened to isolate Austria politically if Haider's party gains power.

Haider gained international notoriety about 10 years ago by praising Hitler's "orderly" employment policies and lauding veterans of the murderous Waffen SS as "men of honor." He has

➤ Infection forces woman to lose septuplets

NEPTUNE, N.J. (AP) — A woman in her fifth month of pregnancy miscarried her septuplets after contracting an infection, her doctor said Tuesday.

Dr. Charles Hux said it had become clear that a bacterial infection was endangering the life of 31-year-old Ivette Zapata-Small of Lakewood.

"She started to lose them and we basically had to end it," Hux said.

"I cut the stitch we'd put in at 10 weeks. She was obviously infected and had a 104-degree fever. The babies basically all came out. We didn't terminate it," Hux said.

He said he was not certain of the cause of the infection. Hux said Zapata-Small is expected to make a full recovery and will likely be released from the hospital later this week. He said Zapata-Small was in good condition and will be able to have children.

➤ Feds partner with Wal-Mart to sell coin

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mindful of the debacle with the Susan B. Anthony coin, the U.S. Mint is aggressively marketing the new Sacagawea coin by placing it in Wal-Mart cash registers and boxes of Cheerios.

"Right away, this gets the new golden dollar coin into cash registers across the nation," said Philip Diehl, director of the U.S. Mint. "We've achieved a huge objective in the first week, something the Susan B. Anthony dollar never had the chance to achieve."

The Anthony coin, often mistaken for a quarter because of its similar size and ridged edge, was a flop, and the government was stuck with nearly two-thirds of the 857 million coins produced between 1979 and 1981. Supplies eventually ran out and the Mint produced a final 1999 encore run.

The silver-colored coin bore the likeness of suffragette Susan B. Anthony. The new dollar coin, with an image of the Shoshone Indian woman who helped the Lewis and Clark expedition explore the West, has a gold-colored surface and a smooth edge.

The Mint is shipping \$100 million worth to Wal-Mart and the same amount to Federal Reserve banks, which in turn will distribute them to private banks. Diehl said the Mint plans to produce as many as 1 billion coins this year.

Since last Thursday, cashiers at Wal-Mart and Sam's Club store checkouts have been making change with the Sacagawea coin instead of dollar bills. And thousands of Cheerios boxes will include coins or certificates for coins.

"Through the end of February, we will be the exclusive holder," said Laura Pope, spokeswoman for Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer. "We're giving it back automatically to customers unless you request dollar bills."

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Court: Too-broad checkpoint violated Fourth Amendment

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Police in Utah must give a judge a specific list of what they're looking for and how they intend to conduct their searches before setting up a traffic checkpoint, the state Supreme Court ruled Tuesday.

The high court ruled on an appeal brought by Henry Thomas DeBooy, who was charged with possession of a controlled substance after his BMW convertible was searched at San Juan County checkpoint in 1997. DeBooy submitted a motion to suppress the evidence, which the trial court denied.

In its 3-2 decision, the Supreme Court threw out all evidence gathered against DeBooy at the checkpoint, ruling it was set up for too broad a list of purposes, unlike checkpoints focused on stopping drunken drivers or illegal immigrants.

Police listed half a dozen reasons for setting up the checkpoint, including: checking license plates, registration cer-

tificates, insurance certificates, drivers' licenses, seat belt use, compliance with child restraint laws, vehicle equipment violations, and compliance with commercial vehicle regulations. The checkpoint was approved by Justice Court Judge Lyon Hazelton.

The justices also said there should have been tighter guidelines on how the checkpoint was to be conducted.

"When many legal violations are searched for, the purpose of the checkpoint becomes less a highway safety measure and more a pretext to stop all vehicles to search for any and all violations of the law that might be apparent," Justice Christine Durham wrote in the court's opinion. "This generalized stop and search, of course, occurs without any individualized suspicion of a crime having been committed, much less probable cause."

Officers noticed DeBooy when he threw a tissue out of the car as he

approached the checkpoint.

DeBooy was asked for his driver's license and registration and then asked why he threw the tissue out of his car.

DeBooy said he didn't know. Officers then asked DeBooy if he had any alcohol or drugs, and asked if they could take "a quick look in the vehicle."

They found hallucinogenic mushrooms in a backpack in the trunk.

Justices I. Daniel Stewart and Michael Zimmerman joined Durham in the majority opinion.

A dissenting opinion is expected to be released within the week.

"I'm very excited about this," said Rosalie Reilly, DeBooy's attorney. "And

one thing that makes me happy, for lack of a better word, about Utah is it very strongly believes (in the principles) of search and seizure. This opinion just reaffirms that."

'This generalized stop and search, of course, occurs without any individualized suspicion of a crime having been committed, much less probable cause.'

• CHRISTINE DURHAM •
JUSTICE

"It narrowed them down a bit," Slotnick said.

The ruling only applies to non-emergency checkpoints set up absent any specific suspicion or investigation. It does not address emergency roadblocks designed to catch a fleeing felon, for example.

IOC president answers to FBI in New York

LONDON (AP) — IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch met for more than five hours with the Justice Department and the FBI in New York, and said he had no trouble answering investigators about the Olympic bribery scandal.

"It went very well," he told The Associated Press on Tuesday after returning to IOC headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland. "I answered all the questions. I am pleased after the meeting."

While declining to discuss details of Monday's session, Samaranch said, "There were no surprises. It was mostly regarding the Salt Lake City program and also the organization of the IOC."

Blast from the past

Mandy Anger, a Utah State University sophomore, enjoys disco night at the Cache Valley Fun Park Saturday evening. Disco night is held every Saturday from 10 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$3 per person. Free drinks are given to those sporting disco 'threads.' Monday is VFX night from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and is \$3 with student ID, \$4 without.

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The hills are alive with the sound of yodeling mayor

SPRINGVILLE, Utah (AP) — For Springville's youngsters, the hottest new music CD in town has nothing to do with pop, funk, rock or rap.

It's yodeling. By the mayor. Mayor Hal Wing unveiled a CD last week titled "Hal Wing: The Happy Wanderer." Already known for his flamboyant style, Wing admits he may be "a bit on the zany side" with this one.

But the mayor insists it's not a publicity stunt. He's donating proceeds from the sale of the CDs to Springville's youths.

After just one day of sales, Wing had raised \$200 that he put into a special account for youth programs in Springville. The CDs sell for \$10 each.

"If you want to help the youth or to drive unwanted company from your home, you can purchase one of these CDs," Wing told residents in his monthly online newsletter.

But Wing, who travels extensively in Europe for business, does a pretty good job as a yodeler. Among the songs he performs are "Edelweiss," "Amazing Grace" and "O Tannenbaum."

On a yodeling cassette tape he put out six years ago, Wing also played the alphorn — the

long wooden instrument currently spotted on couch drop commercials — and trumpet.

"He's actually really good," said one Springville librarian who heard Wing yodel at a city party.

Wing's 1994 cassette tape, "Alpine Yodeling Ballads," is filed in the city's library under "International," even though Wing was born and reared in Springville.

While in Germany years ago, Wing entered a music store and asked for something that would help him learn to yodel.

The clerk told him he was too old because most yodelers begin when they are children. But Wing attacked the problem with typical zeal.

"My wife said the worst thing anybody can do is tell me it's impossible," Wing said Monday.

Since becoming mayor in 1998, Wing has made major changes in city administration and the way Springville operates. He patterns the city after his highly successful adjustable-ladder business, Wing Enterprises.

Wing owns more than a dozen cars, including the Porsche generally found in his parking space at work or City

Hall. He required surgery last year after he wrecked a motorcycle while doing a "wheelie" for a television news crew. Wing recently entered the world of online publishing with a monthly mayor's newsletter after a spat with the local newspaper.

Some residents roll their eyes at Wing's eccentricity, but few doubt he's been good for Springville.

His latest venture into the music publishing business will put money in the city's coffers for youth programs.

"I, as mayor, would like to see the Youth Council help decide how that money is used," Wing said.

The mayor hopes the fund reaches as much as \$50,000. The CDs will be sold in local stores and at Siegfried's Delicatessen in Salt Lake City.

Wing has taken his "happy wanderer" act on the road as well. He performs at care facilities for the elderly and disabled. One of his performances sparked the first words from a stroke victim, causing the man's wife to declare it amazing.

"My yodeling has about the same effect as shock therapy," Wing joked.

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Dan Ward. "Our library is last among Carnegie One institutions and I don't see how opening the computer lab will help. It would just spread our resources even thinner."

The board approved an additional \$1.25 for activities to the current \$23.50 for students with eight or more credits in order to offset the change of appropriations coming to Student Activities from the Taggart Student Center Building Maintenance Fee, the proposal said.

According to Public Relations Vice President Christina Domichel, student activities currently receives 80 percent of the TSC's building maintenance fee. The TSC can no longer afford to have activities taking such a large portion of its budget, Domichel said. The \$2 increase will allow activities to continue to offer student-oriented programs.

"I think with the increase we could diversify a little bit and cater to students who don't normally attend events," said Activities Vice President Mandy Leishman.

During debate, the music/theater fee was pitted against the bus fee. Members debated on the value of each trying to decide which area benefited more students.

"I think (the bus fee) should be fully funded based on the figures and the number of students served," Croshaw said.

The fee proposed by the Music and Theater departments are divided into two halves. One part of the fee would go toward offering more availability of programs as well as maintaining the quality of programs, while the other half would be directed toward charging part-time students.

Students taking one to six credits are currently not assessed any fee for music or theater productions.

According to Anderson, since the fee is a new one for part-time students, the measure would have to be put to a student vote.

"If you look, this is the only fee that isn't applied at least partially to students with under six credits," Winward said.

According to the proposal from Parking and Transportation Services, the bus fee will go toward buying additional buses to accommodate growth as well as helping to increase the pay of shuttle drivers.

"(The fee) would go to maintaining the continuity of drivers," said Vice President of Student Services Pat Terrell. "Right now if a driver calls in sick that shuttle might not run and students are left waiting for a bus that never comes."

Receiving partial funding and little opposition was the Western Surgery Center Building Fee. According to the proposal from Student Services, the fee will go toward helping to relocate the Student Health Center into the new building to allow for expansion of services to all students as well as better utilization of the space within the TSC.

Another proposal that received no funding was the Technology Enhancement Fee. According to Croshaw, the fee would have helped to defray costs the university incurs when students pay tuition with credit cards.

According to Domichel, the university is charged with should absorb the 3 percent fee the university is charged when they use credit cards.

Board members felt credit card payments save the university money in staffing costs, so students should not be charged additional fees.

"I think with all the other proposals on the board ... I just don't feel very good about (the technology fee) and I don't think that it is something students should be paying for," Winward said.

According to Fee Board Chairman Matt Malouf, the Fee Board recommendation will now go to President George H. Emert for approval before being activated for Fall Semester.

NewsBRIEFS

➤ USU Alumni Association offers essay-writing contest

The Utah State University Alumni Association is holding a Founders' Day Essay Contest.

One male and one female will each be awarded a \$300 tuition waiver.

The following guidelines should be followed for entry:

- Essays must be on the topic, "Why I Love USU."
- Essays must be between 500 and 1,000 words.
- Entries must be received by March 1.

The winners will be announced Aug. 7 at USU's Founders' Day Celebration in the Taggart Student Center Ballroom.

➤ New scholarship money available for 2002 grads

A newly expanded scholarship program was announced recently for the Air Force ROTC.

Students who expect to graduate in 2002 in sciences, engineering, computer science or information systems, foreign languages or area studies may be eligible for an EXPRESS scholarship beginning as early as this semester.

Students interested may contact the Aerospace Studies department in Military Science, Room 107.

Students who stop by receive a free 15-minute phone card from AT&T while supplies last.

➤ 'Free food, cool T-shirt' part of USU's HASS Week

The College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences at Utah State University is sponsoring a variety of activities this week as part of its annual HASS Week.

"We HASS what you want" is the theme of the Associated Students' HASS week.

"It is an opportunity to meet new people, eat free food and get a really cool T-shirt," Mills said.

Activities include:

Wednesday — Social Sciences Day.

- 8 a.m. until food runs out, breakfast.

- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Trivia Bowl — Contestants will come from the audience. Free prizes.

Thursday — Undeclared Day.

- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., lunch — Chili in ceramic bowls for \$6 each, International Lounge.

- At the basketball game that evening - HASS Outstanding Student recognized.

Friday — Art Day.

- 8 a.m., breakfast - Lobby next to LAEP office.

- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., lunch with student skills demonstrations - Sunburst Lounge.

- All Day - Treats at the Tippetts Art Gallery

- 2:30 p.m., Speaker - Denise Shmandt-Besserat, anthropologist, Family Life, Room 206.

Saturday — Cadet for a Day.

- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., includes briefings, small drill, performance and warrior run. Participants receive lunch, free T-shirt, pewter coin and a graduation certificate. Sign up on first floor of the TSC.

All Week. Student exhibitions in the Tippetts Art Gallery, Chase Fine Arts Center. T-shirt sales — \$4.99 each. Cadet sign-ups — TSC first floor.

➤ Folksinger to perform

The Bridger Folk Music Society and GeoGraphics, Inc. will present Cosy Sheridan at Utah State University Saturday in the Eccles Conference Center Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

The *Boston Globe* hailed Sheridan as a "very funny and enormously amiable entertainer, with a keen and wicked eye for the excesses of our fast-food, TV-happy and noisome culture."

For more information, see the preview in Friday's issue of the *Statesman*.

➤ Correction

In Monday's issue of the *Statesman*, a photo caption incorrectly stated that Physical Plant employees began pruning trees due to unseasonable weather. According to Ellen Newell, USU landscape manager, pruning is always done in the winter.

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Bringing folk music to USU

Cosy Sheridan brings her own style of folk music and thought to USU. See the story in Friday's Entertainment section of The Statesman.

Waking the dead
USU Anthropology Museum takes stroll through the agesJUSTIN BERRY
Features Editor

Tucked away in the south-west corner of the second floor of Old Main, a little known room houses some wonders and fragments of days gone by.

The Anthropology Museum displays a collection of many loaned and donated items that give a picture of what human life has been like through the centuries.

"What we're trying to do is give a pretty good idea of what anthropology is about," Mandy Larsen, curator of the museum, said.

Larsen said many people don't understand what actually goes into anthropology.

"People look at anthropology and think 'cool far away places,'" she said.

But it is more than just the exotic places.

According to Larsen, a study in anthropology can take several different forms.

The study of the distant, far-off lands is only a small part. Bio-archaeology, forms of ethnology, archaeology and physical anthropology all have a home in the museum.

Bio-archaeology is a study of the actual remains of once living beings. A new display which should be up by April will focus on the Ice Man.

"It's a good case study in bio-archaeology and what we can learn from human remains," Larsen said.

"Physical anthropology is how humans physically interact with their environment and their culture," Emily Brunson, a museum intern said.

Brunson said a good example would be to look at people who were hunters or gatherers and the work they were doing. In many cases the diseases and ways of life are decided by the work that is done.

A walk-through of the museum will reveal many exciting displays that have made there home at USU.

The Great Basin display fea-

tures relics and information about that area and its people. The exhibit will expand soon to include a basket collection which was donated to the museum. The Ruth Datham collection should be ready for display by the end of April, Larsen said.

The collection, which features over 100 baskets, will be displayed in two main focus areas — textile use and the impact/management of the environment. The second area will focus on the involvement of technology at the time used in making the baskets, as well as the impact on the environment.

Another display coming to the Great Basin section of the museum features rock art from that region. The display will be used to look at the reasons for the art itself as well as its artistic value, Larsen said.

Another region represented includes Peru. The display features several cases of items ranging in content from textile production and use to pottery. Larsen said the display is more than just cultural anthropology; it's more of a study of people and their lives.

A display which will soon leave the museum details what it is like to survive rape. The work was described by Larsen as visual ethnology (the comparative study of people.)

The display was a student's senior project in the spring of 1999. Following its removal from the museum, the display will become a traveling exhibit, Larsen said.

These are only a few examples of the works and discoveries that can be found in the museum.

The museum relies on the work and dedication of students and faculty. Larsen and other students run the museum.

"We rely on people donating collections to us," Larsen said.

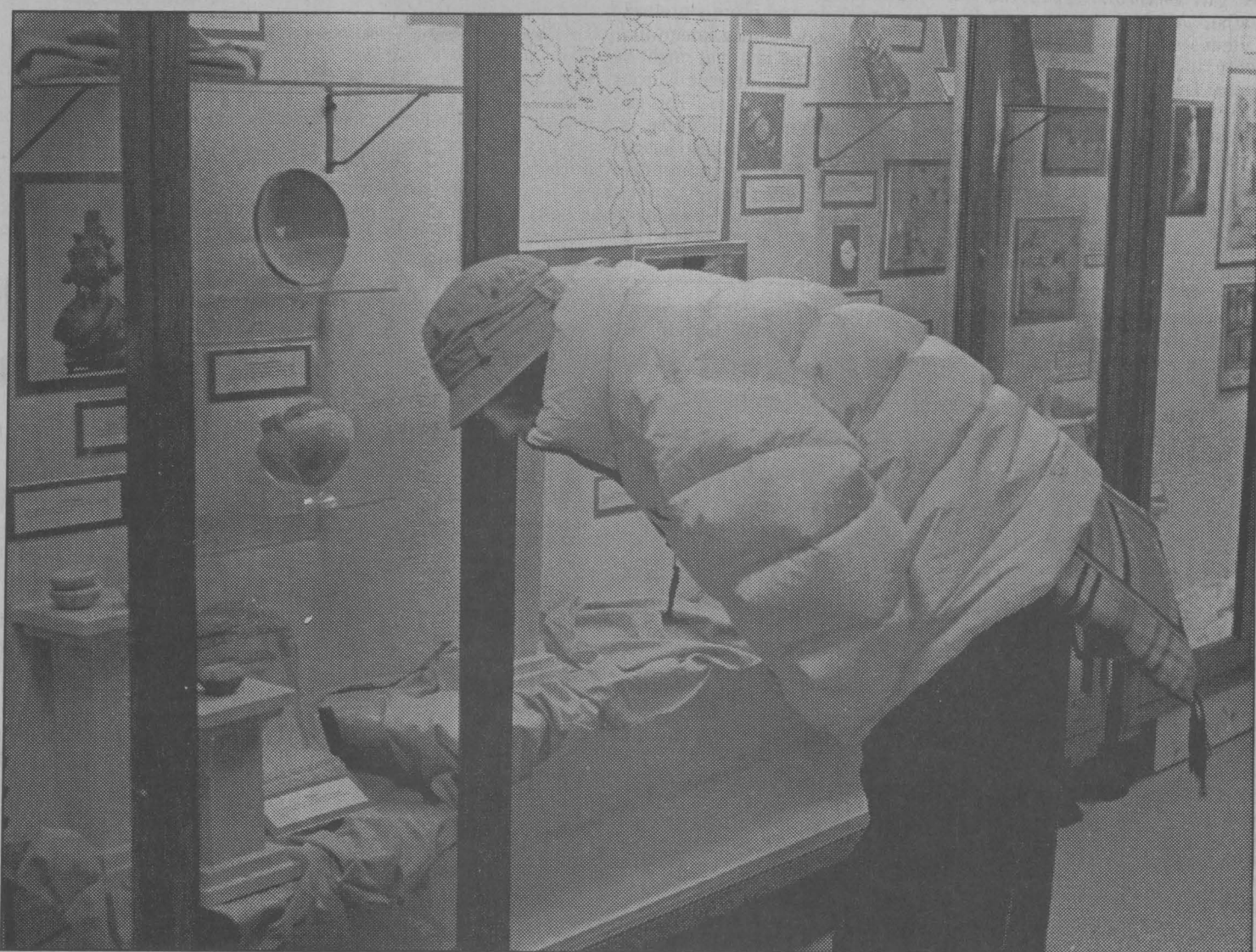
This semester the museum was able to offer internships to 11 students due to a grant from the Caine Foundation.

"We want to get people involved in the basic running of a museum," Larsen said.

Larsen wants to help people understand what is done in the student-run museum.

"It's a lot more than just exhibit development," she said.

Those working at the museum help with cataloging and the day to day operations



USU student Massahiko Kino gets a close look at the pottery in the Petra display in the Anthropology Museum on Monday. The museum is located on the second floor of Old Main in room 252. It is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The museum is operated by anthropology students.

of the museum. Larsen said one of the highlights is giving tours to school children and to those from nursing homes in the area.

As part of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) week, Larsen said the museum has activities to bring students to Old Main to see the exhibits. A treasure hunt will take place tomorrow from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with free ice cream for those who participate.

On Friday, Denise Schmandt-Besserat will speak concerning the invention of writing in different cultures.

The presentation is open to all students and will be held in the Family Life Building, Room 206 at 2:30 p.m.

Larsen said she would like to see more students visit the museum.

"There's something of interest to everyone — we are diverse in our displays," she said.

The museum is located on the second floor of Old Main in Room 252. Hours of operation are between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Tours can be arranged by calling Larsen's office at 797-0219.



Anthropology Museum intern Katie Simon performs maintenance work on the Petra exhibition on Monday.



Vitoon Thititanapak, a student from Thailand, is silhouetted by the lights from a display in the Museum Monday.

Jumping into the saddle of a whole new kind of therapy at USU

HEATHER FREDRICKSON
Copy Editor

What do you get when you throw Black Beauty and Sigmund Freud in a corral together? A whole new breed of therapy that uses horses as part of treatment.

Bill Day, Utah State University Extension's horse specialist, said he hopes that a demonstration of equine-assisted psychotherapy (EAP) at USU will generate enough student interest to make a major out of it.

"This is a small first step," Day said. "It would take at least two years; one to develop a curriculum, and another to get through the red tape."

EAP is the practice of bringing a client into an unfamiliar atmosphere with a dominant animal to see how he/she reacts to the horse, said Greg Kersten, Chairman of the Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA), based in Santaquin, Utah.

"The therapist presents you with problems and watches how you deal with that," Day said. "It is interaction with the horse more than care of the horse. It's not about ownership."

Ninety percent of the therapy exercises done with the horse are done with the

participant on the ground, Kersten said.

"Once you're on top of the horse," Kersten said, "it's a different relationship."

While Kersten wouldn't go into detail about the types of exercises done in a therapy session for fear of uncertified people leading therapy sessions of their own, he did say that therapy involves rope courses.

"(We use an) ice breaker activity with a big, dominant animal," Kersten said.

Horses were chosen for this type of therapy rather than cows or llamas not only for their size, but also for the historic connection between horses and humans, Day said.

"People and horses have worked together for eons," Day said. "The psyche seem to have evolved together."

"No other animal has played such a vital role in the development of our country," Kersten said.

Day added that cows and llamas, as well as other farm animals, have been bred for a different purpose than horses.

"The benefits 100 years ago were tangible but now it's recreational," Day said.

"Part of a good horse is his ability to be a good companion," Day said. "They would've been extinct if not for their ability to interact."

The horse is a less stressful creature

than humans, Kersten said. Once the basic needs of food and shelter are met, the horse is happy. Humans are always searching for more than their basics, Kersten said.

Therapy using horses has been offered in prison systems as additional incentive for inmates to attend therapy sessions, Day said.

He added that inmates are more willing to work with a therapist when the horse is present.

"Lots of criminals didn't have pets growing up," Day said, wondering aloud if criminals had had pets as children, would they have made the choices they did? "Animals have lots to offer," he said.

Kersten said that while cats and dogs are beneficial to a person's physical health, they are not always suitable tools in a prison environment. Sex offenders have been known to abuse the smaller animals, he said.

"The problem with dogs is that humans are superior quickly," Kersten said. This is due to the difference in height.

That doesn't happen with horses because people have to look up to them, he said.

Kersten said the horse breeds used vary widely from quarter horses to Clydesdales.

"It helps to have a huge beast that's so intimidating," Kersten said. "Clydesdales are sensitive, big animals."

Gentler animals, like mares or geldings are preferred over "ornery, hyper" stallions, Kersten said.

All therapy sessions are attended by an EAGALA-certified horse trainer and a licensed clinical therapist, Kersten said.

Certification for horse trainers involves three-day seminars covering a variety of topics, including safety; individual, group and family sessions and development of treatment plans and role play scenarios, according to EAGALA's Resource Handbook.

Higher levels of certification depend on the horse trainer's level of experience using EAP: level II requires attendance at eight EAP sessions and submitting articles

to EAGALA news. Level III requires 300 hours of EAP sessions, according to the Handbook.

There are only 20 EAP-certified outpatient programs, private practices, day programs and camps, residential programs, and boarding schools throughout the United States listed in the Handbook.

Despite the EAGALA certification and its growing popularity, Gretchen Gimpel, an assistant professor in USU's Psychology department, isn't ready to accept the discipline as "therapy."

"I wouldn't promote it as therapy, but in addition to a regular program," Gimpel said. "(It could be) an additional tool to help adolescents communicate."

Gimpel cautioned that while the results appear to be helpful, there needs to be more research beyond the anecdotes.

"Anything that can help people take advantage of therapy is a good thing," Gimpel added.

The demonstration at USU will be Feb. 16 at the Animal, Dairy, and Veterinary Science pavilion at 1495 N. 800 East and is free to students, faculty and youth. Adults pay \$10.

EAGALA will be hosting a conference at Brigham Young University March 2-4. Call 877-858-4600 or e-mail equine@eagala.org for more information.

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USU EXTENSION

Stringing up art with hand-made guitars at KSM

JENNIFER LIVSEY
Staff Writer

Cache Valley is home to many talented artists. Some use paint and brushes while others use wood as their canvas. Kevin Moore, owner of KSM Guitars & Accessories in downtown Logan, showcases his wood-working skill through the custom-made guitars he creates and sells in his store.

"I've always loved working with wood and I've always loved music," Moore said. "That's what got me interested in learning how to make guitars. It's amazing how you can turn a slab of wood into a musical instrument."

Moore said he grew up in Cache Valley and began woodworking in 1982. Watching his father work with wood, and getting experience with it in school helped to foster his natural attraction to woodworking he said. Jimi Hendricks and Stevie Ray Vaughn heavily influenced his love for guitar music. Moore said he taught himself how to make guitars by reading books and through many years of experience. Learning a skill is a life-long process, he said.

"I'm still learning," Moore said. "Experience is the only way to become good at something."

Different types of wood can be used to make a guitar, he said. The weight and density of the wood determine how the guitar will sound. A guitar made from a less-dense wood will create a light, airy tone, while a dense wood will produce a rich, heavy, bass tone.

Moore said his favorite style of guitar is a traditional style, called Les Paul because it's not flashy. He said he uses a lot of maple to

build a guitar because it is the strongest and sturdiest type of wood.

A custom-made guitar takes about three months to create, Moore said, and usually costs about \$1,500. Although more expensive than some manufactured guitars, Moore said a custom guitar is worth the price because it is tailored to the individual's style and sound preferences.

A custom guitar is made to fit the individual's hands so it is more comfortable to play, he said.

A custom-made guitar is not really for a beginner, Moore said. The customer needs to know what they want to accomplish with it. Many of the people who buy custom guitars, he said, are very skilled musicians.

"A guitar is like a shoe. You want it to fit right," Moore said. "A musician needs to have a pinpointed sound and direction they want to go. Then I can build a unique guitar to fit that individual."

Moore said he gets a lot of satisfaction from creating instruments that the owners love to play.

"It's a neat feeling when someone brings in a guitar I built for them and it has been played so much that the neck is worn down," he said.



Kevin Moore of KSM Guitars explains how he custom designed and built this guitar for a customer. Moore also does repairs at KSM.

Moore said he opened KSM Guitars & Accessories in September of 1996 and hopes to eventually expand his business.

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Fanfest 2000 brings the stars to Utah

TARA BONE
Staff Writer

You're in elementary school again and the bell signaling your freedom for the rest of the day just rang. You dart out of the school's double doors in anticipation because you know in just a few minutes you'll be home watching "The Brady Bunch," "Diff'rent Strokes" and "Star Trek" reruns.

Years later as a teenager, you're a fan of *Superman*, and horror flicks like *Friday the 13th* having seen every film at least twice.

Now you think your quality time spent with Bobby and Jason is over, but wait! All of your favorite characters are coming soon to an area near you.

Actors and directors from the film and television industry will be at the Utah State Fairpark on March 11 and 12 when Salt Lake City hosts its first annual FanFest according to Catrine McGregor.

From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the park's Grand Building, celebrities from classic TV and horror and science fiction films will be interacting with FanFest 2000 goers.

McGregor, producer of FanFest 2000 and owner of the Salt Lake-based production company Harvest Entertainment, said she wanted to bring a FanFest to Utah

because every other state in the country hosts similar festivals.

McGregor said celebrities in film are difficult to contact because it is "very hard for agents to take you seriously." She has been in the "film business for 25 years," and was able to contact a variety of celebrities for FanFest 2000.

Some of the celebrities available at FanFest 2000 for autographs and panel discussions are Margot Kidder, *Superman's* Lois Lane and Frank Gorshin, the Riddler in the original "Batman" television show.

Mike Lookinland who played Bobby Brady, and Todd Bridges who was Willis, Arnold's older brother in "Diff'rent Strokes" will also be in attendance at the festival.

Horror film stars like Ted White and Richard Brooker, both Jasons in *Friday the 13th*, Parts III and IV, will make their first appearance ever at a festival in the flesh.

A complete list of FanFest 2000 celebrities can be found at the festivals Web site www.slcfanfest2000.com.

The site also features a schedule of the events.

According to McGregor, there will be a lot of activity during the festival.

For movie and toy memorabilia collectors, dozens of vendors will be selling vintage items, and Mike Lookinland, whose autograph is the hardest

Brady signature to obtain will be available for signings.

A celebrity auction donating all proceeds to the Utah Adoption Exchange will take place on Saturday, March 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. McGregor said celebrity items and packages including dinner "with a star you're really in to" will be up for bid.

For the eager Trekkie, George Takei, the original Mr. Sulu on television's "Star Trek," will speak at noon and 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 12. Tickets for the Takei discussions are available at Global Access in Holladay and Draper.

Throughout the weekend, other FanFest 2000 celebrities will participate in panel discussions at the park's Heritage Theatre.

McGregor said because the theater only seats 225 people, audience members will be able to freely interact with celebrities.

Admission to these discussions are included with your entry ticket.

Tickets cost \$22 for one day or \$30 for both days, and can be purchased through Smith's TIX at 1-800-888-TIXX.

For hockey fans, \$29 will get a FanFest 2000 ticket as well as a ticket to the Utah Grizzlies game on Saturday, March 12.

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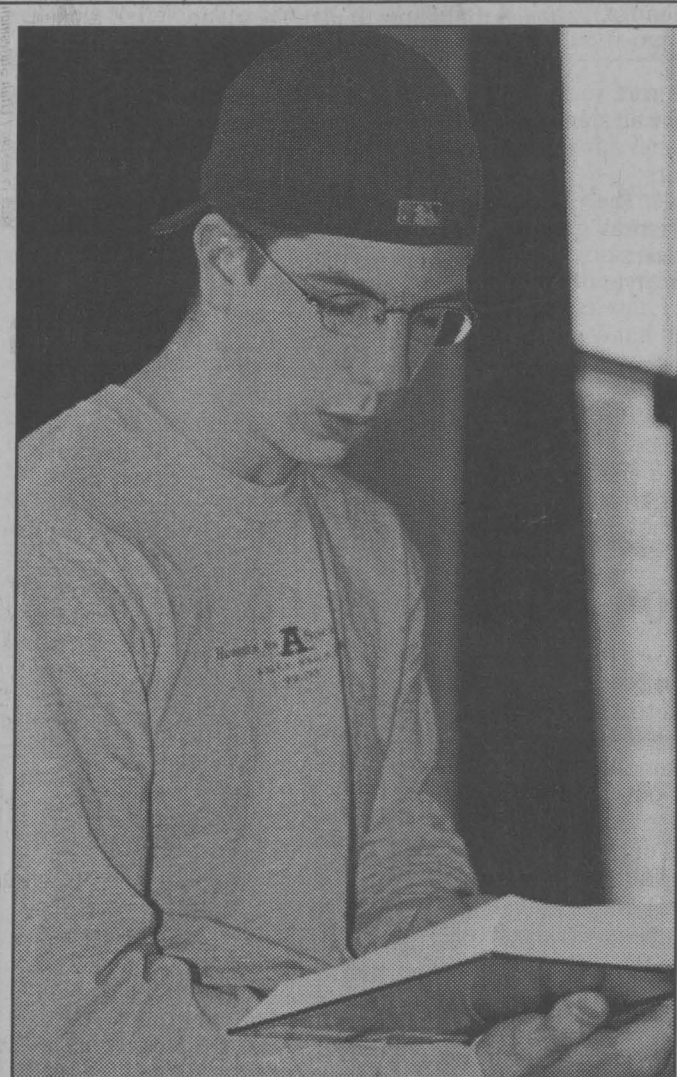
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Waxing Poetic

Freshman Kyle Jones reads a selection from Lord Alfred Tennyson during a folklore poetry reading. The reading was held in the Sunburst Lounge as part of HASS week yesterday.

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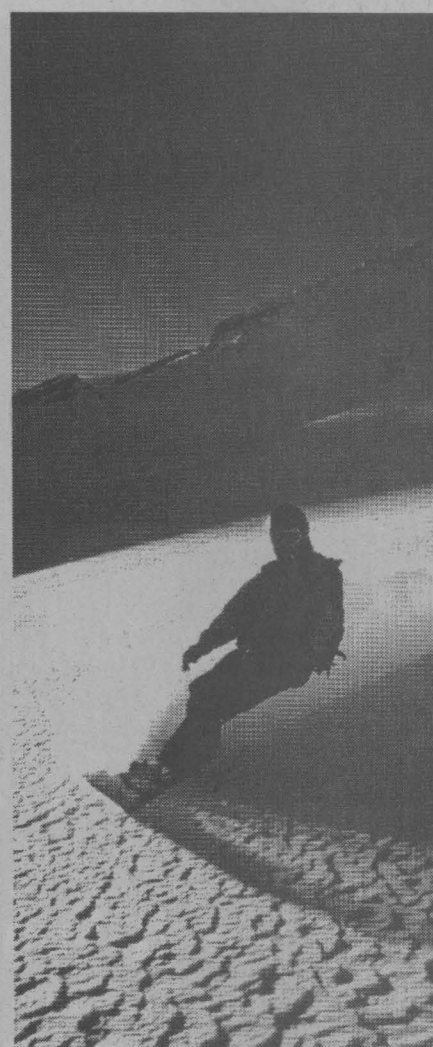
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New bridal site offers dresses, more

CORINNE KATOR
Senior Features Writer

Brides who are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints often have difficulty finding wedding dresses modest enough to wear in the church's temples. A new Web site, LatterDayBride.com, is there to help them out.

Jennifer and Troy Oldroyd and Nicole and Sean Thomas, two recently married couples, launched the site Jan. 17. LatterDayBride.com boasts a collection of 91 modest wedding dresses and a variety of other wedding services tailored to LDS couples.

Jennifer said the idea for the site came from personal experience trying to find a modest dress. She is from Utah, and said she often wondered how much more difficult it was for LDS brides in other states to find modest dresses.

In their research Jennifer and Nicole found that every designer makes at least one modest dress but doesn't advertise the dress because it is not a top seller.

This makes shopping for a modest dress time consuming. Jennifer said the purpose of the Web site was to build a collection of these dresses so LDS brides could save shopping time and alteration money.

"Modest Wedding Dresses" is the first link on the LatterDayBride.com site. Following the link takes visitors to a registration page and then to a gallery of wedding dress pictures.

Clicking on a particular dress provides a larger picture of the dress and such information as the gown's style number, price and available sizes.

The site provides a phone number to call for questions and further information about each dress.

Jennifer said the phone num-

ber is for the designer or bridal shop carrying the dress. She said all of the bridal shops are in Utah, and brides outside of Utah can ask to have a dress shipped to them. If the phone number is for a designer, Jennifer said the company can direct a bride to the nearest bridal shop that carries their designs.

The site also includes links to formal dresses, men's formal wear, rings and bands, accessories, invitations, a three-month wedding checklist and a wedding planning guide.

Jennifer said the link to formal dresses was included because finding modest dresses for bride's maids can be as difficult as finding a modest wedding dress. Jennifer said she spent \$800 to alter dresses for her bride's maids and wanted to help other brides avoid such expenses.

She said the men's formal wear is all from one shop, but the name of the designer is listed for each tuxedo allowing grooms to ask for that particular design at any tuxedo shop.

The "Rings & Bands" link takes visitors to a gallery of rings from Miadora, an online ring company. Jennifer said they chose Miadora because of the company's high quality, reasonable prices, and "great return policy."

She suggested that visitors who don't want to order from Miadora can print a picture of a ring and have it custom made by

another jeweler.

The "Accessories" link provides tiaras, bags, ring pillows, guest books, cake knives and other accessories that can be ordered right from the site. Jennifer said they plan to add shoes and cakes to the site soon.

Jennifer said the "Invitations" link was provided especially for brides living outside of Utah who want pictures of LDS temples on their invitations, napkins or other wedding paper.

"We have all sorts of invitations, but temple ones in particular," she said.

The planning guide portion of the site has links to help couples choose their colors, create a song list for their DJ, plan their honeymoon, budget their money and make many other wedding choices.

Oldroyd said they tried to make this portion of the site very comprehensive and the entire site "fun and very usable."

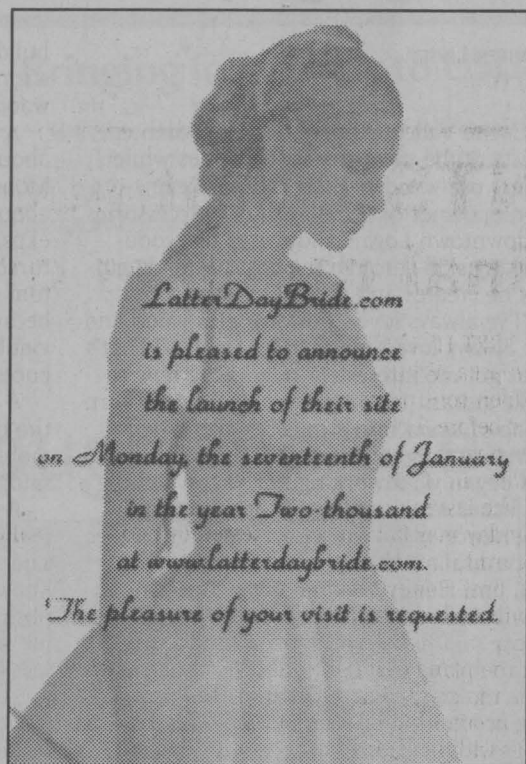


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Annual piano festival strikes chord at USU this month

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The Wassermann Festival, presented on the campus of Utah State University, is a week-long symposium that provides pianists the opportunity to work with prominent guest artists in lecture and masterclass settings studying both piano literature and performance techniques.

Interest in the five-day festival is wide ranging, from people who have a general appreciation of music from serious educators to students of piano study. The festival is open to the public and registration can still be completed, although the masterclass performance slots have been filled.

This year's Wassermann Festival, under the direction of Dennis Hirst, is Feb. 22 through 26, with guest artists Charles Rosen and E.L. Lancaster.

Two solo piano recitals are also offered in conjunction with the festival. The first features Utah pianist Eugene Watanabe (Feb. 25) and the second features Rosen (Feb. 26).

Both recitals begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Kent Concert Hall of the Chase Fine Arts Center. General admission tickets are available at the door.

The Wassermann Festival is an annual event at USU and its name honors Irving Wassermann, a former USU Music department and piano program head.

The festival now focuses on bringing concert pianists and pedagogs for a week's residency at USU, Hirst said.

An overview of the festival's lecture topics includes "Tempo in Mozart and Beethoven," "The Last Years of Chopin," "Brahms and the Classical Conventions," "Notation of Phrasing in Mozart, Beethoven and Chopin," "Teaching Musical Style to Young Pianists" and "Keyboard Study: Repertoire, Technique and More."

Festival director Hirst is pleased to have Rosen and Lancaster as this year's guest clinicians. Rosen, he said, is a best-case example for the diversity that he hopes to find in guest artists.

Rosen, now retired and living in France, is still a sought-after guest clinician and a concert artist. "There are not many concert pianists whose

careers have been as diverse as Charles Rosen's," Hirst said.

The breadth of Rosen's endeavors reflects a remarkable synthesis of performing musician, scholar, writer and lecturer, Hirst said. The format of the Wassermann Festival appeals to many established concert artists.

When approached last year by the festival, Rosen reportedly said, "This is exactly what I want to do. I don't just want to go somewhere to play. I want to talk, share and teach."

Rosen's concert career is impressive, Hirst said. He is one of the most widely respected and admired pianists of our time and has been internationally acclaimed for his performances and recordings of a diverse repertoire ranging from Bach to works by some of last century's most important composers. He is especially renowned for interpretations of Beethoven and the Romantic literature the works of Chopin, Schumann and Liszt.

Hirst is equally excited to have Lancaster at this year's festival. It was Lancaster's reputation that led Hirst to his graduate study at the University of Oklahoma.

"E.L. Lancaster has established himself as a major piano pedagog," Hirst said. "He's the expert who can tell you how to take 8-year-olds and teach them how to play the piano."

Lancaster recently assumed a new position as Vice President/Keyboard Editor-in-Chief at Alfred Publishing Company. From 1979-1998 he was a faculty member at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, where he taught piano pedagogy and coordinated the group piano program. He established the school's masters and doctoral program in piano pedagogy in 1980. He is the author or co-author of more than 125 publications designed for students of all ages from pre-school through adults. He has presented workshops for teachers around the world.

There are several registration options for the Wassermann Festival, including day passes. The masterclass performers have been selected, but observers are still welcome at these sessions. For brochures or tuition information contact festival director Dennis Hirst via email at dhirst@hass.usu.edu or by telephone, 797-3257.

Now the big question, co-host or no co-host?

VERNE GAY
Newsday

NEW YORK - The debate rages, churns and roils. Friendships are strained. The subject just won't die. The New Hampshire primary? The stock market? Susan Lucci's future on Broadway? No, silly. Really important stuff: Should Dave have a guest host?

Somewhere in the New York area, David Letterman is recuperating from open-heart surgery. He is doing well, very well, and his eventual return is measured in weeks. In the meantime, there's a show to put

on and a February sweeps looming. And so, the Second Big Question: Should CBS and Letterman squander the recent ratings gains by airing repeats? (Everyone agrees that even a roomful of chimps could easily pick any number of top-flight episodes.)

The answer is ridiculously obvious. Yes, "Late Show With David Letterman" should have guest hosts. More the merrier. Sooner the better. And just to add a little edge to this debate: Letterman also might want to design a semipermanent guest host after he returns.

At this moment, Letterman

and his trusted lieutenant, Rob Burnett, are conferring on the "guest host" issue. Burnett, executive producer, said last week that they "have never been opposed to the idea of a guest host (and) it's something we'll consider along with a lot of other options."

"Late Show" aficionados have had intemperate disagreements on the subject. Columnist Aaron Barhnhart recently posted a diatribe against the idea on his respected tvbarn.com Web site, noting that a guest host "is one of those ideas that sounds like a can't lose - that is, until somebody actually tries it."

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NTSB continues to learn more about final minutes of Alaska Airlines Flight 261

PORT HUENEME, Calif. (AP) — The pilots of Alaska Airlines Flight 261 struggled with a sudden control problem for at least six minutes before the jetliner plummeted into the ocean with 88 people aboard, federal investigators said Tuesday.

The last minutes of the MD-83's flight Monday may have been witnessed by pilots aboard four other aircraft, and the National Transportation Safety Board was seeking to interview them.

The plane plunged from 17,000 feet and crashed nose-down in the Pacific after the pilot reported problems with the horizontal stabilizer, a wing-like structure on the tail that controls the pitch of the aircraft's nose.

Investigators at the crash site also said Tuesday they had heard a pinging from the ocean, apparently from the flight recorders, which could reveal exactly what went wrong with the stabilizer.

The search was concentrated on a debris field about 10 miles offshore and about 40 miles northwest of the Los Angeles airport. Coast Guard, Navy and private vessels were joined by military airplanes.

Nearly a day after the accident, searchers had pulled four bodies — one man, two women and an infant — from the calm sea, which is 300 to 750 feet deep in the area. Hopes dimmed that anyone aboard Flight 261 survived in the 58-degree water.

"This is still a search for human life," Coast

Guard Adm. Tom Collins said. "The challenge is time. As time ticks off, risks go up."

On shore in Port Hueneme, passers-by paused to bow their heads in prayer.

"It just feels so good to stand out here and pray. It sort of cleanses you out," said Diane Adame, 39. "You don't realize when you put someone on a plane and give them a hug that you might not see them again. I just feel for the people who lost their loved ones, especially the young ones. I guess that's what really got me."

The flight had left Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for San Francisco and Seattle with 83 passengers and five crew members. The passengers included three airline employees, four employees of its sister airline Horizon and 23 relatives or friends of the employees taking advantage of free standby flights.

NTSB member John Hammerschmidt released preliminary transcripts of air traffic control communications with the airliner. The last routine transmission came at 3:55 p.m. PST, when the flight was cleared to continue to San Francisco.

At 4:10 p.m. the pilots said they had control difficulties and were descending below 26,000 feet. A few seconds later they advised they were at 23,700 feet and there was "some discussion about their ability to control the aircraft," Hammerschmidt said.

Over the next few minutes, the pilots said

they "were kind of stabilized and going to do some troubleshooting," but then said they had a jammed stabilizer. At 4:16 they were cleared for an emergency landing in Los Angeles.

The controllers cleared the plane to 17,000 feet. The crew acknowledged that in what was the last known transmission from Flight 261, Hammerschmidt said. At 4:21 p.m. the aircraft dropped from radar.

The underwater pinging was pinpointed by a Navy team that joined in the search effort. Investigators were uncertain whether the pings were from one or both of the recorders.

One some planes, the horizontal stabilizer is monitored by the plane's data recorder. The other "black box" records pilot conversations.

If the data recorder was programmed to monitor the stabilizer, it would reveal the condition of the device's electrical and hydraulic controls. If not, officials would have to deduce what happened to the device by studying how other systems performed before the crash, said Barry Schiff, an aviation consultant and former TWA pilot.

The stabilizer typically is controlled by the automatic pilot, but can also be manipulated in the cockpit. Pilots are trained extensively in what to do about stabilizer malfunctions. If the problem can't be fixed, the nose of the aircraft can move up or down uncontrollably until gravity forces the plane into a dive.

Both pilots were Alaska Airlines veterans. Capt. Ted Thompson, 53, was hired in 1982 and had 10,400 flying hours with the company. First Officer William Tansky, 57, was hired in 1985 and had 8,047 flying hours with the Seattle-based airline.

'You don't realize when you put someone on a plane and give them a hug that you might not see them again.'

• DIANE ADAME •
PASSER-BY

Stranded motorists rescued after night trapped by avalanches

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Nine motorists were rescued by a state police helicopter Tuesday after spending the night in their cars, trapped by huge avalanches that buried a highway.

The travelers, who had kept in touch with rescuers by cellular phone as they waited along the Seward Highway, were flown out in three groups and taken to a diner for breakfast. They were in good condition.

"We ate everything they had in the restaurant, and now we're

starting all over again," said Darwin Peterson. "I told my wife when we get back home, I'm not going as far as the post office for the rest of the winter."

Some of the people wrapped up for the night in sleeping bags, while others were in a van that had a propane heater.

They spent the time playing cribbage, getting acquainted and talking to troopers by phone.

Most Alaskans carry warm clothing, sleeping bags and survival gear when they travel long

distances in the winter.

Blizzard conditions has prevented rescuers from dropping supplies such as food and blankets overnight, when temperatures dipped into the low teens. The rescuers had to wait for the weather to clear to reach the motorists.

Ten other motorists trapped by another avalanche elsewhere along the Seward Highway were rescued late Monday by a construction crew that used a front-end loader to clear away snow.

Alternating freezes and thaws in December created a base of crusty, unstable snow, and a series of storms deposited deep snow over the past week. The combination has created the worst avalanche danger in 20 years.

Peterson, 70, and his wife, Geneese, had braved blizzard conditions Monday to make a 100-mile trip along the Seward Highway to Anchorage, where he was scheduled for leg surgery.

MILITARY

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themselves. If they state that they are homosexual, they are supposed to be removed from the service.

In 1994, the first full year of "don't ask, don't tell," discharges totaled 617. They rose every year since until 1999.

Michelle Benecke, executive director of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Fund, welcomed Cohen's approval of the training guidelines but said such guidance should have been made available to field commanders

years ago.

"We're glad to see, finally, that the secretary is taking steps to train people," Benecke said. She said her group has found that most service members who declare their homosexuality, and thereby are removed from the service, do so because they feel threatened by an anti-gay environment in their workplace. "What is needed now is for leaders to enforce the harassment guidelines with commitment," Benecke said.

Cohen instructed the services to develop new training guidelines last December amid widening criticism that adminis-

tration policy on gays in the military was not working.

Cohen also asked each of the service's top civilian and uniformed leaders to issue statements to their troops reinforcing the policy against harassment of gays.

In a joint statement, Air Force Secretary F. Whitten Peters and the Air Force chief of staff, Gen. Michael Ryan, said, "Harassment, threats or ridicule of individuals or groups based upon their real or perceived differences, including sexual orientation, have no place in the United States Air Force and will not be tolerated."

PRIMARY

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among independents in a state that allows its non-partisan voters to cast ballots in either primary.

And he defeated Bush among Republican voters, a constituency that Bush had expected to dominate. McCain advantage over Bush among GOP voters bodes well for their next confrontation in South Carolina, a state that tends to back establishment candidates like Bush.

The tangible primary yield was 22 delegates to the Democratic convention and 17 delegates to the GOP convention, a tiny fraction of the totals needed to win the nominations.

The true rewards of New Hampshire are momentum or simply validation of a candidate's campaign.

New Hampshire's primary is the springboard to a five-week stretch of campaigning that could determine the presidential nominees. Fourteen states have contests on March 7 and half-a-dozen more on March 14.

Voting began just after midnight in the tiny burghs of Hart's Location and Dixville Notch, where McCain and Bradley were awarded early leads among the 56 votes cast.

Nearly four out of every 10 New Hampshire voters do not declare a party affiliation, and they were a potent attraction to insurgent candidates Bradley and McCain in a state that has a

history of knocking front-runners offside.

The Democrats were philosophical about their showdown. In advance of the vote count, Bradley said, "I feel like I'm ready for the verdict." Said Gore: "I have really done everything I know to do to get my message out."

Voter interviews showed that the top quality sought by New Hampshire voters was a candidate who "stands up for what he believes in." Nearly as many voters were looking for a "strong and decisive leader."

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KADE'S KORNER / Kade Minchey



I decided over the Christmas break that being a sports writer has a few benefits — the most important of these is I can justify sitting around all day, every day, watching sports. It's my job.

Whenever my mom asked me to help with the dishes or take out the trash, I quickly respond by saying, "not now, I'm working." Now I know some of you may think that is ridiculous, so in order to justify (and yes I plan on sending this article to my mom, so she can appreciate my hard work) let me give you a taste of the fruit of my hard labor.

December 28th 1999 — 8:30 p.m.: While some of you were drinking egg nog, eating leftover fudge, and planning your dates for New Year's Eve, I was hard at work in my parent's basement watching the Pepperdine vs. UCLA basketball game. Perhaps some of you were also watching the game. If so, you saw its exciting end. UCLA won 68-66 on a controversial call.

The controversy came as Pepperdine missed a 3-point shot, then grabbed the rebound and put in a layup as the buzzer went off. The official ruled the basketball went in after the buzzer. However, the instant replay proved otherwise.

UCLA head coach Steve Lavin said after the game he was grateful there's no instant replay in college basketball.

But just a month later, on Jan. 17, Villanova lost to Miami 67-66 on a controversial 3-pointer at the buzzer. The replays seem to indicate Miami shot the ball after the buzzer.

In light of the Miami-Villanova game, the NCAA decided to implement a new rule: Officials can review and change their ruling on a basket made at the final buzzer.

I agree with Lavin, but perhaps for a different reason. An instant replay in the UCLA game would have probably forced UCLA to play in overtime and they might have lost. Miami definitely would have lost their game, and that, my friends, would have been deeply wrong.

Not because UCLA and Miami deserved to win their games, but because giving an official the power to ultimately decide the outcome of a game defeats the basic premise of what sports is all about.

Yeah, I know the official still has a lot of power making the calls he does, but that is different. The official is part of the game in basketball. He sees the game the same as everyone else does, and he does the best he can under those circumstances.

Giving him the power to review and change his call would be making basketball like figure skating or gymnastics, where the judge or official is separate from the game and has all the power to decide the outcome.

You see, in my mind there is an inherent difference between basketball, football, bowling, etc., and dancing, ice-skating, gymnastics and other such sports. The difference is the first group are sports and the second are exercises or competition. If a judge or official has to give a score or tell a team or individual they won, then they are not playing a sport. A sport is won or lost outright.

So, all you "sports" fans be wary of these new rules being imposed by the NCAA and NFL. And remember the Dallas Cowboys should be the winner of the ESPN millennial team.

Kade Minchey's column appears from time-to-time in the Statesman. He was the winner of the Statesman college football picks this season. E-mail him at sports@statesman.usu.edu.

USU hockey gearing up for showdown

No. 1 Aggies hit the road
for intense two-game battle
with No. 2 ColoradoREUBEN WADSWORTH
Sports Writer

Utah State University hockey captain Ryan Keyes said this weekend is a big one for his team.

The Aggies play three games back-to-back on the road this weekend. The first contest is against the University of Colorado Boulder on Thursday night followed by two games against Colorado State University on Friday and Saturday nights.

USU goes into the road swing with the No. 1 spot in the Western Region of the American Collegiate Hockey Association. CSU is second.

USU hockey general manager Len Bauman said this weekend will determine the national rankings going into the ACHA playoffs. A coach's poll will be conducted to determine the final standings after this weekend's results, Keyes said.

If the Aggies lose to CSU this weekend they will likely be

No. 2 going into the playoffs, but if they win, they should retain their top ranking. If USU is the No. 1 team going into the playoffs, it will play much easier teams in the first few rounds, Keyes said.

"We really want to step up our game," Keyes said about this weekend's match-up against the Rams.

The trip will mark just the second time this season Utah State has played three games in a row. That will be good for conditioning, Keyes said.

USU head coach Jerry Crossley said playing a game each day in Colorado is an ideal situation because it is like a tournament format.

"It's exactly the kind of test we need," he said. "Each game will be a test in itself."

Keyes said he expects close duels in the Friday and Saturday night games against Colorado. The last time the teams met on Jan. 22, USU skated to a 2-1 victory at the Ice Sheet in Ogden.

Keyes said defense will be the key to victory against the Rams.

*'If we don't
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• RYAN KEYES •
CAPTAIN

USU's Nate Anderson misses just left with a shot against Utah on Saturday night during the Aggies 9-1 victory.

"If we don't play defense, there is no telling what will happen with the score," he said. "Defense wins championships. We'd like to keep that motto in our heads. We only need one goal to win if we play good 'D.'"

Discipline is another thing the team is trying to work on, Keyes said. USU retaliated too much, going to the penalty box 20 times, in its victory over the University of Utah last Saturday, he said. Keyes added there wouldn't be as many penalties this weekend because

CSU is a higher-class team than Utah. Their long-term goals are the same as the Aggies — getting to nationals. "Hopefully our players will keep their heads in the game," he said.

USU players were nervous days before their last contest with CSU. Keyes said he expects more of the same this time.

"I actually hope everybody's nervous," Keyes said, explaining nervousness might lead to better play.

Keyes said he thinks it will

be harder to play in a hostile environment.

"Fan support is one of the biggest uplifts going into a game," he said. "I've never traveled anywhere where the fan support is as good (as at USU)."

Keyes said USU's 19-0-1 record is amazing to him, considering how young the team is. However, if the team could somehow lose a game to the Rams and still salvage its No. 1 ranking, Keyes said he would do it to show his teams' younger players they are not invincible.

USU finally at home after four-game trip

AARON MORTON
Assistant Sports Editor

Prior to the four-game California and Idaho road trip, head coach Stew Morrill expressed some annoyance in the schedule.

After posting wins in all four contests, only the second Utah State University team since the 1962-63 season to do so, Morrill said he enjoyed it — for eight to ten hours.

Why? The reasons might be easy to see considering the Aggies opponents this weekend.

At 6-0 in the Big West Conference and holding a two-game lead over their next competitor in the Eastern Division, USU (15-5 overall) will take on the only two teams who have a good chance of catching them: the University of North Texas (6-11) and New Mexico State University (13-5).

"They immediately scared me," Morrill said. "These are the two best teams we've played so far."

Both are 4-2 in the Big West after the Eagles (or the Mean Green, as they like to call themselves) tripped up the NMSU Aggies, who were picked by the media and the coaches to win the Eastern Division, 75-73 Wednesday.

UNT, which USU plays Thursday in the Spectrum at 7 p.m., boasts the No. 1 and No. 5 scorers in the conference in Chris Davis and Deginald Erskin — as well as an athletic team, Morrill said.

"Talent-wise, they're very impressive," he said. "These guys are more athletic than Idaho."

Despite being a freshman, Davis was named BWC player-of-the-week after scoring 19 against NMSU and 25 vs. California State University at Fullerton.

"He doesn't look like a freshman," Morrill said.

Not to be overshadowed is 6-foot-6 sophomore Erskin who has scored 15 or more points in every game since Dec. 1.

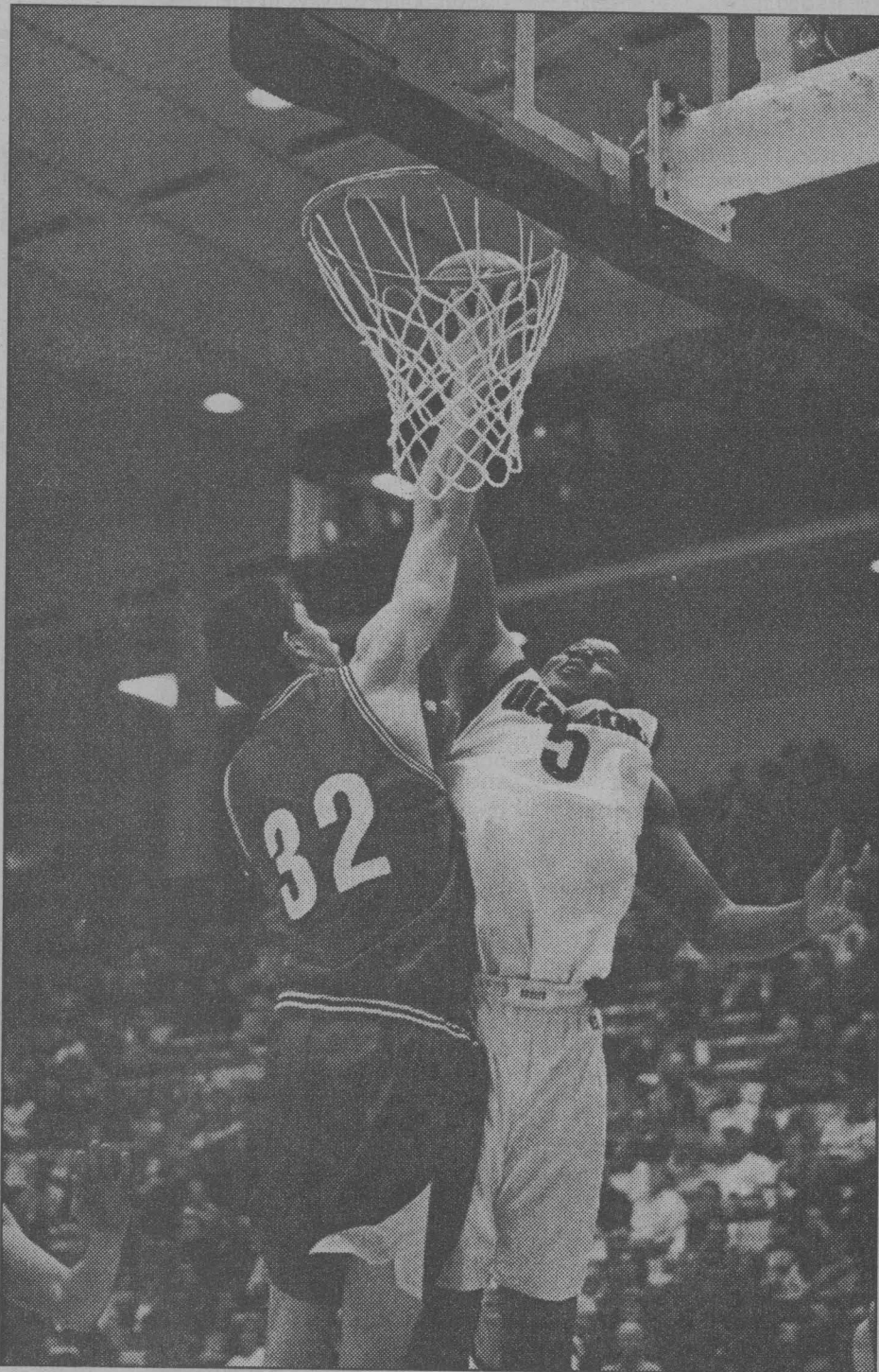
Meanwhile, the Aggies currently have no players in the top 15 in BWC scoring, getting their points from the five starters who all average 8.9 points a game or better.

"I kind of always like (even offensive contributions)," Morrill said, "when we're winning games."

USU has been getting help from different players on different nights. Junior college transfers Shawn Daniels and Bernard Rock have led the way. Daniels scored 14 points or more in all four games of the road stretch, and Morrill said Rock has emerged as both a scorer and a team leader.

Morrill said Troy Rolle and Tony Brown, last season's starters, have been streaky of late. Rolle was worked completely out of the Boise State University game, scoring just two points, but rebounded against the University of Idaho to score 14 key points.

Brown scored a team-high 19 points at



USU forward Shawn Daniels (5) is blocked by a Simon Fraser defender in the Spectrum on Nov. 11

California Polytechnic State University, but managed only nine Sunday.

History favors USU on Thursday over the Mean Green. While UNT won the last game in the series, 94-90 in Denton, Texas last season, the Aggies lead 6-1 all-time, including a 102-76 drubbing in the Spectrum.

In addition, North Texas is a poor road team and is 0-7 this season when away from Denton. USU has won 47 of its last 50 home games.

"We're obviously excited to be back

home," Morrill said. "But we don't automatically win at home."

Rebounding is a concern for Utah State going into this weekend, Morrill said. Usually one of USU's strengths, the Aggies only out-rebounded their opponents once in the four-game road swing. Morrill said he hoped fatigue was a reason for this.

Saturday night at 7:05 p.m., the Aggies will take on New Mexico State's Aggies in the Spectrum. If USU wins both games, the team will take a commanding three-game lead in the Eastern Division.

Sports BRIEFS

Dennehy
meeting with
Aggie fans todayUTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
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Utah State University football fans will have an opportunity to meet new head football coach Mick Dennehy and his staff today.

Fans are invited to the Coppermill Restaurant in Logan at 7 p.m. to meet with the staff and discuss the future of Utah State football.

Cost of the event, which is being hosted by the Big Blue Club Board of Directors, is \$6 per person. Reservations can be made by calling Heidi in the athletic department at 797-1850.

Malone, Stockton
selected as
All-Star reserves

NEW YORK (AP) — Seven first-time All-Stars are among the 14 reserves selected today for the NBA All-Star Game.

Head coaches chose seven players for each team, including All-Star perennials Karl Malone and John Stockton of Utah and David Robinson of San Antonio.

Those three were joined on the West squad by Sacramento's Chris Webber, Portland's Rasheed Wallace, Seattle's Gary Payton and Dallas' Michael Finley.

The East reserves are Milwaukee's Ray Allen and Glenn Robinson, Indiana's Dale Davis and Reggie Miller, New York's Allan Houston, Detroit's Jerry Stackhouse and Atlanta's Dikembe Mutombo.

Davis, Glenn Robinson, Allen, Stackhouse, Houston, Wallace and Finley are all first-time choices.

The NBA All-Star Game will be played Feb. 13 at Oakland, Calif.

USU hockey: The good, the bad and the ugly?

Aggie's play lacks something desirable

IN MY WORLD
/Heather Fredrickson



Blood-gushing, bone-crunching, stick-breaking action. That's what it's all about. That's the "coolest" game on earth. That's hockey.

Oh, 'scuse me. I mean, that's Utah State University, roller derby style hockey.

But that's what the fans want to see, right? Blood bouncing on the ice, gloves flying, jerseys being yanked over the players' heads, helmets ripping off faster than a Pavel Bure breakaway ... that's what it's all about.

Or maybe, just maybe, there's actually some skill involved. At least there's supposed to be. Isn't there? Wayne Gretzky can't be the "Great One" because of his penalty total, can he? No, I don't think so. What about Mark Messier? He's a downright goon. Oh wait ... I was thinking of Gino Odjick. Nevermind.

Plenty of excellent players beat the snot out of other players and commit penalties, but theirs are rare instances and the combined total doesn't usually rack itself up to the double digits.

Fights in the National Hockey League are common, but in each game they are generally few — maybe two or three in one game. Goons go at it for a few minutes, take each other down to the ice, pummel each other's noses and get hauled off for a two minute penalty for roughing. Big whoop.

Those guys are only on the ice for one reason. Tie Domi isn't there to score, defend or skate; he's there to pick a fight.

So, it would appear then that those names hockey fans know and love are the ones connected with scoring, leadership, speed, and skill. Why, then, do the USU hockey players seem so blood thirsty?

It brings the fans who don't truly understand hockey and the finer points therein. The fans who want to relieve their own aggression and frustration by living vicariously through the pounding on the ice. It alleviates their tension



Do Aggie fans really understand hockey? Their behavior Saturday night in Ogden might suggest they don't.

are more than satisfied by a penalty-ridden game.

OK, so hockey is a sport that naturally lends itself to brawls. I won't dispute that. After all, this is a sport born and bred in a country known for its beer. Once you get a bunch of male friends drunk on a Saturday night, there's no stopping the bloodshed. Might as well throw them on some ice, give 'em sticks and call it a sport.

What I will argue with is the attitude that not only the players seem to have, but also that of the fans. Sure, it may get that guy with the large, orange construction zone cone some laughs when he calls the other team's goalie gay, but does he really think that goalie gives a rat's ass what he said? Think again.

It has become blatantly obvious to me the fans here have been introduced to hockey for maybe the first time in their lives and they bring the idea with them that the players are just supposed to beat the crap out of each other.

Um, no. Fans aren't supposed to cheer a penalty against their team either. It's not a good thing. A penalty is not like a goal, it's like being sent to sit in the corner while everyone else in the class laughs at you for doing something stupid.

And what's with taunting the poor guy in the penalty box? He's already had his hand slapped by the referee, does he really need it again by the fans leaning over the rails to throw things at

him? That's just unsportsmanlike. Give me a break. If you're that wound up about it, go punch a pillow or something.

And don't think I abhor such violence and conduct simply because I'm a girl. I was raised on hockey and lacrosse, a sport more violent than hockey when played in the box. They have half the padding and twice the stick to wield. I'm no stranger to hard hits, fights, broken bones and bloodshed as part of a game. But sometimes the fans just get out of control and there's no ref to rein them in.

I was particularly disheartened by Saturday night's game when fans started throwing things on the ice. The Aggies were bound to serve a bench penalty or two for that, and for what? I found out later that fans were throwing pennies. What the ... ??? The logic behind this again was ... what?

I can understand the chucking of the octopus on the ice at a Detroit Red Wings home game. There's some tradition behind that at least. What's the tradition behind pennies and Utah State? Does that symbolize our humble beginnings, our cash-strapped faculty, our poorly funded club sports, our dumb ass fans? If the fans were true to their Aggies, they wouldn't try to hold up the game and give the other team an opportunity to capitalize on penalty.

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Aggies aren't an NHL team so let's cut them some slack

THE HOBSON HUT
/Casey Hobson



It's not about blood, broken bones or fractured skulls.

It's about strategy.

I hope you took time to read Heather's remarks displayed just to the left of this column. She made a few good points, but failed to properly emphasize the role fighting plays in hockey.

And that's disappointing, especially coming from someone who knows as much as Heather does about hockey. She's from Canada, where hockey is almost as holy as baseball is in the States.

Do the fans here misunderstand the game? Probably.

Do they tend to get an evil satisfaction out of the violence as a result? Probably.

Does that make fighting an evil part of the game? No.

Let's face it, fighting is an important aspect to the game. Take away the brutality of the sport and you might as well take away the players skates, sticks and cups. The game just wouldn't be the same.

Heather complained of the numerous penalties dished out on Saturday night's slug-fest with the University of Utah. True, there were a lot, and USU players seemed to be at the heart of it all. However, the Aggies also won the game 9-1, and if you're winning by that much, you must be doing something right. The penalties happened to play a very strategic

role in taking the lead.

The Aggies entered the locker room tied with the Utes at the end of the first quarter and knew something had to change. They adapted their game and coasted to an easy victory as a result.

So what was so different? It was the penalties. Ugly as it might have been, it worked.

By playing a more physical and brutal game, USU lured the Utah into various confrontations. These confrontations resulted in power plays galore for both teams. Power plays open the ice, and a quick team with good puck control can take advantage of the open space.

The Utah State players aren't professionals, but they are better puck handlers than most of the other teams in the league, and they're quicker than most too. Utah was no exception.

The Aggies claimed the lead early in the second period on — what else — a four minute power play, during which they dominated the ice. With nearly 15 minutes left in the quarter, the ice in USU's zone was virtually unscathed. The only skate marks were from USU players who skated down to retrieve the puck on icing violations.

The trend of power play goals continued for the next 35 minutes as USU strolled to an eight-point victory.

Why did it work? Because fighting draws penalties, opens up the ice and allows skaters like Nate Anderson and Ian Tracy to emerge and score with more frequency.

Sure, USU isn't the most talented in the world, but no one expects them to be either. They

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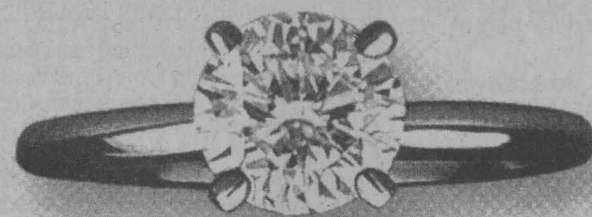
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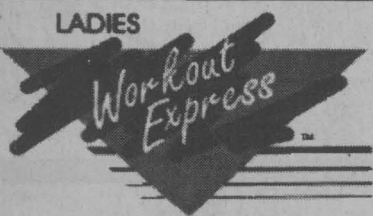
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Not that the Aggies are ever short of penalties of course. In Saturday's game, USU served 20 penalties to Utah's 14, and in a Weber State game back in September, the combined number of penalties soared to 23. So, we're doing better, right?

In an NHL game, 10 penalties is generally considered excessive. Why does USU insist on playing its goonish brand of roller-derby-on-ice? Could it be ... (gasp) the Aggies, for the most part, have almost no idea how the game is really played? There are exceptions. Nate Anderson seems to be a fairly decent player. So does Eric Moldenhauer, but he spends his time in the net. So they have one non-goat player. Wow.

I suppose the number of penalties can be linked to the intimidation factor. Scare the hell out of the other team, and they'll be so busy trying to clean their shorts they won't even notice the goals slipping through. Yeah, that's it.

The only problem with that, of course, is that when a penalty is called on a player, he hurts his own team by taking them down a man for at least two minutes, if not longer, and giving the other team an opportunity to laugh at him sitting in the box with a 'Dunce' cap

on his head.

The most intimidating thing that can happen in a game such as hockey is a good, solid, fair smack in the boards from one player to another. Slashing, high sticking, tripping, hooking, checking from behind and late checking is all so cowardly. Take the man to the boards, smash his face against the glass, leave him stammering for his name and skate away to help the team score while the other guy tries to gather his insides so he can get up and crawl to the bench.

I've seen this method work. It happens in hockey all the time, and it also works well in lacrosse — the other official sport of Canada.

One legal hit can break a guy's arm. I've seen it. It's gross. And it's intimidating. Why can't USU's players do that?

Side note — In Jan. 31's edition of "Sports Illustrated" there's a section devoted to stupid things people are doing in sports. One of them involves the East Coast Hockey League. The New Orleans Brass brawls are being sponsored, yep, paid for, by a local Ford dealership. Now, everytime there's a fight, it's called a Regency Rumble.

Does that scare anyone else?

Heather Fredrickson is the copy editor for the Statesman. She is from Canada and knows about hockey.

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find ways to win, and that's the most important part. Fighting just happens to be what works most often for the Aggies. Considering they're sporting a 19-0-1 record, it's kind of hard to fault their methods.

As for the fans, I have but one thing to say: Be fans, not New Yorkers. Give the players hell; it's your job. Get under their skin and annoy them to no end. That's what being a fan is all about.

However, leave the batteries, pennies and all the other garbage at home. Inflicting pain is not your job as a fan, and once you start down that road, you're nothing but a Damn Yankee.

No, this isn't NHL hockey. It's not even Utah Grizzlies hockey. The talent isn't as rich, but it is entertaining. Right now the Aggies are on the verge of something very special — a league championship — and everyone can appreciate that, whether they understand the game or not.

Good luck in Colorado boys. Make us proud.

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BYU offensive coordinator goes to NC State

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Longtime BYU offensive coordinator Norm Chow has taken the same job at North Carolina State.

North Carolina State coach Chuck Amato, hired last month, extended the offer last week. Chow submitted his resignation Monday to BYU coach LaVell Edwards.

"Chuck's a defensive guy," Chow said. "He'll let me do whatever I want with the offense."

Chow, 53, signed a three-year contract. The salary wasn't disclosed.

Chow spent 22 seasons in Provo, the last 15 as offensive coordinator. Amato and Chow are friends from Amato's days as an Arizona assistant in the early 1980s.

"When you think about BYU, you think of offensive firepower and Norm is a big factor in that reputation," Amato said. "It was a great steal for us to get a man of his reputation."

However, BYU fans probably didn't feel they had been robbed. Chow was increasingly criticized for personnel decisions and play-calling when the Cougars stumbled at the close of the last three seasons.

BYU lost 21-3 to Marshall in the Motor City Bowl, ending the 1999 season 8-4 after an 8-1 start. The three points represented the lowest

offensive output in BYU's 22 bowl appearances.

In 1998, the Cougars lost their last three, including a 41-27 defeat to Tulane in the Liberty Bowl. In 1997, BYU lost three of the last four and missed the bowl season.

"He became unfairly criticized for a lot of things that may or may not have been his doing," Edwards said.

"It's amazing how these things happen. You just get to a point where you say to yourself, 'Is all of this worth it?'"

One year earlier, Chow was hailed as a hero when BYU went 14-1 and finished with a No. 5 national ranking after beating Kansas State in the Cotton Bowl.

Chow called the offense when the Cougars went 13-0 and won the 1984 national title. He coached Davey O'Brien award winners in quarterbacks Jim McMahon, Steve Young and 1990 Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer.

BYU traditionally has had one of the most stable staffs in the nation and Chow's departure leaves a significant hole.

"I've got to think through what direction we want to head and what I want to do," Edwards said. "We have some strong people on the staff. It may well be we have people here who are ready for it."

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• LAVELL EDWARDS •
BYU COACH

Senators fight against college sport betting

WASHINGTON (AP) — The point-shaving scheme that landed Kevin Pendergast in a federal prison began with illegal bribes to Northwestern basketball players. It ended with his cohort doing something legal — walking into a Las Vegas casino and placing bets on the fixed games.

"Without Nevada, without the option of betting money in Nevada, the Northwestern basketball point-shaving scandal would not have occurred," Pendergast said.

Pendergast, 28, who spent two months in prison for his role in

fixing three Big Ten basketball games in 1995, lent his story and his support to a bill introduced Tuesday that would ban betting on college sports.

He bolstered a fundamental argument of the measure's sponsors — that legal sports gambling in Nevada promotes and legitimizes widespread illegal sports betting on college campuses.

"Sports gambling has become a black eye on too many of our colleges and universities," said Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., who is sponsoring the legislation with Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt. Nevada is the only state that allows widespread sports betting. The state's gambling industry took in \$2.3 billion in sports wagers in fiscal 1999, with 30 percent to 40 percent bet on college sports.

Leaders of the U.S. Olympic Committee, the NCAA and the National Federation of State High School Associations were among those joining Brownback and Leahy during a news conference touting the bill.

Charles Wethington, president of the University of Kentucky and chairman of the NCAA executive committee, said a ban would strengthen the NCAA's

long-running argument that newspapers should stop publishing point spreads for college games. The NCAA believes the spreads encourage betting.

Nevada lawmakers and other gambling supporters criticized the proposed ban as misguided.

Rep. Shelley Berkley, D-Nev., called it "a red herring, an exercise in finger-pointing" that blames Nevada for the nationwide problem of illegal sports gambling.

Frank Fahrenkopf Jr., who lobbies for casinos as president of the American Gaming Association, said the bill "amounts to an ineffective Band-Aid on a campus cancer."

Rep. Jim Gibbons, R-Nev., and Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., said they will introduce competing legislation asking the Justice Department to study illegal gambling on campuses.

Even a frequent critic of the gambling industry said the bill misses the point.

"It's going to help, but it's not going to solve the real problem," said Arnie Wexler, former executive director of New Jersey's Council on Compulsive Gambling. "The real problem is what's going on on the campus."

Braves' Rocker suspended

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Braves say the John Rocker case is closed. The players' association wants to open it back up.

The union filed a grievance Tuesday to overturn Rocker's suspension, and the Braves returned to Turner Field to begin winter workouts.

Commissioner Bud Selig banned the reliever from joining the team until May 1 because of disparaging comments against homosexuals, minorities and foreigners.

"I'm glad there's finally a decision," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "Maybe we can get this behind us one of these days."

But the players' union asked arbitrator Shyam Das to "rescind the discipline," fully aware that many suspensions by baseball commissioners have been overturned or shortened.

"The discipline is without just cause," the union said in a letter sent to Selig's office. It was unclear when a hearing will be held.

Richard Moss, the association's former top lawyer, said he was surprised Selig ruled Monday without a consensus on the punishment, which also included a \$20,000 fine and sensitivity training.

"For the commissioner's office to just do something without consulting the players' association, without consulting Rocker and without reaching agreement on what was acceptable to everybody was kind of stupid," Moss said in a telephone interview from New York.

"What Rocker did was very wrong. The question is: What's the appropriate way of dealing with it? It should have been worked out with all the parties, rather than a confrontational way. It's very stupid for the commissioner's office to do it this way. I think there's a very good chance it will get reduced, and they will look bad in the process."

In the meantime, several teammates and coaches were reluctant to discuss Rocker's suspension, though general manager John Schuerholz denied a gag order had been imposed by management.

"The players can say whatever they want," Schuerholz said. "We're just through talking about it as a team. It's over. That's an old issue. We are not going to let it be a distraction for our team."

Cox, returning from a hunting trip, said he would have preferred a quicker decision from the commissioner's office.

"It's been a circus around here for well over a month," Cox said. "It's really been the John Rocker show when it should have been about the Braves."

Even though Rocker's tirade also included controversial comments about his manager, Cox said he's talked with Rocker and is willing to forgive.

"I think he deserves a chance to present his case to the team and the fans," he said. "He suffered an awful lot already. ... I know he would like to see this die down. Most people have already forgiven him and would like to get him back on the right track."

Rookie outfielder George Lombard, who is black, considers himself a close friend of Rocker's family and even spent the night at his home during a trip to Macon.

"Of course, it's disturbing," Lombard said of the SI article. "He's touched a lot of people. It's going to take time to mend those hearts."

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AIDS study says oral sex is more dangerous than previously thought

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Oral sex, long regarded by many gay men as a low-risk practice, appears to be a surprisingly frequent way of spreading AIDS.

A study released Tuesday found that oral sex was probably the cause of 8 percent of recent HIV infections among a group of homosexual men examined in San Francisco.

In the past, there have been occasional reports of people apparently catching HIV orally. But health investigators have had difficulty being certain, since gay men who have oral sex also may engage in other, riskier sex practices, such as anal intercourse.

Now diagnostic tests allow doctors to narrow down the timing of HIV infections. They were used in the latest study, described as the most definitive on the subject to date.

The work was conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the University of California at San Francisco, and was presented in San Francisco at a scientific conference.

"While oral sex may still be safer than anal intercourse or vaginal intercourse, it is not without risk and perhaps has higher risk than we would have expected otherwise," said Dr. Helene Gayle, the CDC's AIDS chief.

The researchers sought to learn the means of infection in 102 gay and bisexual men who

had recently caught HIV. When all other possible means of infection were ruled out, oral sex turned out to be the only risk behavior in eight of these men. Most of them said they thought oral sex had little or no risk.

'A lot of us in the public health field have been saying all along to be careful of unprotected fellatio. People think the risk is low, but what's low?'

• DR. ANTHONY FAUCI •
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Because of the strict criteria used, the real number of cases resulting from oral sex may actually have been higher. For instance, two men said they had oral sex but not anal sex. But they also said they had blacked out once and could not be sure what had happened, so they were excluded from the total.

All of the men apparently caught the virus by giving oral sex, rather than receiving it, and none used condoms.

"We know that the only safe sex is total abstinence or sex with a mutually monogamous, non-HIV-infected partner," Gayle said. "Everything else has some degree of risk. The sense that oral sex is safe sex may have been an unfortunate message."

Gayle said she assumes that the risk of oral sex when properly using a condom is close to zero.

She also said that if oral sex alone has played a large role in the spread of AIDS, that would already have become obvious during the 20 years of the epidemic.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, noted that some gay men turned to

Computer analysis dates virus in AIDS epidemic to 1930

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The worldwide AIDS epidemic has been traced back to a single viral ancestor — the HIV Eve — that emerged perhaps around 1930.

Earlier research had suggested that the epidemic began in the first half of the 20th century, but the latest analysis, done at the Los Alamos National Lab in New Mexico, appears to be the most definitive so far.

Bette Korber, who keeps a database of HIV genetic information at the lab, calculated HIV's family tree by looking at the rate the virus mutates over time.

She assumed these genetic changes happen at a constant rate, and using a supercomputer she clocked the mutations back through time to a common ancestor.

Korber estimates that the current epidemic goes back to one or a small group of infected humans around 1930, though this ancestor virus could have emerged as early as 1910 or as late as 1950.

From this single source, she suggests, came the virus that now infects roughly 40 million people all over the world.

"This offers a small piece in a larger puzzle concerning the ori-

gins of HIV," she said. Her findings were released at a scientific conference this week in San Francisco.

Experts believe that HIV's ancestor is a virus that ordinarily infects chimpanzees. Somehow it spread to people — perhaps through a bite or hunting mishap — in west equatorial Africa.

Just when this happened, though, is still a mystery, Korber said. The leap from chimp to man could have been around 1930.

Or it may have occurred much earlier and the virus stayed within a small group of humans. The work challenges a theory that AIDS actually began in the 1950s, when HIV was accidentally mixed with the polio vaccine. In last year's book "The River," Edward Hooper theorizes that HIV contaminated batches of the vaccine that were grown in chimp tissue. This then spread when the vaccine was tested in the Belgian Congo.

Korber said this is highly unlikely, since it would require the introduction of at least 10 genetically separate strains of the virus into the vaccine from different chimps.

frequent unprotected oral sex after giving up anal intercourse.

"A lot of us in the public health field have been saying all along to be careful of unprotected fellatio," he said. "People think the risk is low, but what's low?"

Dr. Frederick M. Hecht of San Francisco General Hospital, a co-author of the study, said anal intercourse may be 100

times riskier than oral sex.

"The message is not that everyone will get infected through oral sex," he said.

Because of declines in unprotected anal intercourse, there has been a big reduction in high-risk exposure, Hecht said, but there is still plenty of low-risk exposure through oral sex without condoms, "and that low risk adds up."

Chechen fighters abandon Grozny and escape blockades

ALKHAN-YURT, Russia (AP) — Several hundred Chechen fighters have abandoned positions in their embattled capital of Grozny and escaped despite a Russian blockade. Two senior rebel commanders along with scores of their fighters stumbled into a minefield and were killed.

About 2,000 Chechen fighters broke out and tried Tuesday to head south to join up with fellow rebels, battling federal forces attempting to prevent their escape with tanks and artillery. Russian reports estimated there were about 3,000 rebel fighters in Grozny last week.

Other rebels stayed in the battered Chechen capital to keep up the fierce resis-

tance they have mounted to months of air and artillery attacks and a five-week Russian push to take the city center.

There was no sign that any of the estimated 15,000-40,000 civilians trapped in Grozny had left with the rebels.

At least two prominent rebel commanders remained in Grozny with their forces, rebels said. It was unclear how many rebels remained under their command.

A large group of rebels got caught in a minefield on the outskirts of Grozny on Monday, and several prominent Chechen commanders were killed or badly wounded, witnesses said. Russian artillery then opened fire on the field, killing and wounding scores

more fighters, they said.

Notorious Chechen field commander Shamil Basayev reportedly had his leg torn off when his car was blown up by a mine as he escaped Grozny; he was spirited away, rebels said, and his whereabouts was unknown.

Among the Chechen commanders reportedly killed were Aslanbek Ismailov, who had headed Grozny's defenses, Khunkar-Pasha Israpilov, and Grozny Mayor Lecha Dudaev.

Russian commanders denied that the rebels escaped; a main goal of the Russian offensive had been to wipe out the fighters in Grozny. The rebels who left Grozny are expected to join thousands of comrades in the south to go on fighting.

Clinton to ask \$1.2 billion for Native Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton will ask Congress for \$1.2 billion in new spending on American Indian programs, including hundreds of millions more to build schools, hire police and improve health care, a White House aide told tribal leaders.

Clinton announced the Indian spending initiative in his State of the Union address last week but gave no specifics. That plan, to be included next week in Clinton's proposed 2001 budget, includes new or expanded Indian programs in nearly every federal agency, said Lynn Cutler, Clinton's top adviser on Indian issues.

"It's important that we get every agency of the federal government thinking about Indians and employing Indian people," Cutler said Tuesday. "That's the only way we can have a true government-to-government relationship (with tribes)."

The proposed \$1.2 billion increase would bring the total to more than \$5.5 billion spread over a number of different programs.

Details of the proposal

include \$300 million to build at least six new reservation schools, \$650 million for housing programs, a \$117 million increase for road repairs, about \$300 million more for the Indian Health Service and \$103 million added to tribal law enforcement, Cutler said.

She outlined the plan Monday to tribal leaders at a meeting of the United South and Eastern Tribes, which represents 23 tribes from Maine to Texas.

But the head of the Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs, the main agency funding tribal governments, was not as enthusiastic.

"In all, I don't think it's anything to have a party over, because the needs in Indian Country are so great," said Kevin Gover, a Pawnee whom Clinton picked to head the BIA in 1997.

Cutler acknowledged that Clinton's proposal fell short of meeting the needs of American Indians, who face far higher rates of poverty, unemployment and other social problems than the country as a whole. She said


the \$1.2 billion plan is the largest increase in Indian funding ever proposed, and anything more would face stiff opposition in the Republican-controlled Congress.

"The president wanted to do a whole range of initiatives in

this last budget, and this is what we had the money to do," she said.

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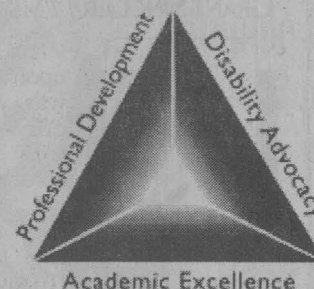
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To the
EDITORUniversity should
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Once or twice every millennia, a new concept or philosophy will completely shift our view on the laws that govern the physical universe. Apparently this has happened recently within the College of Engineering. The principles of Engineering Mechanics has radically altered... at least, the textbooks have.

There must be a new constant of gravity, or maybe the quadratic formula has been changed. I can't think of another reason why the faculty would need to purchase the newest editions of textbooks that contain age old principles that haven't changed.

Last time I checked, apples are still falling to the ground, planets still revolve around objects of greater mass. Let's be sensible about this. Making students purchase new books that haven't changed, other than a flashy new cover, is unethical. The faculty should be doing everything in their power to alleviate the financial demands on the students, not magnify them.

Now, I realize that book demands are affected by the publisher and the circulation of used books, but let's stop thinking of the same old solutions to the same old problems. Publisher stops publishing, faculty buys new books. Wow, that's some problem solving at it's very worst.

Is there a way of standardizing the course material so that you can use the old edition as well as the newer one? Why can't the University publish its own text and recirculate it as demand warrants?

I may be ill informed about the subject, but I know that when my professor says, "It's the same textbook, but the problem sets have been changed by the publisher so that we are forced to buy new ones."

It's no wonder that we need to pay more tuition. In the competitive world that we live in, we can't simply "go with the flow" of the economic waste waters, unless we want to end up in the sewers. We need to be riding the crest on the wave of ingenuity.

So, maybe the laws that govern the universe haven't changed, but it's high time the ones that govern the purchasing of new textbooks do.

BLAKE W. BINGHAM

Life is too short not to eat dessert

GRANT SINCLAIR / TMS Campus News Service



Once upon a time, I was having a conversation with a friend who was telling me, "Someday, I will (fill in life goal here)." At this point, I replied, "Today is someday too." I feel that one statement is the key to turning your life into one that other people dream of.

There is one constant in this life. You will die. It's what you do before you die that matters. Besides, if you follow my advice, you will have plenty to talk about at your New Year's Eve party. Here are my ten ideas towards getting the most out of life.

1) Go somewhere on foot. It does not matter if it is on trail or road. But getting from place to place with just your feet and what you can carry on your back is what makes it epic. Some suggestions for interesting walks off the beaten path: From Florida City to Key West on U.S. 1. Where else can you hike through a chain of islands?

Or try from the northeast gate of Yellowstone National Park to Red Lodge, Mont. This is the infamous Beartooth Scenic Byway. It ascends to 10,940 ft at Beartooth Pass and has snow on the ground year round. According to Charles Kuralt, this is the "most Scenic highway in America."

2) Become an expert on the county you live in. Learn the history of the land, both human and natural. Be familiar with the ins and outs of all the flora and fauna. Learn all of the roads, marked and unmarked. Know your home so well, that the other locals look to you for answers.

3) See the green flash and the aurora borealis. Islands in the Caribbean Sea are known for the green flash, a unique atmospheric event. Just as the sun touches the horizon, the sky seems to flash green. In the northern latitudes, the aurora borealis, waves of color caused by electromagnetic radiation in the earth's atmosphere, permeates the sky.

4) Spend at least a day in every state in the U.S. One cannot fully appreciate a nation like the US with-

out seeing all of it. That is not to say the one day will do any of those states justice, but you will know your country better than you did.

5) Get a passport. Fill it up with stamps from countries around the world. Have to have it replaced before it expires. Then do it again.

6) See, in its natural environment, the following: a grizzly bear, a wildebeest, a panda bear, a kangaroo, any kind of shark, a predatory cat in New World (i.e. a jaguar, mountain lion, ocelot, bobcat or lynx) and an albatross.

7) Learn how to properly use a sextant and a compass to guide you on sea or land.

8) Learn a foreign language. Better yet, learn it by being in an area that does not speak English at all.

9) See the major cities of the world's empires. Places like Rome, Athens, Cairo, Beijing, Tokyo, Chichen Itza, Machu Picchu, and Istanbul should top your list.

10) Learn how to take really good pictures before you attempt the above. Take lots pictures on your

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The couple of the
century - Ling-Ling
and Hsing-Hsing

SLIGHTLY OFF CENTER / Dennis Hinkamp



The best 100 songs of the millenium? The best Super Bowl? How many lists can you stand? How can you write a column in the year 2000 without a list? I have not felt this much pressure since I was abducted by aliens and felt like my behavior and performance would have to be representative of the whole human race.

There is just so much profundity, so many best and worst lists, so many man, woman, song, game, sport hero and Pokémon character of the century you can stand. Strangely, the winners of all these lists just happen to be within the time frame of television. I'm sure there were some pretty great athletes in the wee years of the century, but there was no ESPN 1 or 2 then.

Likewise, all the other greatest hits of the century are pretty recent. Sure the Internet is pretty great, but none of it would have been possible if it were not for the guy who invented the first piece of wire. Castro is generally thought of as a bad guy, but I think historians will agree with me that without Castro driving the mob out of Cuba, Las Vegas never would have become the shining jewel of capitalism that it is today.

Maybe the greatest singer of the millenium lived alone on a mountain and we didn't know it. Maybe the world record for the 200-meter dash was really some guy who was running away from a Polar Bear, but there was nobody there with a stopwatch and an NFL signing bonus contract to record the event. Lists and bests are created by the media — which I am proud to be part of.

Okay, I'm stalling. I'm not going to avoid the issue. My pick for the Love Affair of the Century is Ling-Ling and Hsing-Hsing. The dearly departed Giant Pandas who resided in the Washington DC zoo are both a metaphor for and a symbol of our way of life. They were cute, lazy, lived in the nation's capital and we had a prurient interest in their sex lives.

The pair was brought to the U.S. by Richard Nixon in 1972 and the nation quickly fell in love with them while they quickly fell out of love with tricky Dick.

Hsing-Hsing's virility was often the punch line of jokes. He suffered the humiliation of having a London panda brought in for stud service. Much to Ling-Ling's credit she rebuffed the royal family gigolo. Few human women could be so strong.

Somewhat inept, but steadfast, it was Hsing-Hsing's blood transfusion to Ling-Ling in 1983 that saved his mate's life. Few human men could be so altruistic.

The lethargic libido it wasn't his fault anyway. Pandas are just far less preoccupied with sex than the average American. The two did, however, have five babies, none of which survived.

Hsing-Hsing lost his mate in 1992 and remained a bachelor till he was euthanized because of kidney disease Nov. 29. He didn't quite make it to the Millenium but he survived Washington longer than Nixon, Carter, Regan or Bush and left with more dignity than Clinton.

As we leave the century, may we all be as loveable and dignified, but hopefully less endangered than my couple of the year.

Dennis Hinkamp's column, *Slightly Off Center*, appears every Monday in The Utah Statesman.

USU activities this week
from poetry to basketball

SOCIAL CALENDARING WITH ANN / Ann Bluemlein



and move on.

Fortunately it is getting cold, so the classic invite for "cocoa and cookies" still holds true. Find someone at a social event and invite them home for cocoa and cookies. It can't hurt your social life! (Psycho people aside, that is).

It is definitely a good week with TONS of events, from guitar concerts to classical music to poetry and a beverage to plain poetry. So get your planner and pencil in two or three events. Schedule one with a friend. And Heather, lunch at Einstein's was great - even if it cost a small fortune.

Wednesday - There is a "Guitars Unplugged" concert at 7 p.m. in the Taggart Student Center. It does cost \$2, but go sell plasma if you need fundage.

Also at 7:30 p.m. there is a sure-to-be-great music department recital at the Dansante Building (the pink one) downtown. Free, don't be afraid to go. And you can see the larger-than-life-size bust of Michael Ballam (famous Logan resident) in the lobby.

Thursday - OK, this one does cost money. But you get something too. Go to the TSC patio from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and you can get a bowl (handmade, so it's a collectible) AND fill it up twice with chili (vegetarian available) all for only \$6. You can also attend the basket-

ball game (a classic date requiring not much talking, but a lot of clapping and yelling - perfect for the guy who doesn't want to talk much). Obviously at the Spectrum.

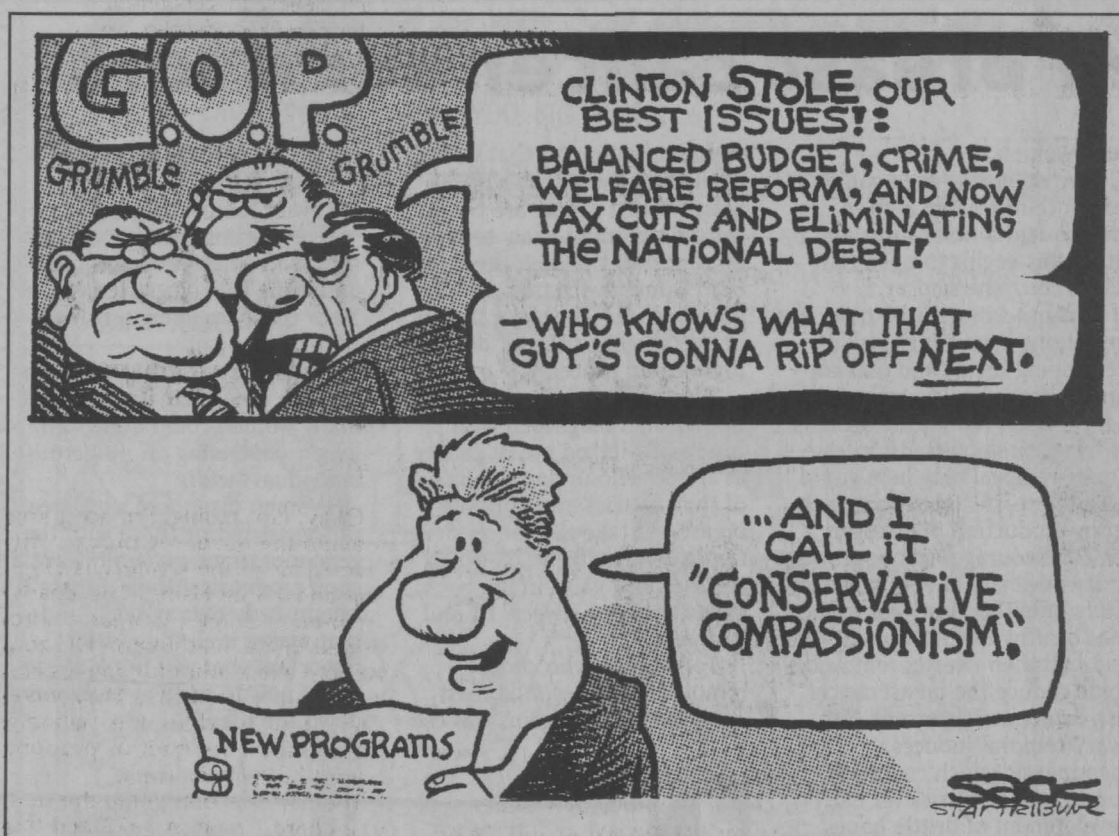
Friday - LDS readers attention! Last time John Bytheway came here was a next-to-riot. So get your ticket early (\$1) and show up when the doors open (at 7:30 p.m.). John's show starts at 8 p.m. in the Kent Concert Hall.

If you are feeling rich and made your goal of twice-a-week plasma donation this time, try something fun like taking a social engagement (a.k.a. - boys take a girl out!) out to eat. Cache Valley has a variety of good, interesting places to eat that are not all fast food. Drive north or south and find some good local diners. Talk to the waitress. Learn something new.

Saturday - Poetry and a Beverage in the TSC Sky Room. Free, but you need a ticket. This is a CLASSIC group date option because you get fun stuff to do at your table (crayons, games, etc.) and a free fun drink. Bring your favorite poetry and join in. Runs from 8 to 11 p.m.

Another basketball game (have you noticed I am trying to support you sports people more? It would help if you would send me a calendar or something). Tip off (that means the game starts then, but go early for the cheering when the team comes out, cheerleaders come out, etc.) is at 7:05 p.m.

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Castro's family values

CHARLES LANE / Special to The Washington Post



The Cuban government firmly and sincerely supports the humanitarian value of family reunification. Or so it would seem, judging by the energy and resources Havana has devoted to its international campaign for the return of 6-year-old castaway Elian Gonzalez from his relatives in Miami to his father in Cuba.

But consider the Fidel Castro regime's behavior toward Luis Grave de Peralta Morrell and his family. In 1989, Grave de Peralta, a physicist, returned home to Cuba from an academic exchange in Italy. Having been able to read Western news accounts of the changes in Eastern Europe and the uprising in China, he was disgusted to find Cuba's official press attacking perestroika and justifying the massacre at Tiananmen Square. So he resigned from the Cuban Communist Party.

Fired from his university, Grave de Peralta spent the next half-year researching and writing a 200-page manuscript in which he documented self-contradictions and lies in Fidel Castro's speeches and writings. State security agents arrested Grave de Peralta and charged him with "rebellion through peaceful means" — that's a crime in Cuba — and, in 1992, sentenced him to prison.

Declared a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International and the Committee on Human Rights of the National Academy of Sciences, Grave de Peralta was released in January 1996 after then-Rep. Bill Richardson personally intervened with Castro. As a condition of his release, Grave de Peralta was required to emigrate, but he was told his family could

follow.

Indeed, his two sons, Gabriel, 13, and Cesar, 8, have been granted U.S. visas and Cuban exit permits. But the Cuban government continues to deny an exit permit to the boys' mother, Maria Bouza Fortes. Grave de Peralta, showed me some of the letters the family has sent to Cuban officials from Castro on down, only to be ignored or brushed off with vague allusions to "orders from above."

This, then, is the choice imposed by the Cuban government on this politically incorrect family. The children can go to America to live in freedom with their father — abandoning their mother in a totalitarian society where she lost her job as an English teacher because of her former husband's dissent. Or they can remain with her, and, in all likelihood, forfeit any hope of seeing their father as long as Fidel Castro remains in power.

A Miami-based Cuban exile organization, Cuba-New Generation, says it has documented nine cases similar to that of Grave de Peralta, among them the story of Manuel Amigo Trejo, who was jailed for dissident activities and released to Sweden in 1994. His wife and two daughters have Swedish visas, but the Cuban government won't give them exit permits.

Castro's government has always manipulated family relationships to exert control over potentially troublesome subjects. When musicians, athletes and scientists travel abroad, they are often obliged to leave their spouses and children in Cuba, to discourage them from defecting.

Then there's the agony of family members separated from

loved ones who are jailed without due process for such offenses as "dangerousness" or "contempt." Amnesty International has just documented the case of Victor Arroyo, a dissident journalist, who was caught distributing some 140 toys, purchased with donations from Miami, to poor children in Pinar del Rio province. He has been sentenced to six months in prison for "hoarding." His mother, Marta Carmona, waited for him during a previous 21-month sentence on political charges; now she's waiting for him again.

Everywhere it has existed, Communism has generated refugees; Cuba is no exception. Often the price of escape is some years of separation from family. One of the three survivors of Elian's ill-fated boat, Arianne Horta, decided at the last minute to leave her 5-year-old daughter in Cuba rather than take her on the desperate journey that cost Elian's mother her life. This little girl and her mother will now live apart indefinitely.

Castro may be reaping a public-relations windfall from the tragedy that has befallen the Gonzalez family. He may even have the law on his side in this case. But none of that should obscure the fact that the whole episode probably would never have occurred if the Cuban dictator had long ago instituted the economic and political reforms Cuba's people so plainly need. Fidel Castro, unifier of the Cuban family? The pose is pure hypocrisy.

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today. I wish I could say that I have accomplished half of the above, but hey, the grizzly bear I saw in Montana was really cool.

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trips and learn not to bore your friends with them.

This list is by no means comprehensive of such an expansive endeavor as sucking the marrow

out of life. It is merely a guide for those looking for a good place to start.

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Surgery may help gene-linked breast cancer survivors

Women's HEALTH

CHICAGO (AP) — Young women with breast cancer associated with two genetic mutations may live years longer by having their healthy breast and their ovaries removed, a study found.

The study was an analysis of women with gene mutations known as BRCA1 and BRCA2, which were identified a few years ago and are known to raise the risk of breast cancer so much that some women with the flaws have had their breast and ovaries removed before any sign of disease.

The study, led by Dr. Deborah Schrag and published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, is a follow-up to a statistical analysis she and colleagues at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute did estimating the benefits of such

pre-emptive surgery for healthy women. Schrag, a cancer specialist, is now at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

The new study, also based on a statistical analysis rather than on real patients, looks at women in early stages of breast cancer.

It does not advocate surgery. It notes that some women may be more concerned with sexual and reproductive function and self-image than with gaining a few years in life expectancy.

"For others, taking maximum steps to reduce the risk of a terrifying outcome such as ovarian cancer may result in a psychological benefit that outweighs even a very small survival benefit,"

the researchers wrote.

The findings are designed to ease the decisions faced by women who carry the mutations.

'We definitely need some guidance in women who've already had a first cancer and I think this begins to open that discussion.'

• LYNN HARTMAN •
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Hartmann, a cancer specialist at the Mayo Clinic, said there is very little hard data on the benefits of preventive surgery for

such women.

"We definitely need some guidance in women who've already had a first cancer and I think this begins to open that discussion," she said.

Because women who carry the mutations have a high risk of developing breast and ovarian cancer, some healthy women have chosen to have their breasts or ovaries removed just in case. Ovary removal may help guard against breast cancer because it curbs production of estrogen, which encourages tumor growth.

A University of Pennsylvania study published last year found that healthy BRCA1 women who had had their ovaries removed could reduce the breast cancer risk by about 70 percent. But ovary removal induces menopause, which could put young women at risk for early development of brittle bones and heart disease.

Schrag estimates that women already diagnosed with BRCA-linked breast cancer are two to eight times more likely to develop cancer in the opposite breast than women with non-genetic breast cancer. They face similar or even higher risks for developing ovarian cancer.

The authors estimated that women first diagnosed with genetically-linked breast cancer at age 30 who undergo removal of their ovaries and opposite breast and take the cancer drug tamoxifen for five years would see the most gains in life expectancy — between 1.1 and 4.4 years.

For women who choose removal of the second breast only, the range in gains was esti-

mated at 0.9 to 2.1 years. The gain was put at 0.2 to 1.8 years for ovary removal alone.

Those whose first cancer had spread to adjacent lymph nodes and those first diagnosed at age 50 or older could expect significantly lower gains.

Schrag stressed that the numbers are only estimates and that many women could live much longer depending on numerous individual factors.

Women diagnosed with breast cancer, including those with the gene mutations, generally have a good prognosis if their disease is caught early, Schrag said, "and that makes it all the more important that you think ahead about how to prevent problems down the road."

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Study: Women get less aggressive attention for chest pain

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Women who go to the hospital with serious chest pain are less likely than men to be given diagnostic tests for heart trouble, researchers say.

However, the researchers also found that women are less likely to go on to suffer heart attacks. As a result, they suggested the findings do not necessarily mean that women aren't getting enough care; instead, they said men might be getting too much.

The Mayo Clinic study, published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, follows previous studies that have documented differences in how men and women are treated for heart problems.

This study is believed to be one of the first to look at differences in how the problems are diagnosed.

About 5 million people are evaluated for chest pain every year in emergency rooms across the United States.

The Mayo study looked at 1,306 men and 965 women in Olmsted County, Minn., where two of the three hospitals are part of the Mayo Clinic and all health care providers contribute to a large database

that dates to the early 1900s.

The subjects went to emergency rooms between 1985 and 1992 with unstable angina, which occurs when the heart muscle doesn't get as much blood as it needs. It may happen during exercise or strong emotions and can go away. Unstable angina carries a risk of heart attacks, irregular heart rhythms and congestive heart failure.

The researchers, led by Dr. Veronique Roger, looked at the diagnostic procedures the subjects underwent within 90 days of their trip to the emergency room, and what happened during an average follow-up period of six years.

Eighty-five percent of the men and 72 percent of the women underwent common diagnostic procedures. The researchers said men were 27 percent more likely than women to undergo noninvasive cardiac tests like stress tests on treadmills or CT scans. The men were also 72 percent more likely to have invasive procedures such as angioplasty, which involves injecting a dye into the heart that can be seen on X-rays.

After adjusting for age, cardiac risk factors and other factors, the men had a 23 percent higher risk of death and a 21 per-

cent higher risk of heart attack or other serious heart trouble.

While the women "were subjected to fewer cardiac procedures than men, one cannot infer from these data that more aggressive management of women with unstable angina is warranted," the authors wrote. They said it's possible that men are subjected to unnecessary diagnostic procedures.

Dr. Vallerie McLaughlin, a cardiologist at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago and member of the American Heart Association's Board for Women and Heart Disease, agreed it is possible that men are over-tested and over-treated. But she stressed the need to educate doctors and patients about the dangers of heart disease for women.

"One has to keep in mind that cardiac disease is the No. 1 killer among women, and any woman who presents with any complaints that could be cardiac in origin should be evaluated very thoroughly," McLaughlin said.

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■ Native American Student Council, 5 p.m., Native American Indian room, AnSci.
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p.m., TSC by cashiers office.
■ USU's first "Guitars Unplugged", 7 p.m., TSC Ballroom. \$2.

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Thursday, February 3
■ Chili Bowl sale, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., TSC Patio. \$6 includes handmade bowl and chili.
■ Mayor Forum, Logan Mayor Doug Thompson, noon, Sunburst Lounge
■ USU Basketball vs North

Texas, 7:05 p.m., Spectrum
■ USU Cattle women opening social, 5 p.m., Conference room AgSci. Pizza!

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Friday, February 4
■ International Tea Party, 3:30 p.m., TSC, by Multicultural Center.
■ "A Time to Laugh" with John Bytheway, 8 p.m., Kent Concert Hall, \$1.
■ ASL Comedy Night, 7:30 p.m.,

Sunburst Lounge. Free!
■ Undergraduate Fine Arts Show, Opening reception 7 to 9 p.m., Twain Tippetts Gallery.

F.Y.I.

- Models needed for USU student fashion show. Tryouts Feb. 1 and 2, 5 to 7 p.m., TSC Auditorium. No experience necessary.
- Attention RN's interested in completing a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. Weber State University/Utah State University Nursing Program announces a **Pre-application/Orientation Meeting**, Feb. 2, 7 p.m., ECC Rooms 307-309, Info. 797-1515.
- "Develop His Power within You", Lambda Delta Sigma **Womens Conference**, Feb. 5, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Institute. Free! Workshops and a performance by Michael Ballam.
- **Sigma Nu Informal Rush Week**, Jan. 31 through Feb. 4. Watch for schedule of nightly events.
- NFS, Econ, PSB, ASTE and ADVS students! You are invited to attend the **College of Agriculture Leadership Retreat**, Feb. 5, NFS Room 202, 9 a.m., \$3 paid at the door. Improve your leadership skills and learn how to get involved in University Leadership and Service. Lunch will be served. RSVP by Feb. 2 to AgSci. 218, 797-2267 or sldr7.
- **ASL Comedy Night and Winter Workshop**, Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m., Sunburst Lounge. Free! Winter Workshop Feb. 5, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Old Main 121, \$12 (\$10 for ASL Club members)
- Please attend the **1st USU Native American Student Council meeting** Feb. 2, in the Native American Indian room, 5 p.m., in AnSci. Everyone is invited to attend.
- **Student host meeting** for Partners in Business Management

- Information Systems Seminar, Feb. 4 2:30 pm, B21G and Feb. 8, 3 p.m., B320.
- **Tour Russia** on the Volga (May 18- June 5), also Estonia and Finland. University credit. Information and film, "Faces of Russia", Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m., Main Room 201.
 - **Who's line is it anyway?** Feb. 5, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. auditions FA Room 224 for an improv ensemble to perform various weekends. 797-3048 ask for Jessie.
 - **Hockey Tickets** for the Weber State Game on Feb. 18, go on sale Monday, February 7. Only 750 are available.
 - Get involved, informed, noticed and hired become a member of the **public relations student society**. Feb. 8, 6 p.m., AniSci Room 115. An interesting, fun and useful student organization.
 - Two week smoking cessation class, **"Fresh Start"** American Cancer Society program. Sponsored by USU Student Health Center.
 - **Deadlines Spring 2000**: February 22, Last Day to Drop Classes; February 22, Last Day to Change to Pass/Fail
 - **Applications for 2000/01 reentry financial assistance** from the USU Women's Center are now available. Some special awards for specific majors/minors are now available also. Check out the Tuition Waivers. Former recipients are eligible to apply. Contact the Women's Center located in TSC Room 310, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, 797-1728.
 - **Wilderness First Responder**, May 9 through 18, 2000. Upon successful completion of practical and written exams you will receive a two year SOLO Wilderness First Responder certification and a two year American Heart Assoc. Adult Heart saver CPR certification. Info. 797-0462 or ECC Room 103.
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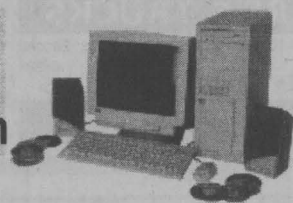
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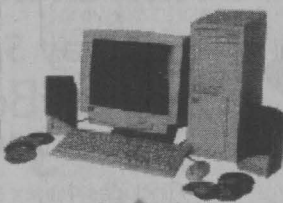
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