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ASUSU Primary elections extended until noon today

VICKY CAMPBELL
News Editor

Primary elections for Associated Students of Utah State University offices will be extended until noon today due to computer difficulties.

Winners of the race will be announced at 1 p.m. in the International Lounge in the Taggart Student Center, according to Christina Domichel, ASUSU public relations vice president.

The server that has been used for the voting site in order to make student identification numbers and personal identification numbers (PIN) secure was overloaded with transactions causing it to fail periodically.

This has made it difficult for students to get a ballot, according to Bob Bayn, manager of academic services.

However, if students got their votes through, it worked. And if it worked, it was secure, he said.

The system has been switched back to the VMS cluster (USU e-mail), which is unsecure. However, Bayn said this shouldn't be a concern now because the site has been changed so it requires a student identification number and VMS password in order to get a ballot. Because students are not asked for their PIN number, security isn't such a big concern.

The student identification number and VMS password are useless without additional information about the student, Bayn said.

Another difference is that students will no longer be able to change their votes. They will only be allowed to vote once like in regular government elections, Bayn said.

Domichel said so far the number of votes received has

been on track with last year's number of voters, but in order to be fair both to students and candidates, ASUSU decided to extend primary elections.

"We think this is the most secure and accessible fashion for students to be able to vote," Domichel said.

She said with the university using social security numbers as student identification, security is a large-scale, university-wide problem.

However, as far as elections go, if students are concerned about security there are some precautions available to them.

VMS passwords are easily changed at webmail.usu.edu, she said, and students can change their password, vote, then change it back.

Also, for future reference, she said student identifica-

tion numbers may be changed from the student's social security number to a nine-digit number by filling out a form and showing identification at USU Records and Admissions on the second floor of the Taggart Student Center.

Both Bayn and Domichel said they have been receiving complaints that the ballots they receive are incomplete.

However, since primary elections exist to

narrow the number of candidates to two or fewer, several offices do not appear on the primary ballot because they already have one to two candidates.

Students may vote for all ASUSU Executive Council positions as well as Student Senate positions next week during final elections.

Although write-in candidates are not voted on during primary elections, the write-in option is available during final elections.

If You VOTE

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY FINAL ELECTIONS

Ballots are accessed on the ASUSU

Web site, which can be linked to

from www.usu.edu

The Statesman will feature the final elections candidates

and their platforms in Wednesday's issue.



Go go gadget!

Vikas Bahl, left, Monte Frandsen, center, and Morgan Davidson of the Engineering department work to repair a six-wheeled robot the department developed for the Army. The 1,350-pound robot, designed to traverse rugged landscapes, ran out of fuel in front of the Fine Arts Building.

Campus RESEARCH

Researcher says aspen trees are being crowded out

LARA GALE
Staff Writer

Aspens in the Western United States are quaking for a good reason — they're slowly being wiped out by sagebrush and conifers.

Historically, stands of aspen flourished in the West, many estimated to be tens of thousands of years old.

"In a period of 100 to 150 years, we've come in and mucked things up enough that it's gone," said Dale L. Bartos, aspen ecologist with the Rocky Mountain Research Station and adjunct assistant professor at Utah State University. He has spent the past 28 years researching aspen loss, and in recent years has focused on convincing people in the forest business that the problem is real — and urgent.

While all trees play a part in western landscape, Bartos said aspen is especially important, not just for ecological reasons.

"The aspen gives people a warm fuzzy," he said. "People relate to the aspen. It stands out, it turns colors. We notice it. The other stuff is just pine."

But "just pine" is what we'll have soon if more isn't done to bring the aspen back, he said. Aspen-dominated landscapes have decreased about 60 percent in National Forest lands across Utah

since settlement in the 1800's. This is just part of a trend all across the West, Bartos said. Some places in Arizona, Nevada and other Western states have lost 95 percent, and in a few areas aspen have been wiped out completely.

When an area loses all its aspen, it means more than the loss of often thousands of acres of trees. Aspen stands are all connected to the same root system, beginning with one tree and all others sprouting from its roots. All these trees share identical genetic make-up, which is why aspen stands are known as clones. When a clone disappears, its genes go with it and that type of aspen will never grow again, Bartos said.

Most losses come through an invasion of conifers, usually subalpine fir, he said. Historically, the conifer was wiped out periodically by small, isolated forest fires, but the success of modern fire prevention has blocked this natural control, allowing conifers to become unnaturally populous and choke out aspen. Ironically, every new conifer means more fuel for a fire that will eventually wipe them out, Bartos said.

"This will burn," he said. "It's just a matter of time."

One way to regenerate lost aspen is with controlled fires, Bartos said. Aspen is naturally fire resistant. When a fire burns out an area, the aspen thrive in

nutrient-rich soil left behind, and regrowth covers the area in only a few years, he said. This is safer, and in the long run less land-scarring, than leaving the conifers to their own devices, Bartos said.

Other ways to bring aspen back are cutting trees down to stimulate the growth of new sprouts in the roots and keeping wildlife fenced out of aspen-dominated areas where they eat young sprouts, he said.

While a few aspects of the problem still need a closer look, research is nearly complete, Bartos said, who has worked on the aspen project with the Rocky Mountain Research station since 1972.

Recently he has focused on getting the message out to people who will get involved in bringing the aspen back. One of the few experts on aspen in the world, he will be the keynote speaker at an aspen symposium co-sponsored by USU in July. He is also helping create a video to educate elementary school children on the issue.

People are very positive and a lot has been done, he said, but not nearly enough to solve the problem. The aspen will probably never again reach 100 percent of its historical population, but Bartos said he hopes the next generation of aspen ecologists will see the aspen make a healthy return.

Bishops, others won't be prosecuted in abuse case

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — The Cache County attorney says he won't be able to prosecute three Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints bishops who may have failed to report allegations of child abuse.

Jay Toombs, 44, of Benson, faces three counts of aggravated sexual abuse of a child for allegedly fondling a 10-year-old boy in 1993 and 1994.

He is also charged with inappropriate conduct with another child.

Cache County Attorney Scott Wyatt has expressed concern that three clergy members knew about the alleged abuse.

On Wednesday, Wyatt expanded those concerns to include "at least a dozen" people, including family members, a counselor and the bishops.

"We started looking into those people we knew of who had a duty to report it and didn't," Wyatt said.

But Wyatt also said his office will be unable to prosecute any of the alleged failure-to-report cases because the statute of limitations has expired.

Utah's time limit for prosecuting misdemeanors is two years, but the Legislature extended the statute of limitations to four years for this specific charge.

But the deadline has already passed.

Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are encouraged to tell their bishops about serious violations of church doctrine, which sometimes involve criminal acts.

Those conversations are private. But bishops are obligated to report crimes when they learn of them from people other than the alleged offender, Wyatt said.

In Toombs' case, investigators think alleged victims' family members counseled with Mormon bishops and nothing was done, Wyatt said.

Toombs is due to appear in court Wednesday for a preliminary hearing.

Wyatt said police are investigating other allegations against Toombs and may yet file additional charges against him.

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WORLD & NATION

Sixth-grader holds class hostage

LISBON, Ohio (AP) — A 12-year-old who told authorities he wanted to be with his mother in jail briefly held his sixth-grade class at gunpoint Thursday before a teacher persuaded him to give up the weapon.

No one was hurt and no charges were immediately filed against the boy, who was taken into custody.

The boy said "his biological mother was in jail and he wanted to visit her, be with her," said Anthony Krukowski, superintendent of Lisbon schools.

Police did not immediately confirm whether the mother was in jail.

The boy's father told police the weapon — a loaded, 9 mm semiautomatic — had been stored on a dresser top with a fully engaged trigger lock.

Police Chief John Higgins, who would not disclose the boy's name because he is a juvenile, said the boy apparently found the key and removed the trigger lock.

About 8:45 a.m., the boy stood up in his classroom at McKinley Elementary School, pointed the gun at the floor and told his fellow students and teacher to get down, Higgins and Krukowski said.

"It seemed like forever we were sitting on the ground. It was probably a few minutes," said the teacher, Dan Kemats, 24.

A student in the hall overheard the exchange and summoned another teacher, Linda Robb, Krukowski said.

Robb stood in the doorway of the classroom and asked the boy if she could talk to him. The two walked out into the hallway and hugged, and the boy handed the gun over to Robb, police said.

The student was taken into custody by police in this

city, which is about 25 miles south of Youngstown in northeastern Ohio, near the West Virginia and Pennsylvania state lines.

The Vindicator of Youngstown reported that the boy was on crossing duty with another sixth-grader,

Katie Hartman, on Thursday morning. The girl said that at the end of their duty the boy told her: "Goodbye, Katie. I won't be back."

She asked what he meant, but he didn't answer.

Sixth-graders were sent home, but the other students were kept in class because the district didn't want younger children going home without making sure their parents knew, Krukowski said.

The school, which has about 650 students from kindergarten through sixth grade, will be closed on

Friday but will be open for student counseling.

"Naturally the students were shook up, any time you have an incident like that," Krukowski said.

Krukowski said he wasn't very familiar with the boy and was unaware of any behavior problems.

Vice President Al Gore, campaigning at a Cincinnati elementary school, said the incident "once again raises the question that has confronted us so often in the past year or two or three. That is, how can we all come together to give our children better values?"

Gore said the student's access to a firearm points out the need for gun control measures such as child-safety trigger locks.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the presumptive Republican nominee, said the government should provide mentoring and support programs for the 1.3 million sons and daughters of people in prisons.

'Goodbye, Katie. I won't be coming back.'

• 12-YEAR-OLD •
ACCUSED GUNMAN

Marines cancel downtown Phoenix training operation

PHOENIX (AP) — Military helicopters are dropping Marines into downtown Phoenix, but don't be alarmed. Just ignore the explosions and the sound of gunfire. It's only a drill.

That's what the Marine Corps told residents in media reports and fliers.

But apparently even the idea of the urban warfare drill was enough to alarm some people. And the Marines pulled the plug Thursday, just hours before the training was to begin.

Lt. Scott Bowman, a spokesman for Camp Pendleton's 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, said the exercise was canceled after

local officials voiced concerns.

"We wish to train as safely and realistically as possible, but we want to respect the local community," he said.

Phoenix Police Chief Harold Hurtt asked the Marines to postpone or cancel their training after community groups complained that it may hurt area homeless people, said police spokesman Sgt. Jeff Halstead.

The training, complete with Marines in helicopters and the sound of gunfire, was scheduled for an abandoned lumber yard in a downtown area with the highest concentration of homeless people.

The training was to be with in eyeshot of a homeless shel-

ter and a soup kitchen, said Louisa Stark, chairwoman of the Phoenix Consortium to End Homelessness.

John Wall, program director of the Central Arizona Shelter Services facility down the street, said he estimates about 25 percent of his 396 residents are veterans. About a third of them are mentally ill, fueling fear the exercise would exacerbate their delusions or post-traumatic stress disorder.

"To have a bunch of Marines jumping out of helicopters would probably make a good movie but wouldn't be good programmatically," he said. "There's certainly some

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Audit finds rural AIDS patients get less federal aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government provides more money for AIDS patients in big cities than it does for those living outside urban areas, even as the number of rural AIDS cases is rising, federal auditors found.

The government spent \$3,081 on every AIDS patient in Atlanta, but only \$2,303 each on those living elsewhere in Georgia, the audit released Thursday said. Atlanta had 6,119 AIDS patients; the rest of the state had 2,657.

Large cities like Atlanta, Chicago and New York have the largest AIDS caseloads. But with a dearth of AIDS services outside city limits and evidence that AIDS is actually on the rise in some rural areas, activists and rural health experts say it is time to redirect some money.

"The few of us who are spending 100 percent of our time on rural AIDS feel completely excluded," said Linda Brandt, executive director of the Rural AIDS Action Network in

Minnesota.

About 300,000 people in the United States have AIDS. Hundreds of thousands are HIV-infected. In 1998 there were 37,696 rural AIDS cases.

The General Accounting Office found that in six states studied, cities received more money per patient than other areas under the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act, a 10-year-old

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HUD calls for wider racial integration in public housing

WASHINGTON (AP)

— Public housing directors must stop steering public housing residents with similar earnings or by race to the same buildings under a new Department of Housing and Urban Development rule announced Thursday.

"Segregation is an ugly part of our past that has no place in the 21st century," said HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo at a news conference announcing the policy.

Cuomo was joined by Southern Christian Leadership Conference President Martin Luther King III and fair housing advocates to say public housing directors must work harder to ensure balanced mix of residents on their properties.

HUD released a new report citing several examples of segregation with public housing complexes.

In 1997, a Biloxi, Miss., housing authority was found to have steered black and Vietnamese applicants to only three of nine buildings and had no Vietnamese households in its Section 8 rental assistance program.

A Kaplan, La., housing authority provided lower maintenance standards but charged more for the service at racially segregated complexes in 1998. Residents at the white housing were allowed to have pets and gardens but minority residents couldn't.

"Public housing has all too often done what the private housing market has done in the U.S., which is to segregate and isolate by race," Cuomo said.

In both the Mississippi and Louisiana case, HUD negotiated voluntary compliance agreements with the housing authorities to remedy the discriminatory practices, HUD officials said.

"With this new policy, I think the vision that Martin Luther King had is finally being brought to reality," King III said.

World GLANCE

➤ Taiwanese president resigns from top spot

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Taiwan's president resigned as leader of the ruling Nationalist Party on Friday, becoming the biggest victim of the opposition's stunning upset in Taiwan's presidential elections.

Since the party's humiliating defeat in Saturday's election, protesters have demonstrated outside the Nationalists' headquarters, demanding that President Lee Teng-hui resign immediately as party chairman.

Lee, who has led Taiwan for 12 years, had offered to step down in September. Then on Thursday, he told party leaders he would resign Friday.

Vice President Lien Chan, who finished a distant third in the presidential vote, was to serve as the party's acting chairman.

Although the media dubbed Lee "Mr. Democracy" because he presided over Taiwan's democratic reforms, he ruled his party like an authoritarian. His critics were forced out or driven to the margins of the party.

Shelley Rigger, a political science professor at Davidson College in Davidson, N.C., said Lee's solid victory in Taiwan's first direct election in 1996 seemed to have made him overconfident about his leadership.

By silencing or forcing out most of his opponents, Lee also lacked people who could point out mistakes that he was making, Rigger said.

"He lost his grip on reality," she said.

The Nationalist Party was able to secure its power after 38 years of martial law rule ended in 1987, mainly because of the drastic step Lee took to "Taiwanize" the party.

➤ NASA engineers break \$75 million satellite

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — A \$75 million NASA spacecraft designed to study solar flares was heavily damaged when engineers mistakenly shook it 10 times harder than intended during a preflight test.

The shaking cracked at least two of four solar panels on the High Energy Solar Spectroscopic Imager, and tests were planned to find internal damage. Launch, which had been scheduled for July, will be pushed back at least to January.

It's the latest embarrassment for the space agency and Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which last year lost two high-profile missions to Mars. The cause of the mishap was still under investigation, JPL spokeswoman Mary Beth Murrill said Thursday.

JPL engineers were performing tests on a shake table Tuesday to ensure the probe could withstand twice the force of gravity, which it would experience during launch. Instead, it was subjected to 20 times the force of gravity for about 200 milliseconds.

"The folks who were involved in the test are mystified at this point," said Larry Dumas, JPL's deputy director. "There's no obvious reason that's presented itself (for the unexpected shaking)."

The 850-pound HESSI probe is designed to explore the basic physics of particle acceleration and the energy release of solar flares from an orbit of 360 miles above Earth. It's not clear whether any of the scientific instruments were damaged.

HESSI's engineers were confident that the spacecraft can be saved, said Mark Hess, spokesman for NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, which is managing the mission.

"It continued to function even through the test," he said. "We know there are structural and other elements of the satellite that are still working."

NASA will appoint a review board to investigate the mishap — just as it did twice last year after the Mars Climate Orbiter and Mars Polar Lander losses.

➤ Milosevic calls NATO nations the new fascists

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — President Slobodan Milosevic branded NATO countries Europe's new fascists Thursday as he laid a wreath on a memorial to mark the first anniversary of the 78-day allied bombing of Yugoslavia.

"Let there be eternal glory for the heroes of our fatherland who died in the defense of freedom and dignity of our country and its people from new fascism," Milosevic wrote in a memorial book at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Mount Avala, 10 miles outside Belgrade. A television tower on the mountain was repeatedly targeted by NATO.

The Yugoslav government plans rallies Friday to mark the anniversary of the air campaign, launched March 24, 1999, to stop Milosevic's crackdown against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

State-sponsored rallies are scheduled in Serbia's capital, Belgrade, in Montenegro's capital, Podgorica, and throughout the two republics that now form Yugoslavia. The ceremonies will include a marathon along a course that will take runners past bombed-out government buildings in Belgrade.

➤ Twinkies in demand after strike ends

BIDDEFORD, Maine (AP) — An eight-day strike by truck drivers against Interstate Bakeries Corp. that cut off the flow of Twinkies and Wonder Bread across the Northeast ended Thursday.

The company and the Teamsters union agreed to additional talks next week on an arbitration dispute, and the Teamsters agreed to go back to work as a gesture of good will, said Dennis Raymond, chairman of the Teamsters' New England Bakery Drivers Council.

"Right now, it sounds like everyone is going to get their Twinkies," said Robert Piccone, president of Teamsters Local 340.

About 1,400 Teamsters left their jobs on March 15, accusing Kansas City, Mo.-based Interstate of refusing to abide by arbitration rulings. The company says the process was unfair; the union says the company refused to participate.

Because of the strike, the company's Biddeford plant that makes J.J. Nissen, Wonder Bread, Hostess and Drake's products was shut down, putting 400 bakers out of work. Teamsters later set up pickets elsewhere, shutting down plants in New York City, Philadelphia, Wayne, N.J., and Buffalo, N.Y.

"We decided to pull the pickets down and to have a cooling off period and put people back to work," Raymond said.

On the picket line in Biddeford, where the drivers had put up a banner that said "Fort Twinkie" at their tarp-covered shelter, they let out a cheer when they heard the news Thursday evening.

One of the main sticking points that led to the strike was the company's requirement that drivers deliver more than one brand of Interstate products at a time. The Teamsters said the practice violates work rules designed to protect drivers who get paid different amounts for each brand.

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International Student of the Year award goes to Yokouchi

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When Tomoka Yokouchi came to the United States from Japan four years ago to study at Utah State University, she knew she would receive a top quality education, but what she didn't realize was that her education would encompass so much more than just academics.

Yokouchi received the International Student of the Year Award presented by the International Student Council on Feb. 26 at the World Festival International Banquet. Yokouchi is a senior in the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation in the College of Education.



TOMOKA YOKOUCHI

"After receiving the award, I looked back at what I had done for the past four years here at USU, and started to appreciate the people who supported me," said Yokouchi. "Without their help, I could not have done any-

thing. I could hardly speak English when I first came here, and had only a few friends."

Now after four years at USU, she has many friends and has learned an abundance of things. The award means a lot to Yokouchi, she said, and she is very honored to have been chosen for

the award. She feels she has accomplished much more than just earning her more bachelor's degree at USU. She is proud to be a student in the special education department, which is noted as one of the top special education programs in the nation, she continued.

According to Darcie Peterson, Yokouchi's academic advisor and student teaching coordinator, everyone has raved about Yokouchi's willingness to help in the classroom and her rapport with students.

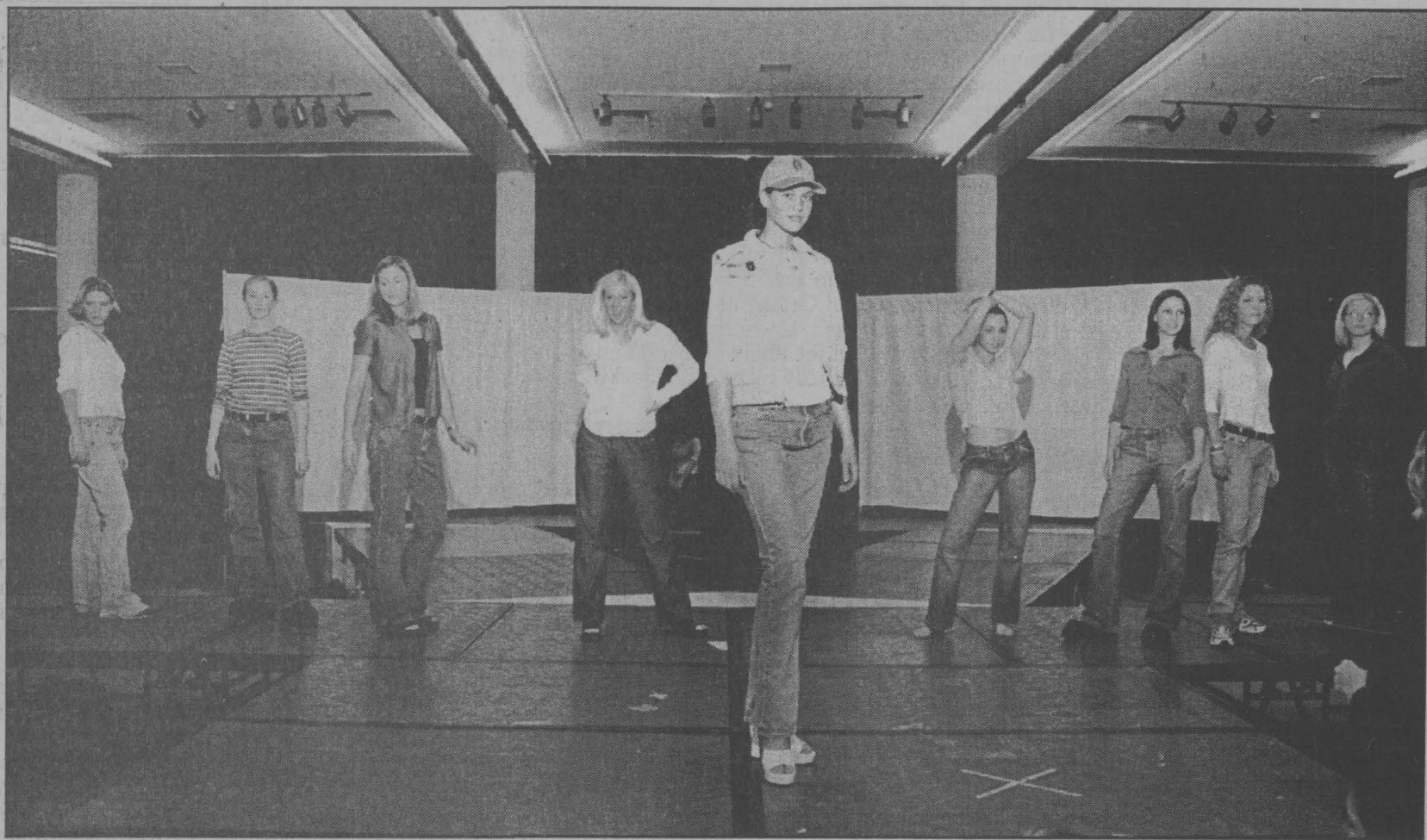
"A teacher in the local school district even requested that she have Yokouchi as her student teacher this year," said Peterson.

Yokouchi has been active in the community as well. She has been a tutor and has gone into classrooms to teach about Japan and Japanese

art, generously sharing her culture with others.

Yokouchi is finishing her last semester at USU, earning a degree in special education with an emphasis in severe disabilities. She is completing her student teaching at Adams Elementary School. She enjoys Logan and studying at USU because she loves outdoor activities, and she said the people here have treated her well.

According to International Student of the Year Award criteria, recipients are undergraduate or graduate students who have contributed to activities and programs of international students at USU. Recipients should also show success in their academic career, and serve as an outstanding role model to the other international students, showing a potential for future plans, goals and aspirations.



COURTESY OF THE USU FASHION GROUP

Strike a pose

Models strut their stuff on the runway in a practice for today's Spring Fashion Show in the Taggart Student Center Sunburst Lounge. Admission is free at 11:30 a.m. and is \$3 at 7:30 p.m. with refreshments. The event is sponsored by the USU Fashion Group.

Ancient history: USU professor explores women of the past for Women's Month

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Staff Writer

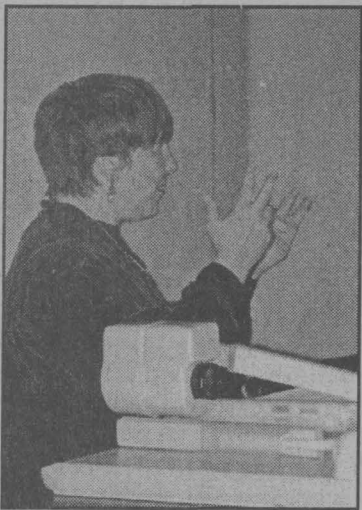
Myths about the heroic deeds of men fill the pages of many Classical books. Stories of Hercules, Julius Caesar and Zeus are well known. But what about the women?

As part of Women's History Month, Utah State University classics professor Fran Titchener spoke Thursday about the contributions of ancient women and the women of classical mythology.

The goddesses of ancient Greece and Rome were "strong, powerful, cunning, spiteful and whiny," Titchener said.

She told how Athena, the goddess of war, weaving and wisdom, challenged Arachne, a girl who had dared to boast about her weaving abilities, to a weaving match. The girl of course lost to the goddess, but this didn't satisfy Athena. She transformed the girl into a spider, or arachnid, based on the girl's name.

Many monsters of classical myths were women, Titchener said. She talked about Medusa who had snakes for hair. Anyone who looked at her face turned to stone. However, the statues of Medusa show a rather beautiful woman. Titchener explained this was



FRAN TITCHENER

because the Greeks idealized people and wanted only beautiful art.

Sirens of myths were half woman, half duck. They "sing the song that lures men to their deaths," Titchener said. The modern connotation of a siren is a sexy, seductive woman. Sirens in Homer's Odyssey, however, had nothing to do with sex. Their song was a "call to the past to which you can never return," Titchener said.

The Amazons were mythical warrior women. They were tremendous fighters. Titchener said many women had the characteristics of these brave women.

In one breath, Titchener spoke of Cleitennestra, who killed her husband out of revenge, and in the next talked about good wives who sacrificed themselves for the sake of their husbands. There were many Roman women who helped their husbands escape death. The names of these crafty women are unknown; in the history books, their brave deeds are attributed only to the wife of some man.

In Greek history, women saved the city of Argos from the Spartans. Most Greeks could not face the Spartans, but the women did and won, Titchener said.

Another strong woman was Cleopatra. She was not beautiful, but no one noticed because of her personality, Titchener said. She spoke many languages and rarely needed interpreters. Whatever her lover, Marc Antony, did, whether drinking, partying or sneaking around the city at night, she did with him.

After Octavian beat Antony and Cleopatra's soldier in the final battle, Cleopatra killed herself as Octavian was about to take her prisoner, just to prove he could never defeat her.

The Vestal Virgins served with the goddess Vesta at the sacred hearth. These women had great political power because they were

beyond the reach of men. After they retired from Temple service, they had great power and wealth, but they could never have sex. The penalty of being a Vestal Not Virgin was death by being buried alive, Titchener said.

Titchener explained the many ways we know about ancient women.

Statues show ancient ideals of beauty and size. Ancient art reveals that humans have always been obsessed with hair styles, body decorating, piercing, tattooing, elaborate clothing and colors to show status, said Titchener.

Paintings show that women wore makeup in ancient times. To look paler they used foundation made of lead, which poisoned them. Eyeliner (made of charcoal) has also been a favorite of both men and women because it emphasizes the eyes and attracts attention.

Titchener explained that style has been used to show that others do your work. Impractical and elaborate clothing, hairstyles and makeup were symbols of a wealthy woman who had servants to do her work. Today, she said, long fingernails are the same type of symbol. It is often perceived that most women with long nails don't do manual labor.

Court rules public universities may collect student fees despite objections

JAN CRAWFORD GREENBURG
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — In order to encourage the "free and open exchange of ideas," Wednesday the Supreme Court said public universities can collect mandatory student fees to fund a variety of campus groups — from Amnesty International to the Pro-Life League — even if some students object to the organizations.

In a unanimous decision, the court ruled against a group of conservative students from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, who had sued to stop their activity fees from going to organizations they found objectionable.

They maintained that forcing

them to support the groups violated their constitutional rights.

But the court, in an opinion by Justice Anthony Kennedy, said an important purpose of any university is to "facilitate a wide range of speech." The justices concluded that the university was entitled to collect the mandatory student fees, just as it has during its 151-year history, as long as it doled them out neutrally, without discriminating against groups based on their viewpoints.

"The university may determine that its mission is well served if students have the means to engage in dynamic discussions of philosophical, religious, scientific, social and political subjects in their extracurricular campus life outside the lecture hall," the court

said. "If the university reaches this conclusion, it is entitled to impose a mandatory fee to sustain an open dialogue to these ends."

The objecting students can't complain about those fees, the court said, as long as the school does not "prefer some viewpoints to others." Wednesday's decision reversed a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit in Chicago.

Civil rights groups hailed the ruling as a significant free speech decision for college students nationwide. Ruth Harlow, managing attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, which filed a brief in the case, called the ruling a "great victory" for students in the minority.

Harlow and other civil rights

lawyers said a contrary result, allowing students to opt out of funding organizations they oppose, would have dealt a devastating blow to minority groups, such as lesbians and gays.

And on liberal campuses, they noted, conservative organizations, too, could have been shut out.

"If the university had lost this case, it would have meant the ability to form student groups on campus would have depended on majority approval," said Matt Coles, director of the Lesbian and Gay Rights Project for the American Civil Liberties Union. "You could create a group and be part of the ongoing debate on university campuses if the majority approved, but not otherwise," he said.

NewsBRIEFS

➤ Syndicated columnist to receive service award

Veteran syndicated columnist Jack Anderson will be the inaugural recipient of the journalism service award, presented by the department of Journalism and Communication at Utah State University.

The Distinguished Service medal is designed to honor outstanding contributions to journalism. Presentation of the award to Anderson, a Utah native and Pulitzer Prize winner, will be the highlight of the annual awards banquet of the USU journalism program. The event is March 31 at 6 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel in Salt Lake City.

"Jack Anderson is a legend in American journalism," said Ted Pease, the head of the USU journalism department. "For more than a half-century, he has afflicted the comfortable of the Washington political establishment and championed the interests of citizens. We are honored to have the opportunity to say thank you in this small way."

Anderson has served on the journalism department's professional advisory board since 1995.

The journalism banquet will also honor the department's outstanding seniors of 1999-2000 and present its faculty awards for teaching excellence, research and service.

The banquet will begin with a reception at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and the program beginning at 7 p.m. The program will include tributes to Anderson's career and remarks by the veteran muckracking columnist, who won the Pulitzer Prize in 1973.

Tickets to the event are \$50 each, with proceeds to benefit the USU journalism department. For information or reservations, call (435) 797-3292.

➤ Women Over 65 achievement awards given

The Women's Center Advisory Board will be holding the "Women Over 65 Achievement Award Ceremony" Monday at 7 p.m. The recipients of this year's awards are Carol Noble Funk, Bonnie Fife Nielsen, Lyle L. Painter, Janice Pearce and Sarah Ann Skanchy. The program will be held in the Taggart Student Center Ballroom and is free and open to the public. For information, call the Women's Center at 797-1728.

➤ USU students collect toys for local foster kids

A group of Utah State University social work students are holding a toy drive to benefit foster children in Cache Valley. There will be a table set up in the Taggart Student Center for donations of new or gently used toy items for children aged zero to 18. Monetary contributions will also be accepted. The donations will be accepted Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week.

Logan's Division of Child and Family Services is currently experiencing financial stress. As a result, DCFS, which is responsible for children in foster care system, is lacking sufficient funds for needed toy items.

Children in foster care return to DCFS offices weekly to meet with their biological parents for one-hour visits. These visits are often traumatic and "having a room with toys softens the visits," said Pat Nielson, a licensed clinical social worker at DCFS.

Anyone interested in further information about the foster care system can contact Heather Skabelund at slcg9@cc.usu.edu

➤ Police were chasing man when he jumped into lagoon

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Police in Cancun say Spencer Vanweerd was being chased by officers when he jumped into a lagoon and was attacked by a crocodile. Vanweerd denies the account.

Vanweerd, 19, a Weber State University student from Clearfield, returned home Tuesday after being treated for injuries he said he suffered late Friday night when he was swimming in the lagoon while on spring break.

He said the six-foot reptile clamped onto his head and shoulders, but he managed to work free, badly cutting his arms and hands in the process. In previous interviews, he said he remembered learning from a television show that the animals have little strength opening their jaws, so he wrapped his arms around the reptile's mouth to keep it closed and struggled to shore.

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ENTERTAINMENT

The envelope, please ...

'Statesman' movie guy Andy Morgan predicts this year's Oscar winners

ANDY MORGAN
Staff Writer

I have to confess: It was I who stole the shipment of Oscar statuettes, and after feeling a tsunami of guilt rack my conscience, I chucked them into a dumpster behind a Food-4-Less store in Southern California. I stopped to get some grapefruit and it seemed the logical place to hide the small golden trophies.

Okay, so I really didn't pilfer the awards, but I can understand why the accused Oscar hijacker took off with someone's soon-to-be mantle decoration. Like me, he could see how incredibly level the playing field is this year amongst Oscar nominees. Anyone could win, so it's probably better that no awards are given this year, considering that every nominee is superb. I'm sure that is what the thief was thinking.

Either that or possibly he wanted to fill each trophy with explosives and send them first class mail to Jack Valenti, President and CEO of the Motion Picture Association of America.

I'm sure each of you will be watching the Academy Awards this Sunday (6 p.m. on ABC), so I've prepared a small guide to help you understand what films and what actors have been nominated. Thus, you can follow the telecast with enthusiasm and vigor, thinking about how incorrect I was in my predictions and enjoy stargazing at the latest Hollywood fashions (screw the awards, what is Jennifer Lopez going to wear this time?)

BEST PICTURE

American Beauty, *The Cider House Rules*, *The Green Mile*, *The Insider* and *The Sixth Sense* are the five contenders for best picture. Past winners include *Shakespeare in Love* (1998), *Titanic* (1997), *The English Patient* (1996), *Braveheart* (1995), *Forrest Gump* (1994) and *Schindler's List* (1993).

My pick for Best Picture is *The Insider*, starring Russell Crowe and directed by Michael Mann. I loved *American Beauty* and I was enthralled with *The Sixth Sense*. However, *The Insider* is simply too engrossing, realistic and hard-hitting to ignore or cast aside as second-rate filmmaking.

BEST DIRECTOR

Last year, *Shakespeare in Love* won best picture, and Steven Spielberg garnered best director honors for his World War II drama *Saving Private Ryan*. It marked the first time in eight years that the director of the best picture winner did not achieve best director status (the last time was in 1989 when *Driving Miss Daisy* won best picture and best director went to Oliver Stone for his film *Born on the Fourth of July*).

The chance is high this year that another director will get the Oscar instead of the best picture director, and if that happens it will be a toss up between Sam Mendes and his *American Beauty* and Spike Jonze and his wildly clever film *Being John Malkovich*. However, I am sticking with *The Insider*; therefore, Michael Mann is my pick to win top honors for directing.

BEST ACTOR

I can tell you one thing: Denzel Washington will not win best actor for his performance as Rubin "Hurricane" Carter. Why? Because, essentially, Mr. Washington is playing the same character he portrayed in *Glory* and *Malcolm X*, and voters do not like repetition. They like fresh and new. With that reasoning, that leaves the former Madonna-loving, rock-throwing actor Sean Penn for his role in *Sweet and Lowdown*, Richard Farnsworth for his role as a lawn-mower driver in *The Straight Story*, Kevin Spacey as Lester Burnham in *American Beauty*

and Russell Crowe as Jeffery Wigand in *The Insider*.

Although Kevin Spacey is one of the finest actors in the business, the nod has to go towards Crowe, not only for his portrayal of Wigand, but also his preparation for the role in and of itself.

Crowe gained 40 pounds, thinned his hair and lost his New Zealand accent in favor of a Southern drawl. Crowe's preparation is similar to Robert DeNiro's priming for his role in 1980's *Raging Bull*, a film that handed DeNiro his second Oscar (his first came in 1974 with the *Godfather Part II*). My gut feeling says Crowe walks away Sunday night with a little gold statue.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

If this award doesn't go to Haley Joel Osment for his acting in *The Sixth Sense*, then I'm going to go on a hunger strike and declare there is no God in heaven. Well, maybe not something that severe, but seriously, Osment deserves the award hands down over Michael Caine (*The Cider House Rules*), Tom Cruise (*Magnolia*) and Jude Law (*The Talented Mr. Ripley*).

The only competition will come from Michael Clarke Duncan (*The Green Mile*) whose performance as death row prisoner John Coffey charged that movie with life and emotion.

However, I'm predicting Osment will win. Any kid who can say, "I see dead people," prompting the theater audience to collectively pee their pants, is worthy of the best supporting actor award.

BEST ACTRESS

Last year, Gwyneth Paltrow won best actress for her role as Shakespeare's love interest in the film *Shakespeare in Love*. This year, the race will come down to two extraordinary performances by two wonderful actresses — Annette Bening (*American Beauty*) and Hilary Swank (*Boys Don't Cry*). Bening plays Kevin Spacey's nitpicking, anal-retentive, psycho wife.

Swank goes a step further with her portrayal of a young woman masquerading as a young man — actually convincing some moviegoers

with her male mannerisms, that, indeed, she was a man.

Bening has been nominated once before (in 1990's *The Grifters*) and this is Swank's first nomination. The other three nominees are Julianne Moore (*The End of the Affair*), who was nominated for best supporting actress in 1997's *Boogie Nights*, Janet McTeer (*Tumbleweeds*) and Meryl Streep (*Music of the Heart*) who is now tied with Katherine Hepburn for most Oscar nominations (10 for best actress and two for best supporting actress).

Tough competition, but when all is said and done, Bening will have the lucky number.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

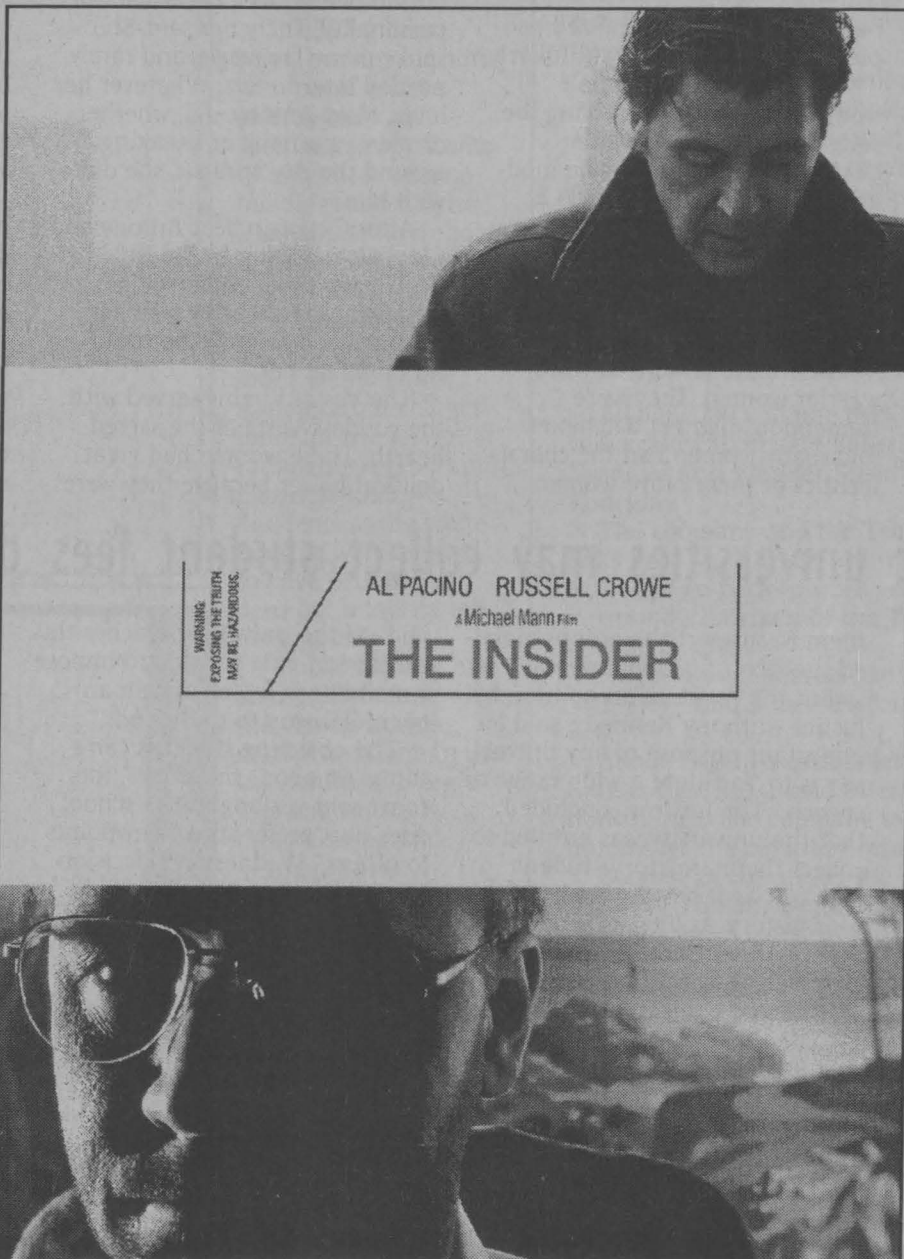
This category is filled with newcomers, the brightest of which is Catherine Keener. Keener portrayed John Cusack and Cameron Diaz's object of lust in *Being John Malkovich*. Her screen presence is incredible, and she fully completes the role of twisted, manipulating, yet sensitive girlfriend. Her competition is Toni Collette (*The Sixth Sense*), Angelina Jolie (*Girl, Interrupted*), Samantha Morton (*Sweet and Lowdown*) and Chloe Sevigny (*Boys Don't Cry*). I pick Keener to take the best supporting actress award away from the four other bright and talented young ladies.

BEST SCREENPLAY (ORIGINAL)

The nominees are: Alan Ball for *American Beauty*, Charlie Kaufman for *Being John Malkovich*, Paul Thomas Anderson for *Magnolia*, M. Night Shyamalan for *The Sixth Sense* and Mike Leigh with *Topsy Turvy*. The envelope, please. The winner is ... Charlie Kaufman for *Being John Malkovich*.

BEST SCREENPLAY (ADAPTATION)

I will have to go back to my love of *The Insider* and give this award to Michael Mann and Eric Roth. However, they face steep competition with Alexander Payne and Jim Taylor for *Election*, Frank Darabont with *The Green Mile*, John Irving with *The Cider House Rules* and Anthony Minghella for *The Talented Mr. Ripley*.



Look for "The Insider" to win big at this year's Oscar awards. The ceremony airs Sunday.

Out
things to see

Friday MUSICAL THEATER

"Noah's Flood"
Cache Children's Choir
Kent Concert Hall
7:30 p.m.
\$5 individual tickets
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Also on Saturday
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Saturday

MEDITATION

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meditation class
TSC Room 335
5:30 to 7 p.m.
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Tuesday

SLIDE SHOW

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Appalachian Trail"
Outdoor Recreation
Center
7:30 p.m.
free

SPEECH

JoAnn Valenti
"Environmental
Journalism: What's
Gender Got
to Do with It?"
TSC Auditorium
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
free

Wednesday

THEATER

"The Waiting Room"
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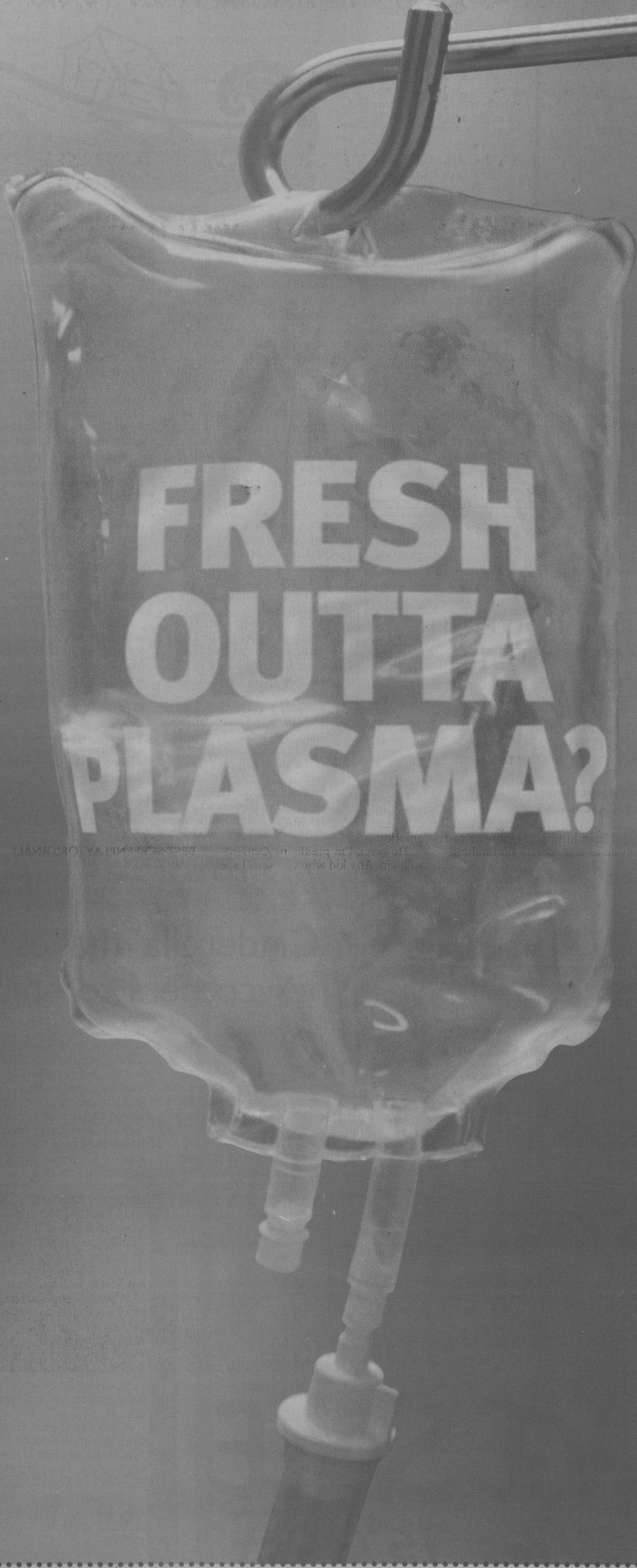
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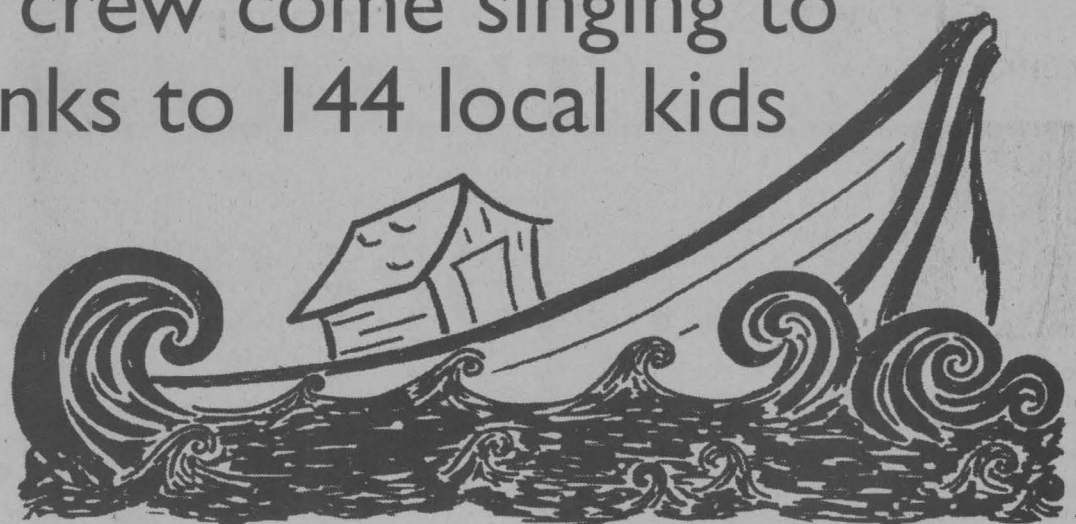
DOUG SMEATH
Assistant Features Editor

Whether they come two-by-two, alone or in large groups, Cache Valley residents will have the chance tonight and tomorrow to watch the biblical story of Noah unfold on stage.

The Cache Children's Choir's performance of the play "Noah's Flood" opens tonight in the Kent Concert Hall at Utah State University at 7:30 p.m. and continues Saturday.

The Cache Children's Choir is an academy that teaches choral singing to children from age 3 through high school, said "Noah's Flood" Stage Director Wendi Hassan. Students 5 and up perform in the school's plays and concerts.

Hassan said "Noah's Flood" includes a cast of 144 children, all of whom are from the choir. She said all but two or three of the academy's students will be in the show.



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Those students not in the show were unavailable for the performance, she said. Otherwise, she said, all the school's students 5 and older would have been performing.

In addition to the choir children, the "cast of thousands" will include performers from "worthy choirs from the community" as well as two professionals, according to a press release from the choir.

The part of Noah will be played by Judd Sheranian, an adjunct professor in music at USU and a violinist with the Utah Symphony. "Noah's Flood" director Bonnie Slade said.

She said he will be putting down his violin — in fact, he has taken time off from work just for the production — and will be singing and acting for the show.

"He's a fabulous vocalist," Hassan said.

Cindy Dewey, a full-time faculty member of the USU Music department and head of vocal performance at USU, will play Noah's wife, or "Mrs. Noah," Slade said.

"She's a wonderful character actress and has a fabulous voice," Hassan said.

Hassan said the children in the show will play the parts of the animals, Noah's children and the Gossips, Mrs. Noah's friends who want her to stay behind with them.

Among the community choirs involved are the USU Sunburst Club's Aggie Carolers, who will play hand bells, according to the press release.

The orchestra is filled with both professionals and youth musicians, including members of local middle and high school orchestras.

The cast is rounded off by a flock of "silent miracle makers," young men whose voices have changed and are therefore no longer members of the Cache Children's Choir, Hassan said. She said they play the Storm.

Dressed in black, the Storm comes on stage to help build the ark and do various other set work, Hassan said.

The Storm, of course, also leaves Noah, his family and a boatful of wild animals stranded in a flood, floating on the ark they helped build.

Hassan said though the story is from the Bible, a few changes have been made. She said "Noah's Flood," or "Noye's Fludde" as it was called in Old English, is what's called a "miracle play."

"It's a historical piece," she said. Miracle plays were performed in churches in the Middle Ages "when theater was bad" to tell illiterate churchgoers the stories of the Bible, she said.

She said miracle plays were the only socially acceptable form of theater.

As a biblical story converted to the stage, a few changes were made, Hassan said.

"Mrs. Noah is not — in the Bible — a bad character," she said.

However, in "Noah's Flood," Mrs. Noah is antagonistic to Noah throughout the story. She almost stays behind with her friends the

Gossips and must be ripped away from them by the children.

According to the press release, British composer Benjamin Britten took the play, then called the "Chester Miracle Play," and composed a fully orchestrated choral score for it.

At that point, the "Chester Miracle Play" became "Noye's Fludde."

Cache Children's Choir's production will be conducted by Will Kesling, a professor at USU who sang the part of one of Noah's children when he was young.

Three times during "Noah's Flood," the audience sings along with the performers, Hassan said.

She said the hymns the audience sings were well known to English congregations in the past, and these congregations went to the miracle play expecting to sing along.

Hassan said Kesling will take about 15 minutes before the show to familiarize the audience with the hymns as well as to explain the show's history.

Tickets for "Noah's Flood" are \$5 each or \$15 for a family pass. According to the press release, a family pass can only be used by immediate family members living in the same home.

Tickets are available at the Book Table, Keepsake Cottage, both locations of Lee's Marketplace and at the door.

Show times for Saturday are 2 and 7:30 p.m.

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CORINNE KATOR
Senior Features Writer

Men portray the ugly step-sisters and the stepmother, and high school students dance the leads in Cache Valley Civic Ballet's production of "Cinderella."

CVCB dancer Stephanie White said the ballet follows the story of the classic Cinderella fairy tale, with a

humorous twist.

"The main highlight of the show will be the stepmother and the ugly stepsisters because they are played by men — which makes them very ugly indeed," White said.

White said these roles are traditionally played by men, making "Cinderella" a fun, light-hearted ballet.

According to CVCB's Web site (www.cvballet.org), audiences find the ballet version of Cinderella's story a fun way to be introduced to the art of ballet because the story line is easy to follow, moves fast and has a lot of variety.

White said this show may be especially appealing to students because ticket prices are low, the ballet is relatively short and the show is lighter and funnier than many ballet productions.

"It's a nice length and it's got some good humor in it," she said.

White said she has enjoyed working with the cast of "Cinderella" because of the wide variety of performers involved in the production.

She said the cast includes everyone from "little 4-year-olds" to a university doctoral student.

Sky View High School stu-

dent Carly Schaub will dance the role of Cinderella, according to CVCB's Web site.

Cinderella's handsome prince will be performed by Jeremy Israelsen, also a student at Sky View.

Victor Castillo, who has performed with the Utah Festival Opera Company, will fill the role of the stepmother. Two Utah State University alumni, Shane Brown and Dale Leishman, will play the stepsisters.

According to the Web site, the cast is made up of 90 people, many of whom are not CVCB company dancers, but members of the valley's communities.

White said one of her favorite things about the production is that it allows non-professionals a chance to perform.

"It's a fun group to work with," she said.

Saturday, "Cinderella" show times are 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Monday's single performance begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for "Cinderella" can be purchased by calling the Ellen Eccles Theatre at 752-0026. Ticket prices range from \$4.50 to \$10.50 with group and senior rates available.

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The ups and downs of owning a car

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I drive a four-door car with two child car seats in the back seat and a cornucopia of items on the floor ranging from clothes to fermented sipper-cups to toys. On the outside of the car is a couple of inches of dirt and grime. The only time my car gets washed is when God decides that it needs it and sends rain.

Don't get me wrong — I love my car. I wouldn't know what to do if it was stolen; therefore, to dissuade any car thieves, I keep it looking like a vehicle from a Mad Max movie, minus the spikes and the turret machine gun, of course.

On the other hand, there are those people who have the car with the perfect paint job that is shined to a state of unearthly glory. Of these people I ask, do you not work? Is there nothing more important or pressing in your life than spending your day with Windex in one hand, a lint-free towel in the other and a cordless vacuum strapped to your back? If you truly do not have anything better to do, please, come see me. My wife has a list of 100 things that are simply life or death if they aren't done today.

And then there are those who decorate their vehicle with enough chrome and other paraphernalia to give the average Nascar sponsor a run for

their money. Are the rear light guards, the double-paned tinted windows and the banner across the top of the windshield that says "EXTREME" in hot pink letters really needed?

And what's with those people who put fluorescent lights underneath their car, creating that strange patch of illuminated pavement underneath? Why would someone do this? I've decided the only explanation is they are simply providing a disco floor for homeless little people, which actually explains why these people also have their vehicle jacked to a second story level and have installed a \$85,000 sound system.

Transversely, one of my front headlights is being held together by a piece of clear packing tape. Sad but true.

But probably the thing that brings the most stress to my life, just behind trying to find a parking spot in "B" parking, is driving in town around 10 a.m. I am always late and every silver-haired grandma and grandpa decide to take the old Lincoln Towncar out for a spin, not really going anywhere in particular and never going above 15 miles per hour.

If I elude the convoys of senior citizens, I can usually find some construction vehicle to get stuck behind — one that drops dirt, exhaust and gravel on my car, keeping it in the wonderfully vile state I described earlier.

Bryce Casselman is a features writer for the Statesman majoring in journalism.

'Here on Earth' a little contrived but still decent

KEVIN THOMAS
Los Angeles Times

Movie REVIEW

Grade: C+

Tone down a bit of already reasonably discreet sexual candor and you could believe that *Here on Earth* not only takes place in the '50s but was actually made back then. It's an old-fashioned story of young love, enlivened by an attractive cast and settings, that evolves into a shameless tear-jerker of the most manipulative sort.

This may, however, make it just the ticket for girls in their early teens, for stars Chris Klein, Leelee Sobieski and Josh Hartnett are already teen favorites. You can in fact appreciate the sincerity of their performances even if you find the picture pretty sappy.

Klein's Kelley is a young man who seems to have everything. In addition to being tall, dark and handsome, he's also smart and rich. On the eve of Kelley's graduation from a venerable New England prep school, his father presents him with a Mercedes. Kelley's not supposed to drive it until after he's delivered his speech as valedictorian of his class, but what the heck. He and some pals pile in and head for the local diner, traditionally off-limits for preppies in a community beset by unaccountably high town-and-gown tensions.

Kelley is waited on by the lovely Samantha (Sobieski), who has college and possibly medical school in the future and who shares an appreciation for poetry with the sophisticated and cocky Kelley. Their mutual attraction is instantaneous, and thereby Kelley incurs the anger of Samantha's boyfriend, Jasper (Hartnett), who's in the diner with his own pals. Pretty soon Kelley and Jasper are caught up in a chicken race that winds up with them crashing their vehicles into the diner/gas station. No one is seriously hurt, but the diner et al. is wrecked by fire.

The upshot is that even though the local judge is happy to have Kelley's father foot the bill for rebuilding the roadside establishment, she insists that Kelley and Jasper spend their summer helping in its reconstruction. The film doesn't spend much time with the guys on the job and instead focuses on the more than ample free time that allows Kelley and Samantha to fall in love. Jasper's and Samantha's families are less than thrilled with this development, of course, but Kelley and Samantha's love flourishes.

It would have been good to see whether their relationship would stand the test of time and distance, for it is pretty clear that wherever — or when — ever, for that matter — Samantha ends up for her college education, it's not likely to be Princeton, where Kelley is headed in the fall. But no, writer Michael Seitzman throws in an ancient plot device that in effect arbitrarily takes responsibility away from Kelley and Samantha in regard to working out their destinies so that the film may indulge in some sure-fire heart-tugging.

As contrived as *Here on Earth* seems, it nonetheless benefits from committed direction by TV veteran Mark Piznarski in his feature debut. Indeed, the film is sturdy enough to allow Klein and Sobieski to shine.

Hartnett has the toughest role, for he has to become noble and self-sacrificing, which he manages to do without becoming either insufferable or wimpy. *Here on Earth* is a fine-looking film with much pastoral beauty and a quaint village setting, though its neatest trick is to pass off Minnesota as Massachusetts.

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The Polynesian Student Union plans a luau as one of its Polynesian Week activities. The week will also include banana eating and the limbo.

Polynesian Week to give students a second chance for Spring Break sun, fun

DEBBIE LAMB
Staff Writer

For those people who did not go on their dream vacation for Spring Break, the Polynesian Student Union is sponsoring Polynesian Week starting Monday.

Events include a luau which will be held next Friday at 5 p.m. in the Taggart Student Center ballroom.

The event will cost \$10 for adults and \$7 for children and will cover dinner, entertainment and a dance following the luau.

Tickets are available at the Ticket Office in the TSC.

"We really would like the luau to be a mix between the (Polynesian) community and students," Kimberly Kawakami, secretary of the Polynesian Student Council, said.

"The luau is totally informal dress because we want it to be as close as possible to a real luau," she said.

Kawakami said there will be a lot of people in lava

lava's. The men are going to have a traditional pig roasting.

She said the Polynesian Student Union has combined with Weber State University's Polynesian Student Union this year to provide the entertainment.

"We practice three or more times a week," Kawakami said. "It's so difficult getting everybody together because it takes the students from Weber an hour to get here and then we travel down there sometimes, too."

Throughout the week there will be activities every day — either on the TSC patio or in the International Lounge in the TSC, depending on the weather.

On Monday there will be a blindfolded banana eating contest.

Tuesday will feature a limbo contest. Wednesday there will be a hula hoop contest, and Thursday students will have the chance to learn different Polynesian dances.

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Justice opens probe of White House e-mails

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department announced Thursday it has opened a criminal investigation into how the White House failed to review thousands of e-mails that may have been under subpoena. Lawyers divulged most of Vice President Al Gore's messages are among the missing.

The White House failure to archive vice presidential e-mails before 1997 means that most of Gore's electronic correspondence was never reviewed to determine whether some pieces should be turned over to investigators looking at Democratic fund-raising abuses.

"It appears that much, if not all" of Gore's e-mails were not captured by the White House archive system, White House counsel Beth Nolan informed Congress in a letter.

Nolan told lawmakers they are reviewing backup tapes from the vice presidential e-mail system to see if any of the e-mails can be reconstructed.

The archive failure was "the sole result of human mistakes and entirely unintentional," Nolan said, explaining that Gore's office simply used a different e-mail system that until

1997 could not be archived by the normal White House system. "We have found no indication that those people producing documents (under subpoena) were aware of this problem," Nolan wrote.

But the House Government Reform Committee, which is investigating the e-mails, disclosed that current White House Chief of Staff John Podesta may have known about the e-mail glitch back in the summer of 1998 in the midst of the Lewinsky scandal.

The White House acknowledges that the glitches caused White House lawyers to fail to review thousands of messages to see if they were responsive to subpoenas and should have been turned over to Congress or criminal investigators from the many Clinton-era controversies. Some of the e-mails may be lost forever, aides said.

In a court filing, the Justice Department divulged it has opened a criminal investigation into the missing e-mails, and allegations by some White House contract workers that they were threatened by presidential aides never to disclose the problems to investigators.

The investigation will be conducted by the campaign fund-raising task force which had subpoenaed the e-mails as part of its overall investigation into fund-raising abuses in the 1996 election.

The dual developments Thursday added fresh fuel to a controversy that already has spilled into the presidential campaign. Republican George W. Bush raised the issue anew.

"This is a White House that needs to let the sunshine in when it comes to campaign funding allegations," Bush said. "I look forward to seeing where those e-mails are, and what was in those e-mails."

The committee released a June 19, 1998 memo from a presidential aide to then-deputy chief of staff Podesta informing him of an "anomaly in the system involving the Mail2 server." They also released a handwritten note suggesting that Podesta asked an aide "to brief me on this."

Some private sector contract employees, who were hired by the White House to work on the e-mail system, contended they were threatened by White House officials with termination

— and even prison — if they told anyone about the breakdown.

Investigators from independent counsels to congressional committees all might have an interest in the missing e-mails, which could have been covered by subpoenas and document requests.

And plaintiffs in the civil suit, brought by individuals contending the White House improperly obtained and misused their FBI background files, sought e-mails as part of their document request.

The Justice Department disclosed its investigation in a court filing in that lawsuit, asking the judge for more time to review the matter.

The delay was called a "ploy" by Larry Klayman of Judicial Watch, the conservative legal organization that filed the \$90 million class action suit.

"This is not the first time the Clinton-Gore Justice Department used its campaign finance task force as an excuse to try to take evidence away from the court," Klayman said, adding he would oppose the delay and seek court sanctions if the deadline is not met.

New Jersey creates new rules for identifying sex offenders

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Acting on orders from a federal judge, the state attorney general Thursday issued new guidelines to make sure information about sex offenders isn't disseminated as widely under the so-called Megan's Law.

The new regulations require anyone notified that a sex offender lives near their home or school to sign papers saying they will not disseminate the information. The judge who ordered changes in the law said sex offenders' privacy rights were being violated under the old system.

Megan's Law is named for Megan Kanka, a 7-year-old New Jersey girl who was raped and murdered in 1994 by a convicted sex offender who lived across the street from her home. Every other state has some type of sexual offender law modeled after Megan's Law, but many have come under fire.

This month, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to reinstate Pennsylvania's sexual-predator law, which was thrown out by that state's highest court on the ground that it violated defendants' rights.

Megan's Law categorizes convicted sex offenders in three levels, based on the perceived danger they present. For those offenders deemed most dangerous, the law allows prosecutors to make public an offender's name, age and address, as well as his job and its location.

But the law says only people approved by a judge can see that information. Under the new rules, in order to get that information, people must sign a statement that says the material is confidential and that they "will submit to the jurisdiction of the court."

If they don't sign, they don't get all the details, said Roger Shatzkin, a spokesman for Attorney General John J. Farmer, Jr. One item left out is the sex offender's address, he said.

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Newly wealthy find riches bring unsettling changes

SAN FRANCISCO — Born of the outrageous riches pouring from the high-tech economy and the often young age at which fortunes have been amassed, a new malady has emerged: sudden wealth syndrome.

The term was coined by San Francisco Bay Area clinical psychologist Stephen Goldbart and psychotherapist Joan DiFuria, who both noticed increasing psychological problems among the newly minted multimillionaires they saw.

Although their clients' wealth brought them comfort beyond their wildest dreams, it also brought a sense of isolation, uncertainty and imbalance — as if they had been teleported into an alien world that was very pleasant at times but still completely strange.

"In a lot of ways, I was happier living a simpler life," said one executive who wanted to remain anonymous. "I'm not saying I'm a miserable guy, but it is hard talking to people about making this transition. Other people just think, 'Shut up! You have what everyone dreams of.' What they don't understand is that change is always difficult, and sometimes it's painful."

The pursuit of wealth is a mainstay of the United States — arguably the core of the American dream. But, until recently, vast wealth was achieved by only a

small percentage of Americans.

The roaring bull market of the last few years and the seemingly endless parade of high-flying initial stock offerings have churned out new millionaires at an unprecedented pace.

What some of the newly rich have found is that amid the splendor of new Porsches and ocean-view homes is a very human sense that the frenzied pursuit of wealth is not quite the fairy tale that it is made out to be.

One Los Angeles entrepreneur woke up one morning, after years of struggling to build his business, and found himself tens of millions of dollars richer through the sale of his company.

It was the ultimate high-tech dream. Although he didn't believe his good fortune at first, he eventually launched into a buying spree of new cars and a multimillion-dollar home.

Then something else began to creep into his life.

He found himself shadowed by a gnawing anxiety that his money could disappear as quickly as it had come, and he felt a growing gap with his old friends that made it hard to talk about even the most mundane things in life, like cars, home repair and taxes.

"Our property tax now is double

our old house payment for a year," said the executive, who spoke only if his name was not revealed. "How do you talk to other people about that?"

In many ways, these are problems regular working people would love to have. "I would trade places with them in a second," said Jamie Watson, a 19-year-old census clerk, as she trudged up a Los Angeles street on her way to catch a bus home. "If they have that much money, they have enough to make themselves happy."

Few, if any, of the wealthy would trade their new set of problems for those of the working world.

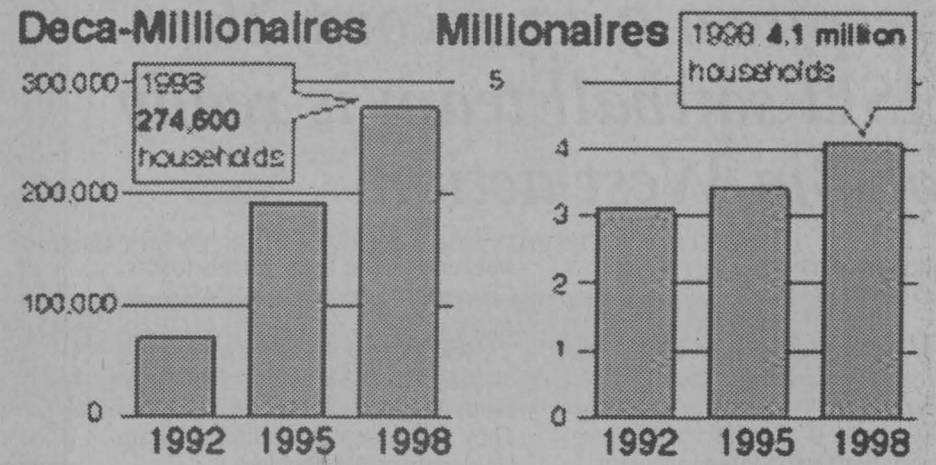
But Goldbart and DiFuria, who founded the Money, Meaning and Choices Institute in the San Francisco suburb of Kentfield, said that physical comfort alone cannot resolve many of the problems of identity and meaning that people spend a lifetime grappling with.

Sudden wealth syndrome is not really about money at all, they say, but about change — huge, life-altering change that is as powerful in reshaping life as work, divorce and illness.

David Wellisch, a professor of psychiatry at the University of California, Los Angeles, Medical

Who Is a Millionaire?

The United States has been swept by one of the greatest wealth booms in history. New wealth has flowed not just to those who own high-tech companies or stock options in an internet start-up, but also to the millions of small investors who have shared in the bull market and the millions more who will soon share in the estimated \$41 trillion to \$135 trillion inheritance that will pass between generations in the coming two decades.



Source: Edward West, New York University

Los Angeles Times

School, said it is not that different from the countless other adjustment disorders that spring from radical changes in life.

"It's a crisis of dislocation," Wellisch said. "The dislocation is from former situations, surroundings, friends and your

idea of yourself."

Goldbart said some of the signs of sudden wealth syndrome include feelings of being uncomfortably different from friends and resentful of envy from others.

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Despite a 9-17 record, the USU softball team is ready for Big West action

AARON MORTON
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Bring on the Big West Conference. Bring on New Mexico State University.

Despite a 9-17 record in the pre-season, the Utah State University softball team is looking forward to proving themselves in conference play.

"We are looking to come out and surprise some teams," senior first baseman Sandy Taylor said.

The Aggies' poor record does not tell the whole story. Nine of the 17 losses were to top-25 teams.

"We feel real good regardless of the record," head coach Pam McCreesh said. "Good things will happen in conference."

USU has its first shot of making those "good things" happen this

weekend as the team travels to Las Cruces, N.M. to take on NMSU's Aggies.

New Mexico State has a better overall record, 14-17, but the team dropped its first three BWC games. They were swept by California State University at Northridge.

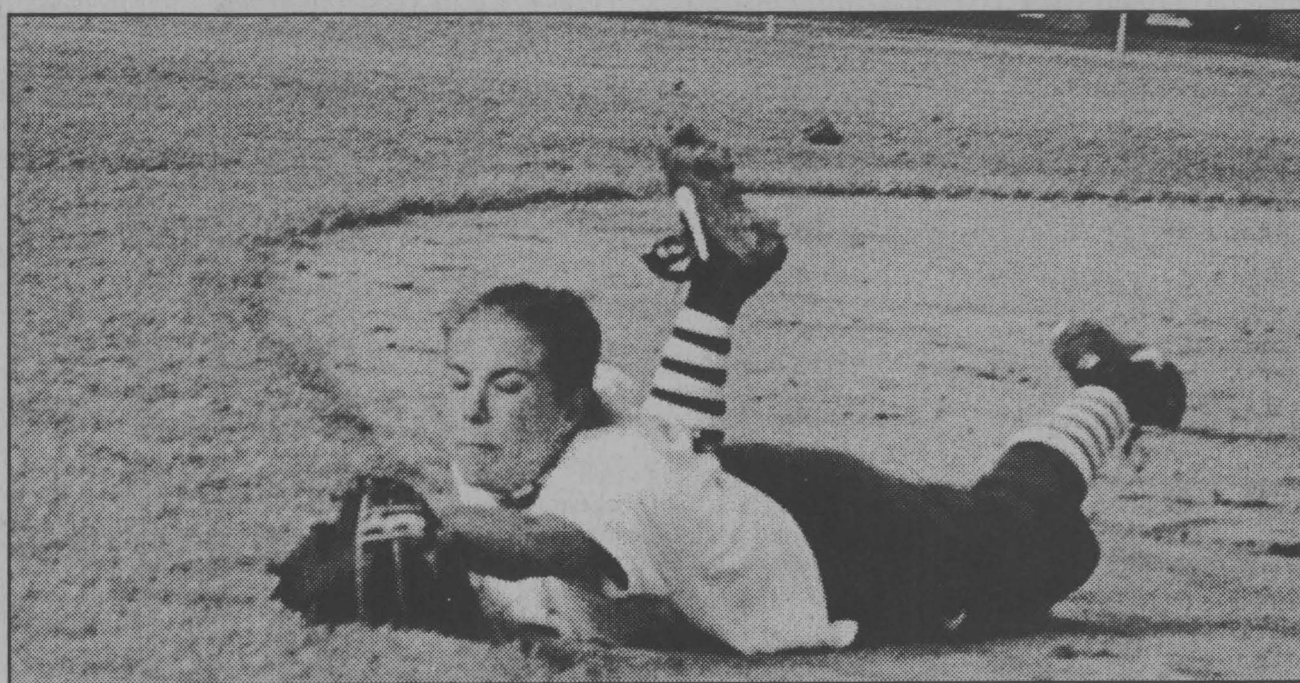
Other than the record, McCreesh said she doesn't know a lot about NMSU. But that's not a concern, she explained, as the team is just worried about its business.

And according to the USU players, their game is coming around.

"Everyone is positive," freshman third baseman Stephanie Vasarhely said. "(Our) chemistry is great now."

The team's pitching and defense have grown more consistent, McCreesh said.

"Our pitching was on," Taylor said of the team's road trip.



USU shortstop Heather Curtis dives to her right to cut off a grounder headed for the gap during practice at Johnson Field in February.

The Aggies shutout two teams and held another to just one run in the second half of USU's 14-game Spring Break road trip — a trip some of the players said fatigued them.

"We're a little tired right now," Vasarhely said.

But after just two days off from practice and five days after their last game, USU is back on the road. And the Southern Aggies are 5-5 at home this season, where it can be difficult to play.

They have some good hecklers, Taylor said, adding that USU's fans can be just as intimidating.

Aggie fans will get their first chance April 1 at The LaRee and LeGrand Johnson Field against the University of the Pacific.

"We always have a big crowd, when the weather is good," Taylor said.

During the road trip, slugger Taylor tied and broke the Utah State record for career home runs. Taylor

currently has 20 home runs, breaking Jennifer Power's previous record of 18.

"It was kind of a relief," she said about breaking the record.

Taylor is the lone senior on a team that starts five freshmen. But all the freshmen — including the reserves — have filled in well. Three of the team's top five hitters are freshmen.

"They've taken on a lot of responsibility," Taylor said.

Football team using spring to figure it all out

WADE DENNISTON
Senior Sports Writer

Is it too early to be talking pigskin?

The Utah State University football team, which began spring ball on Monday, certainly doesn't think so.

The Aggies lost 22 seniors (10 of whom were in the program for five years) from last season's squad that went 4-7 and are hoping to rebuild a program that hasn't been above .500 since 1996 (6-5).

In '97, Utah State went 6-6, earning it a spot in the inaugural Humanitarian Bowl, but fell to 3-8 the following year.

First-year head coach Mick Dennehy, who saw 86 players report to the first day of practice (26 of his own recruits), knows USU has a long way to go before the season opener, Sept. 2, at Texas Tech University.

"We've got a lot of work to do," Dennehy said. "It's really hard evaluating kids when you don't have pads on. There's a lot of all-Americans that line up and (they're playing) against air. But when you put the pads on and put some people across from them, it creates a little more realistic situation."

"We've got a lot of time left, and we're not in

any hurry. I think we've accomplished some objectives that we had set for ourselves for the first couple of days."

Two of those objectives were getting in an adequate amount of the offense and defense so the players could get a feel for the new system.

"Very pure and simple. Hopefully we can get enough of our offense, and our defense in, to where the kids understand it well enough where we can line up and start competing against one another," Dennehy said.

And learning a new system shouldn't be too difficult for the players, considering this may be the third time some of them have had to do it — which is one reason Dennehy said he thinks the team can pick up quickly on his method.

"These guys have had so many coaches, (for) some of them, it ought to be easier on them than it is on most," Dennehy said.

But Dennehy knows that some players may have some negative feelings about learning a whole new system again.

"I think under the circumstances you can hardly hold it against them to be cynical with a new group of coaches coming in," Dennehy said. "Some of these guys, throughout their careers, have had four different position coach-

es. I think that's made it hard on them."

However, in order to be successful, the team has to give the coaching staff a chance to turn the program around.

"Like I asked them when we first got here, 'We're us; we're not them. Give us a chance,' Dennehy said. "If we're going to have a chance at all, it's going to be because we all believe in one another, and you're going to have to believe what we're telling you."

And one way everybody can get to that level is by getting to know one another better, which is another thing Dennehy would like to accomplish this spring.

"It's a big time for us because (we) haven't had much of a chance to get to know all the kids," he said. "Also, get to know them from the standpoint of who the players are in pecking order on the depth chart. We'll try to get as much of that established as we can."

"From a personality standpoint, we'll try to find out who amongst the guys ... is going to make plays for us? How are they going to react? Who are our playmakers?"

The Aggies will continue to practice on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, until April 14, when they host the Blue-White game at Romney Stadium.

1999 Review

OVERALL RECORD: 4-7
BIG WEST RECORD: 3-3 (third)

2000 OUTLOOK:

Basic Defense: 4-3
Returning Starters: 11 (five offensive, 21 defensive, two special teams)
Letterman Lost: 20 (10 offensive, 10 defensive)

ALL-BIG WEST RETURNEES:

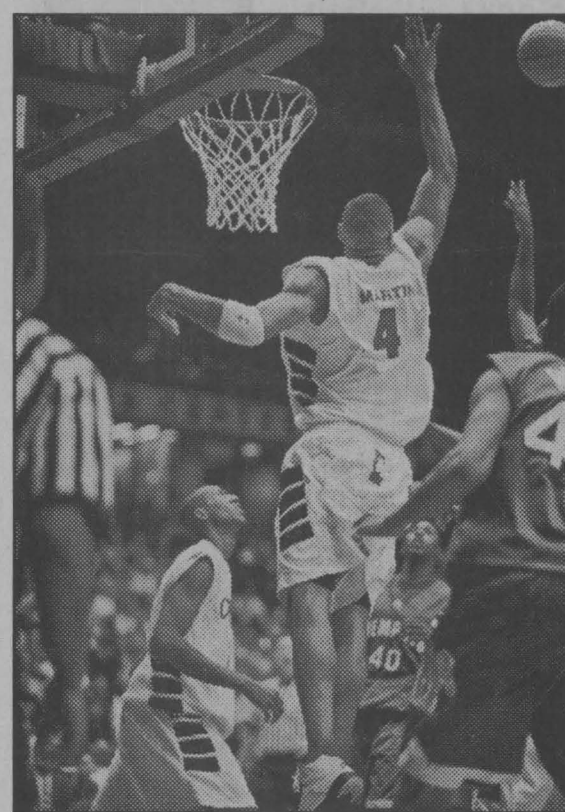
First team: Emmett White (PR), Brent Passey (LB)
Second team: Blake Eagal (LB), Tony Newson (LB)

ALL BIG-WEST SELECTIONS LOST:

First team: Demario Brown (RB), Ben Holbrook (OT), Donald Dicko (FS)
Second team: Bucky Orton (TE), Mike Lindsay (OG), Vaea Fiefia (DT), Vashon Garmon (CB)
Honorable Mention: Doug Madoski (DT)

USU Football

Fat men, businessmen and pizza — sounds like March Madness



Cincinnati's Kenyon Martin (4), seen here blocking a shot, broke his leg just before the NCAA tournament. Martin's injury may have cost the Bearcats a shot at the national title.

THE HOBSON HUT / Casey Hobson



Well it's hard to believe, but we're already down to the Sweet 16, and I know there are a slew of you who are wishing you could have redoes on your tournament bracket.

I can't say I blame you either. I mean after all,

who in their right minds would have predicted eight-seed North Carolina would defeat No. 1 seed Stanford?

Personally, I'm glad the Tarheels won that one, but I would have never imagined it. It was too far fetched. It is a Cinderella story at its finest.

UNC is one of college basketball's most legendary programs. Yet the 'Heels struggled all season and fell out of the Top 25. With an 18-13 record, some people speculated as to whether North Carolina would even get an at-large bid. The mighty Tarheels, who went to the Final Four three different times in the '90s, were a bubble team at season's end, and there was uncertainty in Chapel Hill surrounding head coach Bill Guthridge's job.

But with its victory over Stanford on Sunday, North Carolina not only ruined everyone's tournament brackets but it also erased the mediocrity surrounding its season — or at least

temporarily scribbled over it.

Welcome to March Madness. No one expected North Carolina to still be here, and few expected Kentucky, Cincinnati and Arizona to be gone. That's what makes this time of year so exciting. It's the miracle of March. It comes in like a lamb, but leaves as a Wildcat, Jayhawk, Blue Devil or Wolverine.

Think about it. This tournament is unparalleled in sports. One loss and you're out — winner takes all. Size, talent and history don't matter. It's a time when the smallest of schools can beat the most legendary programs in the country, and it happens each year (Can you say Gonzaga?) Any given team on any given night can walk off the floor with a victory — like Utah State almost did against defending champion University of Connecticut. No other sport matches it.

Oh, the NFL playoffs are similarly structured (lose once and you're history), but the games are so strung out that it's hard to stay excited unless your team goes all the way. The intensity just doesn't carry over from week to week.

But the NCAA tournament is perfect. Those who win take the court again just two days later, laying it all on the line. There's no home court advantage (in most cases), and just when the country is about to OD on basketball, the teams take a week off to regroup and gear up

for another weekend of war.

I repeat, there's nothing else like it in the sporting world. Kids skip school, grown men stay home from work and pizza parlors take in so much money they could probably hibernate the rest of the year and still do fine.

It's not just overweight guys in sweat-stained, white tank tops that get excited for the tournament. It's businessmen in suits with briefcases, teachers, bus drivers, bankers, construction workers (many of whom are included in the category of tank top-wearing, overweight guys), retired folk and more. Business transactions are made between games and life-long friendships begin in the bathroom lines.

Outside the World Series, this is the time of year when we are closest to world peace. This is the season when dreams come true. And for the fans in Chapel Hill who suffered through North Carolina's worst season in over 10 years, those dreams have been Tarheel blue so far in this season's tournament.

And as long as dreams are coming true, maybe someone will beat Duke. I doubt it will happen, but it is March Madness, and anything is possible.

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Suns lose Kidd, talk Johnson out of retirement as replacement

PHOENIX (AP) — Jason Kidd? Out of the picture. Kevin Johnson? Out of the NBA nearly two years, he's back in.

The Phoenix Suns might have ended their run of bad luck with a master stroke — signing Johnson to play point guard for them hours after Kidd broke an ankle.

Johnson, 34, a three-time All-Star who hasn't played since the 1997-98 season, was the Suns' floor leader until they acquired Kidd in December 1996. He signed a contract Thursday to finish the season.

Kidd broke a bone high in his left ankle one second before halftime Wednesday night against Sacramento. Doctors inserted three support screws during a successful, two-hour operation Thursday.

The injury was a serious blow to Phoenix, which lost forward Tom Gugliotta for the season when he tore ligaments in his left knee March 10, and guard Rex Chapman because of an appendicitis attack last week. Earlier in the season, coach Danny Ainge resigned, Gugliotta had a near-fatal seizure, and Penny Hardaway and Shawn Marion were injured.

"When you list the players who have gone down with illness and injury, it's like taking a number of bullets and still be standing," CEO Jerry Colangelo said. "It's a tremendous accomplishment, and I think the job that the players and coaching staff under Scott Skiles — what they've done and accomplished — makes it a very special team. This is some icing on the cake. To bring back someone the caliber, as a player and a person, of Kevin Johnson under these circumstances makes it very unique."

The beaming Johnson joined the team shootaround. He handled the ball, joked with teammates and spoke quietly with assistant coach John MacLeod.

He skipped the trip to Los Angeles to play the Lakers on Friday night, remaining in Phoenix to practice, but will suit up Sunday in a home game against Golden State.

"He left at the top of his game and it wasn't that long ago," Colangelo said. "So you've got a young, athletic body, and all we're talking about is timing."

"I had a hard time taking two days off, but I was certainly not as gifted an athlete as Kevin Johnson," said Skiles, who said Randy Livingston would start at the point for the time being, with shooting guard Hardaway sharing some of the responsibility of breaking opponents' traps and getting the ball into the front-court.

Johnson said he stayed in good enough shape to enter 10-kilometer races, but avoided playing basketball so he wouldn't be tempted to resume his 11-year career. However, he said he felt an obligation to help the Suns, who acquired him from Cleveland on Feb. 25, 1988.

"The organization said, 'We're in a bind, and you're the only one that can help us,'" Johnson said. "You get a call like that from (senior vice president) Cotton Fitzsimmons on behalf of Jerry and (president) Bryan Colangelo, you realize it's something you have to consider. It's like your country calling you. You have to accept that challenge."

Johnson knew he was going to return as soon as he spoke with Fitzsimmons, who called while the game was still in progress.

Kidd is questionable for the playoffs, and Skiles said Johnson's name leaped at him when he got to the bottom of a list compiled by Fitzsimmons and Bryan Colangelo.

Johnson ranks 10th in the NBA with 6,687 career assists. He is the Suns' career assists leader (6,494) and third in scoring with 12,707 points, averaging 18.0 points per game.

Johnson's career assist average of 9.2 trails only John Stockton, Magic Johnson and Oscar Robertson, and he is only the sixth player to record 11,500 points, 6,000 assists, 2,000 rebounds and 1,000 steals.

He averaged at least 20 points and 10 assists from 1988-91. Only four other players accomplished that feat — Nate Archibald, Johnson, Robertson and Isiah Thomas.

"Seeing him here made me happy, and once they said he signed I was really happy, because I know what he can bring to this team," Hardaway said. "Kevin put pressure on the defense his entire career and made life hard on a lot of people. I'm sure he still can do it."

Edmonds gone, Beltre staying

(AP) — Jim Edmonds finally is leaving Anaheim, Adrian Beltre is staying in Los Angeles, and Al Martin made a difficult return to the San Diego Padres clubhouse.

After months of speculation, the Angels sent their two-time Gold Glove outfielder Edmonds to the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday for 18-game winner Kent Bottenfield and second baseman Adam Kennedy.

"When it started to become apparent that we might be able to fill two of our needs, it was such an attractive deal that it just made a lot of sense to us," Angels GM Bill Stoneman said.

Starting pitching has been a major question mark for the Angels, who lost ace Chuck Finley to the Cleveland Indians via free agency during the off-season. Bottenfield gives them a proven starter.

Bottenfield went 18-7 with a 3.97 ERA last season, and made the NL All-Star team. He entered last year having won just 18 big-league games.

Edmonds hit .250 with five homers and 23 RBIs in just 55 games last season after being sidelined until August while recovering from surgery on his right shoulder.

"When you get an opportunity to get a guy of Edmond's stature, you can't pass it up," Cardinals GM Walt Jocketty said.

Beltre agreed to a \$5.05 million, three-year contract with the Dodgers, ending a three-

month dispute and assuring he'll remain as the team's third baseman.

"It was my first choice to be here, and I appreciate that I'm going to stay here," Beltre said.

The agreement calls for the players' association to dismiss the grievance filed against baseball seeking free agency for Beltre.

Commissioner Bud Selig ruled in December that the Dodgers signed Beltre before his 16th birthday in 1994, and fraudulently altered documents to make the signing appear legal under baseball rules.

"I feel as if a major cloud has been lifted," Dodgers chairman Bob Daly said.

At Peoria, Ariz., Martin returned to the Padres for the first time since being jailed Monday night and went 2-for-2 as San Diego beat Arizona 5-4.

Martin, charged with assault in a domestic violence case, singled to right in the first inning and hit a ground-rule double to right-center in the third, both off Armando Reynoso, before leaving the game.

"It was good to come out and get back to doing something that you do naturally," Martin said. "Being around the guys, they were absolutely great."

Meanwhile, Yankees outfielder Tim Lincecum, who stole 807 bases in his 21-year career

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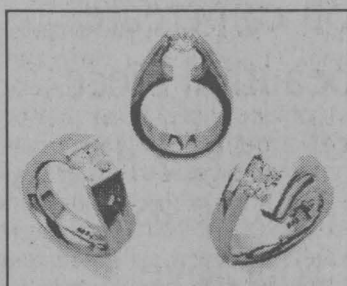
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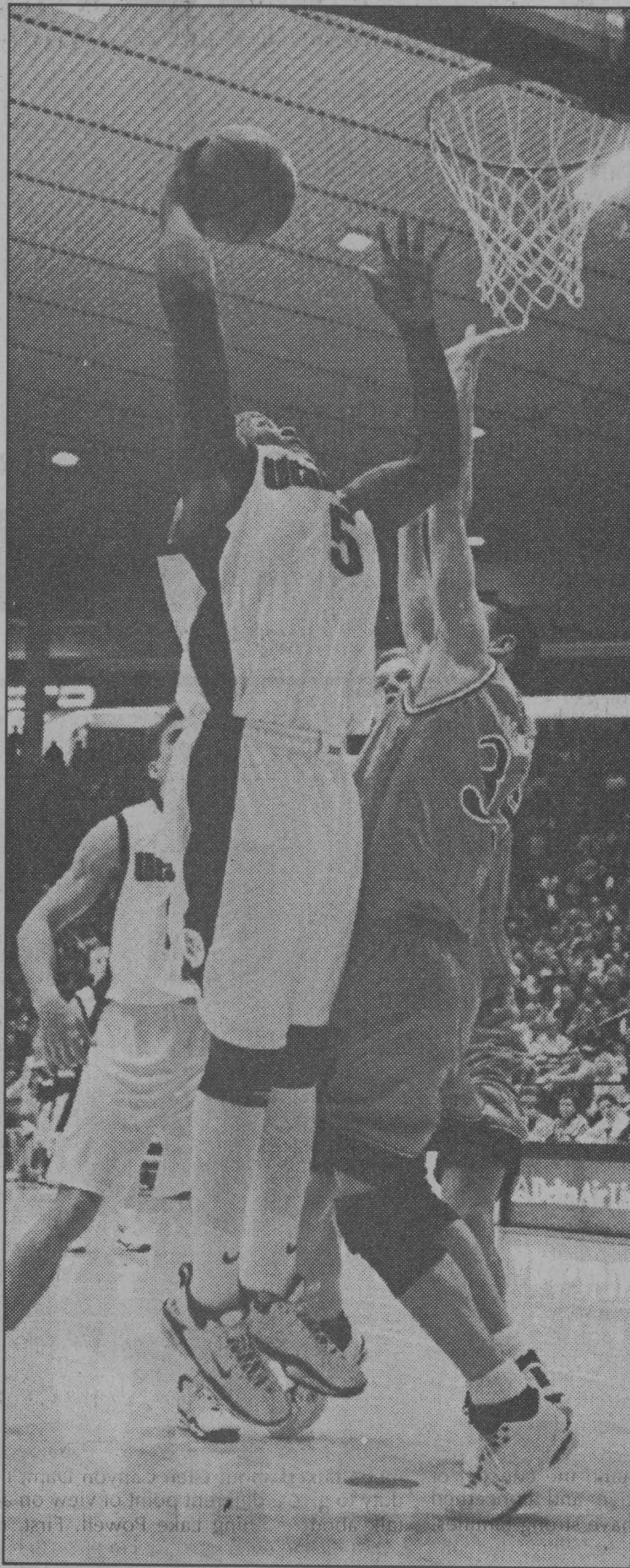
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USU shook up the Big West conference

AARON MORTON
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USU's Shawn Daniels (5) goes up strong against his defender in the Spectrum.

After a surprising basketball season that saw the Aggies go a perfect 19-0 in conference play and receive only their second NCAA invitation in 12 years, the Aggies will try to continue to improve and prepare for the 2000-01 season.

Despite being picked to finish as low as fourth or fifth in the Big West Conference's Eastern Division, USU went on to win the conference title in impressive fashion.

"We're tickled to death," assistant coach Randy Rahe said. "When it's unexpected like that, it makes it all that more rewarding."

But the season's success could actually turn into a negative next year if expectations are too high. New Mexico State University fell victim to high expectations this season, as they were predicted to finish first in the Eastern Division. Despite reaching the BWC tournament final and making it into the NIT, many fans thought the season was a failure, Rahe said.

"High expectations make it miserable for the coaches, players and fans," he said.

After all, the Aggies will have to replace Troy Rolle, the team's only senior this year.

"That's going to be a big hole to fill," Rahe said. "Troy has been a wonderful player."

Rolle played strong in the late stages of the season, including the 75-67 loss to defending champion University of Connecticut Huskies where he led all scorers with 18 points.

The opening minutes of the game reflected USU's inexperience in the NCAA tournament. The Aggies seemed to be shell-shocked and didn't find a groove until late in the first half.

Rahe said the environment was so new and distracting that the team didn't quite know how to handle it. The first thing the team said after the loss is "We have got to get back here," according to Rahe.

And the journey back will start soon. After about a week and a half off, the team will start weight lifting and pick-up games followed by individual workouts where coaches work with two or three players at a time.

Meanwhile, the USU coaching staff will be recruiting for future teams. Rahe said they are not looking for any type of player in particular, just good players.

The coaching staff will also be hammering out next year's season schedule. The Big West will look different next year, but the preseason schedule should be similar to this year, possibly including another top-notch tournament like this season's Maui Classic.

USU turned in a contract for the Top of the World tournament in Fairbanks, Alaska. The Aggies are waiting to be invited, and Rahe said, he thinks USU has a good chance to get in.

The Maui Classic was a big confidence booster for the Aggies as they proved they could play top programs like the University of Florida and University of Southern California.

1999-2000 was a season to remember

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• Set a school record for wins in a season with a 27-5 record.

• Reached 20 wins quicker than any USU basketball team in history. The Aggies reached the 20-win plateau on Feb. 17, just two days quicker than the 1997-98 team.

• Head coach Stew Morrill received Big West Coach-of-the-Year honors, becoming the third USU coach to win the award.

• Set school record for consecutive road wins at nine games.

• As of March 11, USU had third most victories in the country. Only Tulsa (29) and Iowa State (28) had more.

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before being sidelined with Lupus, announced his retirement.

"I guess we all have an alarm for when it's time for your career to end, and I felt like my alarm went off two weeks ago," Raines said.

New York got some good news when Ramiro Mendoza threw five shutout innings as the Yankees snapped a six-game losing streak with a 2-0 win over the Boston Red Sox in Tampa, Fla.

Mendoza, bidding for the No. 5 spot in the Yankees' rotation, gave up three hits, struck out three and hit a batter.

"I wish I get the opportunity to be the fifth starter," Mendoza said. "If the teams decides to sent me back to the bullpen, I'll do the best I can."

In other games:

Cardinals 16, Marlins 0

At Jupiter, Fla., Mark McGwire homered in his third consecutive game and Larry Sutton hit a grand slam for St. Louis. McGwire went 2-for-3, raising his spring average to .382 in 13 games. He has 16 RBIs and has four homers after a slow start.

At Sarasota, Fla., Ken Griffey Jr. hit his sixth spring homer, hitting a two-run homer in the first off Pete Schourek, who got hit hard in an important outing for the left-hander.

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A column to read when the cable goes out

UNDERGRADUATED / Kevin Peel



I recently made the mistake of hooking up a TV in my bedroom. I haven't read a book, jogged or done anything worthwhile since. Oh sure, I reassure myself that I'm only watching "quality" programming like CNN, the History Channel, ESPN and the Cartoon Network. However, I can't deny that sometimes, when my eyes are extra hazy (usually during a commercial featuring a talking baby or cat), I can actually see brain cells committing suicide from the top of my forehead.

My hope is that they are wearing tiny sweaters with things like "geometry knowledge" and "bad childhood memory involving Sea World" written on them. But I can't keep assuming that the cells that are dying are also the most useless ones. One of these days, an extra fat one with an XXL "short term memory" double-knit will plummet past my eyes and into my "Crunch and Munch" box.

To be fair to myself (which I always strive to be), I got sick right after I first put the boob tube by my bed. So it's not like I had a choice whether to become dependent or not. Some may wonder how a head-cold can paralyze a man for five straight days, but those same people have probably not heard that "Law and Order" is now on A&E four times a day. Is it a crime to be interested in the goings-on of our criminal justice system? I rest my case.

And that was before another springtime disease hit — I'm talking "March Madness" bay-bee! Set a 64-team bracket in front of a March Madman like myself, and he will gaze at it in wonder for hours and murmur things like "Gonzaga, hmm. Cinderella, hmm." If you haven't noticed this occurring anywhere lately, or are now asking yourself, "what's a gon-zaga?" then you are living in the sheltered Land of Estrogen, and I suggest that you stay sheltered until April.

So anyway, now I've become the poster boy for SLOTH (Sedentary Lovers of Televised Hypnosis). Soon some anti-TV group will use me like the American Cancer Society uses the picture of that charred, shriveled lung to drive home the point about smoking and emphysema to school children. I'll be pic-

tured in a Dr. Pepper and drool-stained T-shirt, jamming Crunch and Munch and my own brain cells into my mouth with one hand and unconsciously changing channels with the other. "Do you want to look like THIS guy? Then you'd better read a book or go play outside! NOW!"

I also realize that the things I'm watching may lead me down a path to harder and harder stuff. Studies have shown that if you watch "Egg-laying Toads: The Warty Sorority" and "Feeble French Resistance of World War II" long enough, you will eventually develop a craving for reruns of "The A-Team" and VH-1's "Behind the Music: Poison!" And we all know where THAT leads. Before you know it, your sitting in your own puke switching between "Baywatch" and "WWF Steel-Cage Pecs-tacular" and chanting "Jerry ... Jerry ..."

I've tried to snap out of it. Just the other night, I attempted to read "Angela's Ashes" while watching a jazz game, but I kept picturing Karl Malone as a miserable Irish kid and Jerry Sloan as his sickly mother and I gave it up. I'm also going to try and proofread this article before handing it in, but I must admit that even as I write this sentence, I'm wondering what wacky things they came up with on "Talk Soup" today.

I remember a day (though barely, because THAT brain cell is looking over my forehead and threatening he'll "do it" if I watch one more second of "Dr. Katz") when ... you don't remember what I was saying before that parenthetical statement, do you? How's YOUR memory doing?

What I was saying was that I remember a day when I used to look with disdain on those who sold their souls to the "rectangle commercial-hole" (thought that nickname up myself).

I don't know how I went from tele-phobe to tele-phile in a month's time, but let this be a warning to all of you who would still rather read "A Tale of Two Cities" than watch "Tales From the Crypt." Have your roommates hide the remote, cut the electrical lines to your apartment complex. Do whatever it takes while you still have enough brain cells to, like, um, read and uh, write or something. Uh huh huh huh.

Kevin Peel is a senior majoring in English. His column appears every Friday in The Utah Statesman.

To the EDITOR

Permit holders not criminals

The March 22 editorial, "In Our Opinion," promotes the idea of making our churches and universities "no safe zones" where "guns have no place" and then deceitfully implies that CCW permit holders are somehow the cause of violent crimes involving firearms. I'm not sure whose "our opinion" is, but it is certainly not mine nor was it the 76 percent of the students who voted in the University of Utah's Academic Senate.

The editorial correctly acknowledges that crime exists and that innocent people are sometimes killed. Seldom, if ever, are these heinous crimes ever involving a CCW permit holder as the instigator or victim. These increasingly frequent tragedies have a distinct absence of CCW permit holders present. If one honestly looks at the situation they will find that CCW permit holders are polar opposites of violent criminals and troubled youth. It is an outright lie to put CCW permit holders in the same category as criminals.

The several people I know with CCW permits unflinchingly accept and understand the concept of self-responsibility. They are active and concerned members of their communities, have strong families, respectable employment or are excellent students, respect and abide by the laws, and are without short tempers. It is my opinion that nearly all CCW permit holders are an asset to a safe society and would make ideal role models for youth and adults.

The University of Utah's policy that bans legally carried concealed firearms on campus effectively insures psychopaths will meet no resistance in carrying out their evil designs. This places student's and faculty's divine rights of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" in the hands of the lunatic. The only hope they then have is the local law enforcement. This might be an appropriate time to remember the horrible scene at Columbine where the law enforcement waited outside until conditions were safe to enter while the death toll increased within the "no safe zone."

This policy expands "no safe zones" by disempowering responsible citizens while aiding criminals to be more confident and successful in victimizing defenseless citizens and students.

Craig Huntzinger

Lake Powell signs informed all of event

The success of the supporters of the controversial campaign to drain Lake Powell is entirely dependent upon gaining public sympathy for their goals. It's actually in their best interest to make those who would criticize their views into suspected wrongdoers. One example of this is the recent claim that vandals tore down flyers around campus.

Whether this vandalism was real or imagined is beside the point, because the profusion of pink signs posted during the week of that meeting allowed almost anyone paying attention to be informed of the event. Even if everyone who attended that night removed flyers to take them to the meeting, a myriad of ads would have remained.

As a matter of fact, here we are, two weeks later, and a few of those many signs are still in place and the chalk graffiti advertising "Drain Lake Powell" is still an eyesore upon the TSC. Thankfully, the free-market competition for ad space on the many billboards and walls around campus will soon entirely replace those old signs and hopefully, Mother Nature will do us a favor and wash away the ugly chalk scrawls that remain on the buildings, scribbled there by lake-draining adherents.

Aleisha Baker

Whitefish Derby a waste of resources

You may or may not have heard of the upcoming "Whitefish Derby," March 31 to April 1, sponsored by Willow Valley "Sportsman" (and I use the term loosely) of Paradise. They are offering \$1,500 in prizes for the biggest and most whitefish, taken from our public waters. They are charging a \$10 fee to enter, with the apparent goal of removing as many of these "non-desired" species from the waters as possible. This has

all been set up without the knowledge or blessings of our state agencies (they are aware of it now). To me, this reeks of an elitist attitude that can give fly fisherman a bad name. The whitefish,

as you all know, was here long before the introduction of the assorted trouts (cutts excluded). Cache Anglers is poised to take a stance opposing this activity, including a few letters to Willow Valley, the Herald Journal and Orvis headquarters.

If Willow Valley wanted to pull something like this on their own property, that would be one thing. But encouraging wanton waste of a valuable resource on public land is not only illegal, it says something on where "the sport" made be headed — right down the crapper.

Dan Miller

Glen Canyon Dam does have positive effects

As a native citizen of Page, Ariz., the site of the much talked about Glen Canyon Dam, I feel it is my duty to give a different point of view on all this cheap talk about draining Lake Powell. First, much of the statistics and evidence cited in the article found in the Statesman were false, or greatly exaggerated. While the Dam itself does not produce a mass amount of power, the Navajo Generating Station, operated by SRP, provides power to a number of highly populated places such as Arizona, Las Vegas, and a large part of Southern California.

It may surprise you, but the plant also relies on the lake for operation. In response to the fact that Indian ruins and such are now covered by water, I would like to point out that they have been covered by water for a long time, and can be considered completely destroyed.

If you were to drain the lake, you would be left with a large bathtub ring, not to mention a huge mud land, that yes, would contain a fair amount of waste. Yes, the ecosystem, and ruins of the past have been destroyed by the dam. That is sad, but tearing the dam cannot bring back the past.

There is a beautiful new ecosystem that has developed around the lake now. Currently California Condors are finding a new home in this beautiful area, and are doing much better than other Condors around the country. It is a beautiful recreation area on which Page is based. If you were to tear down the dam, you would destroy the present ecosystem, and destroy a town which provides power and enjoyment for many.

Johnathan Nelson

Seating problem stems from lack of student attendance

While Jake Chase's letter on student seating in Friday's edition of the paper raised a valid complaint, I believe it overlooked a much bigger issue. The seating problem in the student section could have been solved a long time ago if students would have filled their section before the last game of the season. It has always baffled me how the Spectrum remains half empty until 1) we play Utah or BYU, 2) the game is televised on ESPN or 3) our basketball team reels off the longest winning streak in the nation.

Besides a core group of faithful students, attendance is usually spotty at best. The ushers Chase spoke with aren't used to a sold out Spectrum because it rarely happens. If students would fill their section consistently, the athletic department would know of the high interest and take the steps to preserve student seats.

There are few valid excuses for students not attending every home game. USU has always played well at home and students have essentially paid for their game ticket with student fees. Don't let the money go to waste. Fill the Spectrum and Romney Stadium for every game next year, whether USU's playing BYU or California State University of Aroma Therapy. Besides protecting student seating, the increased support might motivate some Cache Valley locals to attend a few more games themselves, and help USU get into a better conference. But then, those are topics for another letter.

Derek Jensen

The simple life

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has afforded us as a society.

On a recent trip to the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico, I rode through a small Mayan village on the way to the ruins at Coba, which lie surrounded by miles of some of the thickest jungle in the world.

As I rode through a second-class Mexican bus, a spry elderly woman stooped and asked to ride the bus. It was apparent that the woman barely spoke Spanish and was having some difficulty communicating with the driver.

As I watched this exchange, three thoughts struck me. The first was an intense desire to interview the woman. Could you imagine being so isolated for so long,

and then one day a bulldozer pushes its way into your tiny world bringing with it a road, electricity, archeologists and eventually tourists. The second thing that struck me was how relatively unchanged the lives of the Mayans of that village have been over the past thousand years.

Two things have had an impact on their lifestyle: cars and electricity. They know of the outside world now, yet many choose to remain in this simple, yet harsh existence in the jungles of the Yucatan.

While we were upset over the Y2K bug and all of the expected societal downfall, life went on as usual in that Mayan village. They seem very content without the trappings of modern civilization. Maybe we could learn something from them.

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Unhealthy USA: CDC releases survey showing Americans' bad health behavior

ATLANTA (AP) — Mississippians battle the bulge with less success than the rest of us — 22 percent of them are obese — while nearly 25 percent of Texans have no health insurance, and more than half of North Dakotans say they don't always wear a seat belt.

Which state has the most drinkers? Wisconsin, where residents also confessed to the most binge drinking.

The findings come from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which on Thursday released a survey of health behavior broken down by race and ethnic groups for each state and Puerto Rico.

The numbers, culled from 1997 telephone interviews with 134,000 people, highlight continuing disparities between whites and other racial groups when it comes to such factors as high blood pressure, obesity and lack of access to medical care.

The report, which contains data on 20 health topics, is the first time the CDC has collated such a wide range of information for each state on a comparative basis, said the report's author, Julie Bolen of the CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

The report is intended to help state health departments compare their prevention activities to those of other

states and see which are successful.

"This is the first time we've put it all under one cover to compare states," she said. "It's a good chance for people across the country to see how they're doing."

The Clinton administration wants to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities by 2010 in six areas: cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, HIV and AIDS, immunization and infant mortality.

Bolen said the report is designed to further that goal, especially as non-whites are projected to make up nearly half the U.S. population by 2050.

The survey topics included Pap tests, seat belt use and cigarette smoking.

Texas led the nation in the percentage of uninsured residents mainly because of its large Hispanic population. Nearly half of the state's Hispanics — 44.9 percent — said they had no health insurance. By contrast, only 6.1 percent of Hawaiians said they had no insurance.

Women in Georgia reported the highest rate of having a Pap test within the preceding three years — 92 percent — while Puerto Ricans were the lowest at 71.8 percent.

Utah and Puerto Rico reported the least drinking, defined as having a drink in

the past month. Only 6.3 percent of those in Maryland admitted to binge drinking, or having five or more drinks on a single occasion. That was the lowest binge-drinking rate in the nation.

The report found bad news concerning colorectal cancer screening.

Fewer than a third of adults over 50 reported having completed a home blood stool test, with 18 percent the median response. Maine led the country in such screening, with 28.5 percent. Only 9.3 percent of Mississippi residents had performed such a test.

Georgians called themselves the most sedentary, with more than 51 percent reporting no leisure-time physical activity. Utah had the highest activity rate at 17.2 percent.

The CDC said socioeconomic factors and education levels are believed to be responsible for the differences

between the groups. People with more education generally have higher-paying jobs and are then more likely to have health insurance and use the health care system.

The survey is obviously limited by how honest survey participants were. For example, obesity rates were calculated based on how tall and heavy people described themselves.

"I would guess that plenty of us minimize our weight. I doubt anybody's going to tell you they weigh more than they do," Bolen said, calling the obesity figures "conservative estimates."

The obesity rate was lowest in Colorado at 11.9 percent.

In North Dakota, 59.8 percent of survey participants said they don't always wear a seat belt. Californians buckled up the most — only 12.8 percent said they don't always put on the belt.

UNHEALTHY IN AMERICA

22 — Percent of Mississippians who are obese	the last three years
25 — Percent of Texans without health insurance	17.2 — Percent of Utahns who receive leisure-time physical activity
6.1 — Percent of Hawaiians without insurance	59.8 — Percent of North Dakotans who don't wear a seat belt
92 — Percent of Georgians who had received a Pap test within	* Information courtesy of ASSOCIATED PRESS

World's oceans warming at faster rate than previously thought

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists have discovered a significant, even surprising, warming of the world's oceans over the past 40 years, providing new evidence that computer models may be on target when they predict the Earth's warming.

The broad study of temperature data from the oceans, dating to the 1950s, shows average temperatures have increased more than expected — about half a degree Fahrenheit closer to the surface, and one-tenth of a degree even at depths of up to 10,000 feet.

The findings, reported by scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, also may explain a major puzzle in the global warming debate: why computer models have shown more significant warming than

actual temperature data.

Global warming skeptics contend that if the computer models exaggerate warming that already has occurred, they should not be trusted to predict future warming. The models have shown higher temperatures than those found in surface and atmospheric readings. But now, the new ocean data may explain the difference, scientists said.

In the NOAA study, scientists for the first time have quantified temperature changes in the world's three major ocean basins and at such depths.

"We've known the oceans could absorb heat, transport it to subsurface depths and isolate it from the atmosphere. Now we see evidence that this is happening," said Sydney Levitus, chief of NOAA's Ocean

Climate Laboratory and principal author of the study.

Levitus and fellow scientists, who have worked on the project for seven years, examined temperature data from more than 5 million readings at various depths in the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian oceans, from 1948 to 1996.

They found the Pacific and Atlantic oceans have been warming since the mid-1950s, and the Indian Ocean since the early 1960s, according to the study published in the journal Science on Friday.

The greatest warming occurred from the surface to a depth of about 900 feet, where the average heat content increased by 0.56 degrees Fahrenheit. Water as far down as 10,000 feet was found to have gained on average 0.11 degrees Fahrenheit.

MARINES

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significant factors at risk. Why take the chance?"

Marine Expeditionary Units, like the 13th, have been training for urban warfare in real cities since about 1985. Each involve different scenarios, but they are designed to teach Marines to rescue hostages, evacuate civilians and deliver humanitarian aid.

Capt. Rob Winchester, a Pentagon spokesman for the Marine Corps, said the Marines conduct four or five such training missions per year. The number of Marines involved varies, but the seven-to-10 day missions can involve several hundred.

Bowman said the downtown Phoenix training exercise was to involve less than 75 Marines, though 300 were brought for the total training mission. Thursday's night exercise was to be replaced with training in a remote location, he said.

The 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit performed two similar urban exercises in the Phoenix area: one in Mesa and one in Goodyear.

An exercise scheduled for Chandler was canceled after local officials voiced concerns that it would aggravate an already tense situation created when the Immigration and Naturalization Service swept hundreds of people off the streets in 1997, not all of whom were illegal immigrants.

AIDS

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program that has provided nearly \$8 billion to cities and states. It is up for reauthorization by Congress this year.

Phoenix received \$3,133 for 1,670 people with AIDS in 1997, while areas outside the city received nearly \$1,000 less for each of 760 AIDS patients. In Detroit, there was \$3,296 each for 2,765 AIDS patients, compared to \$2,170 for 1,285 patients in the rest of Michigan, the GAO reported.

Dr. Claude Earl Fox, head of the Health Resources and Services Administration, which administers Ryan White grants, said the agency adopted new formulas passed by Congress in 1996 that attempted to correct the city-state dollar disparities.

The agency also asked Congress for money to study the problem further.

Named for the Indiana boy whose battle with AIDS attracted national attention, the Ryan White program provides money for health clinics treating low-income AIDS patients, training for those caring for

AIDS patients and money for drugs and other services.

About \$505 million went to the 51 cities with more than 2,000 cumulative AIDS cases during the past five years. States, whose share is based on residents with AIDS, received \$738 million.

The audit found the majority of people served by programs receiving Ryan White funds are blacks, Hispanics and women, groups that are hardest hit by the epidemic and that some studies have found receive poorer care.

The report noted that rural areas offer limited medical and social services and some rural residents may be traveling to urban areas to get treatments.

AIDS cases are falling across the country, including in rural areas, thanks to prevention efforts and drug treatments. But studies show that rural AIDS cases represent a bigger slice of total cases and in some areas, AIDS is on the rise.

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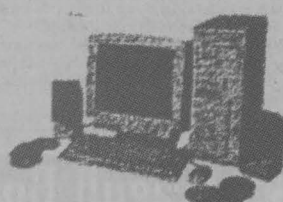
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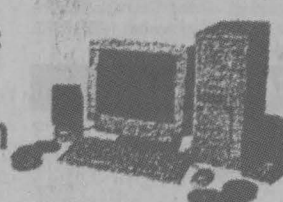
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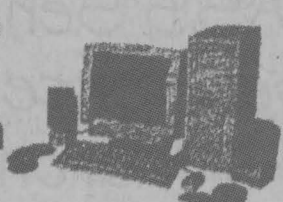
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