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College of Education 39th in nation

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The College of Education is rewarded for its work toward excellency with a national ranking.

The 2000 U.S. News & World Report ranked Utah State University's

College of Education among the top tier, or top 50, schools in the nation at number 39.

Gerry Giordano, dean of the College of Education, said this is especially good for USU because it is a land-grant school.

"When a land-grant school in Utah is ranked in the top tier, that means they are doing amazing things," Giordano said.

He said this was well deserved by the faculty and staff. With the amount and quality of teaching plus the amount of research activity, he said the faculty members are superstars.

"I'm positive that there is not another dean that has a more productive staff," Giordano said.

There are a number of criteria looked at in ranking the schools including research productivity. USU was rated number seven for its number of funded research projects.

The college has many research centers such as the Center for Persons with Disabilities, the Center for the School of the Future, Sky High and its on-site laboratory school.

The Center for Persons with Disabilities brought in \$12 million of outside funding last year, Giordano said.

Another criterion is the quality of students. Giordano said the caliber of students they get is exemplary because of the value placed on education at USU. A problem with other schools, he said, is that the pay in the education field isn't as high as other fields such as engineering. Many quality students go elsewhere.

Giordano said that is not the case with USU. He said his college's students' ACT scores are higher than the university's mean, as is their GPA.

Much of the college's success is attributed to its focus on people, Giordano said.

"When people leave USU, they are prepared on the first day to be master teachers," Giordano said of feedback he gets from superintendents and principals.

Considering the schools they are up against in the ranking, Giordano said it is a nice compliment. Schools also in the top tier are Harvard, Stanford, Ohio State University and Indiana University.

"We do it with so fewer resources," Giordano said.

He said the area USU doesn't do well in is voting by superintendents and college deans because they don't have the reputation or the tradition bigger East Coast schools have.

This is only the second time USU has made this national ranking, he said, and its reputation will be enhanced because of it.

"The publicity from last year's ranking helped us not only maintain but move up," Giordano said.

Giordano said it helps to attract young professors and doctoral students. He said he also thinks it gives the undergraduates a sense of pride.

"We continue to set very high levels in all our programs," Giordano said.

He said the faculty is a group of overachievers, continuing to show excellency in their work.

In the future, the college is planning on renovating the laboratory school.

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GERRY GIORDANO
Dean of College of Education

LAURA BELLAMY
Senior News Writer

In response to student complaints about a lack of available exercise facilities on campus, the Associated Students of Utah State University researched and now wish to build a student recreation center (SRC) specifically for student use.

According to Athletic Vice President Sam Winward, ASUSU formed an SRC board that has researched the issue for months and now must bring the issue to a general student vote in order to approve the \$11.50 fee to go toward building the facility.

"There has been so much work that has gone into this, and now we are taking it back to the students," Winward said.

Winward said the idea for such a

facility originated from student complaints about overcrowding in university facilities and a lack of times available because of classes. According to the SRC brochure, surveys show that 93.7 percent of USU students are interested in a student recreation center.

"This is a student initiative," Winward said. "It is by students for students, and we are working on it for them."

On Wednesday and Thursday, students can vote for the SRC Referendum online by going to USU's Web site, WebMail or the ASUSU Web site. According to Winward, the vote needs 50 percent approval to pass.

Winward said the vote wasn't done during ASUSU elections due to a lack of information at the time and a desire to better inform stu-

dents.

We felt it was such a big issue that we didn't want students to make uninformed votes," Winward said. "We didn't want it to get lost in the hubbub of elections."

By not holding the vote during ASUSU elections, which had a voter turnout of roughly 12.5 percent of the student body, Winward said the number of students voting may be low, but the quality of their vote will be better.

"Voter turnout depends on how much work the committee does in getting information out," said Public Relations Vice President Christina Domichel. "I think it will have a big turnout because it is such a huge issue. Students have a lot vested in this and want to have the chance to give input. It affects everyone on campus, so I don't see why anyone

would not want to vote."

Despite the SRC committee's campaign to inform students, with more than 5,000 brochures printed and handed out, Allyson Luekenga, business senator, said they aren't expecting as many students to vote as in the ASUSU general elections.

"We wish everyone would vote, but realistically, with 2,500 students voting in general elections, we're hoping for at least 2,000," Luekenga said. "I think it will hurt voter turnout just because people don't have voter interest. I think it is better to have the vote now, however, because it would have been lost in everything going on during elections and students would have made an uninformed vote."

To inform students about the

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USU President George Emert participates in a congo line as part of Resident Life Week with USU Vice President for Student Services Pat Terrell, left, and other participants.

Emert parties like a college student again, says students' problems haven't changed

LAURA BELLAMY
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Despite decades separating when Utah State University President George H. Emert was a student and today, he said he sees little difference in the problems students face on a daily basis.

To better relate to what student life is like today, Emert spent two nights living as a resident in Bullen Hall during Resident Life Week, entitled "Pseudo-Summer Fun."

"My intention was to reconnect with the spirit of our students," Emert said. "I found all the things that I remembered and it was comforting."

Emert said he planned to live as a resident to revisit the challenges students are faced with on a day-to-day basis. He said school and students haven't changed much.

"Somehow or another it is still hormone dominated," Emert said.

In order to get an understanding of what living on campus is like, Emert said he attended resident activities, ate at the Junction, did karaoke at the Depot and slept in Room 112 of Bullen Hall.

"It was what I had hoped for and more than I had expected," Emert said. "The most important aspect of the week ... was sitting in the room talking to my roommates."

Ryan Lewis, James Jenkins and Nick Aiello had one day's notice before Emert moved in with them, they said.

"It was kind of shocking at first and maybe a little stressful," Lewis said. "But then I didn't really think about it. I just acted normal."

Emert said he felt the same way.

"I wanted to be with students," Emert said. "I'm sure they were a little reluctant at first, but I think they overcame that."

Lewis said Emert was open to their questions and even clarified some rumors.

"Living with him, my perception changed,"

Jenkins said. "You hear things about him on campus, but when you spend two days with him it's different."

Jenkins said the attention surrounding Emert's visit affected other people in the building more than it affected him.

"Some people talked about doing pranks and stuff, but I talked them out of it," Jenkins said. "With the attention, though, they got to see that (Emert) actually cares about the students."

Emert said he felt the conversation with his roommates was very natural. His roommates agreed.

"I did connect and they connected too," Emert said. "In talking about dreams and aspirations I found that their dreams were the same as mine and are the same as mine."

Despite Emert's busy schedule, the roommates said they spent several hours expressing concerns about professors, assignments and relationships. They also said they tried to find time just to hang out with Emert.

He was not too much different than any other student, Jenkins said.

"I did homework as President of Utah State University," Emert said. "I think that is one of the things my roommates found interesting."

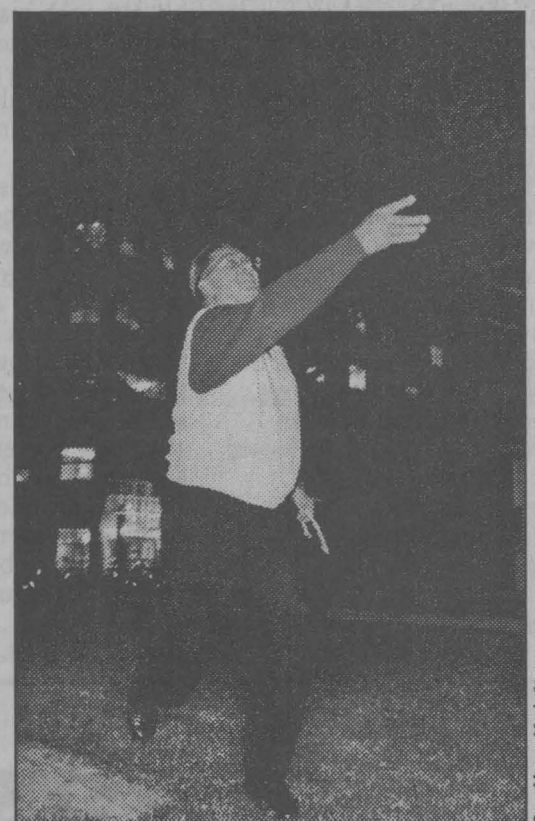
Although Housing did send over someone to clean the apartment's bathroom, Emert said he did not feel he received special treatment.

"I ate the food in the Junction and it was good," he said. "It was just like normal student life, which was my goal."

Part of that normal student life Emert said was when his roommate's girlfriend's grandmother called in the early morning hours looking for her granddaughter. Emert said he told the grandmother that her granddaughter was on her way home.

"But that's life," Emert said. "That goes on."

The only complaint the roommates said they had about Emert's stay was that he left his alarm on.



Going for a ringer, USU President George Emert tosses a horseshoe during his stay in on-campus housing.

"It went off at 6:30 (Friday morning) and I had to turn off the breaker because the door is locked," Jenkins said.

Emert said this attempt to reconnect with students was not an isolated event.

"We really do that all the time," Emert said.

He said teachers need to remember that although students have come to learn from them, they can still try to learn from their students.

"The best faculty are those that realize this," Emert said.

He said in the future, perhaps other administrators will try the same thing to get a more personal perspective about the students they serve.

"I think if we could all do that, we would be better at our jobs," Emert said.

Marine aircraft crashes in Arizona, 19 killed

MARANA, Ariz. (AP) — A Marine Corps aircraft attempting to land during a nighttime training mission crashed and burst into flames, killing all 19 aboard and adding to a checked history for a new breed of hybrid plane that can take off and land like a helicopter.

The MV-22 tiltrotor Osprey, which looks like a turboprop, is part of a new generation of aircraft scheduled to eventually replace all of the Marines' primary troop-transport helicopters. The military began flying the aircraft six months ago.

The four crew members in Saturday night's crash were from a task force headquartered in Quantico, Va. The passengers were 14 Marines from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines based at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and one from Marine Corps Air Station-Miramar in San Diego County, according to the Marine Corps.

On Sunday, investigators were reviewing the crash site at Marana Northwest Regional Airport west of Tucson. Few details were released.

Carol Ward, who lives about five miles from the airport, said she watched the plane fly by from her porch. It disappeared behind a mountain and a few seconds later "I saw the smoke and this big old poof," she said.

The dust from the crash "just eliminated the sky," she said.

A heap of twisted, charred metal was visible at the scene and aerial footage showed a large blackened patch on the airport grounds.

Military officials said the downed aircraft had been attempting to land at the airport when it crashed. It was one of two Ospreys simulating the evacuation of civilians, similar to what Marines would do if they were removing people from an embassy in a hostile country.

The mission was conducted with night vision goggles and infrared radar, officials said.

Firefighters said witnesses reported seeing the plane head straight down and become engulfed in flames after it crashed.

Marine captain convicted of reservists' death

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — A Marine captain convicted of charges stemming from the heat-related death of a reservist received a reprimand Sunday and was ordered to forfeit \$3,600 in future pay.

A military judge, Lt. Col. Ralph Kohlmann, found Capt. Victor Arana guilty of dereliction of duty and failure to obey an order. He could have sentenced Arana to as much as nine months in prison and dismissed him from the Marines.

Arana's attorney had argued that Arana's career as a Marine officer was effectively over and that he shouldn't be dismissed from the service as well.

"His promotion has been taken away. He has a federal conviction that will follow him the rest of his life," attorney Mark Stevens said. "A dismissal in this case would be grossly disproportionate to the actions he's been convicted of."

Arana, 28, of Chicago, was charged in the death of Lance Cpl. Giuseppe "Joey" Leto, 21, of New Milford, Conn., who died following a July 7 night march in 80-degree heat.

After the sentencing, Stevens said he expects Arana to resign when his active service ends in December, if not before. In the meantime, he said,

"Our sympathies go out to the families of these Marines," said Marine Lt. Mark Carter, a spokesman for the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, where the flight originated.

President Clinton called the units' commanding officers and asked them to "pass condolences to the families and tell them of the importance of their service." White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said.

The crash is again raising questions

Arana will be on administrative duty at Camp Lejeune and will not be in a command position.

Leto's mother, Domenica Leto, said she was satisfied with the verdict.

"He will not be in charge of any other Marines ... he will be pushing papers," she said.

During the sentencing hearing, Arana had asked for forgiveness from Leto's family and his fellow Marines. Facing the Leto family, he read a statement expressing deep remorse for reservist's death.

"Not a day goes by that I don't think about him," Arana said, as Leto's relatives sobbed. "I would do or give anything to be able to bring

him back. Many nights I have lain awake haunted by the memories of my own inactions during the march on July 7."

Arana said Leto's death and his conviction are burdens he will carry the rest of his life. His pregnant wife, Betty, sat behind him, when the sentence was read.

"On July 7, my inactions failed both my students and my staff. For that, I am sorry," Arana said. "I never intended for anyone to get hurt. It is my hope that the Leto family will someday be able to forgive me."

about the safety of the aircraft that has been over a decade in the making.

Former President Bush's administration tried to scuttle the project after early safety concerns, but builders say modifications from the original design make today's Ospreys lighter and safer.

The Marine Corps lists two other Osprey crashes, both early in the air-

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Black women subjected to intrusive Customs searches more frequently

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Customs officials ordered black American women returning home from overseas to remove their clothes or undergo X-rays much more often than other passengers, even though their searches were less likely to reveal illegal hidden drugs, a report says.

Only a fraction of 1 percent of the 71.5 million passengers were singled out for searches as they entered the United States on international flights in fiscal year 1998. And the vast majority of those 52,455 passengers were subjected to simple pat-downs, according to the report by the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, obtained by The Associated Press.

The report, requested by Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., is to be released Monday.

Of those, black women were selected for more intrusive searches — strip searches or X-rays — more than any other group. Whites also had a high likelihood of being strip-searched, and black men were cho-

sen more often than most other passengers to be X-rayed.

Black women were much less likely than the others to be found with hidden illegal drugs, the report said.

"Although searched passengers with certain characteristics were subject to more intrusive searches, they were not always more likely to be found carrying contraband," the GAO said.

As allegations of abusive searches surfaced over the last two years, the Customs Service has made repeated efforts to change how passengers are checked for drugs. The agency faces numerous lawsuits alleging people were singled out for body searches because of their race or sex, including an effort by almost 100 black women to file a class-action suit in Chicago.

Customs officials said the changes, most enacted after the period studied by the GAO, already are yielding results not reflected in

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Gore, Bush even in the latest polls

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush are running neck and neck in the presidential campaign, according to a poll released Saturday.

The Newsweek poll showed that 44 percent of registered voters favor each of the two major party candidates, while 12 percent were undecided. Among independent voters,

Bush had a slight edge with 45 percent compared with 39 percent for Gore.

Bush scored 81 percent of Republican voters, Gore 76 percent of Democrats. Among minorities, Gore was far ahead, getting 63 percent compared with 23 percent for Bush.

If President Clinton could run for a third term, against Bush, he would get like Gore 44 percent of registered voters, the poll shows.

In that matchup, Bush would get 49 percent.

For the poll, 588 registered voters were surveyed Thursday and Friday. The margin of error was plus or minus 5 percentage points.

World GLANCE

➤ Hospitals act as hotels for 2000 Olympics

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — For sports fans sick of trying to find a hotel in Sydney during the Olympics, a private health company has the answer: Staying in empty hospital rooms.

Looking to cash in on the expected shortage of accommodations, Health Care of Australia plans to offer its empty beds as hotel-style accommodations.

The bad news is the beds are only being offered to staff and their families and friends.

The company is offering packages ranging from single beds at \$45 per night to a ward of six beds at \$144 per night.

And it promises that healthy guests will be kept apart from patients.

Virtually all of Sydney's hotel beds are booked for the duration of the Sept. 15-Oct. 1 Olympics.

➤ Protests resume over Cuban boy's future

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government "will do what is necessary" to reunite Elian Gonzalez with his father soon, a top Justice official said Sunday, as lawyers for the boy's Miami relatives warned that the family can't control protesters if they stand in the way.

Attorney General Janet Reno refused to discuss the use of force as a last resort except to say such plans have not been presented to her formally. "I hope with all my heart that the rule of law prevails, and I expect that it will," she said on CNN's "Late Edition."

Eric Holder, the deputy attorney general, said officials want a peaceful transfer this week but will consider taking Elian from unwilling hands if they must. "We don't expect anything like that to happen," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "We will do what is necessary to reunite father and son, however."

In Miami, the relatives fighting to keep the Cuban boy in the United States would not offer a firm commitment to meet Monday with the three psychiatric experts appointed by the government to smooth the boy's return to his father.

Lazaro Gonzalez, Elian's great-uncle and temporary custodian, asked in a letter to Reno that the meeting "be scheduled on a tentative basis" because his daughter was in the hospital and the family wanted her to be part of the discussion.

Hundreds of supporters gathered outside the family's Miami home at times over the weekend, keeping up a peaceful vigil that officials fear could turn confrontational if agreement is not reached on handing over Elian away from that scene.

Outside Washington, such a vigil became noisy and tense Sunday in the Bethesda, Md., neighborhood where Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, is staying at the home of a Cuban diplomat.

Within shouting distance of the house, dozens of protesters chanting "Help is with you" began crossing a police barricade — trying to get the father to come outside and meet Delfin Gonzalez, another of Elian's Miami great-uncles, who stood with them. Police held the crowd back.

➤ Gas prices drop as crude oil costs dip

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The sharp climb in gasoline prices that had motorists fuming and politicians fulminating may have topped out, as the average pump price dipped nearly 2½ cents per gallon in the past two weeks, an analyst said Sunday.

The average price for all grades of gasoline, including taxes, was about \$1.57 cents per gallon Friday, down 2.49 cents, according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations nationwide.

It was the biggest drop since the winter 1998 oil glut and was mainly due to falling crude oil prices, as producing countries decided to increase production, analyst Trilby Lundberg said.

"Gasoline prices are beginning to respond and are likely to fall further soon," she said.

Last month's decision by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries to increase production by 1.7 million barrels a day had been expected to result in lower prices this summer. But the result was dramatic, with crude oil prices dipping from a high of more than \$34 per barrel on March 7 to about \$25 last week.

Lundberg said fierce retail competition helped promote a "rather quick response down at the street level" to pass on the lowered costs.

Prices at self-service stations on Friday averaged \$1.52 for regular unleaded gasoline, \$1.62 for mid-grade and \$1.70 for premium.

Full-service prices were \$1.83 for regular, \$1.92 for mid-grade and just under \$2 for premium.

➤ Union's power growing in janitor strike

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hoisting brooms and mops, thousands of low-income workers are walking picket lines and gearing up for demonstrations across the country to demand higher wages, better job security and "justice for janitors."

The pressure started building last week when hundreds of janitors went on strike in Los Angeles, leaving the companies that clean 70 percent of the county's commercial office space scrambling to find replacements. And the janitors' union says that was just the beginning.

On Sunday, a small group of janitors staged a noisy demonstration in San Diego, shouting "Mucho trabajo, poco dinero" — "Lots of work, little money."

This week, the campaign spreads to New York City, where doormen, porters and maintenance workers plan to march up Park Avenue to promote their demands for contract talks with owners of 3,000 residential buildings. Their strike deadline is April 20.

"It's been the combined disrespect at the workplace and the bargaining table that led us to do this," said Mary Grillo, executive director of Service Employees International Union Local 2028 in San Diego.

Over the next few months, maintenance workers, maids and other SEIU members plan demonstrations in Chicago, Cleveland, Seattle and other major cities where contracts expire this year.

In Chicago, 125 janitors planned to begin a hunger strike Monday to protest their lack of health benefits. The contract for janitors in Chicago suburbs expired Sunday; the contract for janitors in the city will expire on Saturday.

The timing is no coincidence. The SEIU set out five years ago to negotiate contracts around the country that would expire within months of each other to combine the clout of more than 100,000 workers.

STUDENTS

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Housing still available for summer, fall

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Staff Writer

Students' chances of acquiring fall housing are getting slim, but those still looking for summer housing may be in luck.

On-campus housing seems to be the area with the most availability. Jenni Hatch, staff assistant for the Utah State University Housing Office, said they have filled almost one building for the summer, and there are still some rooms left.

Summit Hall has been remodeled, Hatch said, and is one of the buildings that will be open for summer residents. The rent for this building will be \$525 for a private room and \$425 for a shared room for the entire summer, she said.

Hatch said the other buildings available on campus include Richard, Davis and Jones Halls. The rent for these halls is \$425 for a private bedroom and \$350 for a shared. Hatch said those prices include utilities.

The prospects for on-campus housing in the fall are still good, Hatch said, although there are some areas that are full or are getting very close to being full. Snow and Davis Halls are both full, while South Campus and Bullen Hall are close to filling up, Hatch said. The rent for on-campus housing varies, depending upon where one would like to live. It ranges from \$850 to \$1,350 per semester, she said.

Off-campus housing is also filling up for fall. Travis Packer, Old Farm Apartments manager, said there are no rooms available for fall. A waiting list may be started around July 3. He said the chances of getting an apartment for fall are not very good.

"Last year there was maybe one person on the waiting list that got a room," Packer said.

Old Farm does have some men's rooms available for summer rental. Rent ranges from \$350 to \$500, Packer said.

Oakridge Apartments, another off-campus living facility, has about 70 bedrooms left for fall, according to Jamie Lower, manager of the apartments. Lower also said they are about 30 percent full for summer, but said she expects they will start to receive more applications soon. Rent for the summer is \$550, including utilities.

Some other off-campus apartments still have rooms left for the summer including D's Bridgerland Apartments and Cambridge Court Apartments, according to their managers. According to management, Bridgerland's prices range from \$375 to \$400.

Cambridge Court manager Ben Bailey said there are about 70 openings left for the summer and the price is \$390.

Both apartment complexes have rooms available for the fall.



Digging for gold?

Leilani Kitz, USU sophomore and member of the Physical Plant's Flower Team, weeds the flower bed outside the Taggart Student Center as part of spring cleaning. The Physical Plant takes care of the grass, trees and flower beds.

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referendum, the SRC committee spoke to several campus organizations such as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Student Association (LDSSA), President's Leadership Council, several sororities and fraternities, club sports and a few classes.

Volunteers will also be dorm storming with the brochures Monday night both on and off campus, Winward said. Informational booths will be set up throughout campus where volunteers will answer any questions students may have, Luekenga said.

"We've been trying to target as many groups as we possibly can," Winward said. "We want as many students to know about this as possible."

Students can pick up brochures in the Taggart Student Center Room 326, at the HPER and at the Customer Service Center in the TSC. Information is also available on the SRC Web site: www.usu.edu/src/. Luekenga said some students have complained about paying fees for a facility they will never have the opportunity to use. She said it is a charitable way of bettering the university.

"We currently enjoy facilities such as the TSC that students paid for and never used," Luekenga said. "It would just be some way that students could contribute to the university."

Luekenga said a plaque will be attached to the building naming those graduating classes whose fees made the facility possible.

The facility will not only benefit

students who are attending the university, but will also help the university to attract students to its campus, Luekenga said.

"I think it will have a huge appeal in recruiting students to campus," Luekenga said. "There is also the appeal of having membership in this kind of facility at such a low cost."

According to Luekenga, the \$63 student fee once the facility opens is the equivalent of \$15 a month for a membership at a commercial facility.

"I've been to the Sports Academy and liked it, but it was too expensive for me to keep a membership," Luekenga said.

If the vote does not pass, the

plans will be put on hold until another group decides to take up the issue, Luekenga said.

"It will be up to another group next year if they want to try to pass it again," Luekenga said, "but it will still have to go to another student vote."

Luekenga said while the brochures are very informative, the best way to learn about the facility is to ask an SRC committee member or an ASUSU officer because the issue is so complex.

"I would encourage everyone to find out why this facility is good or bad and then make an informed vote," Luekenga said.

Recreation Center pros and cons

If the Student Recreation Center Referendum passes a general student vote, students coming to Utah State University in Fall of 2003 can look forward to a 75,000-square-foot facility dedicated specifically to students, said Associated Students of USU Business Senator Allyson Luekenga.

According to Luekenga, the \$12.5 million facility would include a variety of cardiovascular equipment; a juice bar and lounge; a multi-activity court for indoor soccer, roller hockey or other sports; a climbing wall and an elevated track.

Luekenga said the majority of complaints she has received about the SRC aren't about the student fee, but are about the absence of racquetball courts in the building's design.

The 11 racquetball courts on campus are currently the most underused facilities, Luekenga said.

"It's not worth the cost for such limited usage," she said.

According to Luekenga, USU President George Emert approved the site location April 3. If the vote passes, the SRC will be built north of the Parking and Transportation Services Building where the USU Marching Band currently practices.

Currently, the SRC board has decided the facility will be open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day, except for Sunday, which they haven't decided on yet, Luekenga said.

According to Luekenga, a student governing board will be formed to make sure the facility continues to serve its purpose as an exercise area built specifically to help students.

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This is a unique project to Utah State. No other school has an on-site school and research facility, Giordano said.

"These little children are not

mice, they're getting the best education in Utah," Giordano said.

They are also starting a new program: teaching English as a Second Language.

Giordano said they have received many requests from local superintendents and principals about this need in their schools.

This will start out as an endorsement for students who can then go and get a teaching job, but also be trained to teach ESL classes, he said.

Giordano said the college continues to strive for excellence, and continues to follow its motto: "It's about people."

NewsBRIEFS

➤ USU production facility receives national award

KSAR, a multimedia production facility located at the Center for Persons with Disabilities at Utah State University, and HOPE, Inc., are the recipients of a national award in video production, announced KSAR Director Tom Risk. The facility received a prestigious Telly Award.

"This award is in the league of an Oscar or Emmy, and reflects the expertise, skill and professionalism of the individuals who participated in this project," Risk said.

Established in 1980, the Telly Awards recognize outstanding non-network and cable videos, commercials and films. During the past 20 years, the Telly Awards has become a well-known, highly respected national competition. More than 11,000 entries were judged in 1999.

KSAR and HOPE, Inc. received a 2000 Telly Award for "Child-to-Child." This video teaches children in elementary grades to communicate with their classmates who have special needs.

➤ Utah legislators plan to fight for birth control bill

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Although Utah lawmakers ignored this year's version of a bill to ensure birth control is part of prescription insurance packages, the issue is getting attention nationally.

The Alan Guttmacher Institute, a New York-based reproductive rights organization, said 18 states have similar legislation on the table this year.

Supporters of the proposed bill in Utah plan to try to pass the bill again next year.

"I suspect I will carry this bill as long as I'm around," said Sen. Paula Julaender, D-Salt Lake. She has introduced the bill for the past two years only to see it fail both times.

The measure would require health insurance providers that offer drug coverage to include coverage for a full range of contraceptives, including pills, diaphragms, intrauterine devices, Norplant and Depo-Provera.

It is similar to a bill before Congress that is sponsored by Sen. Olympia Snow, R-Maine, and Rep. James Greenwood, R-Pa.

➤ State audit questions

Utah's use of federal money

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An annual state audit questioned Utah's use of \$2.2 million in federal funds, which might have to be returned to the United States government.

State Auditor Auston Johnson's report noted "material weaknesses" in internal controls in three of 21 specific federally funded programs his office examined: foster care, child care and the Utah Communications Agency Network.

Johnson identified money that might not have been used in accord with federal rules and laws. Federal dollars are the state's largest single revenue source, totaling more than \$1.9 billion last year.

If the federal government "disallows" explanation of the error, Utah will have to pay back the money.

One area of the audit involved the Utah Communications Agency Network, established by the Legislature to integrate Utah law enforcement and fire agencies with an 800-megahertz communications system.

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PoliceBLOTTER

Information detailed in this section is a Statesman staff report obtained from USU Police incident reports.



Friday, March 31

- An aluminum statue was taken from the first floor of the Business Building. Police are investigating.



- The theft of a fire extinguisher from the Central Heating Building was reported.



- An individual was assaulted in the USU Trailer Court.



- A stolen parking barricade was recovered from Jones Hall. The individual was later cited with a misdemeanor for wrongful appropriation.



- An individual reported ongoing harassment.

Saturday, April 1

- Police responded to false alarms at the Parking Terrace and the Biology and Natural Resources Building.

Sunday, April 2

- USU Police assisted Logan City Police on a possible auto burglary with suspects.

- A former USU student reported being raped by an acquaintance in September, 1999. The assault took place on campus.

Monday, April 3

- USU Police assisted Logan City Police on a report of a car that had run off the road on U.S. Hwy. 89.

- An individual reported receiving some harassing e-mail messages. Investigation is continuing.

- A report that an individual was putting fliers on the windshields of vehicles at the Stadium parking lot was received.

- Police responded to the report of bicycles being chained to the handrails at the

Widstoe Chemistry Building.

- Police received a report that someone was soliciting magazines in Aggie Village.

- An individual reported that her car windshield had been broken while it was parked.

- USU Police responded to a report of a fire in the engine compartment of a USU bus, which had been extinguished prior to police notification.

Tuesday, April 4

- A suspicious person was reportedly wandering around in the Jones Education Building.

Wednesday, April 5

- Police responded to a fire alarm at the new Widstoe Building. A pull station had been accidentally activated.

- USU Police received the report of a telephone offense that occurred at the Water Lab. An individual was cited and released for his actions.

- Police responded to the USU Trailer Court and arrested a violator for domestic related assault.

- Police received a call that there was a fire in the hay bales at the bottom of Old Main Hill.

Thursday, April 6

- Police received a report of a fire alarm at the Widstoe Chemistry Building.

- An individual reported his windshield had been broken while it was parked.

If you have any information about these or any other crimes, contact the USU Police at 797-1939 or to remain anonymous, call 797-5000.

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LIFESTYLES

Black cats and ladders

Press your luck with a look at some of the many superstitions in Wednesday's Close-up section.

A peek inside the office and life of a president

CORINNE KATOR
Senior Features Writer

"Nothing." That's what one Utah State University student said she knows about the president of her university. Like most students, she knows the president's name but knows nothing else about what he does or who he is.

In a recent interview President George Emert shared information to help USU students better understand his role, his accomplishments and goals and his personality.

The presidency, Emert said, is symbolic of what the university is, what it has been and where it is going. He said his position involves interacting with the many people who are involved with the university including faculty, staff, students, community leaders, media representatives, legislators and government agencies.

On the day he was interviewed, Emert's schedule included introducing a speaker, attending a training seminar for deans and department heads, attending meetings to discuss fund-raising and facilities, meeting with a sculpture committee

to develop the arts on campus and joining students in the campus residence halls for dinner and karaoke.

Emert also had a list of the seminars, exhibits and performances on campus he would try to attend if his time permitted. In between all of these activities, Emert said he expected to receive several phone calls to discuss contracts, grants and legislation.

"The president's office gets a call once every six minutes," Emert said. While his staff handles most of these calls, many of them must be answered by Emert himself.

Emert's presidency began eight years ago, and he is proud of the university's achievements since that time. He said he is particularly proud of the significant amount of money the university has raised for student scholarships. According to Emert, USU has raised \$29 million for scholarships in its 112 years of existence. Of that total, \$23 million has been raised since Emert became president.

Fund-raising efforts in general have increased during Emert's presidency. He said the university raised \$135 million in contracts and grants this year. The university is now raising five times the private funds it was eight years ago, and much of this money is being placed in endowments so students can benefit from the money for years to come, he said.

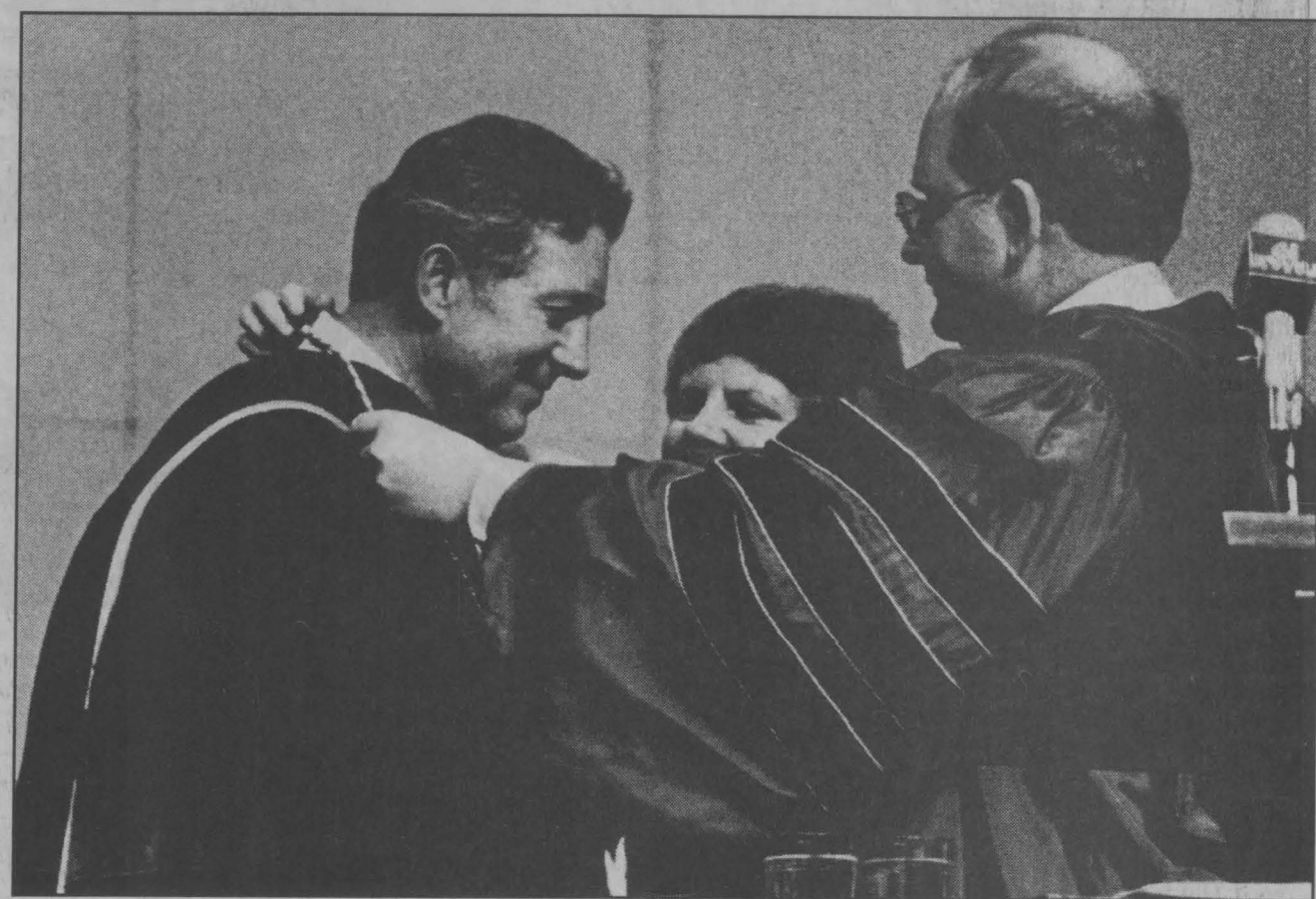
Emert is also proud of the work he has done with Aggie alumni. Emert said there were no active alumni chapters eight years ago; 47 chapters now operate worldwide.

Alumni chapters in Utah began as County Aggie Committees. Emert said he organized these committees of USU alumni living throughout Utah and asked them to talk to their legislators about USU concerns.

When asked about his goals for his presidency, Emert listed the collective goals of the university.

"We would like to be considered a great undergraduate teaching institution," Emert said.

He also said the university would



President Emert receives the presidential medallion on November 16, 1992 as he begins his career as president of the university.

like to be an economic player in the community and in the world. He said USU wants to be competitive and have a competitive library.

"We want to be a haven for ideas," Emert said. "We want to be supportive of all mankind. We want to continue to support our core values of compassion, integrity and industriousness."

Emert said USU wants its students to be good citizens, which is why the university emphasizes volunteer service and community awareness. He said he wants to see graduates be successful both financially and in family matters.

"USU represents family more than any other institution I've been with," Emert said.

He also spoke of the family-like relationship among USU alumni, faculty and students.

"If you're an Aggie, you're in the

Aggie family," he said.

Emert said he feels his place in the Aggie family is as a member of the faculty. As an administrator, Emert said he strives to remember that he is a teacher first, a member of the faculty, and as such his first concern is the students.

Emert spoke of the responsibility of helping students during this critical time in their lives. He said there is "great magic in being in an environment like this."

"It's a time that is so precious in your life," he said. "It's a time of magic."

Emert spoke fondly of his years in college, even though they were also years filled with hard work. He said he worked a minimum of 40 hours per week while going to school. While in college he worked as a bell boy and a dishwasher. He made saddles, waited tables, did

odd jobs and worked in laboratories.

Emert earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of Colorado. After volunteering for two tours of duty in Vietnam, he resumed his education, earning a master's degree in zoology from Colorado State University and a Ph.D. in biochemistry and nutrition from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Emert has worked professionally as a biochemist and has taught biochemistry at the University of Kansas and the University of Arkansas. Before coming to USU he served as the executive vice president of Auburn University.

On a more personal note, Emert said his father was a Tennessee farmer and his mother worked in a

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President Emert addresses the Latter-Day Saint Institute's Religion in Life in 1992 shortly after he arrived at USU.

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'The Beauty Way'

Discovering a way of life in the native Navajo experience

STERLING BONE
Staff Writer

■ **Editors note:** The following story contains the experiences of one USU student who spent his Spring Break among the Navajo people with the President's Leadership Council.

There are some things that shouldn't be talked about in Navajo country, taboo things. Often times they are seen by the eye, but never heard by the ear or spoken by the lips.

Death is one of them, and the coyote is another. Unlike the Warner Brothers cartoon dual between the coyote and the roadrunner, the coyote is not something to joke about. To the Navajo people it is the black cat of superstition, but much worse. Mischievous and cunning in nature, the coyote is the bearer of bad luck. Its crossing your path can result in accident, injury or even death.

This is one lesson learned during a Spring Break venture to Rough Rock, Ariz.

Led by Eric Olsen, director, Marie Gnehm and Jan Benson, associate directors of High School/College Relations, seven members of Utah State University's President's Leadership Council (PLC) went to the Navajo Reservation near Rough Rock.

This is the second year Eric Olsen has accompanied PLC to northeast Arizona.

"I wanted PLC to have a meaningful Spring Break trip where the members could serve. It has done more for PLC," he said.

The ten-hour trip to Rough Rock is an annual Spring Break pilgrimage for PLC members who volunteer as tutors and mentors to Navajo children studying at Rough Rock Community School. In exchange for the time tutoring, PLC students experience first-hand Navajo culture and beliefs.

"It is like going home. I am grounded there. I go to serve the res (reservation), but each time I visit I am helped more than I could ever help anyone," Justin Keith, a Navajo and member of PLC said of his visits to the reservation.

Keith was born and raised off the reservation, but during the last few years has found his roots. He now wants to live on the reservation after completing his studies at USU.

"The Navajo believe in a warm kinship system referred to as clans," Keith said. "Every Navajo belongs to a clan and upon meeting someone for the first time introduces himself or herself stating first, their given name, followed by the mother's clan then the clan of the

father."

Dating and marrying a member of the same clan is considered incest, but more importantly the ancient clanship system creates unity among the largest tribe in the United States.

"I established an immediate connection with those of my clan. They would say you are my brother, or you are my little son. In return I would say I am your brother, or you are my mother," Keith said.

His Navajo name translates to English as Justin born of Red Streak Running Into Water and born for Bitter Water.

Rough Rock Community School, established in 1966, was the first contract school of its kind on any U.S. reservation. Funded solely by grants and led by the community, Rough Rock became the "talk of the nation" during the late 1960s and '70s. Visited by the Kennedy's and others, Rough Rock later became a "school of delinquents," said Dr. Robert Roessel Jr., founder and current director of Rough Rock Community School.

"Rough Rock was the light in the night and then it crashed," he added.

Rough Rock is unique in that it is a bilingual and bicultural school. Kindergarten through third grade are taught in Navajo and all students are required to take classes in Navajo language, culture, history and government. Roessel said he believes establishment of high self-esteem within the culture is what the Navajo nation needs to overcome issues with alcohol, drug abuse, violence and other problems facing the nation.

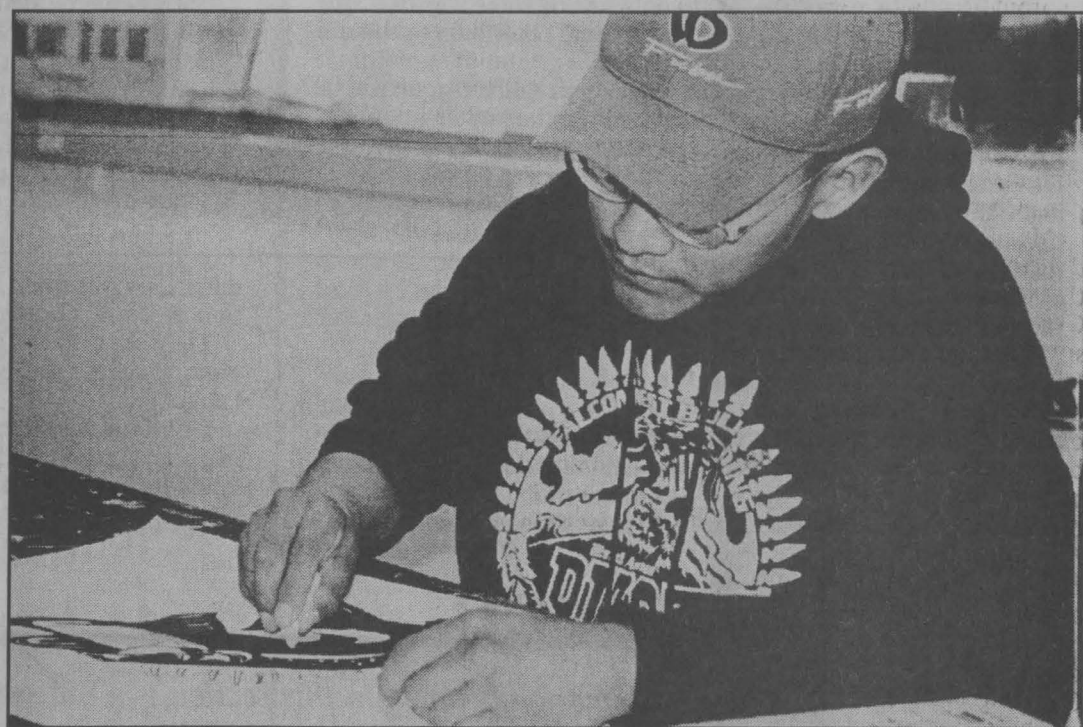
"This is not a 'back to the blanket' or 'bring back the buffalo' movement. This is how to prepare for the future," Roessel said.

Roessel sees a continuous need to fight battles for the Navajo, but Stephanie Klain, a junior at Rough Rock High School, sees the dawn of a new day getting brighter for the desert community.

As the lone girl in her fire-fighting unit, she spends summers fighting forest fires across the country. But when school is in session she dedicates herself to studies, running the school store and participating in after-school practices for basketball, and, yes, even football.

"No matter if it's sports or fighting fires, I feel important. I feel good inside. I feel like I am a hero," Klain said.

Dyslexic and challenged in the classroom, Klain leans upon people like her English teacher Miss Halsey and her reading group to help her overcome some of her greatest chal-



Lezmond Mitchell, a junior at Rough Rock High, works on a pencil drawing in his third period art class.

lenges. With a desire to be successful Stephanie looks at every game, every homework assignment as her opportunity to succeed.

During the fall of 1998, Stephanie sat alone in the girl's locker room preparing for what was going to be her moment of fame. Unaware of the continuing impact she would make on the spectators.

Stephanie laced up her shoulder pads, preparing to play in Rough Rock High School's first ever homecoming game. Her black hair with the shine of a crow's glossy feathers now in braids hanging below her helmet was the only give-away to No. 53's true identity. In a culture where a woman is a God, Stephanie is goddess on and off the playing field in Rough Rock, Ariz. Stories of her exploits have practically passed into lore.

Stephanie, half Navajo, returned to the reservation after spending her childhood moving around with her mid-wife mother. Determined to learn the Navajo culture and language, Stephanie enrolled as an 18-year-old sophomore at Rough Rock High. Looking around, you might believe that success is remote from her life, but then you look at Stephanie and see her smile.

At halftime, her hair, now loosened from its

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Seventy-eight-year-old Etah Bia lives a traditional Navajo life including caring for a flock of sheep. PLC members delivered firewood for her wood stove.

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President Emert stops for a photo after participating in a night of fun with students last week. Emert spent several days with students and participated in several activities including a beach party and Karaoke night.

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laundry. They were married young and neither had a high school education.

"My first school was (a) one-room school house — 12 grades, one teacher," he said.

Emert said he loves to play tennis, fish, play the guitar and sing. He is learning to play the banjo and he enjoys sorting through his coin collection. Above all he sees himself as a teacher and as a biochemist.

He and his wife, Billie, have four children and five grandchildren. Their family has lived in many parts of the country, but Emert said he and Billie, who is from Wyoming, have always loved the West.

"We both love the Rockies," he said.

Emert said he still has no idea who nominated him for his position at USU, but he accepted the position so he and Billie could come back to the West.

"I have sure loved it here and the people have been fantastic," he said of Logan and its university. "I have never seen collectively a group of students who are better than the ones we have at USU."

Emert said he would like students to know that, as a faculty member, he cares about their well being.

Students should know, he said, that people who teach and work for universities do it because they care about students.

"People wouldn't be here if they didn't care," he said.

Celebrating the printed word during library week

KATHRYN SUMMERS
Staff Writer

This week, April 9 through 15, is National Library Week, and the Utah State University Libraries are celebrating with a variety of events, said Sarah Jane Clayton, the Library Week Chairperson.

Each April, National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country, according to the ALA Web site, www.ala.org. All types of libraries — school, public and special — participate. This year the theme is "Read! Learn! Connect! @ the Library."

According to the Web site, "It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support."

The main event at USU will be a Freedom of Speech Forum held Thursday in the Taggart Student Center Sunburst Lounge from 2 to 5 p.m., Clayton said.

Max Peterson, the library director, has wanted to do this forum for several years, Clayton said, because people sometimes engage in "self-censorship." They glue pages of books together, tear out the pages and even "lose" books on purpose because they don't agree with the book's contents, she said. According to Clayton, the Freedom of Speech Forum is a non-confrontational way to help people realize they are dealing with the Constitution.

The panel for the forum was selected to represent different interests. The moderator will be Rod Decker, of

KUTV-TV in Salt Lake City, and panel members will include Kenneth Godfrey, author and former director of the Logan Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Institute; Mike Sweeney, censorship expert and professor in the USU journalism and communications department and Rita Reusch, director of the Law Library and professor of law at the University of Utah, Clayton said.

The forum will be sponsored by Caffe Ibis and USU Food Services, Clayton said.

Another event celebrating National Library Week is the book sale in the Merrill Library basement on April 12 and 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The books for sale cost anywhere from 10 cents to \$10, said Clayton. They are donated by the library and the money raised from the sales goes to funding the gifts program that handles donations to the library she said.

On April 12, there will be an awards reception from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Sci-Tech Library, Room 120.

"I really felt like we needed to involve our staff and our patrons more," Clayton said.

Some new awards have been instituted to recognize staff members and show appreciation for their hard work. Barre Toelken will receive the Faculty Award for his work in developing the folklore collection.

"We're a pretty high-class place as far as folklore goes," Clayton said.

Three volunteer awards will be given to people outside of campus, then there will be a video presentation of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" starring Peterson with children in the

Edith Bowen Elementary library being his lifeline.

"We try to do something every year with Edith Bowen," Clayton said.

National Library Week at USU will wrap up Friday with a lecture by April Haws, an assistant dean of fine arts

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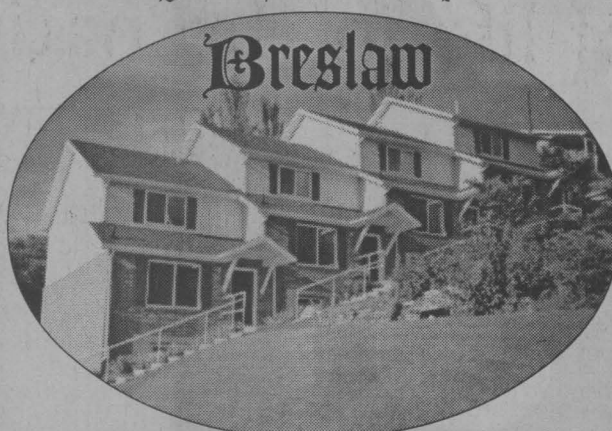
Also, the SI leader positions for fall have been posted. This is an excellent opportunity to add professional experience to your resume.

"Women's Issues in Kenya" presented by Alice Nkatha, AAUW National Fellowship Recipient, from Kenya, Africa. Apr 14, 12:30 p.m., TSC, Room 335. For more info, call the Women's Center, 797-1728.

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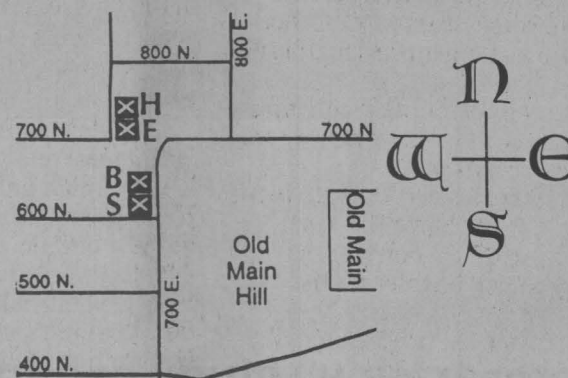
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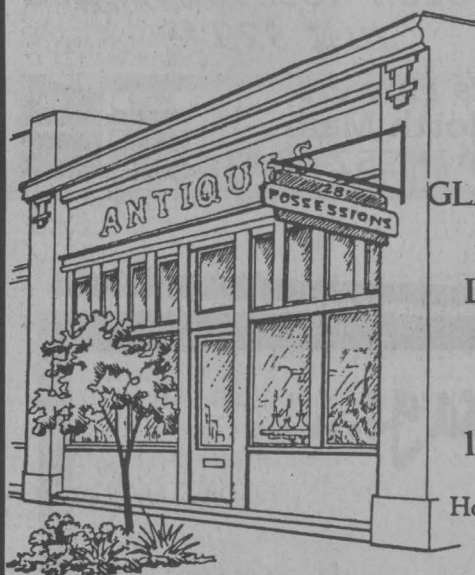
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From the unique harmonies of East Indian music to Native American rhythms to the inspiration of African-American spirituals, the Tanner Symposium concert, "The Spirit of Song," at Utah State University, provides an evening of diverse entertainment April 13.

Bruce Saperston, department head in USU's Department of Music, coordinates the concert. A number of guest artists will perform, including Santita Jackson, who will be remembered by many from last year's USU graduation concert.

As part of the Tanner Symposium, the concert is free and open to the public. However, those registered for the conference have seating

priority.

Those who wish to pre-register for the conference may call 797-1200 or register on-line at [www.hass.usu.edu/tanner]. The concert will be held in the Eccles Conference Center Harrison Auditorium on the USU campus and begins at 7:30 p.m.

"One of the major themes of the O. C. Tanner Symposium is to explore the relationships among faith and beliefs in physical, mental, and emotional healing," Saperston said. "Music has been used by all cultures in their religious ceremonies and healing rituals since ancient times. The Spirit of Song concert is a celebration of this powerful role that music plays in all cultures. It's truly a common denominator among all peoples."

The evening opens with members of USU's Native American Student Council presenting a variety of traditional songs and dances.

The USU council represents seven tribes this year, said coordinator Melvin Capitan.

Ten student members from the council will perform during the evening. All will combine for drum song, a traditional dance that is used to acquaint various tribe members at social gatherings.

The next section of the

program features Brahman Sri Hanuman, a musician and composer who sings and plays the classical guitar, tabla and other Indian traditional instruments. He was born in northern India and as been trained in karnatic music from southern India.

The musician is influenced by varied styles, and says he has discovered new ways of tuning and special harmonic combinations, intuitively related to the musical tradition of his homeland and culture.

As a lecturer, he has shared his wisdom through Nada Yoga and has lectured about music, Indian philosophy and spirituality throughout Europe. This is his first visit to the United States, where he teaches at the Shivananda Ashram in New York City.

The final portion of the Spirit of Song concert features USU's Chamber Singers, under the direction of Will Kesling, performing with guest artists Santita

Jackson and Larry Robinson.

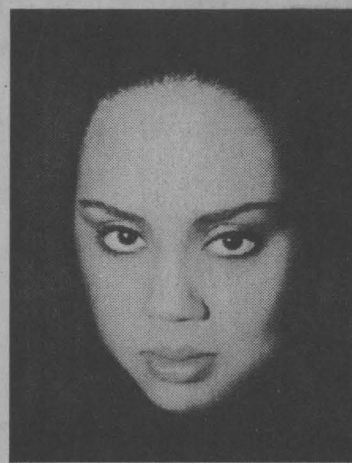
"This is a wonderful opportunity for USU students to work with someone expert in African-American gospel music," Saperston said. "Our students benefit while learning the finer points of the genre and the public gets to hear a great concert."

Kesling promises an exciting concert section that "will really cook." The Chamber Singers, the Music Department's

premiere choir, will present solo selections as well as selections with Jackson. She will also perform with her accompanist Larry Robinson.

Jackson's musical background is diverse she's toured with Roberta Flack, sung the national anthem at an NBA playoff game in Chicago, was chosen by President Clinton to sing the national anthem at his second inauguration in Washington, D.C., and has performed as a guest soloist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

She is the daughter of The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.



Santita Jackson will join the USU Chamber Singers in concert Thursday.

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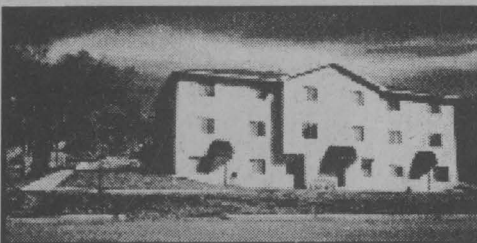
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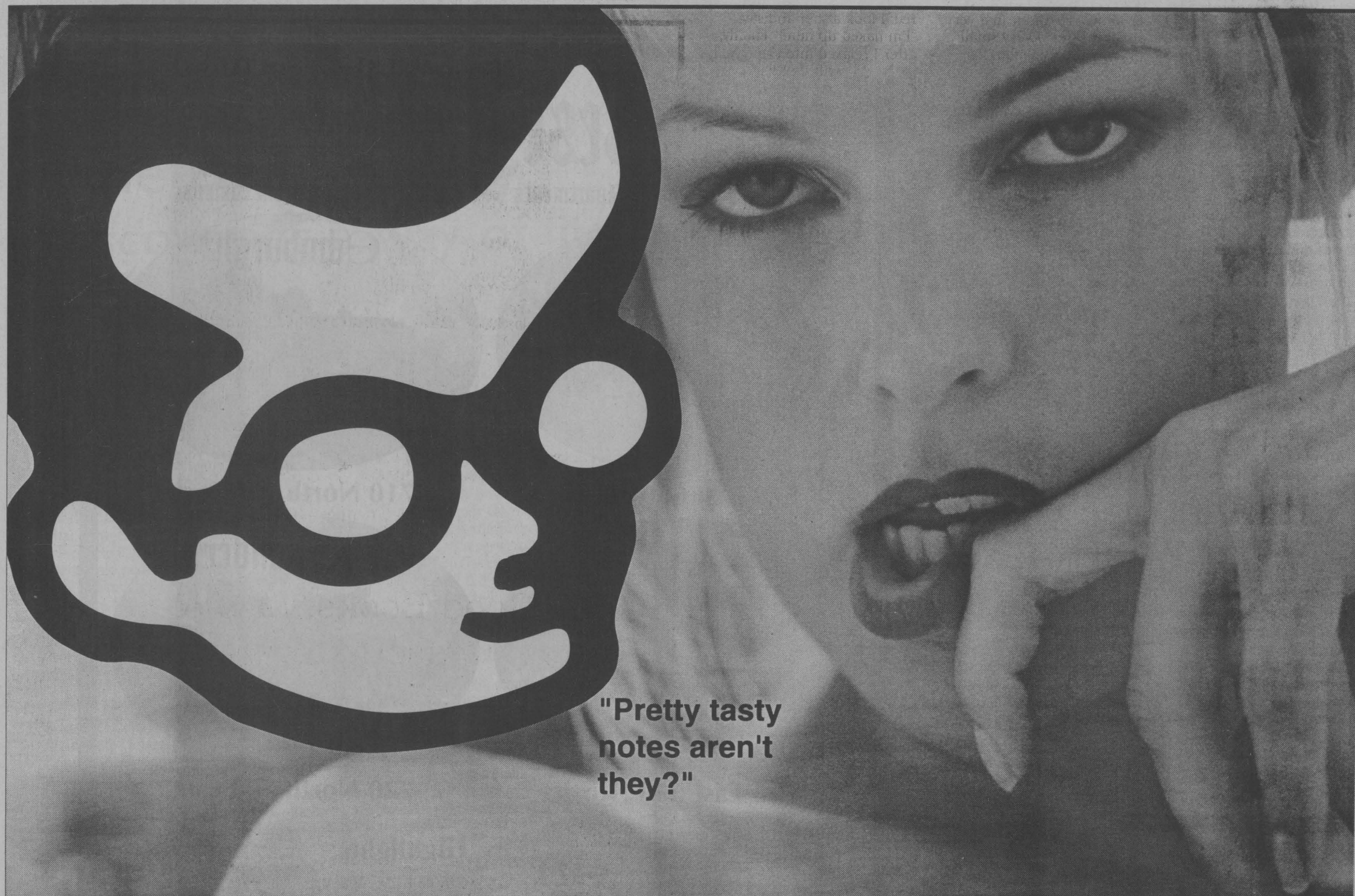
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and communication at Brigham Young University. She will show a 45-minute documentary about Father Liebler, an Episcopal Priest who worked extensively with the Native Americans in southern Utah. After the video, she will discuss Liebler's contributions and answer questions. The presentation will be in the Sci-Tech Library, Room 120 at 10:30 a.m.

Library Week activities

- April 10 through 14 Interior Design Student Exhibit, Merrill Library, 1st floor
- April 12 and 13, 9 to 4 p.m. Book sale, Merrill Library basement
- April 12, 2 to 4 p.m. Awards Reception with refreshments, Sci-Tech Room 120
- April 13, 2 to 5 p.m. Freedom of Speech Forum, TSC Sunburst Lounge
- April 14, 10:30 a.m. April Haws lecture on Father Liebler Collection, Sci-Tech Room 120



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Students at Rough Rock High School hang out at their lockers between their first and second periods. Many of the students travel up to two hours each morning to attend school.

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braids, blows in the warm desert breeze. Accompanied by her friends in their satin formals Stephanie is presented to the modest-size cheering crowd as homecoming royalty at Rough Rock High.

Unable to change into her off-field elegance, Stephanie smiles, holding a bouquet of yellow and red roses representing her school colors. With the backdrop of shadows of red sandstone plateaus and mesas, she stands in cleats and pads smiling towards the future, photographed by the sun above.

"I was grateful the people in Rough Rock let me into their world," Scott Teichert, a PLC member who spent time in a kindergarten class, said. "It doesn't matter who you eat your cookies with, kids are kids."

Education major, Lucy Beth Wimmer said, "I realized that teachers need to have hope for their kids, and then push them along with attention, love and hugs."



Stephanie Klain, a junior, organizes the school store for another busy lunch period. Stephanie plays football and was part of the homecoming royalty.

The "Beauty Way" is the central belief woven into the Navajo culture. Being in harmony with God, nature, others and oneself summarizes this encompassing creed many generations share.

Sophomore PLC member Jeff Teichert said, "The beauty of Rough Rock Community school is they are trying to incorporate the 'Beauty Way' into their schools. If you don't know who you are, you don't know where you are going.

You don't have a point of reference."

Seeking the deeper meaning of "The Beauty Way," I asked Stephanie for help. Stoically she chanted, "I walk in beauty before me, beauty behind me, beauty above me, beauty below me, beauty to the left and beauty to the right of me."

With no need of eye contact I heard the conviction in her voice. It was then I began to understand.

Donny speaks about his time as Joseph

SUSAN KING
Los Angeles Times

Donny Osmond is best known as the former '70s teen singing idol and current co-host with his sister Marie of the Emmy-nominated daytime talk series "Donny and Marie," he is a seasoned musical theater veteran.

From 1992-98, Osmond, 42, toured in the Andrew Lloyd Webber-Tim Rice musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," performing the role of the biblical hero nearly 2,000 times.

"Joseph" premiered in 1968 as a 15-minute piece at a London school. Over the years, the composers expanded the musical fable to 90 minutes.

During a break from "Donny and Marie," Osmond talks about his often funny experiences playing "Joseph."

Question: You were 34 when you started doing "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on stage. When you filmed this version last summer you were nearly 42. Has your performance changed as you matured?

Answer: Well, when you are close to something like raising a child, you really don't see the differences until you go away and come back. The difference is amazing over time.

But there is only so much you can stretch because Sir Andrew, as we lovingly call him, likes his stuff done a certain specific way. He has a group of people who make sure each production is done that way because he's a very hands-on individual. So there isn't a lot of room for stretching.

When I started the role in 1992, I had to sing differently (from the pop style). I had to articulate differently. You can't sing pop licks in a musical like this. I had a wonderful conductor who taught me the ropes (of Broadway-style singing). I finally got it after two years.

Q: Before you started your stage stint as Joseph, had you previously seen any incarnations of the musical?

A: I saw my younger brother

Jimmy. He did it in a very small theater, a very small production. I was familiar with the music, but I didn't know much about the show.

Q: Did you feel, though, that "Joseph" would typecast you?

A: I have to be honest with you. I thought at first: "I don't want to do this." Here is this little teen-age kid donned in long hair and white. But then I continued reading, and after finishing it, I realized I had to be convincing not only as a teenager but as a 40-year-old man in charge of Egypt. I said if I can be convincing in those two extremes, that would be a stretch. I was smart enough to know that immediately people could accept me in that role when they first see me, but then you take them on the journey.

Q: After doing it on stage for nearly six years, didn't you get bored?

A: I got very tired of the show after doing it for so long. I never tired of the music, but it is the mundane schedule of getting up for eight shows a week, doing the same thing and not being able to vary it much.

Q: Well, I imagine you would have had a pretty strict workout regime since your costume primarily consists of a loincloth.

A: I got to tell you, I remember the first wardrobe fitting. I walk in and they hand me this little piece of material and I said: "OK. Where is the rest of it?" I put this thing on and I am so embarrassed. I said, no way am I going out there in front of thousands of people wearing a piece of cloth. So comes time for opening and I am nervous as I can be. The press is out there and I am oblivious to the fact that I am not wearing anything because I am concentrating on the show.

Two weeks into the run — this is in Toronto — I am doing this little dance going into the intermission and the (actress playing the) Narrator at the time, looked over at me and she whispers, "What's the matter?" I am flushed

red. I look at her and say, "I'm naked up here!" Finally, after I relaxed into the role, I realized how little I had on, on stage.

Q: Any funny memories from being on the road that long?

A: We came up with a lot of stuff to keep from getting bored. The entire cast said, "We are going to get that loincloth off of you one of these days." There is a scene where Mrs. Potiphar was chasing me around her bed. She falls down on the bed and I fall on top of her. Well, she was chasing me around and everybody was trying to grab this loincloth. It's only held on by four little hooks. They finally got it in, of all places, Salt Lake City! The place just howled. The show came to a screeching halt. The conductor just stopped the orchestra and the orchestra stood up out of the pit to look. I just had to put it back on and continue.

Q: How different was filming the show vs. the stage experience?

A: It was rigorous. It was restaged differently, and I am not that familiar with film. My background is TV.

Q: And this time around, Joan Collins is playing Mrs. Potiphar.

A: Here again I don't want to consider it a film, but I did a movie of the week with her, it was called "The Wild Women of Chastity Gulch" (in 1982).

But, boy, I tell you, she walked (on the set of "Joseph"), and you talk about a diva. And she knows how to work it. When we were rehearsing our scenes, she kept blowing them.

She was supposed to take my clothes off and she kept doing it wrong. And I am wondering if she kept blowing it so she could keep doing the scene over and over. She was blowing in my ear and rubbing my chest and taking my clothes off and I thought, "I'm glad my wife isn't watching this!"

It's kind of cute the way it was shot. The way they edited it is very innocent because kids are going to be watching. It's a family show.

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USU offense improves in final scrimmage before Blue-White game

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Utah State's offense showed great improvement as the Aggie football team ran through its second scrimmage of the spring season here on Saturday.

"I feel pretty positive about this scrimmage," head coach Mick Dennehy said. "There are times we are running the ball pretty well. There are times when we are throwing the ball pretty well. There are times we are catching the ball pretty

well. If you look at the percentages you would say not very good, but I think the quarterbacks are playing pretty good.

"When they are playing pretty good, the receivers aren't always catching it. When they are not playing good, the receivers aren't making the plays either. I think it is more of a matter of more repetition and getting closer to everybody having the same understanding of what we are trying to accomplish."

Jose Fuentes stepped up with the best performance among the five

quarterbacks that played on Saturday. The sophomore-to-be completed nine-of-12 passes for 103 yards. As a team the Aggies were 15-of-41 for 166 yards. Last year's starter, Jeff Crosbie, was three-of-10 for 45 yards, while USU's other three signal callers were a combined three-of-19 for 18 yards.

Running back John Roberts looked solid, carrying nine times for 53 yards and one touchdown. Roberts had runs of 19 and 16 to go along with his one-yard scoring plunge. Travelle Gaines also scored

on a one yard touchdown run, while Emmett White added five carries for 21 yards as the Aggies rushed 29 times for 60 yards.

Three wide receivers caught three passes, including Aaron Jones, who had 45 yards, David Fiefla 44 yards and Ky Oday 14 yards. Emmett White had two catches for 45 yards, while Steve Mullins, who was moved from quarterback to wide receiver this week, pulled in two balls for 20 yards.

"The kids are improving they are getting better every time out,"

Dennehy said. "We are seeing some good things on both sides of the ball. The offense is starting to catch up a little bit. It is understandably a little easier to line up and play defense and I think that showed a week ago. The bottom line is I like the way the kids are competing."

USU's kickers were combined five-of-five as Brad Bohn drilled field goals of 22, 46 and 37 yards and Dane Kidman booted home attempts of 43 and 25 yards.

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Aggies qualify for NCAA meet at Washington St.

Two qualify despite losing to WSU on both the men's and women's sides

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
Athletic Media Relations

Utah State University juniors Shae Jones and James Parker both automatically qualified for the NCAA Championships at the Washington State — Utah State Dual meet held in Pullman, Wash. Saturday.

Bair set a new school record and a personal record as she won the pole vault competition with her automatic qualifying mark of 13-feet 9.25-inches. The mark beat her old school record of 13-feet 3-inches set last year. Parker also automatically qualified for the NCAA championship as he took first-place in the hammer throw with his winning toss of 224-feet 6-inches.

"We had a lot of people that did some great things," head coach Gregg Gensel said.

The Aggies also had four members who provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships. Senior Mark Calvin did as he won the pole vault with his mark of 17-feet 2.75-inches. Senior Dave Hoffman PQ in the high jump with his first-place finish of 7-feet 2.5-inches, sophomore Brett Guymon PQ in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles with his time of 51.03 and junior Charlotte Wahlin PQ with her second place finish in the hammer of 185-feet 3-inches.

Overall the Aggie men's team was just edged out as they scored 91 points to WSU's score of 108 points. The women earned a total of 75 points falling short to the Cougars with their 124 points.

"Even though we didn't win on either side, a lot of great things happened,"

said Gensel. "We are getting there — making progress, that's what I like."

First-place finishes on the men's side came from Brick Bergenson in the 800-meter (1:55.04), Marcus Morgan in the 1500-meter (3:51.09), Glen Busch in the 3000-meter steeplechase (9:12.42), and Jason Jones in the 5000-meters (15:10.77).

Other top performances for the men's team came from Brad Bair who place second in the 100-meters and third in the 200-meters with times of 11.20 and 22.69 respectively. Bruce McCannel earned second place finishes in the long jump (21-09.50) and triple jump (47-11.25). Also earning second place finishes for USU were Denise Ogilvie in the 800-meters (1:55.50), Nick Russel in the 3,000 steeplechase (9:23.64), and Lance Thurston in the high jump (6-10.75).

In the women's action Melissa Jensen earned a first-place finish for the Aggies with a time of 2:09 in the 800-meters. USU's 4x400 relay team had a time of 3:51 also earning a first-place finish. Members consisted of Kristi Connors, Danielle Kot, Melissa Jensen, and Kristen Hilliman.

"We left a good portion of our women's team at home because of injuries and a few from the men's team also," Gensel said. "When we get everybody healthy and competing at the same time, I think we will be a good team."

A few track members also competed at the the Weber State Invitational Saturday. Top performances at that meet came from Josh Sides who earned a first-place finish in the discus (164-3) and a second place finish in the hammer throw (170-7) and Amber Jensen who earned a second-place finish in the 800-meters (2:15.03).

The Aggies prepare to battle at home this week as they host their first outdoor meet of the season, the Mark Faldmo Open on Saturday April 15.

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Freshman Chrisina Conrad takes a swing during practice earlier this season. The Aggies only managed nine hits in the three-game series.

Once again: USU 1-for-2 at Sac. State

AARON MORTON
Assistant Sports Editor

The Aggies are in a rut. But there are signs they may bust out of it soon.

For the third straight three-game series, the Utah State University softball team went 1-for-2, this time winning the first, 1-0, and dropping the last two, 5-0 and 3-2, to Sacramento State University Saturday and Sunday.

USU's pitching was strong as the Hornets only scored eight runs in the three games. But, again, the Aggies (14-25 overall, 3-6 Big West Conference) couldn't muster the run support necessary, recording only nine hits in the series.

The Aggies will now play 10 of their next 12 games in Logan, starting with the University of Utah Wednesday for a doubleheader.

Game 1

On Saturday at Shea Stadium in Sacramento, Kristin Hommel shone, holding Sacramento State scoreless on three hits. Hommel (7-10) fanned eight batters. She has won six of the Aggies last eight wins.

USU took advantage of Hornet mistakes to knock in its only run in the fourth inning. Sophomore Heather

Curtis scored on an error that first baseman Sandy Taylor batted in on another error. It was the Hornet's only two errors of the game.

Taylor also had both of the Aggies' two hits, extending her hitting streak that would reach 12 games before going 0-for-3 on Sunday in game three.

The Hornets threatened

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Stacey lifts Utah State past Utah's best club Wasatch

REUBEN WADSWORTH
Sports Writer

The Utah State University rugby club defeated longtime nemesis Wasatch 41-12 Saturday afternoon.

USU player Scott Bingham said the team has never been able to beat Wasatch, a club team from Salt Lake City, in his four years as an Aggie.

"Everything was good," said USU head coach Nev Pulotu. "We dominated."

However, Wasatch got on the board first when USU's Jose Castillo dropped the ball when trying to catch a kick. Wasatch players picked it up, ran it in down the sideline and made the extra point to

go up 7-0 early.

USU's Matt Stacey took over after the first Wasatch score, punching it in after gaining possession on an inbounds play and then crossing the goal line after picking up the ball in a loose-ball scramble. Castillo and teammate Wayne Ngualafe scored one try each after Stacey's two scores and Wasatch added another try, but missed the extra point to make the half-time score 22-12.

Stacey and the Aggies continued their domination in the second. Stacey scored two more tries and Aggie Chip Galloway scored another

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Getting a lift from a teammate, Matt Stacey looks to catch a throw-in earlier in the season. Stacy scored three tries in Saturday's match.

Aggies IN ACTION

Saturday

Softball (game 1)
Utah State 1
Sacramento St. 0

Softball (game 2)
Utah State 0
Sacramento St. 5

Baseball
Utah State at Montana (DH)
Cancelled

Sunday

Softball (game 3)
Utah State 2
Sacramento St. 3

USU looking for football PA announcer

Utah State University is looking for a new voice to introduce the Aggie football team at all home games this season. The USU Athletics marketing department will be holding auditions for those interested in becoming the public address announcer

during the 2000 football season. Tryouts will be held in conjunction with the spring football game on Friday, April 14.

Interested candidates will be given scripted material and on-the-spot announcements during the scrimmage. For more information contact the USU Athletic Marketing office at 797-1360 by April 13.

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The **MASTERS**

Singh holds on for Masters win

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — No one ever came farther to get a green jacket than Vijay Singh.

The final leg was an uphill climb to the 18th green Sunday at Augusta National, where Singh completed his troublesome journey around the world to claim the most prestigious prize in golf.

The Fiji native won the Masters by meeting every challenge from the biggest stars in the game, closing with a 3-under 69 for a three-stroke victory over Ernie Els.

Singh rolled in an 18-foot birdie putt on the last hole, kissed the ball as he removed it from the cup and embraced his family. His 9-year-old son, Qass, taped a message to his bag that said, "Poppa, Trust Your Swing."

He did, following those directions better than anyone else.

Singh ignored an early charge by Tiger Woods, and watched David Duval self-destruct.

He has now won two of the last six major championships, which validates him as one of the game's top players.

Once a teaching pro in the jungle of Borneo, the 37-year-old Singh played tours on five continents and was banned from two of them, one for a cheating alle-

gation that he has long denied but has haunted him throughout his career.

Singh, who won the PGA Championship at Sahalee in 1998, played with such composure in the face of so many challengers. And that might be enough to finally shift the attention to a game that weathered a wicked weekend at Augusta.

He finished at 278 and earned \$828,000 for his eighth career victory.

Els, a two-time U.S. Open champion, couldn't get a birdie putt to fall on the last three holes and was at 281.

The biggest threat came from Duval, in contention on the back nine Sunday at Augusta for the third straight year. His dreams died with a risky shot that wound up in Rae's Creek, a bogey on the par-5 13th. A bogey on the final hole gave Duval a 70, and he finished in a tie for third with Loren Roberts.

Woods, trying to pull off the greatest 36-hole comeback in Masters history, got within three of the lead but played even-par on the back and finished fifth, six strokes back.

"I was so focused on what I was doing," Singh said. "It meant a lot."

And it showed when last year's winner, Jose Maria Olazabal, helped him slip into

the coveted green jacket.

"It feels great," a beaming Singh said.

"I don't think anyone should be surprised that Vijay Singh won this golf tournament," Duval said. "He's a wonderful player."

Singh set the tone for his victory Sunday morning. With frost melting into dew, he returned to the course to complete his third round and made two critical par putts that enabled him to maintain his three-stroke cushion over Duval.

That paid dividends on the back nine Sunday, when Singh managed to escape danger twice without losing his lead.

Clinging to a two-stroke lead over Duval, Singh hit his approach into the pond left of the 11th green. After taking his penalty drop, he hit a delicate chip up to 4 feet and dropped only one shot.

Then on the par-3 12th, he hit over the green into the most daunting bunker at Augusta. Faced with a shot that sloped down the green toward more trouble, he blasted out to 2 feet — the same shot Olazabal pulled off to win last year.

Duval, who lives near Singh in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., was still poised to win his first major championship until he made a mistake that will live with him until his next chance.

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Defensively USU registered six sacks, while Cade Smith recorded an interception.

USU will enter its final week of spring practice with sessions scheduled for Monday and Wednesday. The annual Blue-White game will be held on Friday at Romney Stadium at 6:30 p.m.

USU Scrimmage (April 8)**Scoring**

Brad Bohn, 22 field goal
Travelle Gaines, 1 run
John Roberts, 1 run
Brad Bohn, 46 field goal
Brad Bohn, 37 field goal
Dane Kidman, 43 field goal
Dane Kidman, 25 field goal

Rushing

John Roberts, 9-53
Emmett White, 5-21
Travis Cox, 2-5
Travelle Gaines, 6-4
Jeff Crosbie, 2-(-1)

Logan Galli, 1-(-4)
Brian Benza, 4-(-18)

Passing

Jose Fuentes, 9-12, 103
Jeff Crosbie, 3-10, 45
Logan Galli, 2-13, 14
Brian Benza, 1-3, 4
Travis Cox, 0-3, 0

Receiving

Aaron Jones, 3-45
Emmett White, 2-45
David Fiefia, 3-44
Steve Mullins, 2-20
Ky Oday, 3-14
Scott Collins, 1-4

Fareed Rashada, 1-4

Interceptions - Cade Smith

Sacks - Liua Fonua, Jason Moore, Nick Onaandia, Keith Connors, Brandon Bowyer, Ryan Duncan

Passes Broken Up -- Aminifu Johnson, Keith Connors, Jason Moore, Terrance Arnold, Travis LaBoy

Field Goals

Brad Bohn, 3-3 (22, 46, 37)
Dane Kidman, 2-2 (43, 25)

RUGBY

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while Wasatch was held scoreless. Pulotu said Wasatch was the top

ranked club team in Utah coming into the contest.

The Aggies' ball movement was excellent, Pulotu said, as they received practically every ball from each scrum and tackled well.

"This is the most improved we've ever been," he said. "So far we haven't looked as good as we did today."

"We were taking it to them," said Bingham. "Our tackling, speed and endurance kept us in it."

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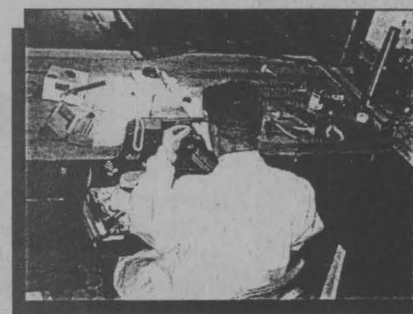
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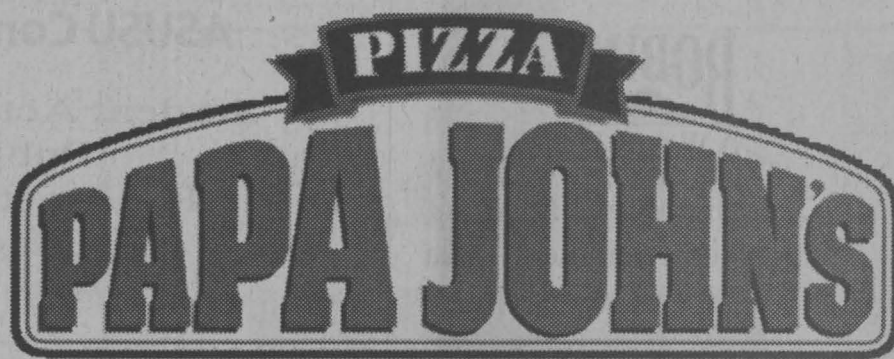
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U.S. wins — barely — in Davis Cup

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Andre Agassi drew the United States from the brink of Davis Cup elimination Sunday, then Pete Sampras overcame a strained thigh to send the team to the semifinals.

Agassi beat Jiri Novak of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-3, 6-1 to tie the quarterfinal 2-2. Sampras followed with 18 aces in a 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (2) win over Slava Dosedel in the final match to clinch a 3-2 victory.

The United States will play Spain, a 4-1 winner over Russia, beginning July 21 in Spain.

Playing a fifth and decisive match for the first time in his seven-year Davis Cup career, Sampras hit a backhand winner off a 113-mph serve by

Dosedel to win the tiebreaker 7-2 and set off a red, white and blue celebration among the 12,002 fans at the Forum.

After sharing hugs with teammates Agassi, Alex O'Brien, Jared Palmer and captain John McEnroe, Sampras jogged around the court holding an American flag overhead as "Celebration" by Kool and the Gang blared over the loudspeakers. He passed the flag to Agassi for a lap, then McEnroe did the same.

Sampras played with energy and power, two ingredients sorely missing in his straight-set flop against Novak in Friday's opening singles. The 7-6 (1), 6-3, 6-2 loss was the worst of Sampras' Davis Cup career.

After Agassi prevented the Czechs from winning the series by beating Novak, Sampras took the court and quickly broke Dosedel for a 2-1 lead.

He provided a scare when he pulled up after a running forehand and limped to his chair at the changeover. Sampras strained his left thigh on the shot and he hardly moved for some shots in the next game despite holding for a 3-1 lead.

But he recovered and resumed his serve-and-volley game to great effect. Dosedel had no answer for Sampras' booming serve, which reached a high of 129 mph early in the second set.

Sampras broke Dosedel for

a 5-4 lead in the second set when the Czech netted a forehand volley off a drop shot by Sampras. Then Sampras served a love game, punctuated by a 124 mph ace, to take the set 6-4.

With the crowd chanting, "Let's Go Pete," Sampras had two break points with the third set tied 4-4, but his two consecutive unforced errors allowed Dosedel to hold for 5-4. They stayed on serve until the tiebreak.

Dosedel sent a forehand wide to give Sampras the minibreak on the first point of the tiebreak. Dosedel closed to 3-2 before Sampras won the final four points by hitting winners to close out the match.

Aggie-killer El-Amin skips senior year for the NBA

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — Khalid El-Amin, who led Connecticut to its only men's national title, will skip his senior year to enter the NBA draft.

"I'm a 20-year-old man and I have to take care of my responsibilities," he said Friday. "The time is right for me to meet the next challenge and play basketball at its highest level."

He and his wife have a 1-year-old son. He also has a 3-year-old son from a previous relationship.

El-Amin, a stout 5-foot-10, is one of the nation's top point guards. He finished his college career averaging 15.3 points and 4.4 assists a game.

Rockets surprise Jazz 99-90 to break streak

HOUSTON (AP) — Walt Williams had no idea that Utah had dominated Houston. So the Rockets' 99-90 victory over the Jazz on Sunday was less of a surprise to him than to some others.

Utah had won the last 12 regular-season games over Houston dating back to Nov. 9, 1996 and eight straight overall. But that was news to Williams, who is in his first

season with the Rockets.

"I didn't know that until just now," said Williams, who had 21 points. "That makes this even better."

"It's just a good feeling right now. We obviously are disappointed with the season. But to beat a good team like



this helps a lot."

The Rockets led by as many as 17, but saw that dwindle to five in the third quarter. That's when Houston, frustrated with

Utah's style of play, began fouling and drawing technicals.

In the second half, the Jazz

hit 21 of 23 free throws, including 3-of-3 technicals by John Stockton. Rocket forward Kenny Thomas was ejected from the game after his second technical with 6:33 to play in the game.

"We kept saying, just fight through it," Williams said. "This is how (the Jazz) play. They get a team frustrated and then you don't execute. But today, we overcame it."

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the small Aggie lead in the sixth inning with two two-base hits, but that was all as USU held on for its third-straight win.

Game 2

The three-game winning streak came to an end as Sacramento State bounced USU freshman starting pitcher Xochitl Ramirez (3-6) in the second inning after four

runs on six hits. The Aggies never recovered, scoring no runs on five hits — all singles from different batters.

USU didn't convert in the top of the first inning when they had two base hits, and back-to-back, two-run innings in the first and second set the tone.

Junior hurler Kelly Warner pitched well in relief, allowing just one run in 4.1 innings. That one Hornet insurance run came in the fifth inning.

Game 3

Not even four hits and four Sacramento State errors were enough to upend the Hornets in the final game Sunday afternoon.

Warner pitched well again in relief, but the damage was all done in the third inning.

Starting junior pitcher Amy Stettlemier (2-4) was rocked for two singles and two walks in the inning for SSU's three runs of the game. Warner came in and finished off the inning with two fly-outs. The Hornets only had one more hit in the last three

innings.

Sacramento State's three-run third was in response to a single run by USU in the top of the inning. Curtis knocked in Tiffany Pugmire on a double to give the Aggies a short-lived 1-0 lead.

The Aggies cut the lead to one run in the fifth inning when Aimee Johnson scored off Curtis' groundout. But that was all USU could crank out as the visitors only had one other base runner — Markean Neal reached base on a two-out error.

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MEN

100-meter -- 2. Brad Bair, 11.20
100-meter -- 3. Joel Jorgensen, 11.52
200-meter -- 3. Brad Bair, 22.69
400-meter -- 3. Clint Edmunds, 50.02
800-meter -- 1. Brick Bergenson, 1:55.04
800-meter -- 2. Dennis Ogilvie, 1:55.50
1500-meter -- 1. Marcus Morgan, 3:51.09
1500-meter -- 2. Brick Bergenson, 3:54.25
1500-meter -- 3. Mitch Zundel, 3:55.
5000-meter -- 1. Jason Jones, 15:10.77
5000-meter -- 3. Nick Russell, 15:24.11
110-Hurdles -- 3. Brett Guymon, 14.62
400-Hurdle -- 2. Bret Guymon, 51.03
Steppplechase -- 1. Glen Busch, 9:12.42
Steppplechase -- 2. Nick Russell, 9:23.64
4X100 -- 3. USU, 42.59
4X400 -- 3. USU, 3:20.57
High Jump -- 1. Dave Hoffman, 7-02.50
High Jump -- 2. Lance Thruston, 6-10.75
Pole vault -- 1. Mark Calvin, 17-02.75
Long Jump -- 2. Bruce McCannel, 21-09.50
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Million Mom March for gun-control legislation

SUSAN LEVINE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Organizers of next month's Million Mom March said they expect more than 100,000 people to come to the Mall on Mother's Day and that thousands more will rally in 20 other cities to push for tougher gun-control legislation.

The national event, with television talk show host Rosie O'Donnell as mistress of ceremonies, is set for noon to 3 p.m. May 14 on the Mall. An interfaith prayer service is scheduled for 10 a.m.

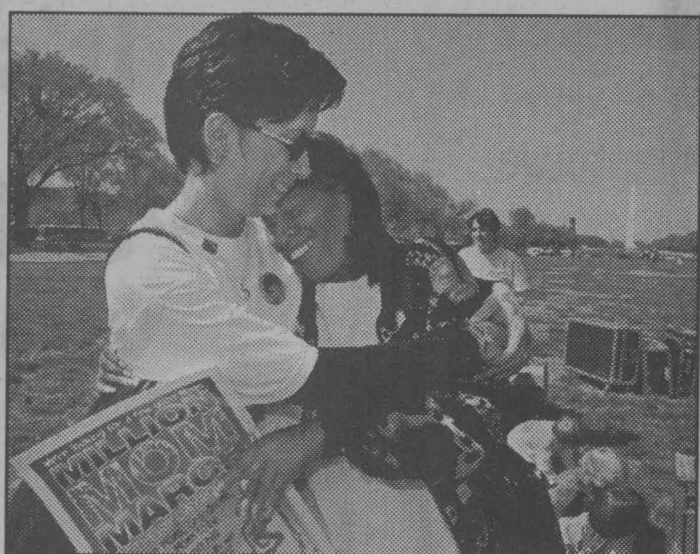
March organizers want laws that would mandate background checks for handgun purchasers and require handgun owners to be licensed and to register their firearms. They also want to require safety locks on all handguns and limit an individual's gun purchases to one handgun a month.

Those are measures that Genesee County, Mich., prosecutor Arthur Busch supports, having witnessed the damage there when a first-grader walked into an elementary school classroom last month and killed 6-year-old Kayla Rolland.

"We as a nation are not safer with millions and millions of handguns," said Busch, who flew to Washington for a Thursday news conference sponsored by march organizers to show his support for the event. He pledged to return May 14 with his two daughters.

Also planning to attend on Mother's Day is Nancy Parris-Moskowitz, president of the North Valley Jewish Community Center in Granada Hills, Calif., where a gunman wounded four children last year.

"We're moving to heal ourselves," said Parris-Moskowitz, whose community center has raised more than \$10,000 selling Million Mom March T-shirts and pins. In the nearly



Carole Price, left, and Yvonne Pope, who both lost sons in gun incidents, hug after a news conference about the Million Mom March.

nine months since the march was "conceived" and then announced last Labor Day — with organizers often using the time frame for apt analogies to motherhood — some women involved have become stoically poised at recounting their sons' and daughters' deaths by guns.

On Thursday, Carole Price stood at a microphone and again detailed in a steely voice how her son, John, 13, met his death two years ago at a

neighbor's house in Baltimore. She told how a 9-year-old boy took a 9mm Ruger handgun from a top dresser drawer as John watched television and reassured him — "It's not loaded, look" — just before the gun fired a single bullet. It shattered John's cheek

and exited the back of his head, killing him instantly.

"We will not bury any more of our children," Price vowed. As she has time and again since she heard about the march in February, Tina Jackson stood and talked about her only child, Tyrone, a 30-year-old father of three.

He was shot to death on the streets of Washington, and even though there were witnesses, no one was ever charged. In between deep, gulping breaths, Jackson told those gathered, "I never want

another mother to feel the pain I'm feeling."

Yvonne Pope, of Brooklyn, grieved for the son who would have turned 26 Wednesday had he not been killed on a basketball court in New York nearly seven years ago.

"We're losing our future," Pope mourned. "We're losing our doctors, our lawyers, our teachers."

March founder Donna Dees-Thomases, the New Jersey mother who was moved to action last August as she watched the young Granada Hills day-campers being escorted to safety, said buses will be coming from as far away as Minnesota, Texas and California. One hundred buses will arrive from Pennsylvania. A specially chartered "Mama Train" from Newark will pull into Union Station with 1,000 riders.

With less than six weeks to go, she said, the www.million-mommarch.com Web site is logging more than 75,000 hits some days. Thousands of people who can't make it to Washington are expected to take part in similar events nationwide. On the West Coast, rallies are planned from San Diego to Seattle. Eight are scheduled in Florida, three in Arizona and one in Maine.

Yet, Dees-Thomases said, Congress refuses to act on what the moms believe are "sensible" gun laws.

"We're still waiting," she said.

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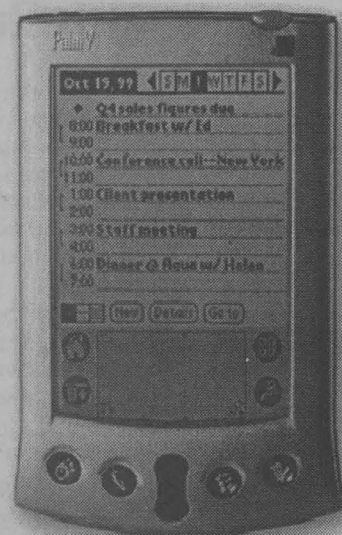
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craft's development: One, in 1991 in Delaware, was blamed on gyro wiring problems; and the other, in 1992 in Virginia, killed all seven people on board after an engine caught fire.

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The Marines had only

five Ospreys in use: four out of Yuma, including the one that crashed, and one based at the Marine Corps Air Station, New River, N.C.

Pentagon spokeswoman Capt. Aisha Bakkar-Poe said the Marine Corps' other four Ospreys will not be flown until "we can get our arms around what may have happened."

The planes are not considered grounded, which would require an order from Naval Air Systems citing an official cause.

Boeing spokeswoman Susan Bradley said a Boeing-Bell team was requested and was at the crash site to assist the military.

Military planners see the aircraft as a means of getting more U.S. troops and pilots safely out of danger zones and enhancing drug interdiction, humanitarian and civilian rescue capabilities.

"It's met or exceeded all of the requirements that we've needed," Winchester said.

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To the
EDITORStick to the facts
with Bagwell

I enjoy reading the *Statesman*. I really do. However, I do not like reading a column that appears to be lifted. I refer you to "50 bombs for Bags?"

I've been reading a lot of silly predictions for Bagwell's 2000 performance. Namely, that he's going to explode for 50 or (gasp!) 60 home runs. Why? Because last year, Bagwell hit 30 home runs on the road, but only 12 in the Astrodome.

I love facts. And that, my friends, is a hard, cold fact. Unfortunately, to extrapolate from that fact the expectation that Bagwell will hit 50-odd home runs is ... well, it's some sort of faulty logic that I can't identify by name. I only know that it's faulty logic.

Bagwell's home run splits last season were a statistical anomaly, plain and simple. From 1994 through 1998, Bagwell hit 91 home runs in the Astrodome, 77 on the road. I'll repeat that, just so we're clear on everything.

From 1994 through 1998, Bagwell hit 91 home runs in the Astrodome, and 77 — 14 fewer — away from the Astrodome.

And then last year, probably for no other reason than happenstance, Bagwell hit significantly more home runs on the road than he did at home. Now, should this one year count for more than all the previous years? Of course it should not.

How many home runs will Jeff Bagwell hit this year? He will, most likely, hit around 20 bombs on the road, as he usually does. And if Enron Field is truly more homer-friendly than was the Astrodome, Bagwell will probably hit between 20 and 25 at home. Thus, I think we can expect him to hit somewhere between 40 and 45 home runs. And be, as usual, a fantastic player.

Huh. Isn't that interesting. It sure sounds a lot like what Mr. Hobson wrote in today's column. I understand he was responding to a previous letter, but don't ripoff Rob Neyner.

Sheridan Nicholas

Part of education to
become better citizens

The issue surrounding the proposed student recreation center is not a matter of student fees or who doesn't get to use the facility. Granted, most of us won't be here for its opening, but in the long run, that's not really important. As students, part of our education involves becoming better citizens. I believe that means in part that we as a Utah State University community should think beyond ourselves to the students who will be here in 2003 and for years to come. As our school improves, education will improve; as education improves, so will our community. You can see where I'm going with this.

My point is that this is an opportunity to improve the future of Utah State. For those who are concerned about the \$11.50 fee per semester until the facility opens, make a sandwich instead of going for fast food a couple of

times and you'll have saved enough money to make up the difference.

Brandon Suisse

Rec Center will provide
students balance

In response to Todd Johnson's letter about how all money should go towards education, I just wanted to say that although we are here to gain an education, a great majority of our education happens outside the classroom walls. Students need balance, and regular exercise helps students feel better physically and emotionally and that in turn helps students focus more when they study.

After speaking with members of the student committee who put the proposal together, I found out a little bit more as to why there's a need for a Student Recreation Center. It will add 63 new pieces of cardiovascular equipment to the five that currently exist at USU to accommodate over 15,000 on-campus students. I don't see this as being all bad.

There will also be 13,000 square feet of weight training and cardiovascular areas. The current weight room facilities don't quite fit everyone's needs. Eventually someone will get hurt in the existing weight room because everything is too close. An elevated track, basketball and volleyball courts, an area for indoor soccer and roller hockey and a climbing wall would also be included and greatly benefit students at USU.

I don't think it's terrible to pay the small fee that's being asked to get this project off the ground. When the facility opens in about three years (not eight!), the fee will escalate so that the students who are benefiting most are the ones paying the most. Let's remember students did similar things so we could benefit from the Student Center we use every day. Exercise your vote to help do something great for USU and its future.

Jake Chase

Students should support
Rec Center

In the history of Utah State University, students have funded many buildings and facilities, because of fees. Some of these buildings and facilities include: Romney Stadium, Dee Glen Smith Spectrum, Taggart Student Center and the parking terrace. Because of the sacrifice of students, these facilities are now here for us to use. The projected date for the Student Rec Center to open is the fall of 2003. That will give the freshman students an opportunity to use it and other students who will be here for more than three years.

Another benefit the Student Rec Center has to offer is providing about \$200,000 a year towards new student employees. Jobs are hard to come by in Logan, and this is a great way of opening up work for students. Finally,

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Fun in the sun, spring social events outlined

SOCIAL CALENDARING WITH ANN / Ann Bluemlein



Another week and MAN the weather is nice. Who wants to go to class? Who wants to think about that term paper?

I know what we all really want, so I'll make a brief list here: to throw Frisbees on the Quad, to sit and read outside the Taggart Student Center, to have someone to hold hands with on a walk through campus.

Well, all I can do for you is offer some suggestions about some social events, none of which have to do with Frisbees. But you may find a new friend with whom to drink Italian Sodas outside the TSC or possibly get some hand-holding in.

So attend a few social events and haul out the shorts and sandals.

Monday — There is a Mozart concert, *Requiem*, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kent Concert Hall. Social and cultural at the same time. Mozart: his music has been scientifically proven to make your brain work better.

If the weather is great, go to the canyon or an evening picnic or walk around and explore the parts of campus you have never been to.

Tuesday — If you donated some money to the "Mothers of Utah for Russia" fund last semester then go to this free slide show at 8 a.m. Call for details at 752-2161.

Wednesday — Hey, the library (Merrill) is having a book sale. Go check out the (cheap) stuff.

"Starting Over Single" meeting. Call 753-1994 for details.

Thursday — Indian music with Native American harmonies. It sounds interesting and since it is free, why not make some Indian food (or some Native American food) and go to this potentially interesting concert

at 7:30 p.m. in the USU Eccles Conference Center.

Les Liasons Dangereuses starts tonight and runs through Saturday. You need tickets (but they are free) because if they are sold out, not even knowing the head usher and some other important person in the theater department (hi Philip) will get you in. It starts at 8 p.m. in the Morgan Theater. Adult content so be warned.

Friday — The LDS Institute show choir is having a big concert tonight and Saturday. Tickets in the ticket office, \$1 off with Institute ID.

Saturday — It's Mother's Week-end so celebrate that. Or just celebrate your mother and give her a call/send her a letter.

Ann Bluemlein is DONE with her thesis for ever and ever. Oh joy. Oh rapture. To find out the date of the celebration e-mail her at slzk7@cc.usu.edu.

It's a
dog-gone
world

SLIGHTLY OFF CENTER / Dennis Hinkamp



"Acquiring a dog may be the only opportunity a human ever has to choose a relative." Mordecai Siegal

I've been thinking of buying a dog for about 15 years now, but I just can't quite decide. Frankly, they (dogs) scare me almost more than them (relatives).

Here's why: There's a dog lying on the sidewalk between the coffee shop and a bakery. As people go in and out of the two doors they drop bits of bread and cookies for the dog to nibble. Those that don't offer food, lean over and pet the dog. At the very least, all give a smile and an approving glance.

Thousands of homeless people are ignored on the street, live in cardboard boxes and eat out of dumpsters. The contradiction is mind warping.

Dogs bring out the best and the worst in us. If you believe that God created us in His image, you ought to also believe that we created dogs in our image. They have the semblance of a smile, they are somewhat obedient and come in all shapes and sizes to fit our needs. These are all characteristics we wish were more prevalent in the Homo sapiens gene pool.

I can't help thinking we have gone too far; or, that dogs are really aliens that have learned to manipulate our feeble human brains. Come the great holocaust the only things that will be left are dogs, Box Elder bugs and a few of those hairy, buckskin wearing, Montana survivalist militia wackos.

It's not that I don't like dogs or animals in general. I like to think of my parents' St. Bernard as the chubby, slacker sister I never had. And, I truly enjoy the companionship of my pet rats. I'm proud that I saved them from a life of being poked and made to do humiliating laboratory tricks by geeky graduate students. Or, be part of some heinous experiments to make waterproof eyeliner safe for the cosmet-

ic consuming public. Dogs have their place, I'm just calling for a little restraint.

Proposed code of dog ethics:

* Anybody who actually pays to have their dog's hair cut should be required to have their own head smeared with raw liver and allow two hungry, standardized poodles to rearrange their hair.

* Really big, male dogs should be subject to public lewdness ordinances and be required to wear boxer shorts.

* If you take your dog cross country skiing, it should be required to actually wear skis and gaiters.

* Dogs who chase deer should be shot (oops, that's already a Utah law).

* All St. Bernards and other Pavlovian-school-of-thought-dropout drool hounds should have to wear bibs.

* Dogs who ride in pick up trucks should be required to wear both shoulder and lab belts. Dogs which stick their heads out the window should be trained to make proper turn signals.

* Whoever is responsible for developing the Basset hound and Dachshund (wiener dog) breeds should be required to walk around on their knees for the rest of their lives.

* Reduce the dog/cat food aisle in super market by 75 percent. I have yet to see a dog truly starve because it doesn't like the aroma and texture of its food. The horrible truth is that we just don't know for sure what's going on with dogs' taste buds. The only thing we do know about dogs discriminating taste is that they like to roll in dead fish and eat unattended garbage. The selection of dog foods should be reduced to two flavors, smelly and non-smelly.

* Anyone who dresses their pet in bandannas, sweaters or bows should be legally required to wear a choke collar and forced to eat from a bowl on the floor for 90 days.

Cats? Don't get me started on cats.

Dennis Hinkamp's column appears every Monday in The Utah Statesman.

Our spring seasons

WEATHER WATCH (FROM UTAH CLIMATE CENTER)

/ Zane Stephens



Seasons occur on the earth due to a tilt of the earth's axis in relation to the sun. The earth's poles are tilted approximately 23 and one-half degrees. Because of the tilt, varying amounts of sunlight reach the earth at different times of the year.

On or about June 21 of each year, the earth's northern hemisphere is tilted towards the sun. Areas north of the Arctic Circle have continual sunlight with no setting of the sun. The opposite is true on or around December 21. The northern hemisphere is tilted away from the sun. The sun is below the horizon and areas north of 66 and one-half degrees have continual twilight and/or darkness. Continual sunlight or darkness at the poles lasts for about two months.

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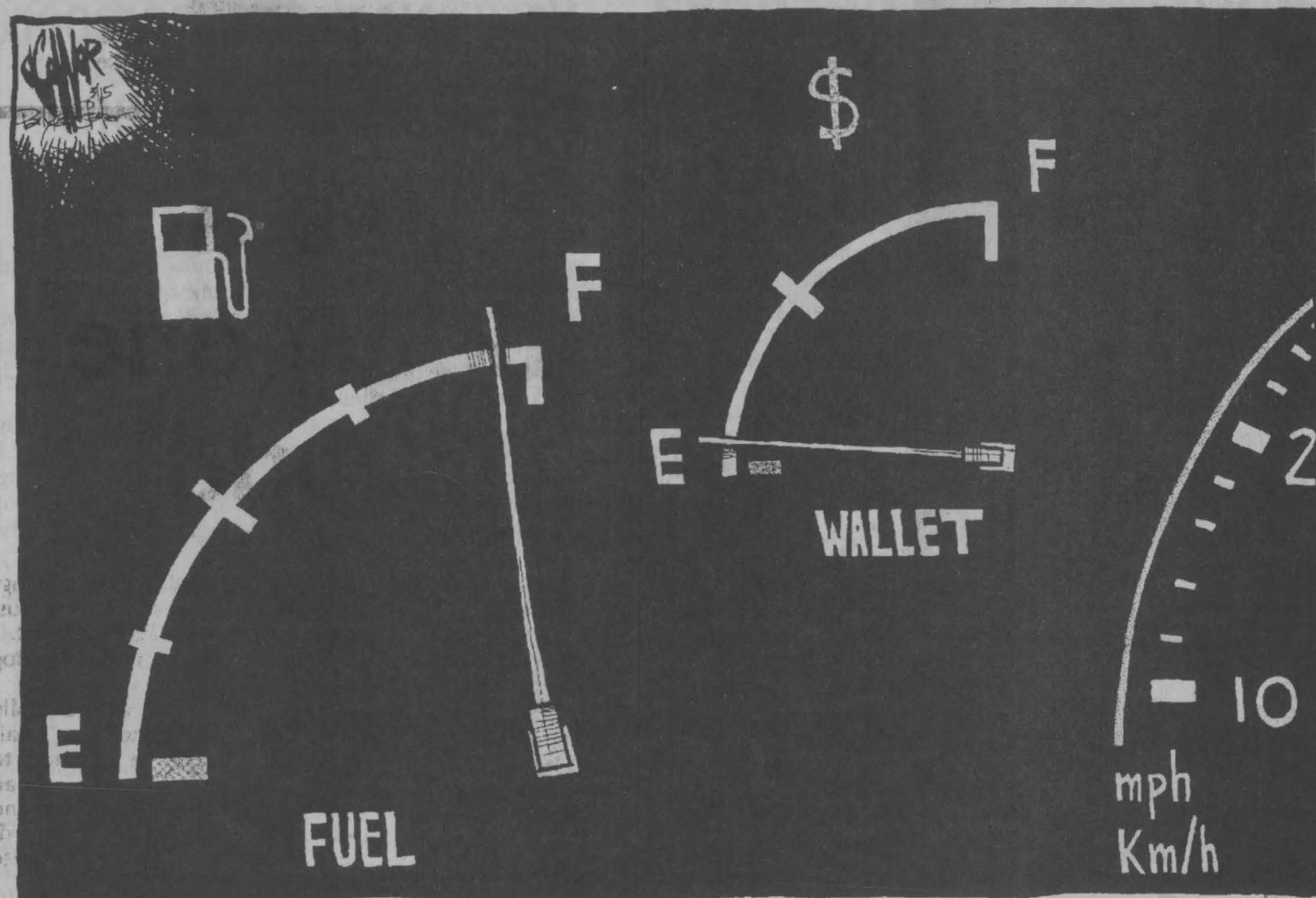
the longest day is called the summer solstice. The date marking the shortest day or longest night is the winter solstice. The increase in solar radiation in the summer and decrease in the winter is what drives the seasons.

Between the solstices around March 21 and September 22, days and nights are of equal length. These specific times are called the equinoxes (Latin for equal day and night).

The spring equinox is called the "vernal equinox" while about September 22 is the "autumnal equinox."

The date of the equinox varies from year to year because of leap years. This year, the vernal equinox was on March 20. The vernal equinox is an event that heralds in the beginning of astronomical spring in the northern hemisphere. During this time of year the length of the day rapidly increases toward a maximum on the summer solstices.

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OPEC to supply more oil, but gas prices affected by low inventories

ANNE C. MULKERN / Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service



So those OPEC oil barons agreed to give the world more oil and crude oil prices tumbled Wednesday in response. California drivers who paid record-high gas prices this month shouldn't count on lower prices at the pump, however. At least not this summer.

Experts say gas prices will ease for a few months, falling as much as 10 cents per gallon. But prices will boomerang this summer — and possibly creep over \$2 per gallon — because new oil supplies won't arrive quickly enough to meet demand. "I don't think this thing has peaked," said Philip K. Verleger, a Newport Beach-based independent oil-industry economist. "A lot of people are saying gas prices should come down. I don't see it."

Prices won't be pushed down by new oil supplies because California fuel inventories are low, about 10 percent lower than this time last year. Local refineries normally build up reserves in winter and use those supplies when demand builds in summer. But this year, refineries held off buying oil —

and drained gas supplies — as oil prices climbed in February and March.

Crude oil dropped Wednesday to about \$26 per barrel, down from a high of \$34 earlier this month. Prices fell when The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, or OPEC, agreed to increase its oil production by 1.45 million barrels per day.

President Clinton on Wednesday urged oil companies to swiftly cut gasoline prices and pass along savings to consumers.

Industry watchers, however, said they doubted Clinton's request would have any effect on oil companies.

"There are no price controls on regulations on gasoline or oil products," said Suzanne Garfield, spokeswoman with the California Energy Commission. "Oil companies price their product according to what will sell and how it will sell in California."

Despite the OPEC decision, oil supplies remain strained. Analysts say the actual supply gain will be closer to 1 million barrels per day, rather than 1.45 million barrels, because individual OPEC members already have been producing more than they agreed as a group to sell. Other oil-producing countries

will increase supplies by another 500,000 to 800,000 barrels per day.

Worldwide demand currently exceeds supplies by about 2 million barrels per day, said the federal Energy Information Administration. Depending on how much additional oil is actually produced, the new supplies will barely meet, or fall short of, that need.

Increased oil supplies will take four to six weeks to arrive in California. That gives refineries just a tiny window to build inventories before summer begins and vacationing drivers guzzle more gas. Analysts say refineries will have to run near full capacity to meet demand.

"The OPEC deal means less for California than it does for the southeast portion of the U.S.," said John Cook, director of the petroleum division of the Energy Information Administration. "There's not a lot of excess refining capacity (in California). That tends to keep the market pretty tight."

Refiners now are trying to catch up, he said. Areas outside California — which are able to import gasoline from other states when needed — should be able to squeak by this summer without price hikes, Osten said. If any California refinery suffers an outage, prices will

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stice.

At noon on either the vernal or autumnal equinox, the sun is directly overhead at the equator. Solar radiation including ultra-violet radiation are at their highest and objects generally do not cast shadows.

Spring is a transitional season. One day can be warm and summer-like and the next can quickly change back to winter. This year's spring appears to be typical. Northern Utah has already had high temperatures in the upper 60's. The other

extreme is also true with high temperatures only reaching the 30's. Warm spring weather comes earlier to southern Utah as highs this year have already reached the 80's.

Much colder Canadian air, however, has recently pushed as far south as southern Arizona. St. George's high temperature only reached the low 50's on March 20. This is a sure sign the first day of spring does not necessarily mean winter weather will not affect us after that date.

Stephens' weather column runs twice a month in The Utah Statesman.

LETTERS

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just think, if the students would have done this five years ago, we would be able to benefit from the Student Rec Center. This is a chance to give something back to Utah State University, a chance to make a difference for years to come. Don't let this chance pass you by. Vote.

Marni Jenkins

Rec Center will help overcrowding

If any of you have recently visited the field house or HPER in hopes of obtaining a workout through cardiovascular machines (stair stepper, for example) you may have experienced a common problem among students: waiting. Funny how that is when this university provides FIVE of such machines. You came to the

field house to exercise in a manner other than running, so you decide to switch the method and play a round of basketball for your allotted exercise time. One problem though: the courts in the field house are covered by community members. So you run over to the HPER, only to find classes, practices or Intramural games occupying these courts.

The Student Rec Center that has been proposed can help students with such problems, providing over 63 cardiovascular machines, more gyms that will allow participation in a variety of activities (roller hockey, indoor soccer, climbing wall, etc.), and best of all — STUDENTS ONLY; no classes, no practices, no community members. The costs that will be implemented next year (only \$11.50 a semester, if the vote does indeed pass) are to only get the project started. I will be graduating in a year and will never be able to benefit from this facility. However, nothing can come of the future if the present does not make an effort.

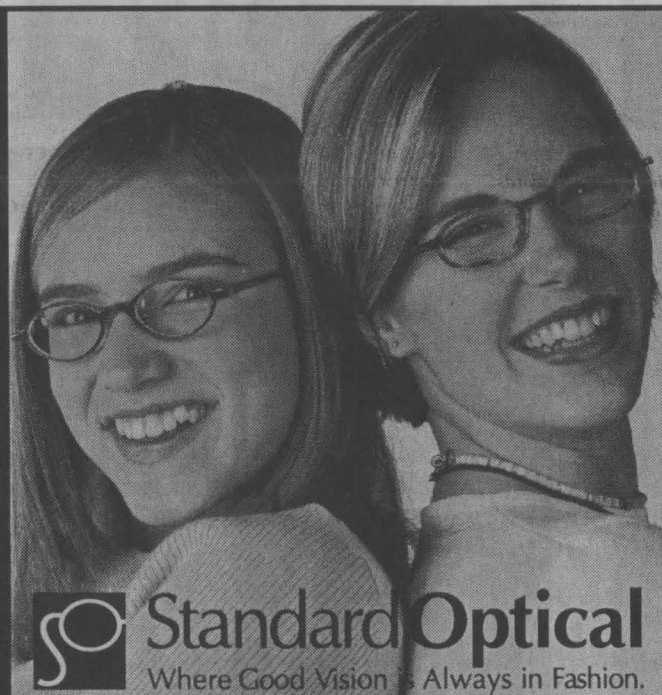
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Rebels assault Russian positions in Chechnya

NAZRAN, Russia (AP) — Rebels attacked Russian army checkpoints in Grozny and other parts of Chechnya on Sunday, demonstrating they can move freely despite Moscow's claims to have defeated the insurgents. Posts in the heavily guarded capital Grozny, seized by Russian troops in February, came under attack at least six times Sunday, though there were no casualties, the Interior Ministry's press center said. Russian checkpoints in southern Chechnya were also targeted. According to the com-

mand's press service, one border guard was wounded in attacks on three posts in the Argun Gorge. Several rebels were killed and the others were dispersed, the press service said. "Bandits in groups of 10-15 people are testing the readiness of our units to rebuff their attacks," the command's press service said. Russia claims to control the northern two-thirds of Chechnya, but rebels have attacked checkpoints and ambushed Russian troops deep in the north with apparent

ease, keeping federal forces on the defensive. A Chechen field commander said rebels would keep up the attacks, and warned that strikes against the Russians would increase as summer approaches. "Many young Chechen men who were in refugee camps in winter will come back to Chechnya and join the militants' units in the summer," the commander, who gave his name as Isa, told The Associated Press. He said the militants were still capable of moving freely

around Chechnya in bands of 20-25 militants and can easily attack Russian positions and formations. "We cannot be subdued," he said. Still, the commander, who took a number of wounded rebels to Nazran in neighboring Ingushetia for medical treatment, said the insurgents had suffered heavy losses and were tired and weakened by the winter. "Every third (militant) was wounded, but even those of us who were lucky are feeling sick," the field commander said.

Peru elections hampered by fraud accusations

LIMA, Peru (AP) — In elections overshadowed by allegations of fraud, Peruvians voted Sunday on whether to give iron-handed President Alberto Fujimori a controversial third five-year term. Fujimori, 61, popular for years for having crushed leftist insurgencies and ending economic chaos, was fighting for his political life against 54-year-old Alejandro Toledo, a U.S.-trained economist. Moments after the voting ended Sunday afternoon, an exit poll by the independent polling firm Apoyo gave Toledo 45.2 percent of the votes to Fujimori's 43.6 percent. The rest of the vote was split between other candidates. But the poll did not take into account isolated rural areas not accessible by road, where Fujimori is expected to be strong. If the numbers hold up it would mean a runoff will be necessary, since a candidate needs to obtain more than 50 percent of valid votes to win outright. Apoyo director Alfredo Torres said the exit poll figures were based on interviews with 35,000 voters from 3,500 voting tables in 70 provinces around the country. There were more than 80,000 voting tables in all. Torres said the margin of error was 5 percentage points. Apoyo's exit polls have proved highly accurate in past elections. But Torres said last week they would not include samples from the remote rural areas where 10 to 15 percent of the voters live. Toledo, who grew up in poverty, has capitalized on the country's deep two-year recession and high unemployment to cut into Fujimori's support among the poor. "People don't know much

about him, but we know who we're not supporting. He is sure to be better than Fujimori," Eduardo Vasquez, 24, one of Peru's many unemployed, said after voting at a school set amid shack-covered desert hills on Lima's southern outskirts. But Fujimori still enjoys widespread support and had a lead of 6 to 7 percentage points in several public opinion surveys going into the election. "He has done so much that appeared impossible," said Antero Pasos, a 72-year-old retired auto mechanic who voted at the same school as Vasquez. "No other governments have accomplished what he did. Now we have roads, electricity, health care." Fujimori, who says he has proven to Peruvians that he keeps his promises, had appeared on his way to an easy victory, but in recent weeks Toledo bolted from a pack of eight opposition candidates and was breathing down Fujimori's neck. At a breakfast meeting with reporters before voting, Fujimori defended the cleanliness of the elections and said warnings from international monitors did not bother him. "We pay no heed to threats from other countries," he said. "The possibility of fraud does not exist." Before leaving his house to vote, Toledo called the campaign "tremendously unfair" and "dirty" but reminded Peruvians that the voting process is secret. He said he was going to await the election results outside the Palace of Justice and hoped there would be "justice for the will of the women and men of Peru." International election monitors are upset with Fujimori's blatant attempts to manipulate Sunday's vote to guarantee his re-election.

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Dead heat race moves to ballot box in Greece

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The tightest political contest ever waged in Greece headed to a thrilling climax Sunday as a razor-thin margin separated the long-governing Socialists and conservative challengers. With about a quarter of the vote counted, the Socialists inched ahead of the New Democracy opposition 43.75 percent to 43.46 percent in the race to fill the 300-seat parliament. On the streets, supporters of the rival parties mirrored every blip in the agonizing vote count. When the conservatives nudged ahead earlier, tens of thousands of New Democracy backers unfurled blue-and-white party banners and danced to folk music in central Athens. Vendors sold "funeral notices" for the Socialists. Minutes later the Socialists edged into the lead. Their headquarters came alive with flares, blaring horns and a sea of green party flags. "We must be patient," urged Development Minister Evangelos Venizelos, whose Socialists have led Greece for 16 of the past 19 years and evolved from a party of generous patronage and anti-American venom to respected fiscal managers and reliable Western allies. Conservative leader Costas Caramanlis proclaimed: "I am sure that today Greece will turn the page." Struggling farmers and a large bloc of undecided voters held the balance in the close race. Previously, the tightest contest was in 1996 when the Socialists took 41.5 percent and New Democracy had 38.1 percent.

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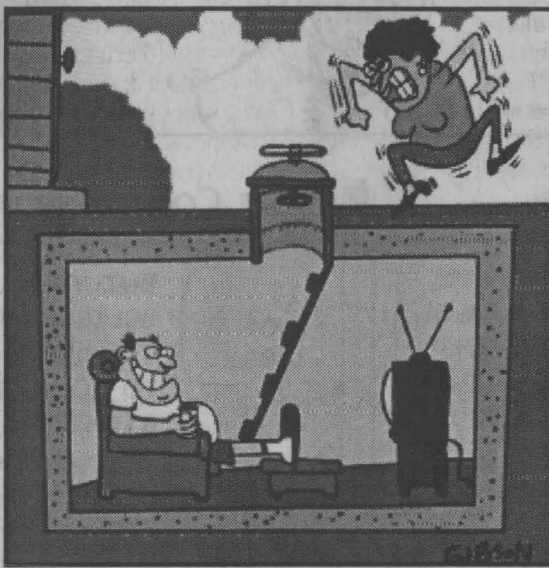
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the report. For instance, fewer intrusive searches are being conducted, but more are resulting in drug seizures. "We don't necessarily disagree with the report," Customs Commissioner Raymond Kelly said in an interview. "The intimidation is a bit outdated. I think we've taken the problem head-on." For instance, X-rays conducted in 1998 found drugs almost twice as often on

whites and black men than on black women. And strip searches that year uncovered drugs on Hispanics and black men at much higher rates than on black women. Also, black women who were U.S. citizens were nine times as likely as white American women to be X-rayed but less than half as likely to be concealing illegal drugs. Such searches are intended to catch smugglers who swallow drug packets or hide cocaine or heroin inside clothing or in body cavities.

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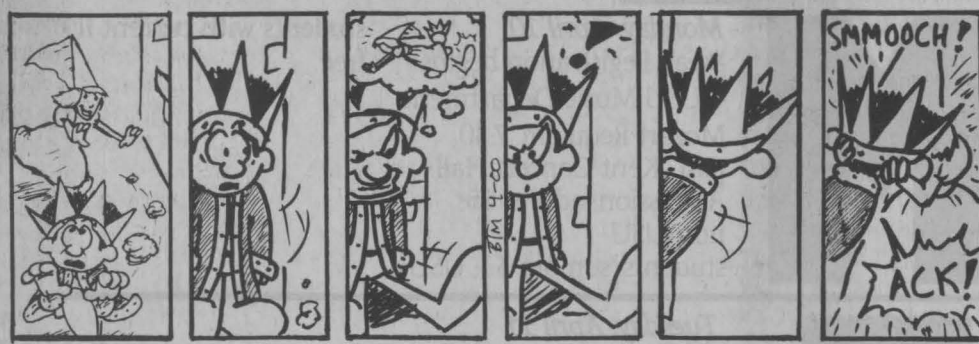
Everyone laughed at Tom when he told them he was building a menopause shelter... but no one was laughing now.

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Death and taxes? No choice

DAVE'S WORLD / Dave Barry



It's time for my annual Tax Guide, which takes you step-by-step through the federal filing process, from obtaining the proper tax forms all the way to getting that desirable upper prison bunk.

I'll start with an important reminder: This year, April 15 falls on a Saturday, which means that, by law, your tax return is due on MARCH 15, which was several weeks ago. (This must be true, because it is being printed in a newspaper.) If you missed the deadline, the Internal Revenue Service says not to worry. "This is a totally understandable error made by many taxpayers," states IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti. "They will be audited with meat hooks."

Here's another important reminder: As a taxpayer, you are required to be fully in compliance with the United States Tax Code, which is currently the size and weight of the Budweiser Clydesdales. The Tax Code was written by Congress, although of course no member of Congress has ever actually read it;

Congress has more important things to do, such as adding new regulations to the Tax Code. In fact, NOBODY has ever read all the way through the Tax Code. The last attempt to do so was made in 1987 by a squad of courageous volunteer Certified Public Accountants, accompanied by Sherpa guides. The last survivor made it as far as Section 2038-1239-0293.423.49.112.6(b)(m). "Guidelines Concerning the Fiduciary Depreciation of the Pituitary Exemption for Certain Elk Parts."

According to the coroner, what was left of his brain "looked like rancid mayonnaise."

Just for fun, let's look at an actual sentence from the Tax Code that I am not making up, sent in by alert CPA Paul Mangum: "Notwithstanding paragraph (b)(1) of this section, a partnership, S corporation, or personal service corporation is considered a member of a tiered structure if the partnership, S corporation, or personal service corporation, or related taxpayers have organized or reorganized their ownership structure or operations for the principal purpose of obtaining a significant unintended tax benefit from making or continuing a section 444 election."

As a trained English major, I have read this sentence several times, and I THINK it's saying that if you deliberately try to obtain a ben-

efit that you do not intend to obtain, then you belong in a "tiered structure." I have no idea what a "tiered structure" is, but it doesn't sound good. I picture a pyramid-shaped iron cage deep in the bowels of the IRS building, populated by spiders the size of fox terriers.

Some people have suggested that our tax laws should be simplified so that the taxpayers could actually understand them. How could this be done? My friend John Dorschner proposes this system: Every year, on April 15, all members of Congress would be placed in individual prison cells with the necessary tax forms and a copy of the Tax Code. They would remain locked in the cells, without food or water, until they had completed their tax returns and successfully undergone a full IRS audit. Of course this system would probably result in a severe shortage of congresspersons. But there might also be some drawbacks.

For the time being, however, you must follow the current laws in preparing your return. So gather together your tax forms, your financial records, your calculator and your three to five quarts of gin, and get started! To guide you through the process, here are the answers to some common tax questions:

Q. What are "capital gains"? How can I tell if I have them?

A. This requires a urine test.

Q. Recently, without realizing what was happening, and through no fault of my own, I

accidentally married a multi-millionaire on nationwide television. What are the tax implications of this?

A. You must file IRS Form 1092-348-498597-EZ, "Declaration of Total Bases Reached on Nuptial Night." An IRS spokesperson stated that "this kind of thing happens all the time" and noted that "generally all that happens is you lose your house."

Q. Speaking of television, when a contestant on "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" wins the top prize, how long is it before he is contacted by the IRS?

A. IRS guidelines call for the first dog to clamp onto his leg while he is still hugging Regis.

Q. I understand that I can now file my taxes electronically. How does that work?

A. It's easy! You simply fill out some forms on your computer, then log onto the Internet. Within seconds, all of your personal financial information is in the hands of a 17-year-old hacker known as The DataBooger.

GOT MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TAX LAWS? The IRS urges you to contact your congressperson at home late at night, and stresses that "you can fully deduct the cost of the ladder."

Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald. Write to him c/o The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami FL 33132.

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Tuesday, April 11
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•Applications for **Undergraduate Reentry Scholarships** are now available from the Women's Center. Criteria: Undergraduate reentry women and men with a five year gap or more in their education and a minimum of 2.5 GPA are eligible. For recipients are eligible to apply. Deadline April 28. More info, 797-1728.

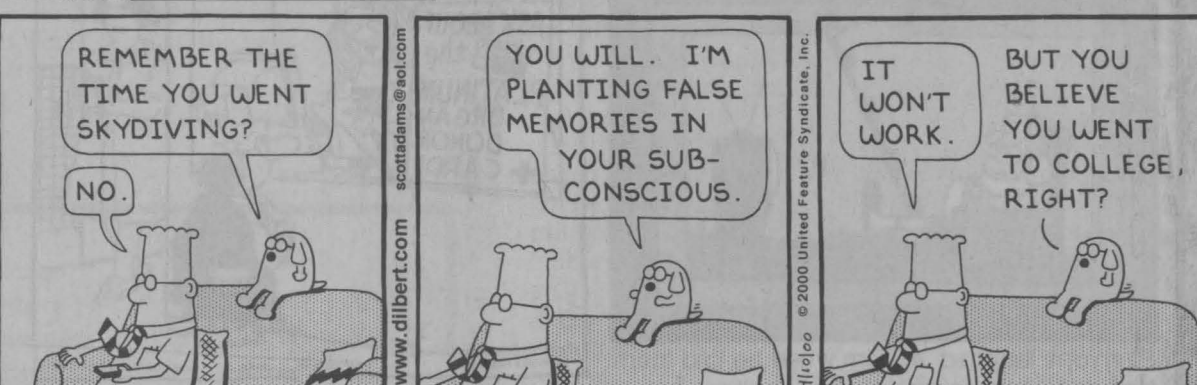
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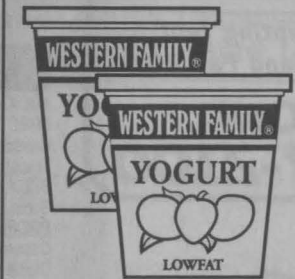
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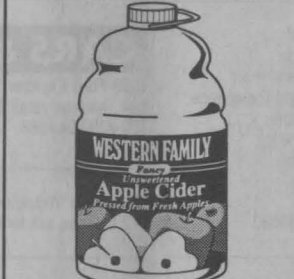
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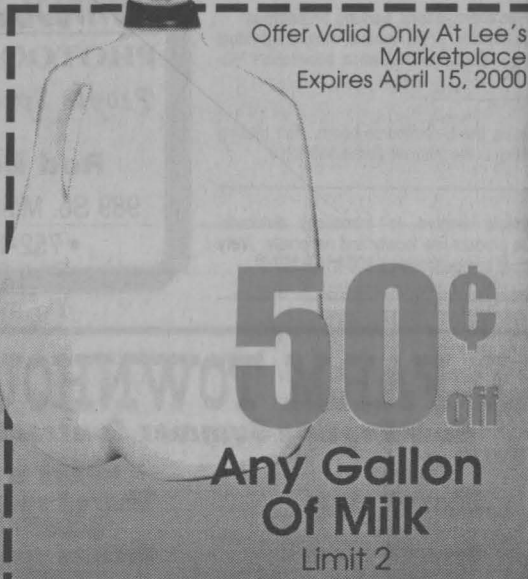
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