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Panel addresses Utah's diversity

LEAH L. CULLER
Assistant News Editor

Panel members at Tuesday's President's Diversity Forum expressed appreciation for the acceptance they have encountered in Cache Valley and made suggestions for further integration of diversity at Utah State University and in the community. The topic of the panel was "Opportunities for Diversity in Utah — Part I: Ethnic Diversity."

President George H. Emert, who began holding the diversity forums in 1993, said the purpose of the forum is to raise awareness. He asked the panel and audience members to hold one word in mind throughout the forum: inclusive.

"One on one," Emert said, "I don't think you'll find anyone in our community who will back off from including (others)."

The introductory speaker for the forum, Allison Lee Johnson, said the topic of ethnic diversity is important because society is changing so rapidly. Johnson is the president of Lee Johnson Group and has worked for the department of defense and the U.S. Army, including extensive work for the equal opportunity office of the Pentagon.

In 1990, 25 percent of the nation's population were minorities, while 9.2 percent in Utah were, Johnson said. For 2000, it is expected that the nation's minority population will have increased to 29 per-

cent, and Utah's to 12 percent, she said.

"Do you get the feeling that things are shifting and starting to change?" she asked.

Johnson said the approximate minority population of students and faculty at USU is 4 percent. She said although this number may seem low, she is excited because the efforts being made to increase ethnic diversity are becoming more successful.

Johnson then asked the audience members to stretch their hands out in front of them, clasp their hands together and cross their thumbs. She asked which thumb was on top, and the responses varied. If one was asked to cross his or her thumbs in the opposite manner, it may seem

weird or awkward, she said.

"A lot of what we do is like crossing your thumbs," she said. "In this forum, recross your thumbs."

Johnson said an individual can get used to the difference of recrossing his or her thumbs, just as one can get used to a change in the ethnic makeup of the world around them.

She asked those in attendance to keep in mind the points made in *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Steven R. Covey throughout the forum. She explained how each habit could be applied to appreciation and acceptance of diversity.

Johnson then posed two questions to the panel members.

She first asked panel members

how they feel as an ethnic minority in Cache Valley in terms of support from the community.

Grace C. Huerta, an assistant professor in secondary education, said she faced a real challenge to find acceptance and support in the community when she originally moved to the area. Huerta is of Mexican-American descent, and was born in East Los Angeles.

"People are actually born in East L.A.," she said. "It's not just a movie."

Huerta said she has witnessed resistance to diversity and numerous stereotyped attitudes toward the Latin community. These include negative attitudes about the labor mar-

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Loss of Widstoe fence leaves gap for advertisers

LARA GALE
Staff Writer

It's a campus eyesore, but even those who hate it agree the temporary wall around the Widstoe Hall construction site, near the Taggart Student Center, has been worth its weight in advertising space.

The wall will come down next year when Widstoe is complete forcing various campus and community groups to find another way to reach masses of students with their news.

The Theater Arts Department has appreciated the convenient forum, but Kirsten Watkins, public relations specialist for the department, said it's only one way to advertise.

"I think it's just something that happened naturally," she said. "Students saw it as an

opportunity to put up fliers, and when it's gone I think people will find other opportunities as well."

Liz Adams, former Associated Students of Utah State University Arts and Lectures vice president, isn't as indifferent about it.

"Oh, definitely," she said of depending on the wall for advertising. "We are so worried about when it's not there."

She said high traffic makes the area ideal. Hundreds of students walk past the wall every day and can't help but read the posted ads, she said.

"Even when you're stapling them on the fence, people will stop and read them," she said. "It's been a really good way to reach a lot of students."

Arts and Lectures has seen

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Spring snooze

Open grassy areas around campus have become places to rest for students like Wade Evans. Daylight Savings time has given students more time to enjoy the outdoors and take a momentary break from their class work.

Zack Lacey / Utah Statesman

USU professors analyze Elian's story

BRIAN CARTER
Staff Writer

For the past several months the nation has been watching the fight between the family of Elian Gonzalez and the United States government.

Since being rescued on November 25, 1999 after the 16-foot boat he and 13 others were in capsized off the coast of Florida, Elian has been in the headlines as his extended family struggles to keep him and the federal government tries to reunite him with his father.

Michael Lyons, political science professor at Utah State University, said one reason the Elian case has grown so big is because people are able to identify with it.

You have a case people can relate with personally," Lyons said. "When people can relate to an issue, those in politics blow it up."

"Nobody ever anticipated it would go this far," said Bill Furlong, a Latin American specialist with the USU political science department.

Furlong said the whole situation has been handled poorly since the beginning.

"It probably would have been better for the government to maintain custody, contact the Cuban government and look for relatives," Furlong said.

Instead, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) released Elian to his great-uncle, Lazaro Gonzalez, until they decided what should be done. Since then Gonzalez has fought to gain political asylum or citizenship for Elian. In January, the INS decided that Elian should be reunited with his father and has been fighting his family in Florida ever since.

"Once you turn him over to relatives it adds fuel to the fire," Furlong said. "But somebody had to have custody."

Lyons said another reason this case has become so large is the Miami-Cuban anti-Castro feeling. Furlong said this is also an example of the United States' policy with Cuba.

"Our policy with Cuba is irrational. We recognize Vietnam. We didn't lose a soul over Cuba but we can't have relations with them," Furlong said.

Elian has become a pawn, Furlong said. One of the few positive results may be recognition of Cuba by the United States, Furlong said.

"We've let Miami-Cubans dictate our ideas over Cuba," Furlong said.

INS has decided they will reunite Elian with his father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, and is trying to decide the best way to do so. The latest fears of returning Elian to his father is the psychological damage Elian could suffer.

"I think psychological damage has already been done," Furlong said. "His family has already committed psychological damage."

Life will go on and this will be forgotten three weeks after it is resolved, Lyons said. But Furlong said Elian will have to live with this for the rest of his life.

"How can the kid live a normal life?" Furlong said.

Hiker falls to her death

DOUG SMEATH
Assistant Features Editor

A 24-year-old woman from Bend, Ore., apparently slipped and fell to her death in a hiking accident Sunday night in Logan Canyon.

Aubrey Marie Rau's body was found Monday afternoon at approximately 1:35 by a hiker not from Logan, according to a news release from the Cache County Sheriff's Office. The hiker's name has not been released.

Rau's body was found in a small canyon near the Stokes Nature Center where she apparently landed after losing her footing and falling about 150 feet, according to the release.

Lt. David Bennett of the Sheriff's Office said the fall probably occurred sometime after 6 p.m. Sunday.

He said there were signs of slipperiness where she was presumably hiking, including wet rocks and moss.

Bennett said Rau seems to have been hiking rather than climbing, although it was in fairly steep terrain.

Rau was not a student at Utah State University, but was living with roommates in Logan, Bennett said. He said Rau and her roommates also attended a student Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints ward.

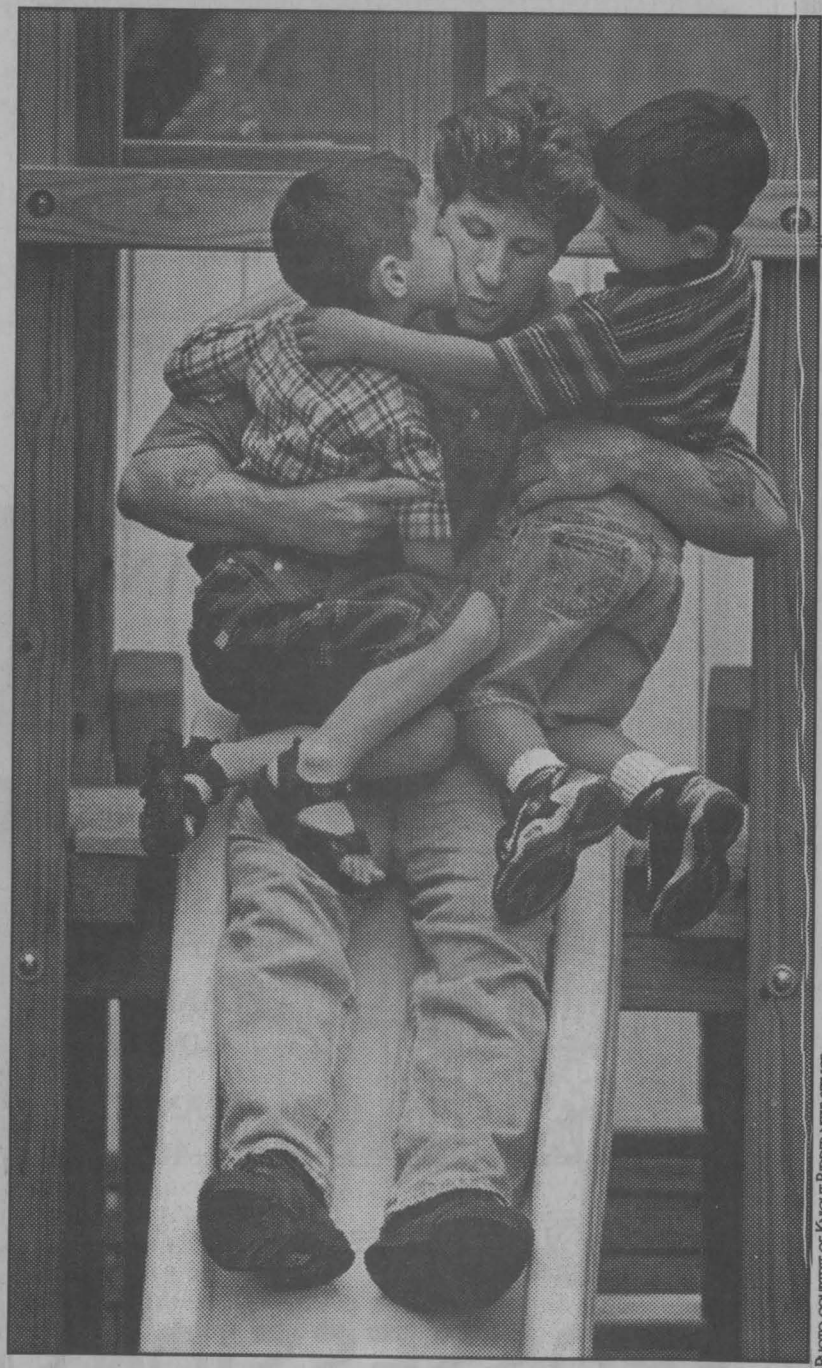


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Six-year-old Elian Gonzalez (left) gives a kiss to Donato Dalrymple, one of the two fishermen who rescued him last November, while they play on the slide at his Miami relative's home. At right is Lazaro Martel.

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WORLD & NATION

House passes bill rewarding states tough on gun violators

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans, taking their cue from a Richmond, Va., initiative, on Tuesday pushed through legislation providing financial incentives to states that impose tough mandatory sentences on criminals who carry guns.

The "Project Exile Act" passed 358-60, although some Democrats discounted the act as a small-scale measure put up to deflect attention from the failure of Congress to pass more substantial gun control legislation.

President Clinton traveled to Annapolis, Md., Tuesday to congratulate that state for being the first in the nation to require built-in locks on guns and enact other tough gun safety regulations. The message he carried was that, "Congress should follow Maryland's lead."

The Project Exile bill, sponsored by Rep. Bill

McCollum, R-Fla., sets aside \$100 million over five years in grants for states that ensure a mandatory minimum sentence of five years without parole for any person who uses or carries a firearm during a violent crime or serious drug trafficking offense.

A state can also qualify if it demands a minimum of five years for a person convicted of possessing a firearm and who has a prior conviction for a violent crime.

McCollum said it was "designed to get at the heart of a national tragedy." He said the aim was to "send gun-wielding criminals an unmistakable message — we will not tolerate gun crimes." It has yet to be taken up by the Senate.

The bill takes its name from a program started by the Justice Department in Richmond in 1997. The Virginia capital, which had

one of the highest crime rates in the country, has seen gun-related crimes drop 65 percent and violent crimes fall 35 percent since the program began.

It has been endorsed by the National Rifle Association and Republicans who say gun violence is best addressed by enforcing laws already on the books, not by passing new gun control laws. They have criticized the administration for not doing enough to prosecute gun crimes.

Virginia has since passed a statewide Project Exile and is among six states, also including Texas, Florida, Louisiana, South Carolina and Colorado, that would now qualify for federal funds. The money can be used to defray costs associated with tougher enforcement.

Democrats said the bill provides political cover for

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Youth crimes declining, punishments increasing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Youth violence is falling, but more children are paying the price of public fears driven by high-profile school shootings — harsher punishments for nonviolent or minor offenses — says a new report.

"We've got kids getting kicked out of school for saying 'bang-bang' to each other," said Vincent Schiraldi of the Justice Policy Institute, a youth advocacy think tank that co-authored report. "It's no more fair to stereotype them all as school shooters than to stereotype all adults as Timothy McVeigh," who bombed the federal building in Oklahoma City.

The report — released a week before the first anniversary of the April 20 Columbine High School massacre — says the public isn't paying attention to overall youth-violence trends. Instead, shootings in Colorado, Arkansas, Oregon and most

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WorldGLANCE

➤ East Timor hopes to join in the Olympics

DILI, East Timor (AP) — The nascent nation of East Timor wants to participate in its first Olympics, but the IOC says the devastated territory can't even meet the most basic conditions to enter the Sydney Games in September.

"All we want is to participate in the opening and closing ceremonies, to fly the flag of the U.N. Transitional Authority and our own flag and to play our national anthem," Jose Ramos-Horta, Nobel peace laureate and vice president of the Timorese National Council of Resistance, said Tuesday.

The United Nations is administering the former Indonesian province during its transition to independence.

Indonesian troops and their militia allies devastated much of the half-island territory last year after a U.N.-sponsored independence referendum.

Most of its sports facilities have been burned down or turned into refugee camps.

In the past, a few East Timorese athletes represented other countries, including Australia and Indonesia, in boxing and gymnastics.

Horta, East Timor's unofficial foreign minister, said participation at Sydney would be the first opportunity for his country to appear on the world stage.

"We plan at the end of April to elect a national Olympic committee and apply to join the IOC," Horta said.

But IOC spokesman Franklin Servan-Schreiber said East Timor does not currently fulfill the criteria to have its national Olympic committee recognized.

➤ Jackson to petition for Martin Luther King

WALLINGFORD, Conn. (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson will come to Wallingford this month in support of a bill that would force the town to close government offices on Martin Luther King Day.

Wallingford is the only Connecticut municipality that does not close for the civil rights leader's birthday, which has been a state holiday since 1986.

Last week, a state legislative committee voted 39-6 in favor of the bill.

Jackson will speak at the Capitol and attend a church service honoring King on April 26. He said he also plans to travel to Wallingford.

➤ Census 2000 hits 61 percent target

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 2000 Census has reached its minimum goal for responses with 61 percent of U.S. households completing and mailing back their forms as of Monday.

Census officials have said they hope to reach a national response rate of 70 percent, reversing a decades-long decline. In 1970, the response rate was 78 percent, but that fell to only 65 percent in 1990.

Census Bureau Director Kenneth Prewitt called the response rate encouraging, but said they still had a long way to go to reach a complete count.

"Census 2000 will succeed only if people cooperate fully," he said.

A \$168 million advertising campaign has been encouraging Americans to return the 115 million questionnaires that were mailed out early last month.

On April 27, the Census Bureau will begin sending workers to visit households that have not returned their census forms.

➤ 'I Love Lucy' chocolates to hit market

DURANGO, Colo. (AP) — "I Love Lucy" fans will soon be able to buy sweet reminders of the famed episode in which Lucille Ball gets a new job at a chocolate factory and can't quite keep up with the assembly line.

Durango-based Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory is introducing a line of candies next month called Lucy's Chocolate Factory Candy.

It's based on the episode in which Ball tries to box chocolates on an assembly line but can't keep up, so she shoves the candy in her mouth.

The terms of the deal announced Monday with Rocky Mountain, the estates of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, and CBS Worldwide Inc. were not disclosed.

"To put Lucy together with chocolates and create a lasting tribute to my parents and 'I Love Lucy,' their legendary television show, has been a dream of mine for over a decade," Lucie Arnaz said in a statement.

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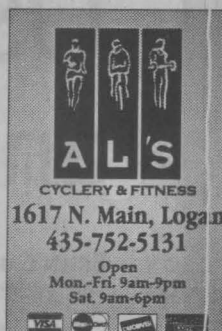
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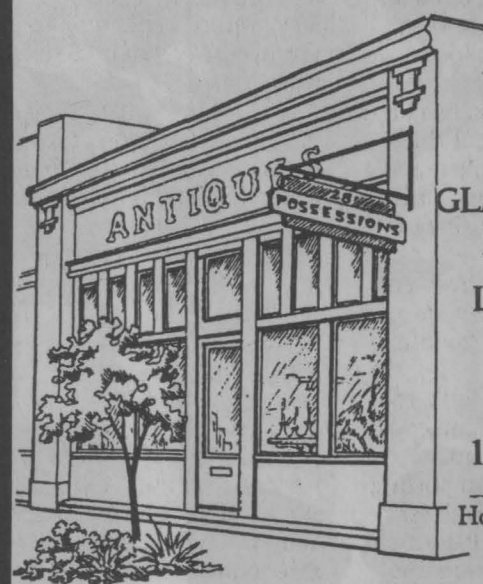
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Should I eat that? Tight budgets create dilemmas for students when it comes to spoiled food

LARA GALE
Staff Writer

A wave of mandatory spring cleaning has prompted USU housing residents to look deep inside their refrigerators during the past few weeks. What are they finding?

Mayonnaise "best used by Feb. 00," an uncovered container of crusted-over tuna fish and one slice of pizza, face-down, at the back of the shelf is just a sampling from one Snow Hall apartment.

Students are always looking for ways to save money, and it's hard to shop economically for one person without overbuying, which can mean wasting a lot of food or eating dangerous leftovers. But with a little extra effort, students can enjoy the foods they like without getting sick or being wasteful.

All food products in a grocery store are freshness dated, said Kevin Hansen, store director of Albertson's in Logan. Every manufacturer has its own way of formulating a food's sell-by date, which is the day manufacturers stop guaranteeing their product's freshness. That doesn't mean food is inedible after that date, but depending on the food it means spoilage begins or vitamins and minerals are being lost, he said.

Stores can carry a product until its freshness date. Once a person takes food home from the grocery store, it is their responsibility to keep an eye on expiration dates, Hansen said.

Albertson's policy is to not carry most foods even a single day past their freshness dates because, though unlikely, if it caused an illness the store would be



Students should always consider the shelf life of perishable foods when purchasing grocery items. Bread, among other items, spoils quickly.

liable, Hansen said.

"We don't want to take that chance on a 99 cent bag of potato chips or one pound of hamburger so we can get one more day out of it," he said.

Perishable food can be eaten after the sell-by date, but "the safety rule is three to five days," said Hansen. "After that point, you go by smell and color, depending on how brave you are."

Hansen said lunch meats or cured meats like ham are safe to eat sometimes up to about a week after the sell-by date if refrigerated at 45 degrees or

lower. Raw poultry and ground meats shouldn't be stored in the refrigerator longer than one or two days after the sell-by date, he said.

If a person doesn't plan on eating raw meat right away, they should freeze it, said Charlotte Brennand, extension specialist for food safety and preservation at USU. Transferring the meat to an airtight container like a sealable bag will keep the meat fresh far longer than leaving it in store packaging, which is intended to let oxygen in to keep the meat looking fresh and will allow freezer burn.

She said properly wrapped meat in a good freezer can last up to two months; even after that, deciding whether to eat it isn't an issue of safety but flavor.

Dairy products have similar guidelines.

Kelly Lemon, dairy manager at Smith's in Logan, said milk should last five to seven days after the sell-by date if it is kept constantly refrigerated. Leaving milk out for even an hour can reduce its longevity a day or so.

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DIVERSITY

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ket, crime and gang-related activity.

She said she has been able to find support in the community through individuals that have made a concerted effort to study about issues relating to diversity.

"Lack of support has its roots in uninformed opinions," she said. "When folks take an active role, they can, and actually become, authentic advocates for diversity. There's more to it than buying a taco on Cinco de Mayo."

Erica Liu Wollin, a staff therapist at the USU Counseling Center, said her experience in Cache Valley has been generally good.

"I think it is, in part, due to the fact that I'm educated, Westernized and safe," she said.

Wollin said she thinks she would be perceived as more threatening if there was anything different about her.

She related an experience she had at a local store where both she and a Hispanic man in line with her were brushed off by the cashier while a Caucasian man behind them was helped. Wollin is Asian-American.

She said she thought about the ramifications of that experience and is still not sure exactly what happened.

"Experiences like that leave me with the thought in the back of my mind, 'Did that have to do with my ethnicity?'" she said.

The second question Johnson asked the panelists was how the faculty, staff and students at USU are advantaged by having colleagues and peers that are culturally diverse.

"We are enriched because we question our own values and cultural identification," Huerta said.

Antonio Arce, a graduate student in sociology, said it is important for individuals to find out for themselves about people.

"We must communicate and seek to understand," he said.

Arce said there are people walking around campus from different cultures and backgrounds.

"Why do we not want to learn about them?" he asked.

Arce said things aren't always right in books and it is important for individuals to gain their own experiences by dealing with actual people.

"(Diversity) helps us all to

examine our world views," Wollin said.

She said diversity helps to fill in gaps in an individual's upbringing or experience and learn to think in a more multi-faceted way.

"Most of all," Wollin said, "it helps us to understand how we make sense of the world."

She said individuals make sense of the world based on what they are exposed to.

"Without a personal connection, you won't understand as deeply," she said.

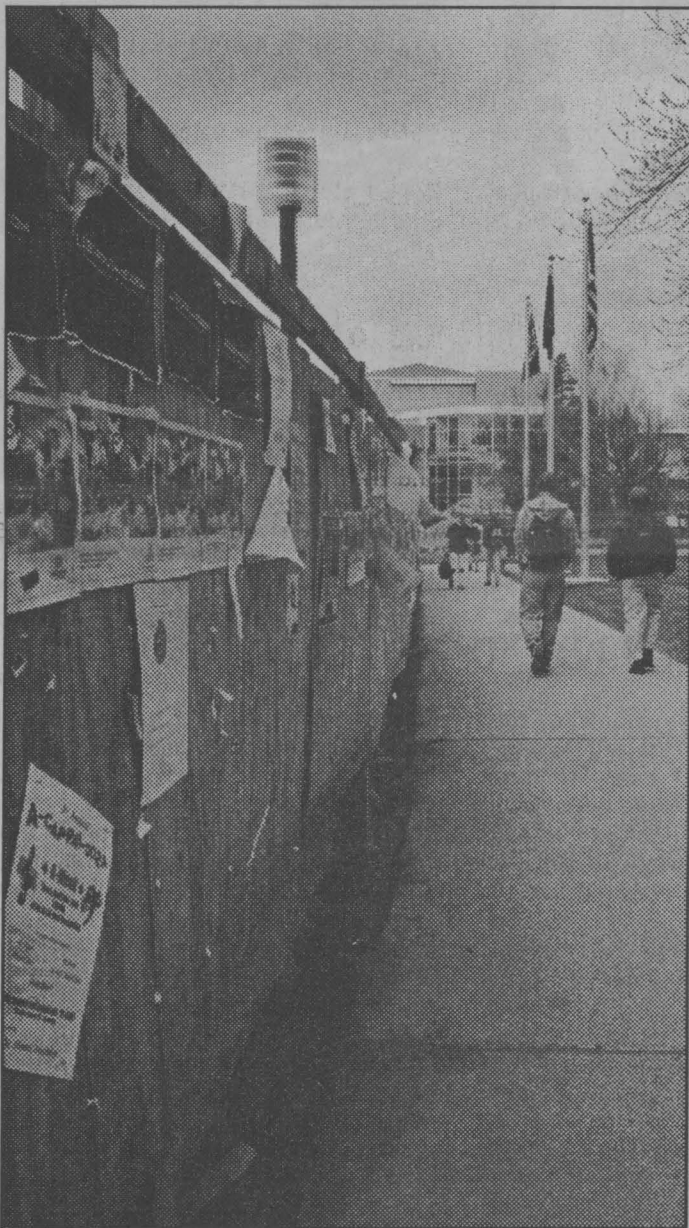
The audience then took an opportunity to pose questions to panel members. Many asked the members to address the future for ethnically diverse youth.

Students from elementary, junior high and high schools in Cache Valley were present at the forum.

Johnson encouraged these youth to stand on the shoulders of those who have come before them.

"Your differences make you unique, beautiful and awesome," she said, "not less important."

Following the audience discussion, Emert distributed the 7th Annual President's Diversity Awards to this year's recipients.



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The Widstoe fence provides a forum for advertising flyers for various campus and community organizations. The fence will soon be torn down, causing students to resort to other advertising methods.

WIDSTOE

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a rise in attendance this year with over 1,000 students at each event as opposed to 100 or 200 last year. And while this is partly due to an overall heightened emphasis on advertising, the wall certainly played a large part, Adams said.

Still, Adams said she isn't certain the benefits of advertising in that area are worth making the campus look trashy.

"I don't think it's absolutely necessary," she said. "I think when it's gone people are just going to have to work harder to plan their advertising campaigns."

"It's been very convenient, but I don't think the convenience is adding to the campus," she said.

As awful as they look, the multicolored flyers stapled all over the wall don't violate school regulations on posting advertisements, Darrell Hart, director of Physical Plant, said. Because it is temporary, the wall doesn't fall under the rule that fliers can't be posted on permanent structures, like lampposts, except in designat-

ed areas.

"It doesn't look good," he said, "but I don't think there's anybody with enough energy left after what we do all day to go around taking them down."

The only designated site for posting handbills outdoors on campus is the gazebo near the Merrill Library, he said.

Every year Physical Plant clears out the old, posted papers and repaints the surface to keep it attractive. However, students tend to use any available surface to advertise.

One of the worst problems is that students don't take the papers down, he said. There are still handbills on the wall dated for February.

"It's not very attractive," he said, "but I'm not going to spend the few dollars we have to clean up after them (students who post fliers). If students don't like it, they should go clean it up."

Students who want to preserve the campus' appearance can advertise in designated areas inside buildings, on the gazebo near Merrill Library or on "A" frames and can take responsibility for cleaning up once the event is over, Hart said.

Emert distributes diversity awards

President George H. Emert presented the 2000 President's Diversity Awards at the 14th President's Diversity Forum Tuesday.

Awards are given to those who have served as role models in the area of increasing and advocating diversity, Emert said.

The award in the category of administrator was presented to Ann Austin. Austin is the associate dean for undergraduate affairs in the college of family life at Utah State University. She organized the Boys and Girls Club of Cache Valley in 1989 and encourages Latin children to participate.

Austin has been active in recruiting, hiring and retaining minority faculty at USU, Emert said.

In the category of faculty, the award was presented to James Kennedy. Kennedy is a professor in the forest resources department in the college of natural resources. He has served as an advocate for women and minorities, attempting to recruit and retain this group in a non-traditional disciplinary field.

According to Emert, Kennedy has also been instrumental in assisting minority students to obtain cooperative work experiences and summer jobs with land management agencies.

Courtney Moser, the associate manager of the Hub Food Court, was presented the award in the category of staff.

Moser is known for his dedication to valuing diversity both on campus and throughout the community, Emert said.

Moser works extensively with the Bear River Mental Health Department and other

organizations to provide employment opportunities and training to people with disabilities.

In addition, Moser has provided leadership to the Pride! Alliance, supporting and assisting students and employees alike. He has participated in 15 panel discussions on sexual orientation issues in classes this year.

In the category of student, the award was presented to Bryce Castillon, a graduating senior in biology. Castillon is employed by the Multicultural Student Services Office as student coordinator and peer advisor in the Realizing Educational Potential Program.

Castillon has been a positive role model for multicultural students at USU, Emert said. During a time of office transition, he assumed major professional-level responsibilities and was instrumental in providing stability for the office.

Virginia Ratliff was presented the award for community member. Ratliff, who moved to the area in 1990, has been an active participant in many multicultural programs, including her role as a reading tutor for Bridgerland Literacy. She has also taught English as a volunteer for the Center for the Advancement of Literacy and has assisted Spanish congregations of a local church to organize English-teaching classes.

Ratliff currently serves as chair for the Logan chapter of "America's Promise." This is a national organization initiated by retired General Colin Powell, which aims at educating and caring for youth. She also teaches Spanish classes at USU. — Leah L.Culler

NewsBRIEFS

➤ Gogue NMSU presidential finalist

Utah State University's provost has been named as one of five finalists for the position of president of New Mexico State University.

Nominated in January, Jay Gogue has participated in a rigorous application process that narrowed the list of over 40 candidates down to five. Next he will travel to New Mexico for two days to meet with student leaders, department heads, staff and alumni of the university and community leaders.

While being a finalist is an important step, Gogue said he knows many factors will come into play for the final decision.

"The chemistry has to be right for you and for them," Gogue said. "If it's not there, it may be somewhere else."

Gogue said he would enjoy taking a position as president of a university, but he also enjoys his position as provost and will be happy in either position in the future.

"Certainly you're excited to be a finalist for something like this," he said. "And you'll learn a lot in the process, meet a lot of nice people and learn a lot about higher education, and hopefully do better in the job that you're in."

The final decision will be announced in late May, according to the NMSU Web page.

➤ Magazine holds writing competition

The *Fountain* magazine, a magazine of critical, scientific and spiritual thought, is sponsoring a writing competition. The top 10 essayists will receive cash awards of up to \$500.

The articles must be between 2,000 and 3,000 words and be original and unpublished. Applicants must write on one of the following topics: 1) Your scientific, technological, environmental, social or cultural expectations for the new millennium; 2) How philosophical, scientific and spiritual views should be — or will be — integrated by interpreters of natural events in the next century or 3) How to establish and ensure peace and dialogue among different cultures.

Entry is free and open to all. Contest deadline is June 26. Further details can be found at www.fountainlink.com.

➤ Robins Awards to be held Friday

The 43rd annual Robins Awards will take place this Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Taggart Student Center Ballroom. Tickets are available in TSC Room 326 for \$5.

➤ Mother's Weekend 2000

This Saturday will be Mother's Weekend. The guest speaker for the event will be Margaret Parry, founder of Teach for the Cure. Musical guest will be Paul Cardall, contemporary jazz pianist and composer of *The Christmas Box* and *The Looking Glass*.

The day's events will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch will be served. Cost is \$15 per person. For information and tickets, contact the USU Parents Association at 797-1128 or in Room 302 of the TSC.

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Uncovering the truth about superstitions



Taking comfort in the fear of everyday situations and beliefs

DOUG SMEATH
Assistant Features Editor

Don't step on the crack or you'll break your mother's back!

How old were you when you first finally dared to step on a crack?

Did you find yourself pushing back thoughts that maybe, just maybe, you might get home and find your mother prone and in pain, supine and suffering?

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There are superstitions that

say a black cat will bring bad luck. Same goes for a broken mirror and the dreaded number 13.

So if no one believes in these superstitions, why do they still exist? Why do most hotels skip from the 12th floor to the 14th?

Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology professor Richley Crapo said the answer is simple: Superstition is comforting.

Superstition gives people a sense of control, he said. For example, he said people like to believe that feeding children walnuts will make the children smarter.

Additionally, Crapo said

even when a superstition doesn't give people control, it does provide an explanation for bad things that happen — an explanation that doesn't blame the person.

"It's the black cat's fault," Crapo said.

He said all cultures have superstitions of some kind or another. He defined a superstition as some kind of cause-and-effect idea.

an idea that one thing causes something else even when that

connection is not a logically natural one.

He also said superstition is in the same category of thinking as religion.

Both religion and superstition bring a supernatural element into explaining why the world works the way it does, Crapo said.

He said superstitions are present in every religion in the world, though the person practicing the superstition probably won't call it a superstition.

Crapo said all religions have

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• RICHLEY CRAPO •
USU PROFESSOR

some ideas that one thing causes another to happen spiritually. He said superstitions can work two ways: They can reflect the universal thinking of spiritual causality, or they can be used as a put-down for other religions.

"Very often people use the word superstition to mean 'a religious belief that I don't accept,'" Crapo said.

He said some superstitions are founded in religion, but not all.

He said many are "home-spun," the result of grassroots — local groups of members of a larger religion.

These people pick up beliefs or practices that are by nature

folklore, Crapo said. He said they connect these ideas to religion even though their religious leaders would probably condemn the beliefs or practices.

Still, superstitions abound. The Internet includes many Web sites listing common superstitions or detailing the site's author's superstition of choice.

At www.cam.org/~jennyb, superstitions are described that include everything from apples to the yawn.

The Web site www.superstition.com features only some unfamiliar symbols and eerie music whose purpose is never explained.

Something old, blue and borrowed

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Weddings are a time of new beginnings, so naturally, superstitions predicting good or bad luck for the new couple abound.

Many Web sites that cater to brides and grooms include a list of wedding superstitions. Some of the most often repeated superstitions are that it is lucky to be married on a Wednesday or to be married as the minute hand moves up (i.e. getting married at 2:45 is lucky while marrying at 3:15 is not).

Sites often mention that it is unlucky to get married in February or on a Friday. Many said a rainy wedding day is an omen of a tear-filled marriage. The groom seeing the bride in her dress before the wedding is also considered unlucky.

The Web site www.blissazine.com asked its visitors to submit their favorite wedding superstitions. One superstitious bride wrote, "If your dress is ripped on the day before your wedding, it means that your marriage will end in death!"

Another visitor submitted a Jewish superstition that it is bad luck to receive knives as a wedding

gift.

"In case someone should give knives," the visitor wrote, "the bride should transform the exchange into a financial transaction by giving a penny or nominal sum for the knives."

On the brighter side, visitors wrote that it was good luck for the bride to step into the church with her right foot and to be kissed by a chimney sweep on her wedding day.

A British wedding guide found at www.weddingguide.co.uk says that many wedding traditions are rooted in superstition.

According to the site, the tradition of having flowers at a wedding dates from ancient times when people believed strong smelling herbs would ward off evil spirits.

The tradition of having bridesmaids and groomsmen also began as a way to avoid evil spirits. The site said an ancient Roman law required 10 witnesses be present at a wedding to fool the evil spirits wishing to cause mischief. The witnesses dressed exactly like the bride and groom so the evil spirits wouldn't know who was getting married.

The site also says a groom carries his bride over the threshold

because it would be unlucky for the bride to stumble as she entered the couple's home for the first time. The groom carries her to eliminate the possibility of her stumbling.

JoAnn Nyman, manager of the Aspen Grove Reception Center in Logan, has helped many brides prepare for their weddings, but she said she hasn't encountered much superstition.

Nyman said brides often mention the superstition of the groom not seeing the bride before the wedding, but most do so jokingly.

She said they don't really believe it is bad luck, they must want to surprise their fiancé at the ceremony.

Once in a while, Nyman said, she sees a bride putting a penny in her shoe for good luck.

She said brides sometimes mention wearing "something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue," but few actually believe that doing so will bring them good luck. She said she has only seen about a half-dozen girls actually try to meet all the requirements of the superstition.

Nyman said most brides seem to be more concerned about the color of their nail polish than about any superstitions.

Local ideas; unanswered stories

HOLLY HANSON
Staff Writer

Does the fact that you're a true Aggie bring you good luck? If you're superstitious it does. The reasons for becoming a true Aggie along with other superstitions have changed throughout the years.

In the days when USU was an agricultural college, many traditions and superstitions began according to the Fife Folklore Archives in the Merrill Library. Becoming a true Aggie was thought to bring good luck to students throughout their schooling. This was because they were lucky enough to win a kiss from a young lady/ man.

Times have changed, and with the times, so have the superstitions. Being a true Aggie is no longer a lucky superstitious act.

What other superstitions are unique to Logan?

Have you heard of the Weeping Widow or the Hank Gibson story?

There are several versions of the Weeping Widow story, but they all tell of a mother who is distraught over the premature deaths of her children and husband. A statue representing the widow is located in the Logan Cemetery. According to Pat Anderson, a native of Logan, legend

says the widow can be seen weeping for her family on nights of a full moon. Her tears are supposed to bring her comfort. According to Lisa Cox, as recorded in the Fife Folklore Archives, if you disturb the woman during her mourning, she will haunt you.

Richard Robbins, a former USU student, told the story of Hank Gibson. He was a bank robber in Preston, Idaho, who took refuge in an area called Gibson Lake (near Bear Lake). The sheriff caught Hank running off, so he shot him. The gunshot hit him in the leg and it turned to gangrene. Hank's leg had to be amputated.

Hank was imprisoned and sentenced to be hung. Before dying, he was granted one last request: he wanted to be buried in a white shirt and with his amputated leg. No one wanted to dig up the rotten leg, so Hank was only buried in the white shirt. He has been seen riding around at night searching for his lost leg, Robbins said.

Many people say that if Gibson had been buried with his leg, he would not haunt the area of Gibson Lake and the Bear Lake area would have peace.

Before dismissing superstitions as naught, stop and asked yourself does it still carry any meaning?

Walking among the dead in Logan, Cache Valley

KATHRYN SUMMERS
Staff Writer

In the safety of the sunlight, people scoff at tales of haunted buildings and ghosts. At night, though, some people swear ghosts come out and haunt all kinds of places in Cache Valley.

One of Logan's ghosts resides in the Lyric Theatre. Everette, as he is called, has been seen by many people over the years.

As with most ghost stories, the original teller of the tale is hard to find. People generally hear the story from someone who heard it from a friend. Several versions of the Lyric ghost story are recorded in the Utah State University's Fife Folklore Collection in the Merrill Library. In a story told by Richard Robbins and recorded by Linda Hansen in 1978, Robbins said there are two possible origins of the ghost.

One story is that two Shakespeare

actors were getting ready to leave the Lyric after their final performance. They got in an argument, and one actor killed the other. The ghost of the murdered actor haunts the Theatre now, Robbins said.

The other story is that the old Thatcher Opera House, which stood where First Security Bank on main street is now, burned down on April 17, 1912 (the same day the Titanic sunk). An actor who was rehearsing his lines died in the fire. His ghost moved into the Lyric, Robbins said.

Whichever tale people choose to believe, the common element in both stories is that the ghost is an actor.

Vosco Call, founder of the Old Lyric Repertory Theatre Company, tells one of the most famous stories about Everette, according to Robbins. Call was alone in the Theatre rehearsing Hamlet's "To be, or not to be" soliloquy late one night. He heard someone laughing and looked up to see a man in the audience. The

man appeared to be familiar with Shakespeare, and he gave Call many useful suggestions about how to say the lines. After Call finished practicing he wanted to thank the man, but he was nowhere to be found.

Some people say Call made up the story because every good theater needs a ghost, but there are other instances of ghost sightings.

Robbins said one night a man named Frank Santos was on the Lyric stage rehearsing lines for a play called "Scratch," about the Devil and Daniel Webster. Santos heard someone snickering at him. He looked up to see a man who then disappeared.

Doni Lynne Jeffery wrote a paper about

the Lyric ghost in 1991 for the Fife Folklore Conference. He recorded some other details about Everette and stories of other people who have seen the ghost.

According to Jeffery, the ghost is named after Everette Jones, an actor who played the role of the second grave digger in a Hamlet production in Logan around 1920.

The ghost of Everette is a middle-aged, stocky man with a thick mustache.

Jeffery said there are three ways the Lyric ghost makes his presence known. Actors will see him in the audience as they are practicing, someone turns off lights and walks around on stage when no one is supposed to be there or the chandelier swings indicating Everette's approval for a well-done performance.

There is also a story about Everette fixing some leaking pipes in the theater. Someone called the plumbers and soon after a man showed up. He fixed the pipes and quickly left. A few hours later the plumber showed up, and said he hadn't sent anyone else to fix the pipes, Jeffery said.

There were many other stories of ghosts in the Folklore collection. Most of these stories were passed from person to person for years before being written down. Here are a few ghost stories about other places in or near Logan.

Old Main Tower

In 1981, Shaun Munk told a story about the ghost of Old Main Tower to Angela Johnson who recorded it.

Munk said there used to be a graduation dance at USU. One rather

homely girl was not asked to the dance, but she was an excellent organ-player, so she was asked to play for a floor show. The night before the dance she died.

"Every graduation night as the wind blows through the tower of Old Main, if you listen closely, you can hear the sound of the organ, believed to be the dead girl playing her piece," said Munk.

Hyrum Reservoir's Indian Princess

This story was told by Collin Barfus and recorded by John Frank. When Hyrum was first

settled, Bannock Indians often camped where the Hyrum Reservoir is now located. One year, the daughter of a chief died. After much mourning, she was buried.

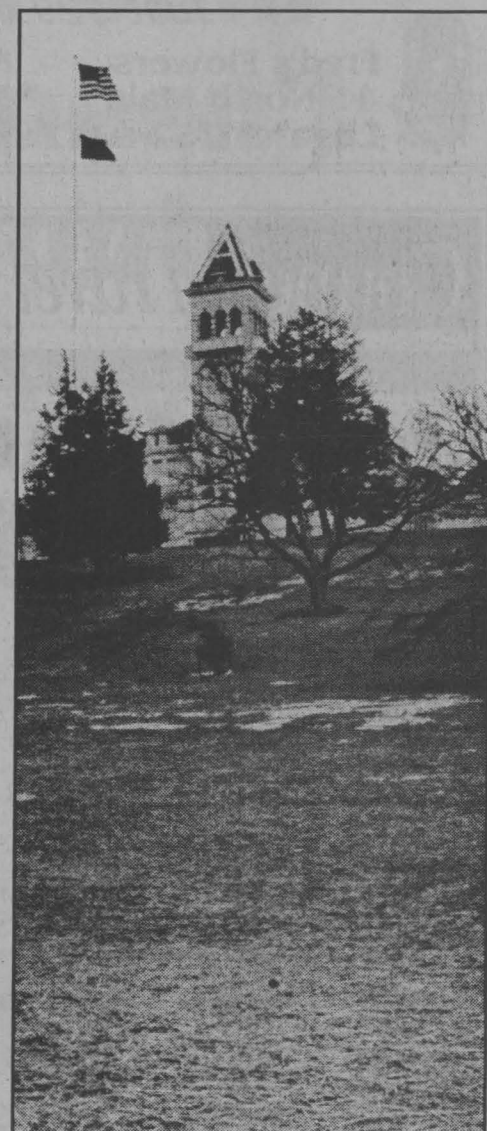
Years later when the dam was being built, the remains of the woman were discovered along with a hatchet, and some beads and bracelets. The body was reburied nearby, but Barfus said at night, the ghost of the Indian Princess walks on the water at Hyrum Reservoir.

Ghost of Providence Canyon

This story was told by Jay Checketts and recorded by Alenda Jolley in 1984.

During excavations of a rock quarry in Providence Canyon many years ago, an explosion killed several workers. One man was buried alive, but he died before he could be rescued.

On the anniversary of his death sometime in early fall, the man is



The bell tower of Old Main is said to be home of a ghost who plays the organ on graduation day.

said to wander the canyon looking for his friends. Many people have seen him, but when they try to talk to him, he disappears, said Checketts.

Zanavoo Lodge

This story was told by Eric Stroud and recorded by Brook Baker in 1981.

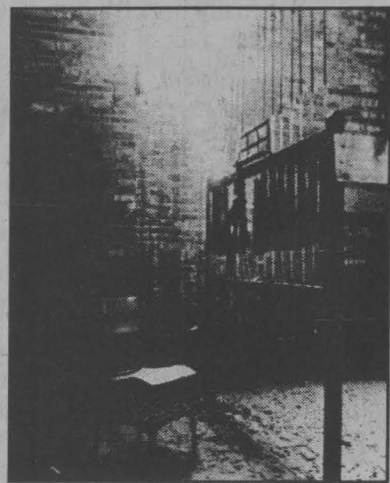
A girl named Elizabeth was killed when she was 12 or 13. Her grave is behind the Zanavoo Lodge, Stroud said. She is a mischievous little ghost who likes to rearrange things in the rooms of the lodge. Stroud said she moved his soap and comb once.



The ticket booth at the Old Lyric Theatre in Logan. The theatre is said to be haunted by the ghost of an actor.

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Rushing the front lines of athletic rituals

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Staff Writer

What may seem strange to some becomes a way of life — a source of luck and the determining factor in a given event to many athletes.

Many Utah State University athletes create their own superstitions on and off the field. Whether they work or not is determined by those who practice them.

Many doggedly continue their bazaar rituals out of fear they may otherwise lose. Trina Ewart, a gymnast at USU who competes on the bars and floor wears the same hair bands for every meet.

Ewart said, "I'm not really sure if it actually works, but it does cause me a lot of grief if I

don't do these things."

According to Ewart, many gymnasts who compete at the bar don't wash their wristbands. Some keep track of what they eat, and if they do well in competition they make sure they eat the same thing the next time.

"I haven't washed my wristbands in two years, and I have been wearing the same hair bands for meets for two years," said Ewart.

A captain on the track team, Lance Thurston said, "As far as the team goes, there really aren't any superstitions because track is all individual. I know for myself that I go through a particular routine before I compete and during competition."

"Over time I came up with

what was comfortable with me and helped me get my mind focused," he added.

According to Thurston, his "superstitions" do work for him, and he has been doing the same thing for the past three years.

Blake Eagal, a linebacker on the football team, said, "Our team jumps up and down and chants before taking the field for every game. Some of the players started it three seasons ago when we had a long wait before we could take the field."

"It worked really well the first time (we beat Nevada for the league title and to earn a trip to the Humanitarian owl), but it had mixed results the other times," Eagal said.

USU athletes have made their own superstitions, but

there are many more.

The Kids Almanac at www.yahooligans.com gave some of the superstitions common in several sports.

In baseball, spitting into your hand before picking up the bat and having a wad of gum stuck on a player's hat brings good luck.

Golfers start only with odd-numbered clubs, and balls with a number higher than four are bad luck.

Hockey players say it is bad luck for hockey sticks to lie crossed and to say "shutout" in the locker room before a game.

Superstitions can be summed up in the words of Ewart who said, "If you do well after doing these superstitions, then you keep doing them."

The roar of the grease paint and mindless rituals

MIXED NUTS / Justin Berry



Ok, I have always wondered what the big deal about superstitions is. I

tried to figure out if they really do have weight or if they are just silly notions people have dreamed up to make the world a "safer" place to live.

You see, I have been involved with a lot of different activities, and every single one of them has their own little superstitions and rituals that must be followed or the entire universe caves in.

Some of the most superstitious people I know (and I am one too, so I guess that makes me an expert of sorts) are actors and performers.

Having been involved in a summer theater group for several years, I've seen my fair share of rituals that are supposed to make the evening's work more productive.

One of the newer ones involve ritualist chanting. Now before you get the wrong idea, we do not dance around naked. We do not have burning icons of our theater gods or anything like that, it is simply just chanting.

As each member of the cast stands in a circle and crosses their arms, they take the hands of those at their sides and it starts. "One for all and all for one, the bestest (ok, so I never said we used proper english either) show we've ever done; break a leg."

That brings up another theaterism. You never, never, never tell an actor or actress good luck. What in the hell do you want to do? Kill them? That is exactly what you are going to do if you tell them that. Just think about the headlines the next morning — "Actor killed when stage light falls from above, crushing him and causing instantaneous death." I hope you can live with the guilt.

But that is not all. Actors

have lucky shoes, socks, eyeliner pencils and some actresses have lucky bras. I have no idea what a bra has to do with anything, but they say it can help. I guess each person has their own thing.

I personally do not have anything that is lucky, but I do have a ritual that I follow every night. I have to put my makeup on in a certain order, or I just don't feel like I am going to make it through the show.

I have been told of others who have superstitions too. I was told of one young man from another university that would always dress in traditional Japanese attire and sit in the middle of the performance space and bow in every direction before he could do the show. (And you all thought chanting was strange.)

I know others who also have to eat certain things. But then again, others avoid anything that could be possibly harmful (such as milk and chocolate. Personally, I say give me more!) A friend of mine that we call

Mini believes that Laffy Taffy helps before a show. I have to admit that I found it does make singing easier. But it is a little strange to think that a few confectionery delights with bad jokes can actually be beneficial. Go figure.

So, I have to say I have seen things go wrong. Very wrong. One night I watched in dismay as lights exploded on the stage. The first showered one shirtless actor with hot glass. Once we got past that moment, we had another blow out in a song with several barefoot actors. Now I don't tell you this in hopes you will believe that you must follow the rituals, but I want to know who told who "good luck?"

So, the short of it is this, they do exist, at least in the theater world. So if you will excuse me I have to go chant now.

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NATO peacekeepers helpless as dying girl pleads to be saved

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Helpless to save her, NATO peacekeepers and townspeople watched from the edge of a minefield as a dying 11-year-old girl waved and pleaded for hours to be rescued.

Ema Alic and two other youngsters died Monday after venturing into the minefield on the outskirts of the capital, the latest casualties of the Bosnian war that ended five years ago.

"For two hours, the girl was showing signs of life, waved with her little hand and called for help. Then she went quiet," said eyewitness Nenad Krestalica, 67, who was still visibly upset Tuesday.

His wife, Stana, said she was gardening when she heard the explosion.

"We all started running. We heard a child's voice screaming for help," she said.

"We called the police and they came, but nobody could approach the children."

Police identified the other dead children as Goran Bisceyic, 12, and Haris

Balicevac, 12.

As the rescue team carried the bodies of the children from the minefield, Ema's father broke into tears, turned around and told his wife: "It's our child," other witnesses recalled. The woman fainted.

The presence of the minefield was well-known, and signs warned of danger, residents said. Still, the field was not taped off, apparently because of lack of money.

Dozens of people are killed and injured every month in explosions of some of the millions of land mines strewn across Bosnia. Minefields render large areas

along the former front line unusable.

Residents gathered around the minefield after the explosion Monday, followed by Italian members of the NATO-led peacekeeping force, but they could only watch the tragedy a few hundred yards away.

Although the experts

worked quickly once on the scene, more than 2½ hours elapsed between the time a demining team was notified and the time it reached the victims. By then, all three children were dead.

"It didn't take us more than half an hour to demine a small path to get to the children," said Zoran Gagula, one of the deminers. "We skipped standard procedures, risked our lives, and still, by the time we got to the children, they were dead."

Standard demining procedures are slow, with experts sometimes taking as much as an hour per square yard to minimize risk, prodding each inch of terrain for explosive devices.

NATO experts arrived after a team from Norwegian People's Aid and therefore let that squad do the demining, said a NATO spokesman, Maj. Paul Hubbard.

"They really did it as quickly as they could," said Hubbard.

Andja Elek, 60, said she saw the children walking earlier and warned them not to play there because of the mines, "but they obviously didn't listen to me."

"The girl was able to lift her head a few times and call for help," she said.

'We skipped standard procedures, risked our lives, and still, by the time we got to the children, they were dead.'

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recently Michigan — where one first-grader shot and killed another youngster in class — have driven schools to install more metal detectors, conduct more locker searches and impose more suspensions and expulsions for threats, Schiraldi said.

"Even though these are awful tragedies, we can't set public policy based on these events," Schiraldi said in a recent interview.

The report by the Justice Policy Institute, based in Washington and San Francisco, and the nonprofit legal aid Children's Law Center in Covington, Ky., recommends more school counseling, balanced media coverage of school shootings and tougher gun control laws. The groups — which gleaned data from federal and state agencies and nonprofit research centers — are releasing the report publicly Wednesday.

The report's findings include:

—Seven in 10 Americans think a school shooting could happen in their communities, but a child has a 1 in 2 million chance of being killed in a U.S. school.

—Youth homicide arrests dropped 56 percent from 1993 to 1998, but two-thirds of 1,000 people polled by The Washington Post in November said they believed children were getting more violent.

—Citing Maryland as an example, suspensions for false alarms and bomb threats went up 44 percent from the 1997-98 school year to the 1998-99 year.

Although it was not known whether the alarms and threats themselves increased, the group said the significant increase in suspensions alone reflected a crackdown on such infractions.

"Kids have to know there are consequences to illegal activity," said Jim Pasco, executive director of the Fraternal Order of Police, the 285,000-member police union. "The real issue is how can they (officials) be tough without creating the perceptions that they are oppressing these kids."

Most of the punishments were for what the report called "petty acts." For example:

—A 17-year-old junior was expelled from his suburban Chicago high school in 1998 after the paper clip he shot with a rubber band struck a cafeteria worker, drawing a small amount of blood. He was also charged with disorderly conduct.

—Two 10-year-old boys in Arlington, Va., were suspended for three days for putting soapy water in a teacher's drink. Felony charges filed against them were later dismissed.

The crack down hit minority children especially hard, the report said. In Phoenix, black students are suspended from school at 22 times the rate of white students; in Denver, San Francisco and Austin, they are suspended at least three times as often.

Some parents oppose zero-tolerance laws that require tough penalties for all children who carry weapons, start fights or make threats.

"I don't think anyone who is in a position of responsibility can be mindless," said Alan Heitner, a physician in Madeira, Ohio, whose son Dana, 18, was suspended for school-election signs in a restroom that joked about a bomb in the toilet.

Heitner said the two-week suspension didn't protect anyone and caused his son to miss exams at his suburban Cincinnati high school. "From a safety standpoint, this is really absurd."

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Aggies **SOFTBALL**

Scoring a top priority for Aggies vs. Utes

AARON MORTON
 Assistant Sports Editor

Head coach Pam McCreesh's goal for today's doubleheader against the University of Utah is simple. Score. And score often.

"We need to get our bats going," McCreesh said.

Not counting the home doubleheader against Southern Utah University, the Aggies (14-25) have failed to score more than three runs for 10 straight games.

And the task will be tough for Utah State University against the Utes (24-18) when they meet at 2 and 4 p.m. at LaRee and LeGrand Johnson Field. The last time these teams clashed, Utah smashed the Aggies 9-1 and 8-0 in a doubleheader in Salt Lake City.

Ute sophomore Kristin Arbogast pitched in both those games and will undoubtedly pitch both games today. She has started 38 of the 42 games this season for Utah, pitching at a 3.10 ERA. But the Aggies know what to expect.

"She works away, away and further away," McCreesh said.

The Aggies have the pitching to counter her.

USU's own Kristin Hommel will pitch the first game. She was a legitimate candidate for Big West Conference pitcher-of-the-week as she didn't allow a run in 15 innings last week, including the 1-0 win at Sacramento State University — the Aggies' only win in the three-game series.

"Hommel shut them down," McCreesh said.

The red-hot Kelly Warner

will start the second game, McCreesh said. Warner has a smoking 1.68 ERA in conference play.

"The more she pitches, the better she's getting," McCreesh said.

As for USU's batting, the Aggies will need to get more hitting production from Sandy Taylor. The senior was Big West player-of-the-week last week. While her team is sixth in batting in the conference, she leads the conference with a .412 batting average. Taylor also leads the Big West in doubles, total bases, slugging percentage and on base percentage.

After her, only Stephanie Vasarhely bats above .300, so batting was a focus in this week's practice, McCreesh said the team needs to make adjustments, choke up and put the ball in play with a hitting-singles mentality.

The Utes, meanwhile, bring up six batters that bat .300 or better.

"I respect (batters) one through nine," McCreesh said.

The biggest threat is senior catcher Sunny Smith. She bats .370 with a .790 slugging percentage (1.182 last week).

Utah went 5-3 since they last pounded the Aggies, but have lost three of the last four.

With the Aggies buried in sixth place with 18 BWC games remaining, it will soon be crunch time. The good news is that 12 of those games will be played in Logan. Those 12 start with a three-game series with conference basement dweller California Polytechnic State University this weekend at Johnson Field.



Junior pitcher Kelly Warner fires a pitch against Southern Utah April 4. Pitching well recently, she will start the second game against the Utes.

On Fire: Taylor's smoking bat gives her Big West honor

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Taylor

Utah State University senior first baseman Sandy Taylor was named the Big West Conference Softball Player of the Week it was announced by the league office on Monday. It is the first such honor for an

Aggie this season.

Taylor helped USU to a 3-2 record in five games last week as the Aggies swept Southern Utah in a double-header and then went 1-2 against Sacramento State.

In the five games Taylor went eight-of-15 from the plate for a .533 average, while scoring four runs, knocking in seven RBI and hitting two doubles and two home runs. She also extended her hitting streak to 12 games before going 0-of-three in the final game against

BIG WEST STANDINGS

Team	BWC			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
CS Northridge	11	1	.917	21	16	.566
Long Beach St.	8	1	.889	30	13	.698
CS Fullerton	6	3	.667	31	11	.738
UC Santa Barb.	6	3	.667	20	14	.588
Pacific	5	4	.556	19	17	.528
New Mexico St.	3	6	.333	19	24	.442
Utah State	3	6	.333	14	25	.359
Sacramento St.	3	9	.250	18	17	.514
Cal Poly	0	12	.000	12	26	.316

Today's Games
 Utah at Utah State, 2 and 4 p.m.

Sacramento State on Sunday. During her hitting streak Taylor was 19-of-36 batting for a .528 average.

Taylor, from Poway, Calif., was sensational against Southern Utah in the mid-week series. She went five-of-six with two doubles and two home runs in the two USU wins. At Sacramento State she was three-of-nine with one RBI, which was the game-winner in the first contest between the two schools.

On the year Taylor leads the Big West Conference in batting average (.412), doubles (12), total bases (85), slugging percentage (.746), and on-base percentage (.455). She is second in RBI (35), just two behind the leader, second in home runs (8), just one behind the leader, and is third in hits with 47.

This season, Taylor became USU's career home run (22) and RBI (106) leader and has moved into second place on the career doubles list with 40.

Pacific's Cindy Ball earned the league's Pitcher of the Week honor as she went 2-0 and allowed just two earned runs in 17 innings.

USU nominated Kristin Hommel, who recorded two complete-game shutouts, while striking out 15 in 12 innings of work.

Taylor and her teammates will be in action on Wednesday when the Aggies host Utah in a double-header at Johnson Field on the USU campus at 2 p.m. USU will also host Cal Poly on Saturday and Sunday with games beginning at 1 p.m.

Bair sets school record in pole vault, wins USU athlete-of-the-week

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
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Utah State University women's track team member Shae Bair was voted USU's athlete of the week by the local media panel, it was announced today.

Bair, a junior from Blackfoot, Idaho, set a new school record and personal best in the pole vault at the Washington State Invitational

with a jump of 13-feet 9.25-inches Saturday. Bair bested the previous school record that she set last year by 6.50-inches. Her jump is an automatic qualifying mark for the NCAA Championships.

Bair will be back in action this weekend as the Aggie track team competes at the Mount Sac Relays in Walnut, Calif. and at the USU-hosted Mark Faldmo Open this weekend.

OTHER ATHLETE-OF-THE-WEEK NOMINEES:

Men's Track: JAMES PARKER/Junior... automatically qualified for the NCAA Championships while taking first place in the hammer throw with a toss of 224-feet 6-inches at the Washington State Invitational Saturday.

Men's Tennis: DAN BAIRD/

Junior... was the only Aggie to defeat his opponent in two sets (7-5, 6-1) as Utah State recorded its fifth win of the year against Weber State Tuesday, Apr. 11.

Women's Tennis: JOHANNA JOHNSON/Freshman... defeated Lauren Dial of Idaho State in two sets (6-2, 6-2) Apr. 5 as the USU recorded its ninth loss of the year

to Idaho State.

Softball: KRISTEN HOMMEL/Sophomore... was the winning pitcher in two of USU's three wins last week. Hommel is also the winner in six of Utah State's last eight victories. She pitched two complete game shutouts last week and allowed only four hits. The shutouts were the fourth and fifth of the year for the Aggies.

Welcome to homerland, a.k.a. the NL Central Division

FINALINE / Wade Denniston



Sammy Sosa, Mark McGwire and Ken Griffey, Jr.

The Chicago Cubs' Sosa officially started the home run race amongst the trio last Friday, when he belted a two-run first inning blast off the Cincinnati Reds' Pete Harnisch. But the slugger from the Dominican Republic would soon have company on Saturday.

St. Louis' Mark McGwire hit his first round-tripper of the year when he went to the opposite field in the sixth inning off Milwaukee's Jim Bruske.

It was The Kid's turn on Sunday. Junior got his long-awaited first dinger as a Red in the sixth inning when he belted a 2-0 fastball off Cubs right-hander Scott Downs, sending it into the second deck in right field of Cinergy Field.

All three players have gone on to hit at least one more round-tripper since hitting their first, and Griffey became the youngest player to hit

400 career home runs Monday night at Coors Field in Denver, against the Colorado Rockies.

And if that wasn't enough, the historic homer came on the 50th birthday of his father, Reds coach Ken Griffey, Sr., marking the fourth time he's homered on his pop's birthday.

Just 141 days into his 30th birthday, Griffey beat the previous mark set by Jimmie Foxx, who was 30 years, 248 days old, when he hit his 400th.

But the race for the home run title, especially in the Central, will feature more than this spectacular trio.

Already making a name for himself this season is Jeromy Burnitz of the Brewers. The 6-foot, 205-pound left-handed hitter, is leading the Majors with five home runs (all statistics are as of Tuesday morning) so far this season. Burnitz has played in all eight games for Milwaukee and is batting .360, with 25 total bases.

With Big Mac getting off to a somewhat slow start in the early going, right fielder JD Drew is leading the Red Birds in long balls with four so far.

And what about the Big Cat?

After sitting out all of last season due to cancer treatment, Andres Galarraga is hitting everything in sight in his comeback it seems. In six games for Atlanta, Galarraga has made 21 plate appearances and recorded seven hits — four of them being home runs, including a grand slam.

Although he's not in the Central Division, Montreal's Vladimir Guerrero will be a force to be reckoned with in the NL East. That's already evident as Guerrero has personally led the Expos to a first-place tie (4-3) with the Braves heading into Tuesday's games.

In 24 plate appearances this season, Guerrero has crushed everything he's seen. He's hit safely 12 times, four of those being homers. The 6-foot-3, 205-pounder, has yet to strike out this season, as well. All that is remarkable for a player who was not drafted by a MLB franchise.

Don't count out Barry Bonds in the NL West. Although the lefty has only hit two dingers so far, many more could be coming his way with a short porch in left field at San Francisco's

new Pacific Bell Park.

A couple of other names to be reckoned with in the Central are Brian Giles and Jason Kendall of Pittsburgh, as well as Jeff Bagwell of Houston.

Kendall is off to a slow start (no homers with a .200 batting average), but it is good to see the right-handed catcher back after dislocating his right ankle last season trying to beat out a bunt.

Teammate Brian Giles has gone deep three times for Pittsburgh this season and will provide a much-needed spark for the basement-dwelling Pirates.

Bagwell is off to a slow start for the Astros as he's hitting just .250 in seven games (6-for-24), and has yet to go deep. But, that shouldn't be a problem for the right-handed slugging first baseman as Houston's new playground, Enron Field, will prove to be homer-friendly.

On Monday night, in Enron's fourth game, St. Louis and Houston combined for a record eight home runs (one coming off the bat of McGwire, his third straight in three games), besting the old mark in Houston by two.

With the four homers, the Cardinals lead the big leagues with 20 in the season.

Wondering who to watch in the American League?

Certainly Ivan Rodriguez of Texas is noteworthy. Pudge has gone deep three times for the Rangers, but last year's AL Most Valuable Player is known more for his batting average and defense.

You can never count out Jose Canseco. The Tampa Bay designated hitter was having a spectacular season last year before midseason back surgery slowed the slugger down. Still, he finished with 34 homers, hitting the 400th of his career early in the season, and became the first player in history to hit 30-plus dingers for four different teams. In seven games in 2000, Canseco has yet to go deep for the Devil Rays.

Charles Johnson (Baltimore), Mike Sweeney (Kansas City) and Tony Batista (Toronto) are all currently leading the AL race with four, but without Griffey in Seattle, this year's home run king will more than likely come from the NL.

So, whoever you pick for this year's home run title, one thing is for sure, the race will be another exciting one. But not for the pitchers.

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Golf team finishes strong, places 15th in Arizona

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
Athletic Media Relations

Utah State University posted its best round of the tournament, a one-under par 287, for the fourth-best round of the final day of the Grand Canyon Thunderbird Men's Golf Invitational here on Tuesday. The Aggies, however, finished 12th in the 18-team tournament.

Utah State's Nate Blotter led USU's final day play with a career-best three-under par 69, one of just 10 rounds in the 60s during the three-round event. Blotter's previous best round at USU was a 78. USU also received an even-par 72 from Mike Haws and counted two rounds of 73 by Kevin Blotter and Casey Beck.

Kevin Blotter was the top finisher for the Aggies in the tournament with a 221 total. His rounds of 75-73-73 tied him for 28th. Beck tied for 42nd at 225, while Haws and Nate Blotter tied for 58th at 228. Chris Olsen tied for 64th at 230.

Santa Clara won the team title in a scorecard playoff against Cal State Northridge, while host Grand Canyon finished one shot back. The Aggies showed great improvement each round as after shooting a 309 to open the tournament, USU responded with a 299 and a 287.

John Davis of Grand Canyon was the individual medalist as his four-under par 212 edged Denny Kim of Cal State Stanislaus by one stroke.

Utah State will continue its busy April with a trip to the Idaho State Invitational on Monday and Tuesday, April 17-18. The Aggies will also compete in the Brigham Young Invitational April 21-22 and the Big West Championships April 24-25.

Team Standings

1. Santa Clara 287-299-285--871*
2. Cal State Northridge 285-294-292--871
3. Grand Canyon 285-299-288--872
4. Central Oklahoma 292-288-294--874

5. Portland 295-297-286--878
Others

7. Utah 298-298-284--880
8. Weber State 287-298-299--884
10. Southern Utah 297-305-287--889
12. UTAH STATE 309-299-287--895

* - won scorecard playoff Individual Standings

1. John Davis, Grand Canyon 72-71-69--212
2. Denny Kim, CS Stanislaus 73-73-67--213
3. Dustin Volk, Weber State 70-69-75--214
3. Tony Okano, Santa Clara 71-75-68--214
3. Aaron Kerth, Grand Canyon 69-74-71--214
3. Dustin Semsch, Central Okla. 71-71-72--214
3. Manny Hayes, CS Northridge 71-69-74--214

Utah State Individuals

- t28. Kevin Blotter 75-73-73--221
- t42. Casey Beck 75-77-73--225
- t58. Mike Haws 83-73-72--228
- t58. Nate Blotter 82-77-69--228
- t64. Chris Olsen 77-76-77--230

Men's tennis drops finale to Idaho State, finishes 5-12

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
Athletic Media Relations

Utah State University's men's tennis team loses its last match of the season on Tuesday at home to Idaho State 6-1. The loss dropped the Aggies to 5-12 on the season.

The Aggies scored its only point of the day at number five singles where Ryan Burbidge defeated George Devidze of ISU 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. USU's Andy Madersbacher and Tim Burrell played strong for the Aggies as they pushed ISU to three sets at number one and number four singles.

In doubles action, the Aggies won one of three matches with Jevin West and Tim Burrell at number two doubles defeating Simmo Sommer and George Devidze of ISU 8-4.

USU's men's tennis team will return to the courts on April 26-30 in Ojai, Calif., for the Big West Championships. The Aggies are 1-1 on the season against Big West

opponents. The Aggies defeated Nevada Reno 4-3 on Feb. 12 and fell to Boise State 6-1 on Feb. 19.

USU's women's team looks to hit the .500 mark with wins its final two dual matches before heading into the Big West Championships April 26-30. The women will travel to Ogden, Utah to face Weber State April 12 at 2 p.m. and then return home on April 14 against Southern Utah at 1 p.m.

Singles

George Kyvernitis (ISU) def. Andy Madersbacher (USU), 6-4, 2-6, 2-6
Simmo Sommer (ISU) def. Clayton Thomas (USU), 6-2, 7-5
Malcolm Swan (ISU) def. Jevin West (USU), 6-1, 6-3
Erkki Torn (ISU) def. Tim Burrell (USU), 4-6, 6-4, 4-6
Ryan Burbidge (USU) def. George Devidze (ISU), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3
Vasili Devidze (ISU) def. Dan Baird (USU), 5-7, 4-6

Doubles

Kyvernitis/Swan (ISU) def. Madersbacher/Thomas (USU), 8-6
West/Burrell (USU) def. Sommer/G. Devidze (ISU), 8-4
Torn/V. Devidze (ISU) def. Baird/Burbidge (USU), 8-6

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Dicko, Crosbie named conditioning All-Americans

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Utah State football player Donald Dicko and volleyball player Amy Crosbie were selected as National Strength and Conditioning Association All-Americans recently. They were nominated by USU strength and conditioning coach Shawn Griswold.

The award program recognizes outstanding male and female athletes who have excelled in their strength and conditioning. Selections are also based on community involvement, academic achievement and leadership

qualities. In all 164 student-athletes from 78 schools earned the honor.

Dicko finished his USU playing career this past fall as a three-year starter in the football team's second-year. Dicko, from Oakland, Calif., started 33 games in his Aggie career and was a first-team all-Big West selection in 1999 after finishing third on the team with 108 tackles. Dicko also tied for the team lead in interceptions with two and



Dicko



Crosbie

fumble recoveries with two.

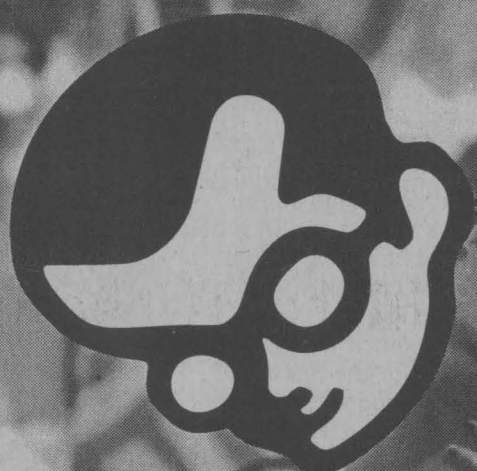
Dicko came to the USU campus weighing 162 pounds and left at 198 pounds. He had a bench press of 390 pounds, a squat of 650 pounds, power clean of 325 pounds and vertical jump of 33.5".

"Donald is a great leader and possess the inner drive to make himself and his teammates better," Griswold said. "He never missed a practice of

game due to injury. He demonstrates the commitment you want the whole team to have."

Crosbie, who is from Visalia, Calif., was a junior this past volleyball season. Crosbie enters her final year as the USU record holder in career kills (1,002) and was a second-team all-Big West selection in 1999.

"Amy is an incredible individual," Griswold said. "She motivates her teammates when things are hard. She participates in weight training and conditioning every day. She excels in the academic areas and student athletics. Amy is the first to arrive at practice and the last to leave."



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NFL teams are all tripping over themselves; it must be draft day

NEW YORK (AP) — The Washington Redskins have maneuvered their way up in the NFL draft with one player in mind — LaVar Arrington, this year's "next Lawrence Taylor."

But the Skins' best laid plans could go awry with one sentence from commissioner Paul Tagliabue: "With the first pick in the 2000 NFL draft, the Cleveland Browns (or New York Jets) select line-backer LaVar Arrington of Penn State."

Sure, with the second and third picks Washington can take Courtney Brown, the other prime-time Penn State defender and Chris Samuels, the Alabama lineman who can be their left tackle for years to come.

But Brown is a defensive end, of which Washington has plenty. Arrington adds the impact linebacker the Redskins need to help 35-year-old owner Dan Snyder achieve a real Super Bowl to go along with the ones he won in his fantasy leagues.

Thus the intrigue of draft week.

It started in earnest Tuesday when the New York Jets agreed to send disgruntled wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson to Tampa Bay for the Bucs' two first-round picks and either Bert Emmanuel or Reidel Anthony. The deal will go forward if Johnson and the Bucs can agree on a contract before noon Saturday, when the draft starts.

That would give New York, which already has two first-round choices, the 13th, 16th, 18th and 27th picks, perhaps enough to trade up with Cleveland to No. 1 for Arrington or Brown.

"If someone came to us with four first-round picks, we'd have to do it," Dwight Clark, Cleveland's personnel chief, said last week, probably tipping his hand too soon.

"If it were three, we'd have to think about it."

Brown and Arrington, who have supplanted Florida State wide receiver Peter Warrick at the very top, visited the Browns together last week.

Cleveland was thought to be leaning toward Brown. But Clark came out of the meeting gushing about Arrington the same way he gushed about his buddy Joe Montana after making The Catch that won the 1981 NFC title. The Jets probably want Arrington, too — Bill Parcells, who remains the team's general manager for now, coached Lawrence Taylor.

"He looks like a great prospect," Parcells said. "But the bus station is full of guys who were once compared to Lawrence Taylor."

That's what makes draft week so tricky — everybody lies or dissembles.

Two years ago, Indianapolis' Bill Polian kept everyone guessing over whether he would take Peyton Manning or Ryan Leaf with the first pick. He took Manning and says now — as Manning stars and Leaf struggles — that Manning was always No. 1 in his heart.

The prize for most truthful GM probably goes to Buffalo's John Butler, who before the 1997 draft said he'd jump in an instant if Antowain Smith fell to 23rd, where the Bills picked. Smith fell to 23rd and Buffalo jumped.

This year, Snyder and his underlings in Washington,

notably coach Norv Turner and personnel director Vinny Cerrato, have to be getting nervous.

"We like four guys and we're happy with two of any of them," Cerrato says, referring to Arrington, Brown, Samuels and Warrick. "Whoever Cleveland takes, we're going to end up with two outstanding football players."

Still, Warrick and Samuels have both dropped in some scouts' estimation — Warrick because he ran 40 yards in over 4.5 seconds at his private workout and Samuels because he showed up over weight at his.

Some draft analysts have wide receiver Plaxico Burress of Michigan State falling out of the top 10, although he seems most likely to go to Pittsburgh at eight.

But no one really knows. In 1998, Randy Moss fell from a top-five pick to 21st and became an instant star for the Vikings. Same for Warren Sapp, who in 1995 went from a possible No. 1 to No. 12 and is now an All-Pro for Tampa Bay.

At the other end is Lawrence Phillips, whom the Rams took sixth overall, despite his considerable baggage. He was gone two years later.

What do people who make the picks think?

"I just watch the teams ahead of me," Ernie Accorsi, general manager of the Giants, said Tuesday. "Then I make my pick and watch the other teams again to see who we get a shot at in the second round."

Yes, the only semblance of the truth is available draft day.

Lindros' Flyer career melting away because of feuds, injuries

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Eric Lindros' career with the Philadelphia Flyers probably will end with him as a distraction rather than a champion.

And now, amid all the injuries and clashes with management, it appears these might be Lindros' final days with the Flyers.

He rejoined the Flyers on Tuesday for the first time since his feud with general manager Bob Clarke tore a hole in his relationship with the team.

Still unable to practice because of a concussion, Lindros rode the exercise bike while his teammates prepared for Thursday's first-round playoff game with Buffalo. He will not play in the opening series.

"I don't think there needs to be any more said," said Lindros, speaking softly and seeming more like an outsider than the franchise player who was the team's focal point for eight years. "I'm just focusing on getting back and getting in shape."

Lindros said he spoke by phone with almost all of the team last week and also talked briefly with team chairman Ed Snider. Asked if he had talked with Clarke, Lindros said simply, "No."

Lindros was a walking textbook of medical problems this season. He missed two games with a viral infection, two with a bruised hand, four with his first concussion, four with back spasms and the final 14 with his latest concussion.

Still, with Lindros ailing, the Flyers rallied from a 15-point deficit in the last two months to capture the top

seed in the Eastern Conference.

For the second straight year, Lindros will not be on the ice when the Flyers open the playoffs. Last year, a collapsed lung kept him out.

On March 4, the 27-year-old center took a hit from Boston's Hal Gill, the fourth concussion of his career. The scenario was all too familiar: Lindros' brother, Brett, had to leave the NHL because of concussions.

Eric Lindros has written guidelines for young players on detecting and treating head injuries. Yet he continued to play.

He had hoped trainer John Worley would recognize that he had another concussion and pull him from the lineup. He didn't and Lindros played four more games.

On March 13, Lindros was unable to play at Phoenix and a tense situation worsened.

Team doctors diagnosed a Grade I concussion, but Dr. James Kelly, a Chicago neurologist, said Lindros had a more serious Grade II concussion. Lindros criticized Worley and team doctors.

"I think that it's a difficult situation because everyone has an opinion," goalie John Vanbiesbrouck said. "The one that's important is the attitude that you take — to come to play and want to win."

Clarke stripped Lindros of the captaincy and handed it to Eric Desjardins.

"It's fair to say when a guy like Lindros comes out and criticizes the doctors and trainers, he's thinking of himself and not the team," Clarke said.

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Bolivian protests continue despite peace agreement with government

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — Students clashed with police and anti-government protests continued in some regions Tuesday, but a protest leader called for a stop to weeklong violent protests after an agreement with the government.

Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets at rock-throwing students in clashes that lasted for several hours in the center of in La Paz, the country's seat of government.

After fighting running skirmishes with police, the students retreated to their campuses. A university professor, Jaime Vilela, said 15 students were injured and around 50 detained.

Elsewhere, a strike shut down Potosi, a mining city of 160,000 located high in the Andes, where local leaders said the government is indifferent to their economic problems.

Hours after the clashes in La Paz, the leader of protests in Cochabamba called for residents of that city, Bolivia's third largest, to cease all demonstrations. The city

returned to normal as thousands of demonstrators began returning home after the agreement reached Monday night.

It was in Cochabamba, 350 miles east of La Paz, that demonstrations broke out April 3 to protest a planned water hike. The protests spread throughout the country, leaving six dead and prompting a "state of siege" decree giving police and the military a freer rein to crack down.

Protest leader Oscar Olivera called for a stop to protests hours after Congress passed legislation Tuesday revising the water law as required under the agreement.

Congress removed a clause that would have pegged water rates to the U.S. dollar, and another that would have forced peasants to pay for using water from wells.

Under the agreement, the government canceled the contract granted to Aguas del Tunari, an international water company pushing for the water price hike.

Peasant leaders and government officials also opened negotiations aimed at lifting roadblocks and ending demonstrations at Aymara Indian communities, where soldiers and local residents fought over the weekend, leaving six dead and more than 50 injured.

The talks are mediated by representatives of the Catholic Church.

While the water conflict sparked the protests, the government admitted difficult economic conditions played a major role. Information Minister Ronald MacLean attributed the crisis at least in part to the raise of international oil prices.

On Monday, MacLean said drug traffickers were backing the demonstrations in an attempt to stop a government program to eradicate production of coca leaf, used to make cocaine.

The destruction of coca leaf plantations has deprived thousands of peasants of their sole means of income, especially in the area around Cochabamba.

Black leader says Latter-day Saints get better treatment

PHOENIX (AP) — A black leader is complaining that Latter-day Saint students get preferential treatment in a suburban school district.

But Gilbert school officials deny the claim and Latter-day Saints Church authorities say they want to meet with the East Valley chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and other civil rights leaders to discuss the issue.

In Gilbert, one-third of the residents are Latter-day Saints.

Teachers poll their stu-

dents to find out who is a member of the church. Hundreds of Latter-day Saints children also get out of their public schools every day to receive religious instruction at seminaries just off campus, as they do elsewhere in the Phoenix area.

And students and teachers alike wear rings identifying themselves as Latter-day Saints, with the inscription "CTR," for "Choose the Right."

Such messages may be subtle, but the leader of the East Valley NAACP says that they help create a cli-

mate of preferential treatment toward Latter-day Saints in Gilbert that leaves blacks and other minorities to bear the brunt of discipline.

However, Gilbert Unified School District Superintendent Walter Delecki said there is no pattern of favoritism toward members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The East Valley chapter of the NAACP, which is headed by Floyd Galloway, has filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education.

FOOD

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USDA regulations say eggs can be stored up to 30 days below 45 degrees Fahrenheit from the time of production to the time they make it to the store, though with modern practices eggs generally hit stores within seven days. Eggs will usually be safe to eat up to three weeks after the purchase date, but they begin losing nutritional value and may turn runny. Eggs can last in a freezer for several weeks if broken from their shells and stored in an air-tight container, but once thawed should be used immediately.

Fruits and vegetables are rotated every other day at most grocery stores, but it's still a good idea to watch for freshness, said Hansen.

Most fruits, excluding apples and most citrus fruits, will continue to ripen if left out at room temperature, so semi-ripe fruit can be bought in larger quantities and not spoil, he said.

Fruit should be watched for mold, brown spots and squishiness to indicate

spoiling as spoilage can be dangerous. Just cutting spoiled spots off the fruit may not be enough, according to the FDA Web site (www.FDA.gov), because a small patch of mold may indicate a lot of poison in the fruit.

Non-perishable foods, like cereal and canned goods, are generally not a safety concern. The most important thing is storing them in air-tight containers, said Katina Mayes, consumer specialist for Kellogg's. She said she transfers her cereal to an airtight container to keep it fresh, but folding the bag or using a chip clip will have the same effect.

A list of the refrigerator life of many common perishables can be found at the Partnership for Food Safety Education's Web site at www.fightbac.org/steps/doubt.htm

Common sense is usually a person's best guide for food safety, said Hansen. Fight Bac!, a program run by the Partnership for Food Safety Education, sums it up with these words: "when in doubt, throw it out."

would promote child safety locks, ban the importation of high-capacity ammunition clips, bar juvenile possession of assault weapons, and prohibit youths with criminal records from possessing handguns. It has stalled over the issue of background checks at gun shows.

The administration claims that federal prosecution of gun crimes is up since 1992 and it supports the idea of strengthening gun law enforcement. But it says the McCollum bill falls far short of the \$280 million it wants for next year alone to boost firearms enforcement.

"I don't think there's anything in there we find objectionable or offensive. It's just too little," said White House legislative adviser Joel Johnson said.

VIOLENCE

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duced after the shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado a year ago.

The bill provides a "paltry sum" for enforcement, said Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, top Democrat on the Judiciary Committee.

White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said the administration supports Project Exile programs but said the McCollum bill was a "cruel political trick on the American public. Using parliamentary rules, they have stopped any consideration of the gun safety legislation; they've stopped any consideration of the president's enforcement package."

The House and Senate have been negotiating since last summer on a bill that

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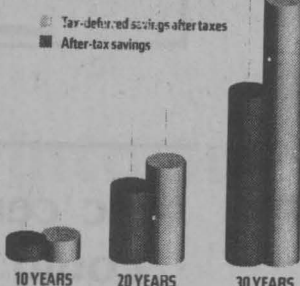
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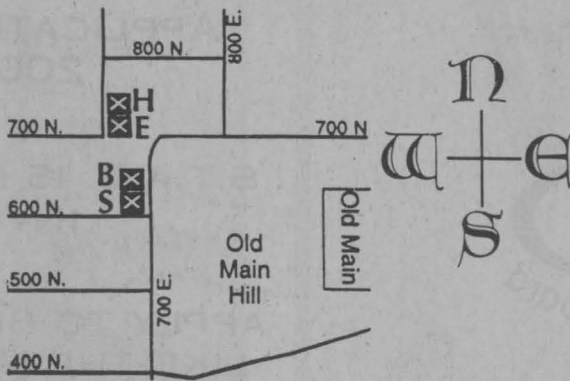
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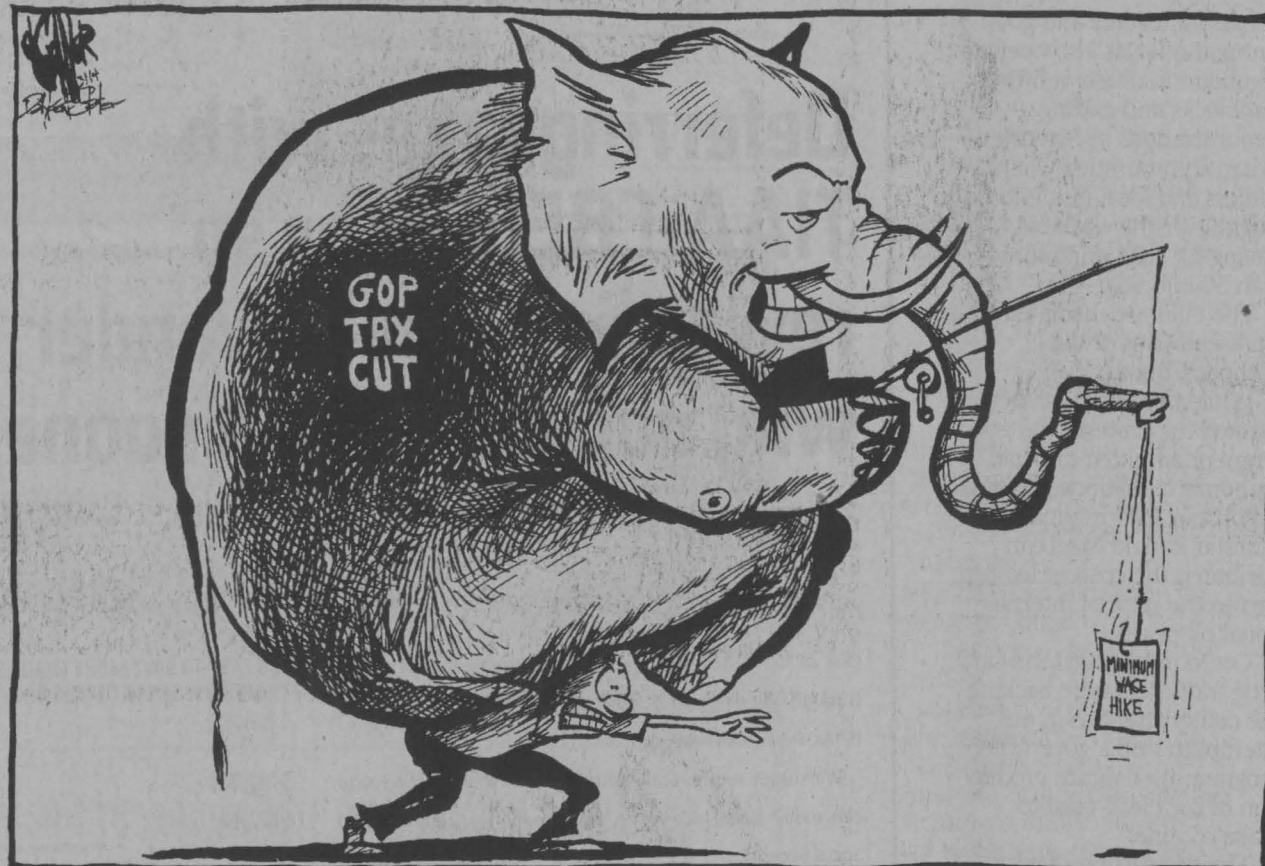
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I agree with Todd Johnson that the new student health club is a waste and it is ridiculous for USU students to pay \$11.50 a semester while it is being built. In fact, the building will not be done until the fall of 2003, and there are not many students that will be around to use the facility.

Once it is open, it will cost each student \$63 a semester to use the facility. And like Mr. Johnson said, that will be \$2.5 million a year based on 20,000 students. The question is where will all the excess money go after it is built and paid for?

I think the money could go to a better cause that students could see and take advantage of even after they graduate. Here's some ideas. Just imagine how beneficial that money would be to the athletics. We finally could bring back women's basketball and get off the Big West because we would have the last sport needed to get into a new conference.

We could get new seats for the Spectrum. I have been to Aggie Basketball games for 20 plus years and I think it would be great to see new blue and white seats instead of the colors they have now. Now you might think the athletic department gets enough money all ready. But with these little adjustments both these teams would make money which means when you win games, Aggie alumni will want to contribute to the school because they would be part of a winning team.

If the fitness center does pass, there will be less parking on campus. If students really want to work out,

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go to a place downtown you will be able to use today. Follow the advice of Nancy Reagan and just vote no.

Doug Layne

Vote yes for new
student rec center

How much longer do we have to wait for a DECENT Student Recreation Center at this school? I have attended USU for close to three years now and I have seen very little improvement to the meager facilities that are already provided. Yes it is very important to have the monies needed to provide an appropriate education at this school.

I believe in education which is obviously why I am here. Yet, if the role of ASUSU is to enhance the quality of student life, what better way is there to enhance the quality of a student's life than to provide an environment that not only educates them mentally, but helps to develop physically? Which in turn creates a student with a better quality of life and living.

I know I will be graduated before I see a Student Recreation Center at USU. Yet, if this proposal could have been put into action years ago, I could have had it while I was here. What I'm saying is let's finally get the rec center here, and stop putting it off. If grants need to be applied for or fund-raisers need to be started, then let's do it. But it's about time. Stop runnin' around the block and get a Student Rec Center.

Mindy DuBois

I'm a bad driver, so sue me

IN THE HEADLIGHTS / Bryce Petersen



are? Sometimes they just seem like little metal boxes with a faulty computer chip. I have never known anyone who was actually a bad driver. We all complain about them constantly. Who are they? And the answer is not 16-year old girls or 98-year old men. The answer is everyone. At least sometimes.

Okay, the answer is me. I am the bad driver you're always yelling at. And I have a request.

Don't call me an idiot or a moron or ask where I learned to drive. I have heard it before. Please, if you must vent your frustration, and I know I make it necessary at times, be creative.

If you must tailgate me all the way home, at least bring a bag of Jawbreakers and say "This is what will happen to you if you don't watch yourself."

If you must make obscene gestures, invent new ones, like sticking your finger up your nose as if to say "Stop picking your nose and drive your car."

Now, that said, it is not necessary to tell me I am a menace to society. I know very well that the road would be exponentially

safer if I was not there. There is no need to go out of your way to tell me so. It won't change my behavior at all.

If I almost switch lanes on a freeway with cement barricades two inches from each lane and you are right next to me being run off the road, a little beep of the horn goes a long way. I'll hear it, panic and swerve right into the guardrail and you're paint job will be preserved. There's no need to flip the bird, shout obscenities or brandish a weapon. I know what I've done is wrong and I won't see your finger before I see your car.

Please don't go out of your way to make sure I

know I am a bad driver. I already know.

My little sister used to work at Burger King, poor thing. While attempting to visit her I would, without fail, turn into the Wendy's next door. Usually, I would just walk over from there, but one time I noticed my mistake and kept driving, at 10 miles per hour for about a hundred feet on the shoulder, before turning in at the right spot.

The lady I didn't notice behind me tried to zip around, thinking I was turning sooner. But, much to her irritation, I moveyed along and forced her to hit the brakes and wait for me.

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Make an informed
vote about
rec center

GUEST COMMENTARY / Nate Anderson



Presidency on to my successor. As my last official act of office, I would like to ask the students of this university to vote today and tomorrow on the proposed student rec center. I am not asking you to vote for or against the proposal, but rather just to be active. Study the issue and vote.

Recreational facilities at Utah State receive more complaints than any other aspect of student life. The weight room is too small, the gyms are filled with classes or sports teams and we only have five pieces of cardiovascular equipment. Salt Lake Community College, College of Eastern Utah, Weber State and even Logan High have much better facilities. So, last summer I looked into our options.

We won't see state funding for better rec facilities for at least 20 years. We have core academic buildings, like the Engineering and Ray B. West building that need replacement. We all agree that academic projects come first.

However, we as students have the option, like Boise State, University of Idaho, Washington State, Colorado State, Northern Arizona and many others, to build a student rec center.

Like those schools, the only way we can do it is through a student fee. So now the students who have done the work to make this rec center a

real option are asking you to decide. Make the effort to voice your vote.

The homework has been done, the questions are answered and the information can be accessed at www.usu.edu/src. The facility will be a wonderful asset if passed; however, since we will pay for it, we need to decide if we want it. I personally am in support of the rec center. When I saw how much the facilities added to the campuses we visited, I felt that USU students deserved comparable facilities. At Colorado State I talked to students in restaurants and grocery stores, and without exception they felt the facilities were worth the fee. However, all aside, I respect the opinions of any who aren't in favor.

I want to thank all of the students who have spent countless hours working to bring this proposal to the student body. Your effort has been heroic and your accomplishment noble. Indeed, if USU is to have a rec center, it will be in the truest sense of the word a STUDENT rec center.

If we want to improve the recreational facilities at USU, now is the time and this is the way. If that's not a priority, let's hold off. Either way, I ask you to please vote online on the USU main page today and tomorrow.

Thank you for your support throughout this year. It has been an honor to represent such a student body.

Nate Anderson has been serving as the student body president of the Associated Students of Utah State University this year.

Politics in Utah:
the Republican way

KADE'S KORNER / Kade Minchey



you — the readers. This actually makes me very excited, for political thought, regardless of the view, is a fundamental premise upon which this country was founded.

All of the comments I have received, have been taken very seriously by me. For I believe that one cannot be truly right unless s/he is thought to be truly wrong by someone else.

Most of these comments have centered on my seeming hatred for the Democratic Party. As well some of the comments which meant to be

targeted against me have in actuality been in agreement with me. Through all of this, however, one person's comments stuck out and caught my attention — largely for the logical claims.

Jordan Nigh wrote, in part, the following to me.

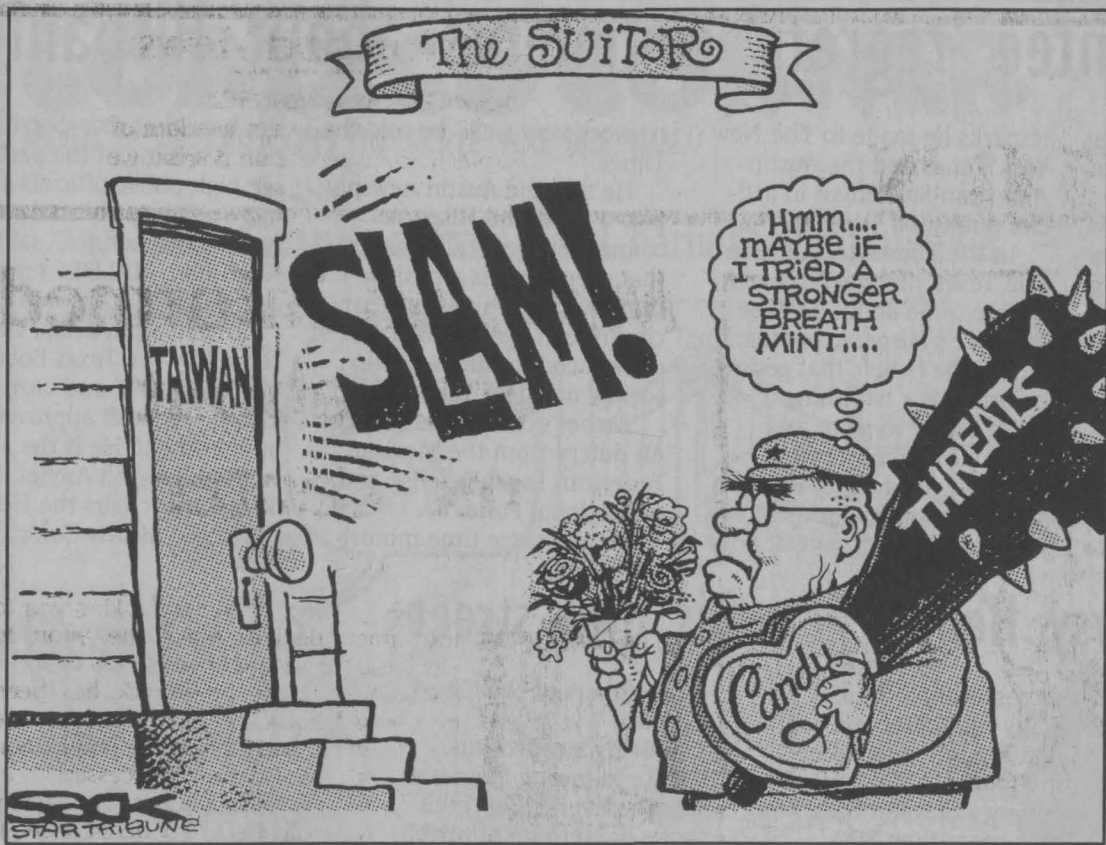
"In light of your comments I would like you to understand my 'ignorance.' In Utah our legislature and governor are predominantly Republican. They have set forth laws and economic policies for the past 50 years which reflect a Republican standpoint. What my comment is then, why is it in Utah we pay higher taxes than almost all of the states in the union — (we are about 18th)? Each year Kade, the legislature comes out of the hol-

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I felt like a jerk. I always do. So I parked the car and hung my head in shame. I gathered my thoughts and stepped out of the car. She was there at the drive-through, waiting for me. The line was empty, but she stopped and waited to tell me how she felt about the situation.

Learn how to drive was all she said. But I thought that was quite a statement, considering the hurry she seemed to be in. She was so irritated at me for slowing her down that she took the time out of her 30-second wait at the drive-through to give me that piece of needed advice.

Speaking of moseying, while hitching in Ireland I was with a

crazy Australian who almost nailed a little old man with a derby hat and a cart and a mule and an angry, shaking stick.

"Better change from highway mode to mosey mode," he said.

It may have been the shaking stick that slowed him down but usually seeing a life (especially someone else's, filled with their most intimate, depraved scenes) flash before your eyes is a good warning.

Mistakes are not always my fault. Sometimes, when I am about to pull off an amazing trick, I am sabotaged into another dangerous error.

The other day, I attempted to change my shirt while driving. I know, I know, but the shirt removal went off without a hitch. It required a little squirming and wriggling and a little help from my passenger, but it

was done and everything was fine.

But then I heard "are you ready" and was blinded as my helpful passenger struggled to pull the t-shirt over my enormous head. "No, not ready," I shouted and writhed violently to escape the web. Children scattered, birds flew, deer bounded and barricades shrunk away, I suppose, because I didn't hit any of them.

After nine years of being an idiot moron jerk who never learned to drive, I have decided that someone must want me alive, even if that nameless, faceless, cursing Saab behind me wouldn't mind if I wasn't.

Bryce Petersen is a journalism major and a writer for The Utah Statesman. Comments can be sent to breezelybruin@yahoo.com

UTAH

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lowed doors and proclaims, "another surplus we have provided." If you would check in to this you would realize that this state is one of the poorest fiscally run states in the union.

"It is just that we are stupid enough to believe that with the word 'surplus' means that everything has been paid for. This is so untrue with the state of Utah. Every year they receive federal funds for I-15, which to no avail was ever spent to upgrade our part of the highway. When it came time to rebuild I-15 there was no money.

"Governor Leavitt then levies a gas tax of \$.055/gallon to pay for the rebuilding effort, in the same year surplus is again bellowed from the state capitol steps.

"Our education system lacks funds. I believe we were about 47th in spending on education, yet our property taxes — (where we get education funds) is relatively high compared to other western states. Our cost of living is rising each year at an alarming rate with wages

not increasing to make up the difference. Yet this is the best run state due to the fact that we are run by the Republican economic ideal.

"I believe that this is a great state and what makes it great is the values of the people — not the Republican Party."

Jordan makes many good points; indeed it seems like he has stated a contradiction within the Republican ideal. Allow me to print part of my reply to him.

I said, "However, one point I would like to raise with you is that I believe the Republican mentality in Utah is one reason for the 'values' of the state. Of course, the LDS church, I believe, also contributes. But even more the mentality of helping oneself, which the Republicans embrace, leads to stronger, self-reliant people.

"Now, I am sure that many Democrats also believe this, but by and large as my article today (April 5) states the Republicans push for less social programs and more business to solve the social woes in society. Yes, there are many points you could argue on this subject, many I may not have immediate answers for."

I went on to explain that these problems he has pointed out with the State of Utah are not problems with the Republican "ideal," for the Republican ideal doesn't allow for such things. Rather, "one of the poorest fiscally run states in the union" is the cause of the sycophantic political system, not a capitalistic viewpoint.

I am a Republican because I believe the success and power of this country was founded on ideals the Republican's embrace. That is the ideals of capitalism, limited government, etc.

Even more countries that are founded on principles, which the Democratic National Committee purports, are not as prosperous or powerful.

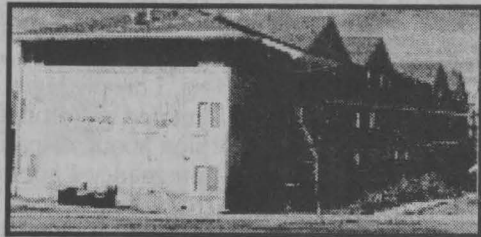
If any one else has comments please write me, whether in agreement or not. Jordan and I found out that we did have one thing in common — taxes. Jordan's given me some suggestions on my personal taxes, which saved me several hundred dollars. Thanks.

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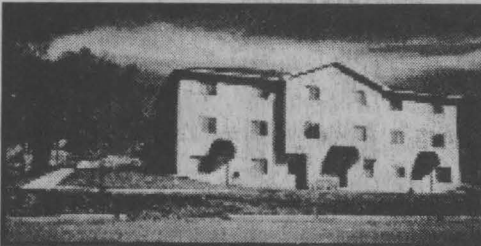
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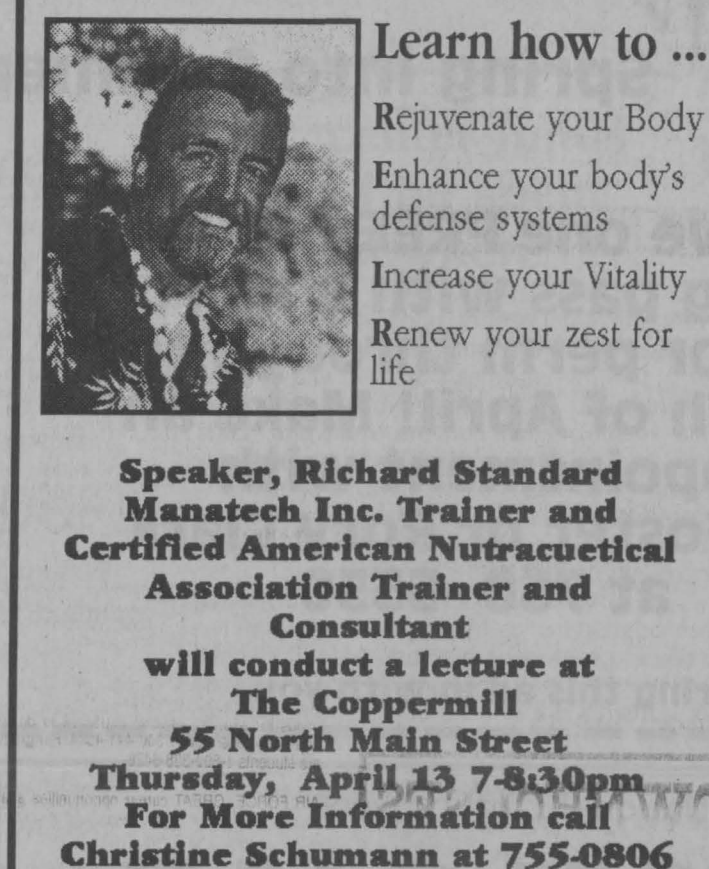
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Bush appointee 'regrets' comments about Hispanics

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Health Commissioner William "Reyn" Archer apologized Tuesday for comments he made in newspaper interviews about Hispanics and teen pregnancy.

"I deeply regret that I have created an erroneous impression about Hispanics and teen pregnancy. I apologize for any harm that it may have caused," Archer said in a statement.

Archer's apology referred to

remarks he made to The New York Times and the Austin American-Statesman in articles published Tuesday.

In the Times story, Archer said Texas' high teen pregnancy rate came about because the state's Hispanic population lacked the belief "that getting pregnant is a bad thing."

"If I were to go to a Hispanic community and say, 'Well, we need to get you into family planning,' they say, 'No, I want to be pregnant,' it does-

n't work very well," he told the Times.

He told the Austin newspaper, "I think the Hispanic community generally thinks that pregnancy is a positive thing. Society values pregnancies in teen-agers as bad, but certain communities within society may feel differently."

Archer's comments brought an outcry from the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

"At the same time minori-

ties hear that race discrimination is a thing of the past, you see high public officials promote negative cultural stereotypes about Latinos," said Al Kauffman, MALDEF regional counsel in San Antonio.

Archer, a physician, was chosen by the Texas Board of Health in 1997 and Gov. George W. Bush approved his appointment. He is the son of retiring Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, who chairs the House Ways and Means Committee.

After controversy Hefner gets his own street

CHICAGO (AP) — Playboy may seem tame in today's world of online porn, lewd pro wrestling and shock-talk shows, but the old magazine can still cause a stir.

After heated debate, a City Council committee Tuesday approved the naming of a street after Hugh Hefner, whose Playboy empire has its headquarters in Chicago. The vote came after Hefner's daughter pulled a rabbit out of her hat by taking centerfold, uh, center stage.

On Monday, the committee had voted down the proposed "Hugh Hefner Way" after listening to arguments that Hefner's work is degrading to women. But by midday Tuesday, Hugh Hefner Way got the OK.

"I understand that my father and Playboy provoke debate and discussion about deeply felt issues of personal freedom, about sexuality and about morality," said Playboy chairman and CEO Christie Hefner, who requested the street naming. But she defended her father's work as a celebration of things "that are beautiful and sexy."

"Hugh Hefner is the quintessential American

success story — one of many that deserve recognition on our city's streets," she said.

City aldermen have honored more than 800 Chicagoans with street signs, most of them in the past few years. Debate is rare and a City Council vote

is usually a formality.

Hefner, in Chicago to sign a Playboy issue featuring his twin girlfriends, took the debate in stride.

"Hey, they made it very exciting," he said. "It shows the prejudice in this society

that still exists. But it's what has made me a very successful and very wealthy man."

To make Hefner's sign — posted Tuesday at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Walton Street — permanent, it must be approved by the full City Council on Wednesday.

Hefner started Playboy in Chicago in the 1950s and his bunny symbol was long associated with the Chicago skyline. The company has grown beyond the magazine into cyberspace and pay television but remains headquartered in town — something that was not lost

on members of the City Council.

During a rancorous debate following Hefner's speech, several aldermen spoke of Hefner's contributions to the city. Christie Hefner offered a laundry list of donations her father has made to local organizations, including the Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union and the Chicago Urban League.

Just before calling a vote, Alderman Ed Burke reminded the city of Playboy's place in Chicago's business landscape.

"You continue to be a remarkable, successful and caring Chicagoan," Burke told Christie Hefner. "We are proud to keep your business in Chicago."

University of Chicago law student Jim Madigan testified against Hefner, calling the magazine "masturbation material." Madigan brought a copy of Playboy and opened the centerfold wide for the committee's inspection.

He said said he respected Playboy's right to produce the magazine, but "the question is do we have to honor it?"

After the vote, Madigan said he wasn't surprised by the city's reversal.

"Clearly money and business trumps the exploitation of women," he said.

Newspapers are out of touch with readers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newspapers too often fail to connect readers with reality, the president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors said Tuesday, straining the credibility that may be the industry's best asset against online competition.

Papers tend to hear frustration and anger when they ask readers how their communities are portrayed, said

N. Christian Anderson III, publisher of The Orange County Register in California.

"Their mirror shows a different picture, and it says we have not connected," he told ASNE's annual conference, in a point geared especially to minority communities but meant for all.

"I think we spend too much capital on coverage that shows people living at the extremes of community

issues."

Anderson said he saw no symptoms that the newspaper industry will be fatally stricken by the explosive growth of the Internet and its multiplicity of information and advertising sources.

"Still, over the long haul we must think and act differently," he said. "We need to learn more about how our readers and would-be readers live their lives."

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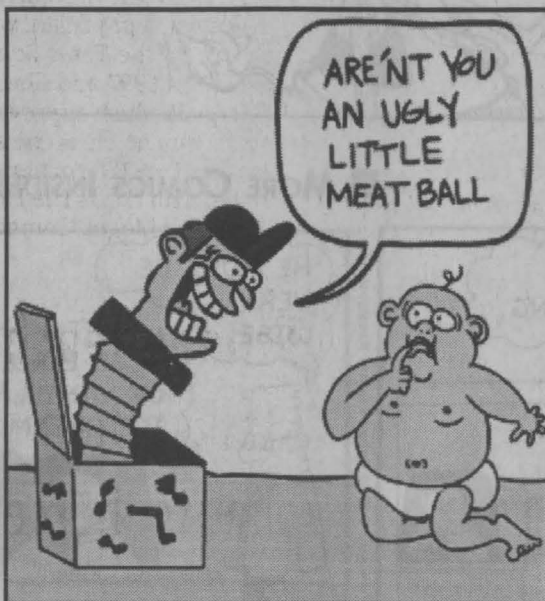
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Wednesday, April 12
●USU Softball vs. Utah doubleheader, Johnson Field 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
●Multicultural Cinema presents Empire of the Sun, 7 pm, Old Main Room 117. Free

●Asian American Week:
Sumo Wrestling from noon to 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, April 13
●Freedom of Speech Forum, the moderator will be Rod Decker. 2 to 5 p.m., TSC Sunburst Lounge.
●USU Theatre Dept. presents *Dangerous Liaisons*,

8 p.m. in the Morgan Theater
●Asian American Week:
Service Project @ Whittier Center noon to 3:30 p.m.
●Korean Food sale \$2.50/plate, TSC Patio 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Friday, April 14
●USU Gay Pride! Day 2000 event TSC patio
●"Women's Issues in Kenya" by Alice Nkatha, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. TSC Room 335.
●USU Theatre Dept. pre-

sents *Dangerous Liaisons*, 8 p.m. in the Morgan Theater
●Asian American Week:
Dance in the Field house from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

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- Pick up your applications for **Public Relations Committee** TSC Room 326.
- Mothers Weekend** April 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Registration is required, call 797-1125 for information.
- USU Libraries **Book Sale** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 12 & 13 in the basement of Merrill Library. In addition to a large variety of books, hundreds of cassette tapes and LPs will be offered.
- Operation Smile** closing social, April 12, 7 p.m., Lundstrom Center. Apply to be a leader! Find out about next year. Bring treats and games.
- Interested in joining the **College Republicans**? Look for our recruitment table in the TSC April 12. For info, call Summer 787-4495.
- The History Department invites its majors to the **History Student and Faculty Recognition Night**, April 12, 7 pm, New Widtsoe Hall Room 007. Dr. Anne Butler, USU Trustee Professor, will present a talk on "The View From The Big House."
- Dr. Steve Burr, Director, Institute for Outdoor Recreation and Tourism, will speak on "Opportunities and Challenges in Resource-Based Tourism Development in Utah," April 13, 7 p.m., Main Room 119.
- Polynesian Student Union** is having a club meeting April 13 at 6 p.m. all are welcome to attend.
- O.C. TANNER SYMPOSIUM** on Culture and Health

in America, April 13, 14 and 15. ECC Free. Call 797-4064 or www.hass.usu.edu/tanner
•USU's Dept. of Theatre Arts & Mountain West Center for Regional Studies invite you to "How I Make a Living in the Theatre: A Conversation with Sarah Peterson" April 14, 4:30 p.m. in Studio Stage of USU Chase Fine Arts Center Room 224. Reception Immediately Following. More information contact MWC at 797-3630
•**USU Gay Pride! Day 2000** event TSC patio April 14, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Look for guest speakers at noon, art show (all day) and film festival around 2 p.m.
•The USU Women's Center is sponsoring "Women's Issues in Kenya" by Alice Nkatha, April 14, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. TSC Room 335.
•**Date Night at the USU High Ropes Course** April 14, 6 to 8 p.m. (\$14 Per couple) Call 797-0423 For reservation.
•Friday Night Free Dinner & Movie: *Mr. Blandings Builds His Dreamhouse* beginning around 6:30 p.m., Faith & Fellowship Center.
•Faith and Fellowship center **yard beautification** April 15, 9 a.m. to noon, a light brunch will be served, 1315 E. 700 North.
•**USU Men's Lacrosse vs U of U**, April 15, 1 p.m., on the field behind the education building.
•**Robins Awards** April 15, Ceremony begins 7:30 p.m. TSC Ballroom. Tickets TSC Room 326. Gala following Sunburst Lounge.
•**Dancing to a live band** will be held for the last time until October at the Elite Hall in Hyrum, April 15, 8:30 to 11 p.m. Swing & ballroom \$3 per person. Dance lesson 7 to 8 p.m. \$1 per person.

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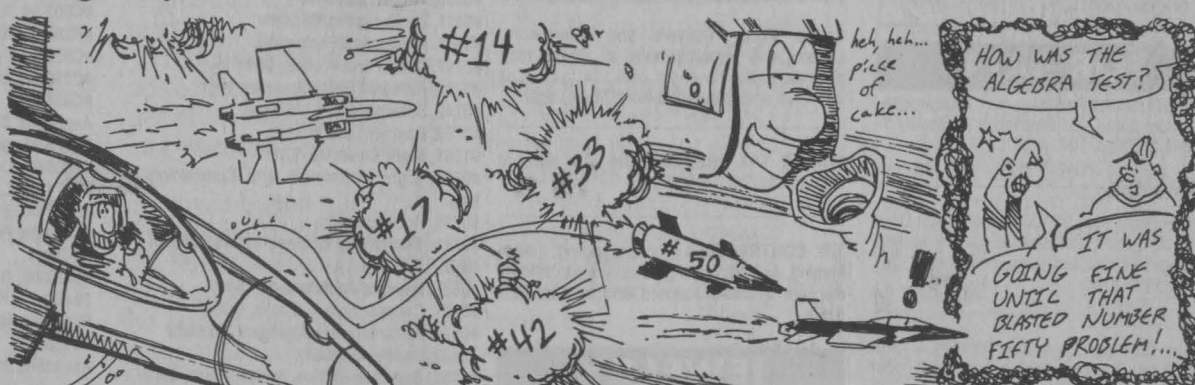
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