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Will USU football exceed media expectations? Today's *Statesman* evaluates this year's USU football team position by position.

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DIVERSIONS

Looking for travel ideas? Are you curious about what there is to do in the outdoors around Logan? Check out the *Statesman's* new Diversions section.



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ALMANAC



In 1965, "I Got You Babe," by Sonny and Cher, was at the top of the charts. In 1981, "Endless Love," by Diana Ross and the Supremes, was a chart topper.

In 1862, the second Battle of Bull Run took place during the Civil War.

In 1966, the Beatles concluded their fourth U.S. tour with their last public concert at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

In 1877, Brigham Young, the second president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died in Salt Lake City.

WEATHER



There is a 60 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms today, with a high of 76 degrees Fahrenheit. Thursday also calls for a high chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms.

AGGIE NEWS NUGGETS

PBS's "Nova" series is filming a seven-part series on evolution, which will include a segment on biology department chair Ed Brodie and his toxic frog and snake research. The series is scheduled to air in 2001.



USU STUDENTS WAIT IN LINE to order textbooks Tuesday in the USU bookstore that may soon be leased to a corporation. The decision will be made in a few weeks. /Liz Maudsley photo

To lease or not to lease?

Future of bookstore yet to be decided

JENNIFER BRENNAN
Wire Editor

Will the Utah State University Bookstore be leased to a corporation? There are many opinions about the issue, and the administration is working to make the best decision for everyone. The issue of evaluating the Bookstore surfaced in the spring and Barnes and Noble, Follet and Wallace are being considered as possible leasers.

The decision should be made in two to three weeks, said Paul Sampson, vice president for Administrative Services. The administration has been waiting for students and faculty to return for Fall Semester to make the final decision, Sampson said.

Students may have concerns or questions and the public voice is an element the administration is looking for at this time.

"Our interest is to find a solution that will best meet the needs of the university," Sampson said.

A variety of factors, including the

availability and pricing of used textbooks, will affect the decision.

"The more textbooks purchased, the lower the cost," Sampson said.

Students are voicing concern that turning the store to a corporation may affect purchases in the future.

"I don't think it's smart for the students, with the amount of money the leasing company will have to spend on the Bookstore," said Andy Dilly, USU Bookstore employee. "Inventory will be cut and prices will be raised. Textbooks won't go up too much, but the prices of clothing would. If the Bookstore stayed (owned by) Utah State University, it will be better in the long run."

But Sampson said research hasn't shown a real difference in whether bookstores like the one at USU are leased or not.

"Our research has not shown that there's an advantage one way or the other," he said. "We need to look at the

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ASUSU kicks off with diversity discussion

JESSICA WARREN
Senior Writer

Diversity on campus is a concern for the state, as well as the Associated Students of Utah State University, who discussed upcoming plans to help with such issues as awareness, statistics and curriculum in their first meeting of the semester Tuesday.

Everardo Martinez, director of Multicultural Student Services, presented a temporary committee comprised of representatives from each campus in Utah. The committee will be addressing issues of diversity and will eventually present a package of recommendations to the Board of Regents.

One suggestion already made to the committee is to conduct a survey to determine how students feel about diversity. In a similar survey conducted at Southern Utah University, approximately 98 percent of those surveyed said they thought diversity was important. He also said of all students 90 percent said they thought enough was being done to deal with diversity issues, while 90 percent of minority students said not enough was being done.

Martinez also suggested gathering more consistent statistics. For example, some campuses include international students in their ethnic minority count, though they are visitors. Doing this could double USU's minority count,

Martinez said.

He said this kind of data is important in order to get a real picture of diversity throughout the state.

The next ad hoc meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers on the third floor of the Taggart Student Center. The meeting will be followed by a Multicultural Leadership class at 6:30, and will be held each following Wednesday.

The class presents issues, then allows groups to discuss these issues and work on projects. These issues range from civil rights history, cultural communication differences, gender issues and their effect on corporate America. The class will also apply skills learned to real life for those in attendance to use as community leaders after college.

ASUSU is also planning ways to increase student awareness of their council and what they do. They hope to involve students and let them know they are welcome at their weekly meetings on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers. They are also planning to increase involvement in clubs and organizations, especially those dealing with diversity.

The council is now focusing on Week of Welcome. Ben Riley, student body president, said he's happy with what has happened.

"Wow! Good first week," Riley said.



THE WEBBS CANYON FIRE rages over a hill on the Wasatch Front near Kayville August 12. Firefighters worked trying to contain the summer fire, which threatened to move over the ridge into neighborhoods below. /Zak Larsen photo

Summer fires torch areas around Logan

BRITTANY PFISTER
Staff Writer

It's normal for the mountains dominating Logan's skyline to be brown by this time of year, but this fall they are more chocolate than their usual khaki.

Along with much of the west, Cache Valley experienced an unusually hot, dry summer this year, turning it into kindling waiting for a spark. The sparks came from various sources, causing several wildfires over the summer.

Three of the most visible and memorable fires sprung up at the First Dam, High Point and Millville.

The First Dam fire, caused by a bottle rocket, began July 6 and crawled up the hillside toward homes on Cliffsides.

The fire at High point on Saddleback Mountain was sparked by a hawk landing on a power line the afternoon of July 28.

The 250-acre Millville fire began the evening of July 29 and caused the evacuation of 11 families.

None of the fires caused damage to homes or serious injuries.

"Compared to other fires this year, the Highpoint, Millville and First Dam fires were smaller fires — not as damaging, but they were close enough to neighborhoods that we gave them

everything we had," said Bob Tonioli, fire management officer for the Wasatch Cache National Forest.

Some people have enjoyed this fire season.

"It has been loads of fun. It is a big-time adrenaline rush," said Koby Bennett, a senior from Grace, Idaho, and volunteer firefighter.

Bennett worked as a "ground-pounder" on a 20-man team.

"We mainly cool the fire off, look for hot spots, carry water," he said.

Other Cache Valley residents think of the fires as a big part of their summer.

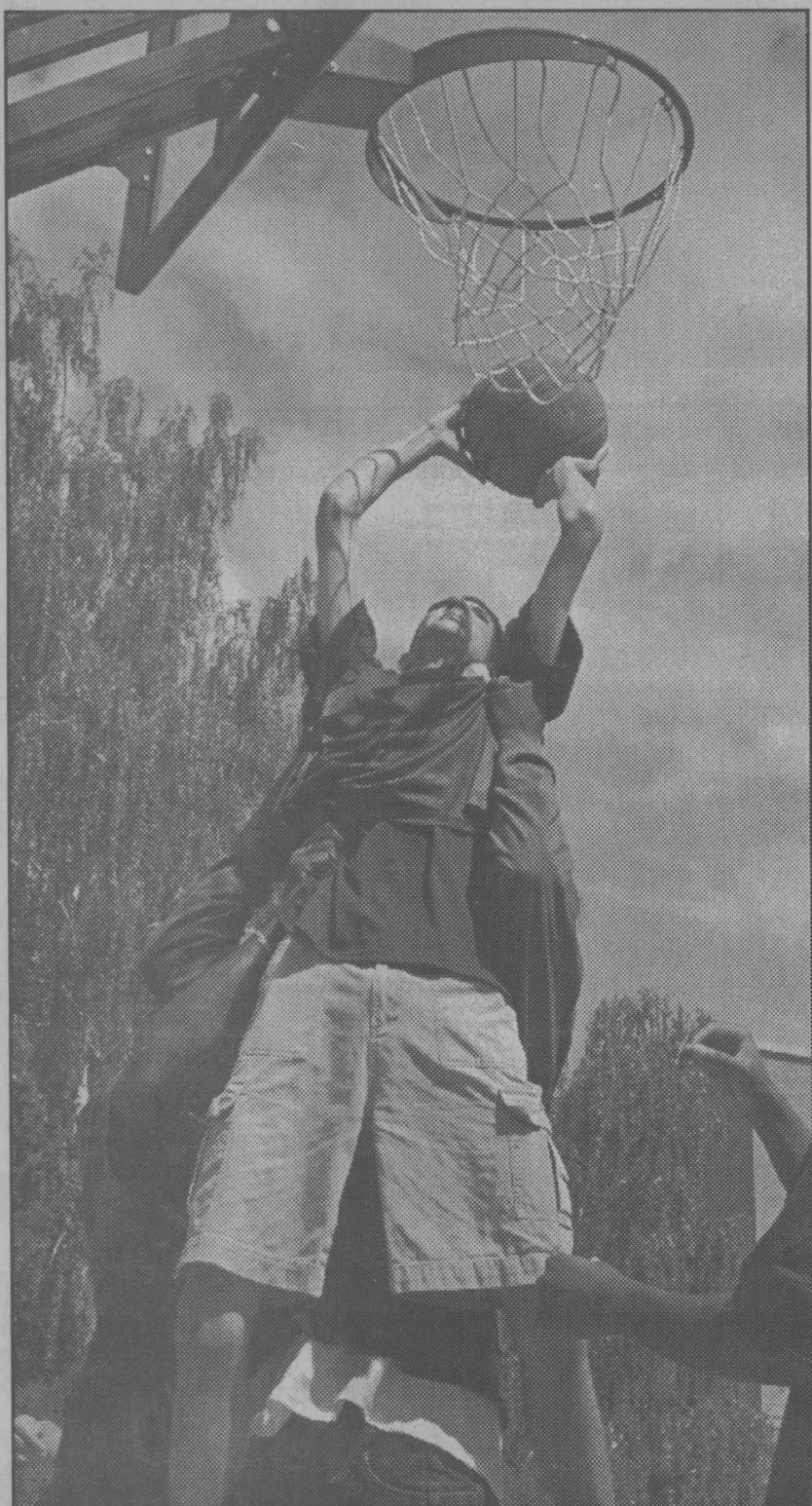
"I remember coming home and thinking, 'There are stars all over the mountain.' It looked like glowing embers," said Janelle Anderson, a junior from Logan who lives near the base of Saddleback Mountain.

"It was crazy. All those people [watching the fire] kind of made me laugh," Anderson said. "I saw people actually pull up in their trucks and set up lawn chairs and sit and watch the fire like it was a parade. Free entertainment; Logan people cannot pass it up."

However, the fire's audience seemed to cause some concern for the local

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Need a boost?

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEAM MEMBER Bradley Judy gets a boost from his teammates, members of the USU basketball team, to attempt a slam dunk during Tuesday's exhibition game on the TSC Patio. /Joe Rowley photo

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Half of the Salt Lake's new pedestrian flags stolen

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Thieves have stolen about half of the orange flags introduced in Salt Lake City earlier this month to help pedestrians safely cross the street.

The city is evaluating whether the flags, which pedestrians pick up before they cross and then deposit on the other side, are effective before expanding the program beyond the initial five locations.

The thefts are making it hard to gauge the effectiveness. "I hope the novelty of stealing them wears off," said Tom Stetich, director of the city's traffic control center. "How many flags do you need in your dorm room?"

Residents around town — especially frequent walkers who live in senior centers — have requested more self-service flag dispensers since the program was announced on Aug. 9, Stetich said. But with flags costing more than \$2 apiece, the city is waiting to see if the thievery declines.

Spanish Fork, the first Utah city to try the flags, has had similar problems with thieves. Of 100 flags donated by the Spanish Fork Chamber of Commerce, only 25 remain, said Tresa Ahlin, the chamber's past president who spearheaded the effort. The chamber is getting ready to order another 100 flags.

Boys burned after pouring gasoline down mine

MOTOQUA RANCH, Utah (AP) — Three teen-age boys were burned after pouring gasoline down an old mine shaft and then tossing in a burning stick.

Washington County Undersheriff Casey Thacker said there was an explosion, possibly from the gasoline fumes.

The boys were treated for second- and third-degree burns and released.

Thacker said the boys told officers they poured the gasoline and lighted it Saturday "just to do it."

More aggressive treatment urged for diabetics

CHICAGO (AP) — The National Kidney Foundation is urging more aggressive treatment of diabetics with high blood pressure.

Blood pressure in such patients should be no higher than 130 over 80, the foundation said. The current standard is under 130 over 85.

Most of the more than 11 million Americans with both diabetes and high blood pressure will need to take at least two drugs to reach the lower target rate, according to the foundation. The foundation also recommended that treatment start with an ACE inhibitor, a common type of medication.

The guidelines, published in September's American Journal of Kidney Diseases, are based on recent research suggesting that diabetics who have high blood pressure with a diastolic reading — the bottom number — of around 80 have fewer cardiovascular complications and less kidney failure.

Diabetics are more vulnerable to heart attacks and life-threatening kidney failure.

High blood pressure in a diabetic "is like adding gasoline to the fire," said Dr. George Bakris, who led a National Kidney Foundation committee that created the recommendations.

Researchers announce cloning

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — University of Tennessee researchers have announced the birth of a cloned dairy cow using a quicker and less complicated method than that used to clone Dolly the sheep.

The researchers said Monday that a brown and white calf named Millie, short for Millennium, was born full-term on Aug. 23, weighing 62 pounds. She is the third bovine cloned from adult cells born in the United States, but the first Jersey and the first using standard cell-culturing techniques.

"Cloning procedures are more simple than we first thought," said Dr. Lannett Edwards, who studied as a visiting U.S. Department of Agriculture scientist with researchers in Scotland who cloned Dolly in 1996. She led the effort here with her husband and colleague Dr. Neal Schrick.

Prosecutors say defense cannot question jurors' thought processes with Weitzel case

FARMINGTON, Utah (AP) — Prosecutors say defense attorneys cannot appeal the convictions of psychiatrist Robert Weitzel on the basis of the jury's deliberations.

Prosecutors argued in a brief released Monday that it is "expressly forbidden" for attorneys to question jurors' mental processes.

"To do so would undermine the very essence of the jury process," according to Davis County Attorney Melvin Wilson and Deputy County Attorney Steve Major.

Defense attorney Peter Stirba is seeking an arrest of judgment, contending jurors did not take sufficient time or care in their deliberations. If the judge chooses to arrest judgment, he could order the case to be retried or enter an acquittal and close the case.

Weitzel was charged with five counts of first-degree felony murder. After sitting through a six-week trial, jurors deliberated

five hours before finding Weitzel guilty of two counts of manslaughter and three counts of negligent homicide.

Stirba claims the jury made "a mad dash and rush to get home," delivering a mixed verdict and improperly compromising their individual opinions.

Stirba cited media interviews with jurors, one of whom said he wanted to convict Weitzel of murder, but agreed to less harsh verdicts to avoid a hung jury.

Prosecutors argued that juror comments about their deliberations are inadmissible except when there is a question whether jurors received outside information or outside pressure or influence.

Stirba also argues there was insufficient evidence to convict Weitzel of any crime.

Arguments on the issues are set for Sept. 5 before Judge Thomas Kay, who presided over Weitzel's trial. A tentative sentencing date is scheduled for Sept. 8.

Weitzel, 44, could be sentenced to up

to 30 years in prison.

Weitzel was convicted of causing the deaths of five patients in the geriatric/psychiatric unit he ran at the Davis Hospital and Medical Center in Layton. All five died during a 16-day period from December 1995 to January 1996.

The victims were Ennis Alldredge, 85; Ellen Anderson, 91; Mary Crane, 72; Judith Larsen, 93; and Lydia Smith, 90. All had exhibited loud and combative behavior stemming from senile dementia and had been sent to Weitzel for treatment.

Prosecution experts testified Weitzel weakened the frail but otherwise physically healthy patients with various psychotropic drugs, then killed them with morphine overdoses.

Defense experts claimed the patients were seriously ill when they were admitted to Weitzel's care. Stirba said Weitzel administered morphine as to ease the pain

10-year-old boy accused of shooting and killing his father

MARION, Ind. (AP) — A 10-year-old boy accused of fatally shooting his father in the chest has been charged with voluntary manslaughter.

Officials offered no motive and few details about the slaying in Fairmount, a town of 3,100 about 60 miles northeast of Indianapolis. The fifth-grader, charged Monday in juvenile court, was being held in a detention center.

"The charge speaks for itself," said James Luttrull Jr., chief deputy prosecutor for Grant County. "It's an appropriate charge based on all the circumstances." He refused to elaborate.

Wayne Salyers Sr., 36, was found dead in the boy's bedroom Friday night by officers responding to a 911 call, police said. The boy's mother and stepsister were in another part of the house at the time.

Police said they found the boy walking a few miles from the home about an hour later. He told them he had taken his father's .44-caliber revolver from a cabinet in his parents' room, authorities said.

A petition filed in court alleges the child knowingly killed his father "while acting under sudden heat."

Clinton meets Mubarak in quest for Mideast peace

DONNA ABU-NASR
Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — President Clinton and Egyptian President Mubarak, emerging as the two main mediators in Mideast peacemaking, committed themselves to finding a solution but indicated no breakthrough was near after meeting Tuesday.

The two met for an hour and a half at a lavish reception room at the Cairo airport after Clinton touched down in Egypt on the way home from an African tour that included a disappointing failure to reach a peace accord for Burundi.

They made no remarks after their meeting, but Amr Moussa, Mubarak's foreign minister, said the session was "good, positive and important."

Moussa said Clinton brought no new plan, "but there are ways and proposals and ideas" that could allow Israelis and Palestinians to move closer together in the next few days.

"But this will require a great effort," Moussa said.

Dennis Ross, U.S. envoy to the Middle East, said the two leaders reviewed the flurry of peacemaking meetings that followed a failed summit last month between Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak at the U.S. presidential retreat Camp David.

The Cairo meeting "was also a chance to consult about how best to be helpful to the parties and how the two of us (Egypt and the United States) can be working together to be most helpful to them in order to try to move toward an agreement," Ross said.

"We know ... that it is possible to reach an agreement, but the real question is how to translate that possibility into reality," Ross added. "There is a possibility and it shouldn't be lost ... there is a risk that it could be lost."

The boy's attorney, Martin Lake, denied the charge at Monday's hearing. "He wants to go home with his mother," said Lake, a public defender.

A child must be at least 14 to be charged as an adult in Indiana. If found delinquent, the boy could be under the court's jurisdiction until he reaches 21.

The father, a mechanic, and son spent much time together fishing, hunting, shooting BB guns and working on the father's truck, according to neighbor Gary Hurst, who lives across the street.

"He was a good boy. He'd say, 'Yes, sir,' to you, 'Yes, ma'am,'" Hurst said.

Town Marshall Brian Reneau said he knew of no police calls or other problems at the boy's home.

But neighbors in this small town best known as the birthplace of actor James Dean told The Indianapolis Star they often overheard loud arguing at the house, and described the boy's father as a stern disciplinarian.

"He was just angry with the son. He'd get loud," said neighbor Margarita Thompson.

The boy's next court appearance was scheduled for Oct. 16.

Moussa said it was impossible to say whether another Camp David style summit could soon be convened.

Clinton flew in from Arusha, Tanzania, where Nelson Mandela angrily lectured warring factions in one of Africa's bloodiest wars for failing to reach a peace agreement.

After encouraging democratic advances in a visit to Nigeria, Clinton had hoped to witness the signing of an accord in Arusha. He told ethnic Tutsis and Hutus: "When all is said and done, only you can bring an end to the bloodshed and sorrow your country has suffered."

It was similar to past U.S. messages for the Middle East, where Clinton has played an intense role.

Mubarak said before welcoming Clinton for their early-morning meeting that he is optimistic that Israel and the Palestinians can reach an agreement by next month.

Clinton stopped in Cairo hoping the Egyptian leader could help break a deadlock over the future of Jerusalem, the key obstacle to an accord. Both Israelis and Palestinians want their capital in the city revered by Jews, Muslims and Christians.

"President Mubarak has been critical to this process for 20 years now, certainly all the time that I've been here. So we are going to work together to see if we can find a way to help the parties get over this next big hump," Clinton said at the start of the meeting.

"We are trying to do our best to find a resolution to the problem in the Middle East between Israel and the Palestinians," Mubarak said. "We are making some consultations where we could help the two parties to reach a framework which is very important."

Publicly at least, the Egyptians have indicated they would not try to force concessions from Arafat, who stuck to a demand for sovereignty over east Jerusalem.

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In prescription drug war, Bush gets pressure from candidate Gore to 'just say something'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The presidential campaigns of Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush are slinging ads and arithmetic at each other in a battle over prescription drugs for the elderly. But so far there's only one plan — Gore's — in the fight.

With \$5 million in commercials and a visit Monday to Floridians struggling with their drug bills, Gore is jumping on the lack of specificity in Bush's promise to support prescription drug coverage for senior citizens — a promise the Republican now says he will flesh out next week.

Gore's plan to attach a drug benefit to Medicare comes with plenty of detail, including a \$253 billion cost estimate, enough for Republicans to tag it as another example of "Hillary-care" in a swipe at the ambitious health care reforms explored under the supervision

of Hillary Rodham Clinton. A "nationalized, catch-all, government-run, once-size-fits-all plan," said Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer, who made the allusion to Mrs. Clinton.

Responding to Republican ads attacking his Medicare drug benefit, Gore said Bush should be "presenting specifics so the American people can make a judgment for themselves."

Polls give Gore a 2-to-1 advantage when voters are asked who would do a better job dealing with health care and prescription drug prices. And the elderly are more apt than younger people to vote.

John Rother, policy director of AARP, which represents older people, said drug costs are the leading concern of at least half of the 12 million seniors his group represents.

"Gore has the advantage of having a plan," he said. "You

can criticize the plan; it's not all that generous, frankly, and it's also something that they've not gotten Congress to support yet. But it's a plan."

Fleischer said Bush's alternative, emphasizing consumer choice, would resemble that introduced in May by Sens. John Breaux, D-La., and Bill Frist, R-Tenn.: a sliding scale of government subsidies for retirees choosing to purchase drug coverage from private insurance companies.

"The governor ... will make clear exactly which of those levels he supports and how he'll do it," Fleischer said.

Bush himself called the Breaux-Frist plan "a blueprint for success" Monday while adding: "I think we can make it even better."

Gore's plan would ensure that no one enrolled in it pays more than \$4,000 a year for drugs. The coverage foreseen in the Breaux-Frist plan would

pay half of drug costs after a \$250 deductible, with an out-of-pocket cap of \$6,000 a year for enrollees.

Gore would have the government pay all drug costs for the poorest senior citizens. Most others would pay premiums starting at \$25 a month and rising to more than \$40 a month over 10 years, and they would also pay half the cost of the drugs out of pocket, up to an annual cap.

His plan is closely modeled on one offered this spring by President Clinton.

The Bush campaign resorted to a device already tried by Gore — call it the per diem principle — that involves belittling an opponent's program by boiling it down to how much it would be worth to someone per day. In that regard, Gore's plan would be worth 13 cents a day to the average senior citizen, who pays \$673 a year for drugs, the Bush campaign said.

GOP VP candidate turns to religious values and defense

KAREN GULLO
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Dick Cheney will sound off on popular conservative themes — Christian values and a strong defense — on a three-day tour through crucial battleground states.

With his Democratic rival sprinkling speeches with Biblical references and talking about morality, Cheney, GOP vice presidential candidate, was kicking off his latest tour Tuesday with a visit to a Christian athletes group, where he'll speak on character-building in education.

Cheney was sharing the podium with members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a national group that encourages students and coaches to practice Christian values and influence others to get involved with churches.

Religion has been a recurring theme for Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, Cheney's counterpart on the Democratic ticket. Tuesday's visit may help the Republicans reclaim a topic that has traditionally been a signature theme for the party.

"It's a well-chosen visit," said Dale Neumann, professor of political science at University of Missouri. "It will help re-establish coverage among the conservative right and show the Republican party as the party of Christian values."

The swing through Missouri, Mississippi, Georgia, North Carolina and Florida comes as Cheney has had to explain military budget cuts he oversaw during the Bush administration, which came up after he and George W. Bush belittled President Clinton and Vice President

Al Gore for cutting defense programs too much.

Cheney will revisit the defense debate Wednesday during a visit to an international studies center in Atlanta.

He's also been dogged with questions about a generous retirement package from his former employer Halliburton Co. The firm gave him stock options that become available to him after the election, meaning that, if he's elected, the stock could be affected by energy policy in the new administration. Cheney has said he'll take steps to avoid a conflict of interest.

Missouri is considered a bellwether for presidential elections and has an even mix of Democrats, Republicans and independents. Its voters supported President Clinton in 1996, but George W. Bush has been leading Vice President Al Gore in state polls.

Cheney, who had a conservative voting record while in Congress and is best known for his role as secretary of defense during the Persian Gulf War, will shore up support among the GOP's base of conservatives who are more to the right than Bush, said Neumann.

Ken Warren, professor of political science at St. Louis University, says the Republican ticket has to go beyond the base and persuade voters in places Democratic-leaning Kansas City to back Bush this fall.

State party leaders say Cheney has appeal across the spectrum of voters because of his experience in government. "He's such a steady hand," said John Hancock, executive director of the Missouri GOP, which is holding a \$1,000-a-plate fund-raising lunch with Cheney Tuesday.

Young woman remembered for spreading love and joy

OROVILLE, Wash. (AP) — A 20-year-old who was fatally scalded in a Yellowstone National Park hot spring was remembered as a spirited woman who loved life but was not afraid to die.

Sara Hulpers died about 14 hours after she and two 18-year-old men fell into the 178-degree thermal pool on Aug. 21.

Yuvia Storm, 21, said she and Hulpers were having the time of their lives working at Yellowstone for the summer — camping, hiking and making new friends.

"She was so happy," Storm said Monday.

Hulpers had talked about death and the prospect of an after-life, Storm said.

"She told me ... I had to be the one to spread the word she was excited about death," Storm said. "Tell them I had a wonderful life — no regrets."

About 300 people filled the Oroville High School auditorium on Monday to pay their respects. The room was decorated with sunflowers and evergreen boughs. A cascade of rainbow-color ribbons was draped over the doorway.

Hulpers' father, Dan, who lives in nearby Molson, sang two songs he had written in his daughter's memory. As he played the guitar and sang softly with two friends, many people sobbed.

A 2-week-old picture of Hulpers at Yellowstone, showing a young woman with a broad smile, dark hair tumbling down her back, her arms wide open and the Rocky Mountains as a backdrop, was printed on the memorial program.

"She said it was the most wonderful experience she'd had in her whole life," Dan Hulpers said in an interview before the service. "Everyone she worked with liked her. She said she never felt so

loved."

Sara Hulpers, a 1998 graduate of Oroville High, was a student at Western Washington University in Bellingham. She was studying science, math and languages.

"She loved Spanish, Mexico and Spanish-speaking people," her father recalled. "She wanted to do something with the environment."

Hulpers was a straight-A student and her family just learned a couple of days ago that she had won a new scholarship.

"It was kind of heart-breaking," her father said. She liked to dance and sing, and she made friends wherever she went.

"She was such a loving person. We had no idea how much effect she had on the people around her," her father said.

Storm and Dan Hulpers said Sara and two of her friends, Lance Buchi, 18, of Sandy, Utah, and Tyler Montague, 18, of Salt Lake City, were on their way back from swimming in the Firehole River on the night of Aug. 21. It was dark, and they were accustomed to jumping over a number of little freshets and streams along the way home.

The three of them were walking arm-in-arm when they jumped over what they believed was a small stream and plunged accidentally through the earthen crust around a hot spring in the Lower Geyser Basin, Storm said.

Montague and Buchi were able to get out. Hulpers was pulled out by friends.

She died the next day at the burn unit in a Salt Lake City hospital with third-degree burns over her entire body.

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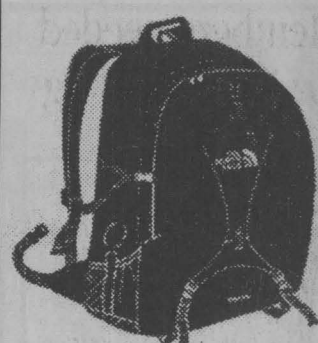
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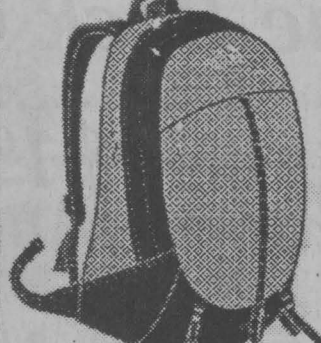
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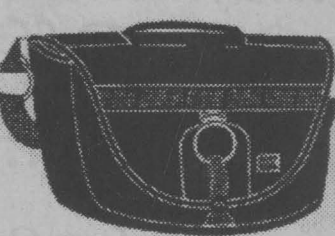
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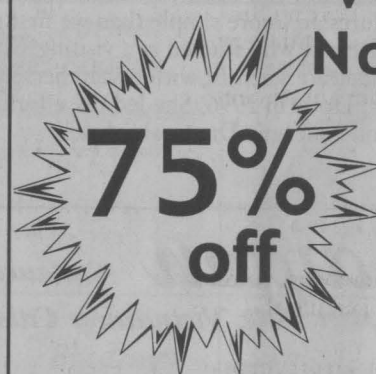
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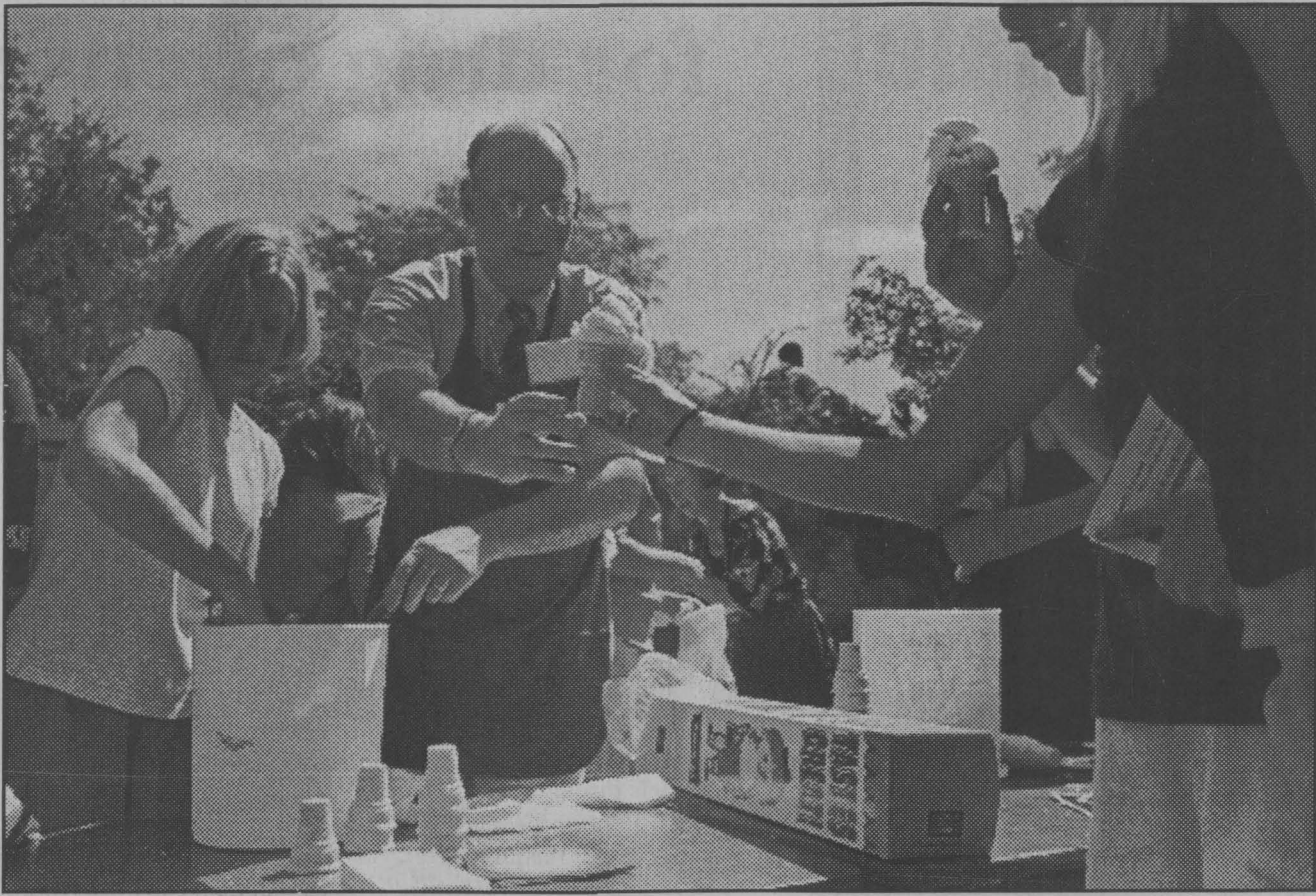


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Here's the scoop:

DON FIESINGER, acting dean of the College of Science, took advantage of the chance to meet student citizens, clear trails in Logan Canyon, help Special Olympics kids learn basketball skills and visit residents at Sunshine Terrace.

The activity was organized by Activities Vice President Angie Domichel with the help of the Executive Council. Several deans participated in the event, which Fiesinger said was a lot of fun and a chance to mix with students from all the colleges. /Joe Rowley photo

USU students explore connection between leadership and service

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
Media Services

Most Utah State University students returned to campus this week, but some students were back a little early.

They came early to pull weeds for senior citizens, clear trails in Logan Canyon, help Special Olympics kids learn basketball skills and visit residents at Sunshine Terrace.

Student leaders from across campus got hands-on practice in service as part of a fall leadership retreat, said Randy Jensen, director of Student Activities.

"Their activities took them to the Hispanic Center, Head Start, Common Ground, individual homes, pretty much anywhere that needed a little elbow grease or outreach," Jensen said.

The elbow grease was provided by student body officers and student leaders from the multicultural and interna-

tional student programs, the Student Alumni Association, campus fraternities and sororities, the Latter-day Saint Institute and the residence halls.

So what does leadership have to do with pulling weeds?

According to new Student Body President Ben Riley, student leadership is about service to others rather than self-service.

"We wanted student leaders to realize that service is a central component of leadership," Riley said. "As we serve others, we become more effective leaders."

Alicia Frederickson, director of the Val R. Christensen Service Center, worked to help clear debris from an older man's yard. "In spite of the August heat wave, we had a blast," she said. A beautiful rock fountain slowly emerged from under the mound of

weeds. Fredrickson said the elderly man gave each student a hug and repeated, "I don't like people. I love people."

"It was an eye opener for many students to see how others lived, to see their situation," said Jensen. "It instilled in the students a sense of wanting to give back. This was the favorite part of the workshop for many students, and it's definitely a tradition we want to continue."

Riley, a business major from Payson, Utah, noted that leadership is often based on perks, on a "what's in it for me" attitude. He praised campus leaders, saying "they embody a lot of what is good about governance. There aren't a lot of perks for student leaders. They truly just want to serve and make a difference," Riley said. "One of the most powerful impressions we received was the realization of the good that individuals can do."

Court says U. of Mississippi can restrict flag display

BILLY O KEEFE
TMS Campus News

A federal appeals court on Friday defended the constitutionality of the University of Mississippi's ban on Confederate flags at football games.

Upheld by the Fifth Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals, the policy prohibits spectators from entering Vaught-Hemingway Stadium with any flag, not just a Confederate flag, that measures more than 12 by 14 inches and is attached to a stick.

Flags not on sticks, along with clothing and blankets bearing the Confederate likeness, are still permitted.

The ban stems from an incident in

1997 in which Tommy Tuberville, Ole Miss's football coach at the time, asked fans to stop waving the flags at games, a practice steeped in tradition but one Tuberville found insulting to black students and fans.

To compliment Tuberville's feelings, the Associated Student Body adopted a resolution, turning the request into university policy.

That same year, Richard N. Barrett, a lawyer for the white-supremacist Nationalist Movement, sued the university, calling the policy unconstitutional.

The Nationalists also staged a "Stick the Ban" rally before a game that November.

A decision in 1999 by U.S. District Court Judge Neal Biggers Jr. reaf-

firmed the policy, prompting Barrett to appeal his case to the Fifth Circuit.

After the current decision was announced, Barrett vowed that the fight had not yet ended.

"It is ironic that burning a flag is called free speech, but waving it is not. I'm sticking in this ring until I knock the flag haters out," Barrett said.

On campus, the feelings were somewhat mixed.

"I am very 'iffy' on the situation," freshman Hallie Epperson told the "Daily Mississippian." "I feel that the flag is not a problem when it is considered a part of our history, but if it offends people, then we don't need it."

The rule also prohibits spectators from bringing umbrellas and alcoholic beverages inside the stadium.

Students forced to join groups

ANNETTA MCQUEEN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP)— Fear and pride almost kept Chris Wall from talking about the hazing — a beating — he received from older football players at a Mansfield, Texas, high school. But then a greater worry took over.

"It just gets worse and worse," said Wall, a 16-year-old junior who reported the incident and later changed schools. "They know they can get away with it so they bring it up to the next level. It gets more and more physical and more and more abusive."

Almost half the high school students who answered a nationwide survey said they were made to eat disgusting things, abuse alcohol or drugs or perform humiliating or illegal acts to join athletic teams, the band, even church groups, researchers at Alfred University in Alfred, N.Y., reported Monday.

In the survey, students said they were most likely to be hazed by a sports team or gang. They also reported being hazed for music, art and theater clubs and church groups. Every high school organization except school newspaper and yearbook staffs had high levels of hazing, the survey found. About a third said they wouldn't tell an adult of the hazing.

"Students may already be deeply immersed in the culture of hazing before they arrive on our campuses as freshmen," said Charles Edmondson, president of the private liberal arts university that is known for studies of haz-

ing among college sports teams, fraternities and sororities. "Our challenge is much greater than anyone appreciated."

The university-funded survey does not represent the teen population at large. Only 1,541 of those mailed surveys returned them, just over 8 percent, but the project's lead researcher, Nadine Hoover, said further studies could build on the findings.

The results nevertheless further a debate over whether hazing is more a time-honored rite of passage or a dangerous trend that sends increasing numbers of children to hospitals or jails.

In Winslow, Ariz., six of eight high school athletes charged in the sexual assault of about a dozen basketball and track team members accepted plea bargains last week in the cases; the basketball coach was also indicted, accused of knowing about some of the abuses and failing to stop them.

Schools need to do more, said Linda Murtie, an Essex, Vt., parent who campaigned against hazing after her 16-year-old daughter, Lizzie, was forced to eat a banana protruding from a boy's pants zipper.

"They think their harassment policies cover hazing, but they don't," Murtie said. "There is such an issue about whether the kids are consenting to the hazing or not."

Hazing was defined by researchers as any humiliating or dangerous act expected of new group members, regardless of willingness to participate.

Logan offers a break for minor crimes

LEAH L. CULLER
News Editor

Some Logan City residents with outstanding warrants will be given a break during the month of September.

The City of Logan has announced an amnesty period from Sept. 1 to Sept. 30 in which individuals with warrants or orders to show cause may clear them by contacting the Logan Municipal Justice Court and paying the original fine amount.

The purpose of the amnesty period is to clear up as many smaller warrants as possible, said Sgt. Russ Roper of the Logan City Police Department.

"There are a lot for minor traffic offenses people have forgotten about," he said.

During this amnesty period, any delinquent fees, warrant fees, interest or order to show cause fees will be waived. Court-ordered counseling and victim restitution must be paid in full for an individual to qualify for amnesty. Amnesty will be granted to people who have been issued bench warrants for failure to appear in court and people ordered to show cause by the Logan City Municipal Justice Court. An order to show cause is an order by the court to an individual who has already appeared before the judge and has failed to complete counseling, make restitution or complete any other penalty assigned, Roper said.

For example, a person cited for a red light violation is fined \$50. If the person fails to appear in court, other fees are imposed, including a \$20 late fee and a \$50 warrant fee. The person then owes \$120 and faces the possibility of being contacted by the police, arrested for the warrant and being taken to jail. Their vehicle could also be impounded. During the month of September, anyone in this position can go to the court and pay only the \$50 original fee. All other fees are waived and the warrant is cleared.

Many of the more than 1,700 outstanding warrants in Logan City are for minor offenses, Roper said. This amnesty period will give the police and court time to deal with more serious offenses, such as felonies, DUIs and domestic violence charges, which are not included in the amnesty program. Those charges require a mandatory appearance before the judge.

Offenses included in the program can be taken care of by the clerk at the court, instead of in front of a judge.

"We want people to check (for warrants) and take care of this," Roper said.

This program has never been tried in the past, and Roper said it won't be done again for many years.

"This is a 30-day window of opportunity," he said. "In October, we'll go back to serving these warrants and pursuing them."

Individuals who believe they may have a warrant can check the Logan Police Department Web site at www.loganutah.org/police/index.html to view a current warrants list. For more information, contact the Logan City Municipal Justice Court at (435) 750-7111 or the Logan City Police Department at (435) 750-9900 or (800) 239-6746.

BOOKSTORE

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whole picture"

Two committees began working toward the final decision in the spring.

A committee of USU faculty, staff and students worked with the Bookstore to evaluate how it was meeting the needs of its potential customers.

A second committee worked with the private sector. This committee was involved in every detail of the assessment, Sampson said.

Any corporate company was invited to participate in the assessment.

In a few weeks the final decision will be made. Within 30 days after the decision, the appropriate action will be taken. If the Bookstore is leased, the corporation will sign a five year contract.

Whether the Bookstore remains in the ownership of the university or not, any changes that come from this extensive evaluation of the Bookstore will be permanent, Sampson said.

"The Bookstore is doing well, and the issue is to define how good they are compared to others," Sampson said.

The Bookstore is not the only type of lease on campus. The concessions and vending machines are also leased to corporations.

If the Bookstore goes corporate, employees won't be terminated, as agreed by the corporations that are being considered.

News Briefs

Permit required for food vendors

The Bear River Health Department is requiring all organizations to obtain a Temporary Food Service Permit before selling any type of food on campus.

The Environmental Health and Safety Office said groups must obtain a permit at least five days before the event if they plan to sell or serve food.

The permits cost \$15 and can be paid in cash, check or requisition.

At least one person working the event must possess a current Food Handler's Permit. In addition, a review of food sanitation requirements and guidelines is required before the permit can be issued.

For more information, contact the Bear River Health Department at 881-0354.

No garbage pickup Monday

There will be no residential garbage pickup and the landfill will be closed in observance of Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4.

Monday residential garbage will be picked up along with Tuesday residential garbage on Tuesday. Containers need to be out by 7 a.m., as normal routes may not be followed.

The landfill will be open from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2.

Was too much water released at Bear Lake?

GARDEN CITY (AP)— Utah Power miscalculated how much water it could release from Bear Lake this year, leaving some boating ramps high and dry, a citizens group says.

"There is quite a bit of concern," said Dick Motta, a member of the Bear Lake Watch.

Motta said some of his group think Utah Power, which controls releases from the lake, miscalculated the amount of runoff expected from the snowpack and let out too much water last winter.

"It was pretty evident early in the winter that it was going to be a dry winter, but they drew down anyway," he said.

Utah Power said there was no way to know how much runoff would make its way to the lake.

Members needed for Homecoming Committee

A meeting will be held Thursday to orient students who are interested in being on the 2000 Homecoming Committee.

The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. and will be held on the third floor of the Taggart Student Center.

More information is available by e-mailing clubs@cc.usu.edu.

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Rebels armed for drug offense

PENAS COLORADAS, Colombia (AP) — Their fuselages flashing in the sun, two airplanes lazily circled over fields of coca, ready to dump a load of herbicides onto the robust, green bushes used to make cocaine. Rebels waited below.

Crouching behind fences, tree stumps and the coca itself, fighters from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, opened up on the two Vietnam-era planes with M-16 and Galil assault rifles, the crackle of automatic weapons fire splitting the afternoon silence.

During the action Friday, witnessed by an Associated Press team accompanying the rebels through the coca fields near the southern village of Penas Coloradas, neither of the U.S.-made OV-10 airplanes was shot down. But the camouflage-clad leftist guerrillas considered it a victory: The unprotected aircraft veered off without releasing their cargo.

President Clinton's visit to Colombia on Wednesday and a \$1.3 billion U.S. aid package aim to drive the rebels from the drug fields. Under the plan, 60 U.S. combat helicopters will escort fumigation planes and ferry U.S.-trained anti-narcotics troops into drug-producing plantations that cover vast areas of southern Colombia.

FARC rebels, as well as a rival right-wing paramilitary group, protect the crops of coca and poppy, from which heroin is made. The rebels have vowed to fight the anti-drug offensive.

Critics contend the so-called Push into Southern Colombia, expected to get into full swing next year, will derail fledgling peace talks and draw the United States directly into Colombia's 36-year-old guerrilla war.

U.S. officials insist their only interest is in fighting drugs but express growing concern about the 15,000-strong FARC, which has used proceeds from the drug trade to better arm itself and to dominate a large part of the countryside.

FARC commander Alfonso Cano called the planned offensive a veiled counterinsurgency plan and a symbol of President Andres Pastrana's subservience to Washington.

"The United States needs an excuse to continue to play the role of the world's policeman, and now that excuse is (fighting) drug trafficking," said the bearded rebel leader in an interview in San Vicente del Caguan, a town a four-hour riverboat ride north of Penas Coloradas.

Nationwide, many Colombians support the anti-drug push. But in Colombia's coca-growing regions, hundreds of thousands of poor coca farmers, itinerant harvesters and small-time merchants do not.

In Penas Coloradas, a

grimy settlement on the brown and windy Caguan River, 280 miles from the capital Bogota, coca is the economy's driving force and the FARC the only law and order. The rebels take their cut of the cocaine production process while serving as a de facto government. Liquor sales are forbidden between Monday and Friday. Theft and drunkenness are punished. Prostitutes at the town's Great Saigon bar must take AIDS tests.

Before the fumigation planes made their abortive spraying attempt, the local rebel commander — known as Herley — said the coming offensive will provide the FARC with an ample recruiting base among farmhands who could lose their livelihoods as a result.

"How many enemies are created when you take away the food from someone's children" the rebel, a 22-year FARC veteran with long, soiled fingernails and a bloodshot glare, asked as he strode through the coca fields.

Later, as the fumigation planes flew overhead, he rested the barrel of his rifle on a tree stump, aimed at the aircraft, and carefully squeezed off a few rounds.

For the farmers in Penas Coloradas, as in much of the rest of impoverished, rural Colombia, there are few viable alternatives to making a living than growing coca. They are skeptical of government pledges that the anti-drug offensive will be accompanied by loans and other assistance to help them grow legal crops.

"The government doesn't even know we exist," fumed Miguel Hernandez, whose four-acre coca plot was fumigated two times last week, wilting banana trees mixed in with the coca.

Only about a tenth of the U.S. aid plan would provide funds for alternative development projects.

While the cocaine trade nets huge profits for those further up the international drug chain, the small-time farmers who grow coca near Penas Coloradas make very little.

Jose, a farmer who turned to coca four years ago after working for years as a migrant coffee picker, said he earns only about \$375 a month in profits off his 12 1/2 acres of coca. He didn't give his last name for fear of having problems with the law.

Standing in a wooden shack at a bend in the Caguan River, he intently watched local men commissioned by drug cartels test the purity of his football-sized bag of "coca base" — a semi-processed form of cocaine. One of the men then handed Jose a wad of cash.

"It's not honorable work," Jose said sheepishly. "But here in Colombia we have to eat however we can."

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Summer heat

USU students help battle blazes around the West

DOUG SMEATH

Assistant Features Editor

Utah State University sophomore Christy Shumway thought she'd be spending the summer building fences and infrastructures for the U.S. Forest Service. Instead, she found herself part of a 20-person crew engaged in hand-to-flame combat with wildfires across Idaho.

Shumway, a rangeland resources major from Springville, Utah, said she spent 12 or 13 days this summer working on five fires ranging from Yellowstone National Park to Malad, Idaho. Her weapon, a shovel; her enemies, a few of the almost countless fires that seemed at times to be burning the entire landscape from Montana to New Mexico after a dry, hot summer.

Shumway said she didn't expect to be fighting fires this summer. "It was kind of exciting and scary."

This was Shumway's first year fighting fires; a veritable crash course in the mechanics — and the dangers — of dealing with a force that has been both friend and foe to mankind through the ages.

While USU students spread throughout several western states fighting the fires, people from outside Logan came to Cache Valley and surrounding areas to help fight local fires.

Maughan Track Stadium became a temporary home for crews from throughout the Intermountain West who had no place to stay because local hotel rooms were full.

When they weren't battling the many fires in the area, including one in Logan Canyon started by a hawk hitting on an electrical wire, they were showering in the USU football locker rooms or eating meals courtesy of the Red Cross.

Wasatch Helitack, an Ogden helicopter crew based at Hill Air Force base, flew in helicopters equipped with 270-gallon water buckets to help with fires in Logan Canyon too remote for ground crews to tackle.

Students fighting fires —

More INFO



"The National Interagency Fire Center estimated that as many as 9,000 of the 20,000 wildland firefighters in Idaho are college students." — August 27, 2000, Knight-Ridder Newspapers.



Utah fires as of Aug. 29, 2000: 1,586 fires, 234,948 acres.

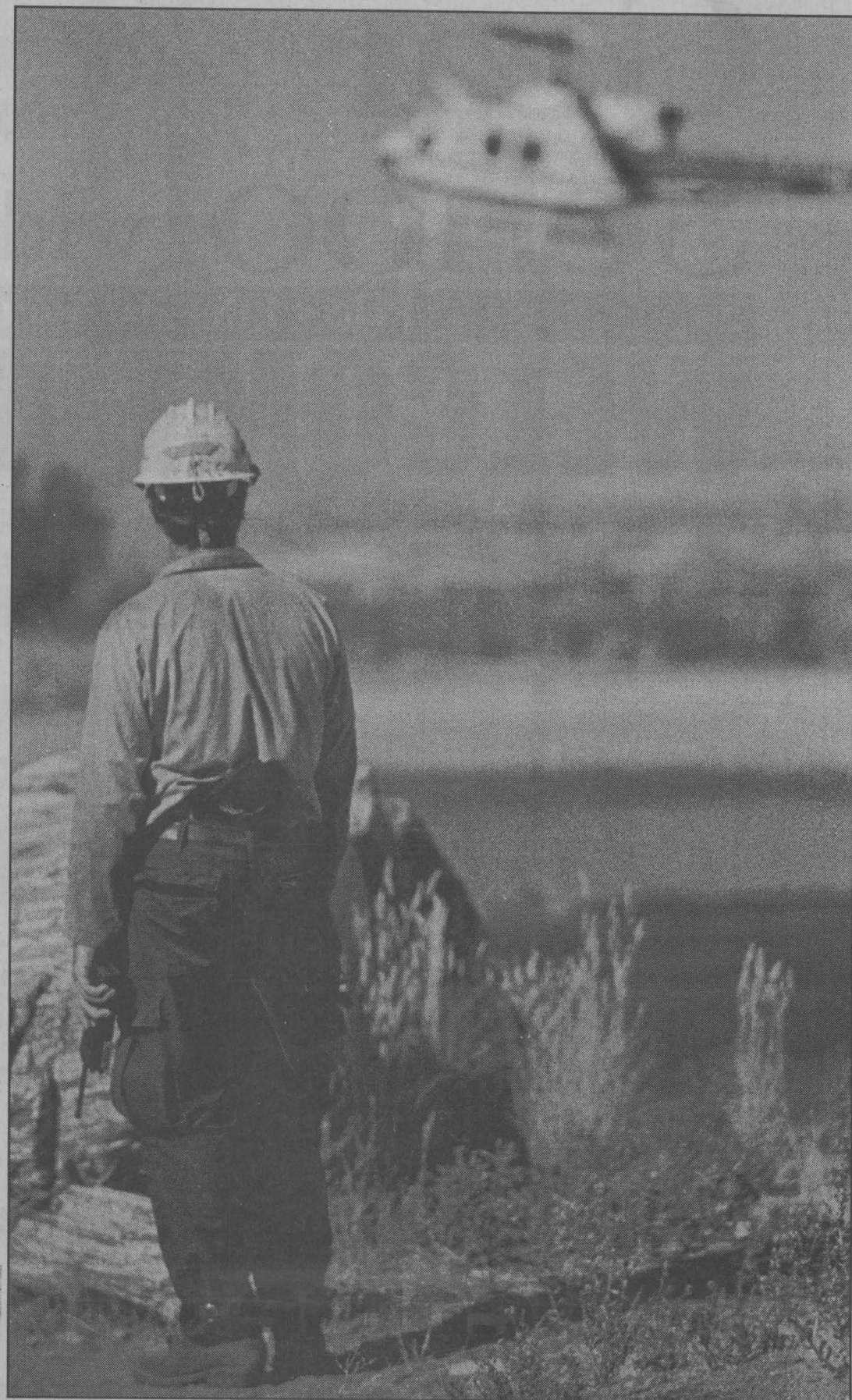
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some for pay, others on a volunteer basis — across the West were a valuable commodity to many firefighting efforts, as illustrated by an offer by Idaho's state universities for student firefighters to show up for school as many as three weeks late, according to a Knight-Ridder news report. According to the report, 130 firefighters had opted to take the schools up on their offer as of Sunday.

But while students fighting fires risked missing registration or the first few days of classes — at times risking their lives — Shumway said she doesn't regret the way she spent her summer.

She said she was asked to stay in Idaho a little longer and wanted to, but was unable to miss that much school. Still, she said, the time she was there was an experience well worth the risks.

"I loved it," she said. "I could totally do it again."



ABOVE: MIKE HANSEN DIRECTS the helicopter as it refills its bucket in a local reservoir. The helicopter spent two days dumping water on the Logan Canyon fire and dumped a total of 5,000 gallons the first day.

LEFT: MIKE HANSEN AND ANDREA LITTLEFIELD work with the Helicopter pilot to get breakfast carried up to the fire crews on the mountain. The helicopter crews were unable to work through the night, but continued their bombing early the next morning after sending supplies up to the treachers./Zak Larsen photos



ANDREA LITTLEFIELD, a student at Weber State University, prepares food to be taken to the treachers on the mountains above Logan Canyon. Littlefield is trained to be flown into a fire and rapel into the fire to treanch the fires./Zak Taylor photo



Catastrophic fires of 1910 contributed to the latest mess

NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS

Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — They were the greatest wildfires the nation had ever seen.

Ninety years ago this week — on Aug. 20 and 21, 1910 — a firestorm of biblical proportions raged across Idaho, Montana and Washington.

Three million acres in the Bitterroot Mountains exploded in flames. Whole towns were incinerated. Eighty-five people were killed, including 78 firefighters, dozens of them burned alive. Smoke drifted across the country, darkening the skies so much that street lights remained on all day in Watertown, N.Y.

The fire became known as The Big Blowup and so traumatized the nation that Congress for the first time decided to spend federal money to fight forest fires. The government

eventually required that all reported fires be extinguished by 10 a.m. the next day.

The irony is that the lessons drawn from The Big Blowup contributed to the fix the United States is in today, with more than 5 million acres burned this year so far in the nation's worst wildfire outbreak in decades.

By aggressively fighting blazes, the government prevented wildfires from performing the housekeeping role nature assigned them. Over the years, forests became overgrown with trees and vegetation that can fuel fires even more catastrophic than those seen before man began interfering.

The result: giant blazes like those burning now on more than 850,000 acres in Montana and Idaho, many in the same Bitterroot Mountains.

"People have been trained to

hate fire," said Mark Petersen of the Lands Council, a Spokane-based environmental group.

"But fire is to our ecosystem what rain is to a tropical rainforest."

In the forest primeval, natural wildfires burned brush off the forest floor and opened the pine cones that seeded new trees. Indians used to set fires to speed this work.

When the West was first settled, forests were thinned by timber companies that logged the trees and burned the logging debris, and by ranchers looking to increase pasture land. "The last herder coming out of the mountains would set a fire to ensure good forage the next year," said Leon Neuenschwander, professor of fire ecology at the University of Idaho.

Before The Big Blowup, forest fires were fought primarily

by timber companies seeking to protect their investments.

But the fire of 1910, and large fires in the 1920s, led the federal and state governments to create well-trained, standing armies of firefighters, Neuenschwander said.

To extinguish fires early, the nation built roads and telephone lines into the forests, set up fire lookout towers and built campgrounds to concentrate tourists rather than having them spread out. Many of those facilities were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Depression.

World War II brought a temporary stop to aggressive firefighting, because most of the men were at war. But the end of the war saw a bounty of surplus equipment like bulldozers and airplanes added to the war on wildfires.

"In the 1950s, fires were sup-

pressed almost instantly," Neuenschwander said.

The forests became denser, often with undesirable trees that were not resistant to fire. Trees that could not get enough sunlight or water were left stunted or dead, infested with bugs and easy to ignite.

In forests that had just 30 big trees per acre, flames used to stay close to the ground. Now flames dance across the tops of forests crowded with 300 to 3,000 trees per acre.

"That's a fire almost impossible to fight," Neuenschwander said. "The flames are 90 feet tall instead of 3 feet tall. The fires we have now are hot, real hot, and resemble nothing of what the fires of 1910 would have looked like."

Federal firefighting policy changed a bit in the early 1970s, when some fires in the wilderness were allowed to burn

themselves out.

After big fires in 1988 and 1994, federal policy was changed again, this time requiring the Forest Service to create plans for specific areas, showing which fires would be fought and which would be allowed to burn. But many plans have yet to be written.

Faced with tinderbox forests, the nation has the option of setting fires to clear growth, allowing loggers to remove trees or suffering huge conflagrations, said Robert Nelson of the University of Maryland.

The Clinton administration has shown a preference for prescribed burns to clear away growth, Nelson wrote recently in The Washington Post. But those can be controversial. It was a prescribed burn that went out of control and destroyed more than 200 homes in Los Alamos, N.M., in May.

Planning and preparation provide safe hiking trips

HOLLY HANSON
Staff Writer

With the many trails that surround Logan, students often turn to hiking as an invigorating source of entertainment. But inherent dangers in hiking deserve respect, as students were reminded last spring when a Logan woman was killed after she slipped while hiking in unsafe conditions in Logan Canyon.

Outdoor recreation specialists agree hiking accidents can be avoided with planning and preparation.

Kevin Kobe, director of the Outdoor Recreation Center, suggests the five Ps to help hikers remember safety.

"Previous Planning Prevents Poor Performance. These five Ps basically sum up hiker safety," Kobe said. "If you have them, most other things will fall into place."

He said all day-hikes need planning.

"There are a lot of risk management issues to deal with. A few examples and things you need to think

about going are: Know your terrain; don't leave a trace; know what to expect; do you have enough clothes? Pack proper gear; know where you're going so you won't get lost; lessen the impacts on the environment," Kobe said.

Kobe also said to bring the proper amount and type of food.

"Bring enough food and the right amount so you have enough energy for the full hike. Bring foods with fats, carbs, a little sweets and nutrition," Kobe said.

John Knudson, trails program coordinator for State Parks and Recreation said the first thing to remember when planning for a hike is to tell people where you're going and how long you will be gone.

Knudson agreed with Kobe saying hiking safety was mostly common sense. He also had other tips for hikers:

- Know where you are going and pay attention.
- Stay on the trail; taking shortcuts causes erosion.
- Pack out what you pack in.

- Be aware of the weather.
- Find out if permits are required.

He also said hikers shouldn't drink water from natural sources without first using a purification system because it could cause giardia or other diseases.

Hikers should remember the hierarchy of hiking, Knudson said.

"Mountain bikers yield to hikers, and hikers yield to horses," he said. "Be courteous to others on the trail. Enjoy the outdoors."

Canoe trip will take women through a Utah canyon

KARIN ESTERHAMMER
Los Angeles Times

A women's canoe trip through the Green River's Labyrinth Canyon in Utah is planned for Oct. 7 to 14. Co-sponsors of the trip are Women in the Wilderness, a canoeing and adventure travel company based in Minnesota, and Canyonlands Field Institute of Moab, Utah. This is a wilderness route of great scenery and geological interest. Short hikes in side canyons and in Arches National Park will provide

opportunities to learn about desert plants, track animals and view petroglyphs. Instructors from the Canyonlands Institute will offer an introduction to the natural history, geology and human history of the Colorado Plateau.

The river is very easy to navigate; no canoeing or camping experience is required. Women of all ages are welcome.

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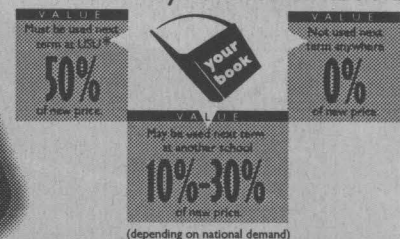
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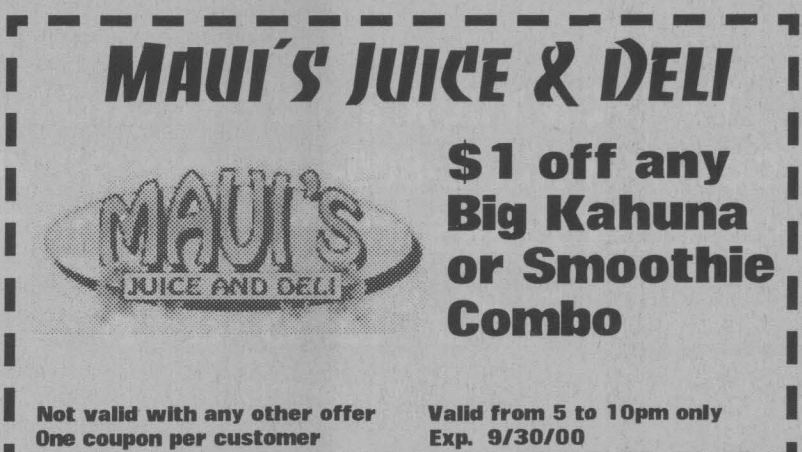
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BARBARA SHEA
Newsday

Exhausted from touring Arizona's red-rock canyons, an East Islip, N.Y., traveler was recently thrilled to find she could get a massage at her small Sedona B&B. She was also surprised, because it has no spa facilities. But its innkeeper, Lynn McCarroll, is a self-described "massage junkie" who was determined to offer guests such feel-good body treatments via a network of local pros when she opened the 12-room Alma de Sedona two years ago. It turns out she's hardly alone.

Sybaritic house calls have been common for decades in celebrity haunts such as Palm Beach and Palm Springs. But while the trend doesn't yet seem to have filtered down to bare-bones budget motels, you don't have to be a Hollywood star to order therapeutic take-out anymore. Moderately priced lodgings now keep lists of licensed, insured, independent professionals they can call on, like a hotel doctor — but who'll rush to administer an emergency rubdown, not penicillin. They arrive carting tables, chairs and other trappings from aromatherapy oils to hot stones and work their magic via Swedish massage, Chinese acupuncture, Japanese shiatsu — you name it — at rates averaging \$1 a minute and up. They'll set up shop indoors or out, guests' choice. In Key West, Fla., where limited land for on-site spas has contributed to an abundance of itinerant masseurs, one independent offers chair massages (\$15 for 15 minutes) to guests at the Washington Street Inn from 3 to 6 p.m. daily under a billowing bougainvillea.

Numerous agencies make booking these services easier for innkeepers from New Hampshire's White Mountains (where Ahh... Moondance Massage therapists knead out knots for summer hikers and winter skiers) to Seattle (where MobileDaySpa.com ministers to visiting — and resident — dot-comers) to Miami (where

Acupuncture and Energy Management serves high-profile vacationers and business travelers in hip South Beach).

"Everyone is so stressed out, and the touch of someone is so relaxing and healing, the demand has gotten greater," said Anna Capaldi, who started Acupuncture and Energy Management several months ago. Her staffers so far treat guests only at the five local properties in the Island Outpost chain. "But," said Capaldi, "other hotels are starting to approach me." A dispatcher juggles calls for her 10 male and female professionals, who offer several types of massage and aromatherapy baths (stimulating, calming or detox).

Seattle's MobileDaySpa.com (incorporated more than a year ago as Traveling Treatments) has gathered a network of more than 50 contract and staff pros who can respond to massage calls in an hour (beauty treatments such as manicures might require four hours' notice). Founder/president Michelle Beauchemin plans to expand to other cities, including New York, Washington, Los Angeles and San Francisco; Portland, Ore., is scheduled to debut next month.

Ahh... Moondance founder Shana Myers literally stumbled on New Hampshire's Mount Washington Valley about 10 years ago when she suffered a torn muscle hiking the Appalachian Trail. "I felt some energy and said I'm going to move here, start a business, get a dog and live in a cabin, and that's what I did three days later," she recalls. But only in the last two years have local inns begun to see her service as a product they can promote in their brochures. "It's taken awhile for people to say, ah, this is an amenity," said Myers, who's now building a wellness center where she plans to offer weekend packages to teach today's workaholics how to relax. But that, too, is a slow process. "This morning I tripped over a guy's cell phone," she said. "He had it under the massage table."

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Editor's Note: As part of the Diversions section, the Statesman will highlight specific areas in the state to help make students aware of the wealth of outdoor activities available in Utah.

BRYCE CASSELMAN
Staff Writer

It would be difficult to describe Cache Valley to someone who has never been there without mentioning the mountains and wilderness areas that cradle it. Many Utah State University students often venture out by foot, by bike or even by canoe into the Logan Canyon and Bear Lake areas to mountain bike, rock climb, hike, fish, camp or simply to relax.

During Fall Semester, one of the most frequented hikes in Logan Canyon is the Crimson Trail, said Maridene Hancock, tourism director for the Bridgerland area.

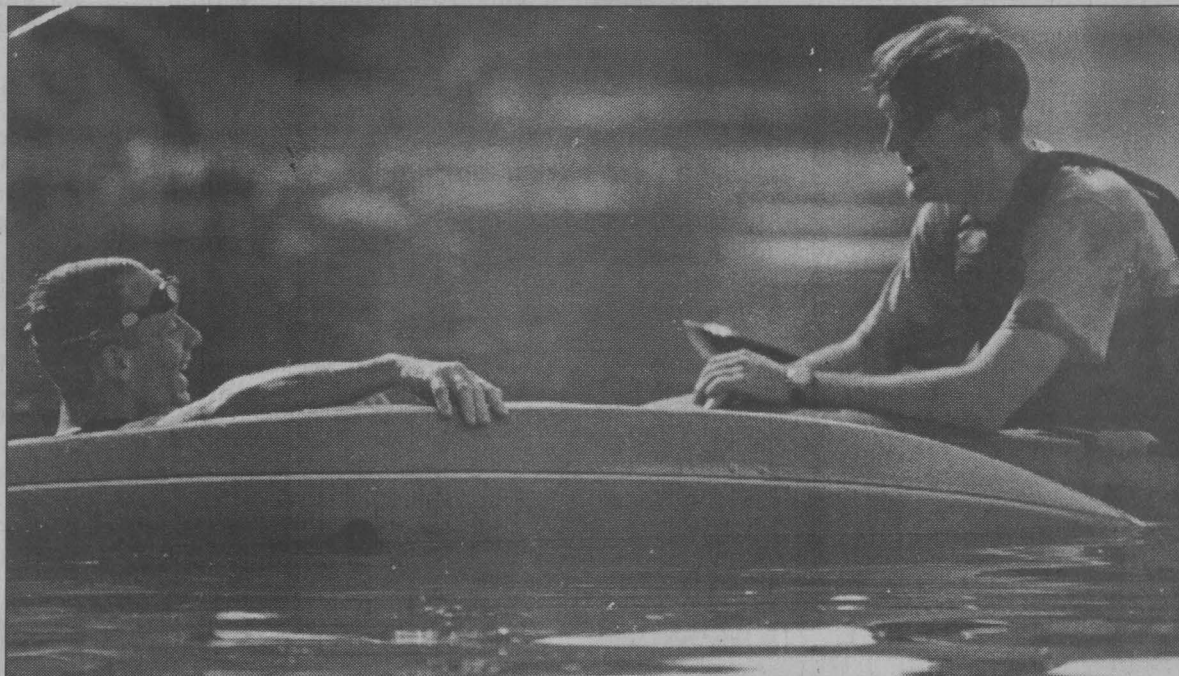
Noted for its bright red and golden leaves that come with the change of seasons, the hike starts at an elevation of 5,200 feet and maximizes at an elevation of 6,000 feet, according to the Bridgerland

Hiking Trails brochure.

Other hikes around the Bridgerland area include the Wind Cave hike, the White Pine Lake hike and the Temple Fork Sawmill Trail. A short hike for beginners can be found in Garden City, on the shores of Bear Lake, with the Limber Pine hike at a one-mile round trip. Those looking for a long hike can take the Green Canyon to Tony Grove hike, which measures up to 12 miles. The hike to Naomi Peak tops out at an elevation of 9,980 feet.

For those who prefer the wheels of a mountain bike to hiking boots, Bear Lake offers the Swan Flat/Red Sink trail, which is ranked as medium difficulty in the Bridgerland

Logan Canyon, Bear Lake offer variety of outdoor fun



SENIOR ANTHONY JENSEN gives up after unsuccessfully attempting to recover from a rollover in the freezing water of the Logan River in Logan Canyon while his teacher Senior Dallas Cox watches. Cox owns the kayaks and has been kayaking for six years. /Zak Larsen photo

Mountain and Roadbike Trails brochure. For bikers who are up for a challenge, the trail to Old Ephraim's Grave up Logan Canyon is marked as very difficult in the brochure.

Bird watching enthusiasts can travel to the Bear River area and visit the Bear Lake Wildlife refuge or the Bear River Marshes. Commonly seen birds in the

Bridgerland area include sandhill cranes, pelicans, common loons, golden

and bald eagles, blue herons and an assortment of ducks and geese.

Bear Lake also offers a variety of water activities such as water skiing, swimming and jet skiing. Most water craft are available for rent near the lake.

Tony Grove Lake is often called the "crown jewel" of the Bear River Range, according to the brochure, "A Scenic Guide to Logan Canyon."

Hancock said the Tony Grove area is her favorite. "Its Beautiful up there," Hancock said, "The lake and the wildflowers, it's just beautiful."

The campground at Tony Grove provides 37 campsites, which can act as a starting place for exploring the surrounding landscape.

The USU Outdoor Recreation Center (ORC) is a

source of tents, sleeping bags and rock climbing gear for students who do not have access to such items. All gear in the center is for student use only, and is priced to rent at low student rates.

For wintertime, the ORC rents cross-country skiing gear as well as snowshoes. Logan Canyon has several trails for cross-country skiing.

Other items available for rental are canoes, rafts and kayaks. The ORC will have a Base Camp set up on the Quad from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today. There will be free food, a tent demonstration and a kayaking pool.

For more information on local outdoor activities, contact the Cache Chamber of Commerce at 752-2161. For more information about the ORC, contact the center at 797-3264.



COLBY BINGHAM, 17, of Randolph, Utah, checks the lines securing a row of wave runners at the Ideal Beach Resort on Bear Lake. Bingham lives in a tent during the summer and supervises the rental of the machines at the resort. /Joe Rowley photo

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Mountain biking provides challenge, enjoyment of nature

B. L. CARDELL
Staff Writer

Because of Utah State University's close proximity to the Bear River range, there are many mountain bike trails just a short distance from campus where novice and veteran riders alike have a chance to escape from the stresses of academic life by getting out and exploring the wide variety of terrain and scenery these trails have to offer.

"There are so many trails around that all you really need to do is get a bike, get a map, take off and explore," said Jared Dixon of Sunrise Cyclery in downtown Logan. "It's not like Moab up here. Down there you pretty much need to stick to a given trail. Here there are

so many intersecting trails and 4-by-4 roads that all you need to do is pick one and see where it takes you."

Many students at USU enjoy mountain biking. "When I think of mountain biking around Logan, I think of variety," said Jared Sommers, a senior at USU who works as a bike technician at Adventure Sports Cyclery. "There is everything from fire roads to technical single tracks and speedy downhill shuttle runs."

When bikers are dropped off at the top of a downhill trail and either have a shuttle vehicle or arrange a ride to get back to the top it is referred to as a shuttle run, Dixon said.

There are also many maintained trails throughout the area surrounding Logan.

The Bridgerland Chamber of Commerce has published an informative pamphlet that gives locations and brief trail descriptions of these areas. The pamphlet is available at most bike shops around town and at the Chamber of Commerce office. The Chamber is located at 160 North Main in Logan.

According to the pamphlet one popular ride close to Utah State University is the Green Canyon Trail. The trail is easily accessed by heading north along 800 East from campus until 1900 North where you turn right. Continue east on 1900 North until reaching the trailhead. It is located about one mile east of 1600 East.

The ride begins as a well-maintained, gravel road that

follows the bottom of the canyon through sagebrush-type terrain for a couple of miles, but soon turns into a single track lined with shady hardwoods continuing toward Mt. Naomi.

The brochure reminds riders to respect the trail wilderness boundary beyond which bikes are not permitted.

The trail is exceptionally scenic during late September when autumn settles in on the canyon and turns the scrub oak leaves to blazing oranges and reds, according to the brochure.

Other trails located close to campus include the River Trail, which begins about a mile up Logan Canyon from First Dam on the first dirt road to the right, and the Deer Fence trail, which runs north-south along the

foothills above Logan.

The Deer Fence trail can be accessed from the Dry Canyon trailhead and, according to the brochure, is excellent for early and late season riding due to the fact it is typically free from snow drifts.

Riders who have a way to haul their bike up Logan Canyon may want to try the Jardine Juniper Trail. This ride is a single track with a great deal of challenging terrain and variable trail conditions along the 5-mile climb that ends at the monumental Jardine Juniper, estimated to be more than 3,200 years old, the brochure said. The ride climbs 2,000 feet in elevation from sagebrush and grasses down low to coniferous forests on top, and

includes a river crossing. The trailhead is located at the Wood Camp turn-off 12 miles up Logan Canyon.

The brochure cautions mountain bikers going into the backcountry to remember that safety comes first. It recommends that bikers never travel alone and have at least one person in the party bring tools and a patch kit so on-the-trail repairs can be made if the need should arise.

Bikers should also always wear a helmet and carry sufficient water.

Students interested in taking up mountain biking as a hobby can enroll in the introductory mountain biking course offered through USU. The course covers safety, repairs and basic maintenance.

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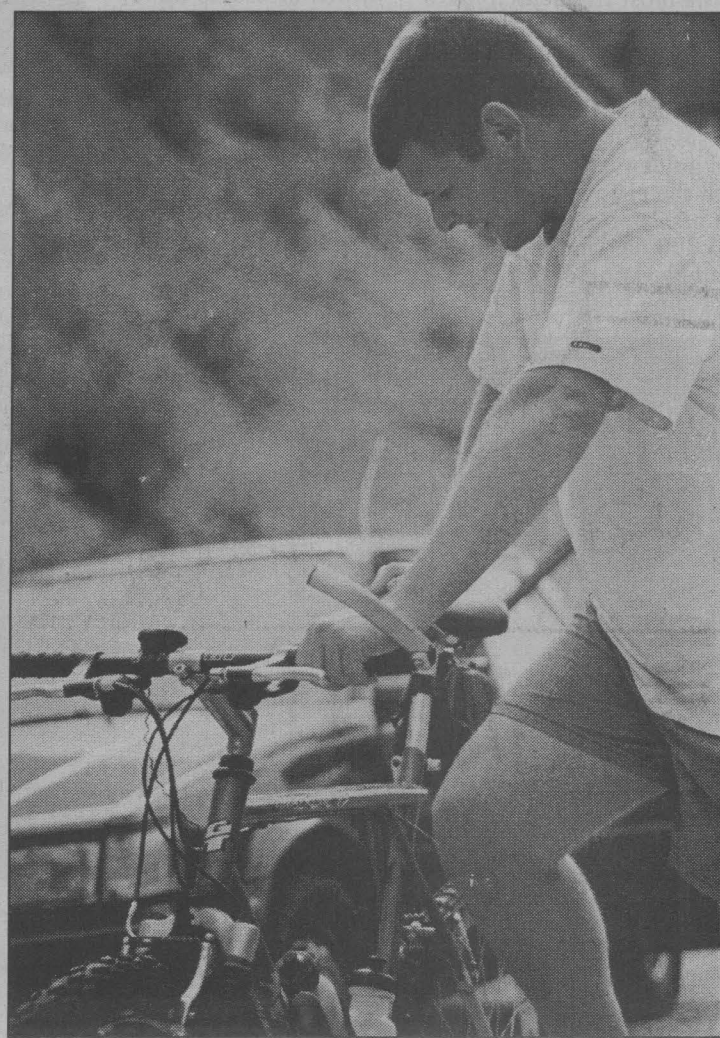
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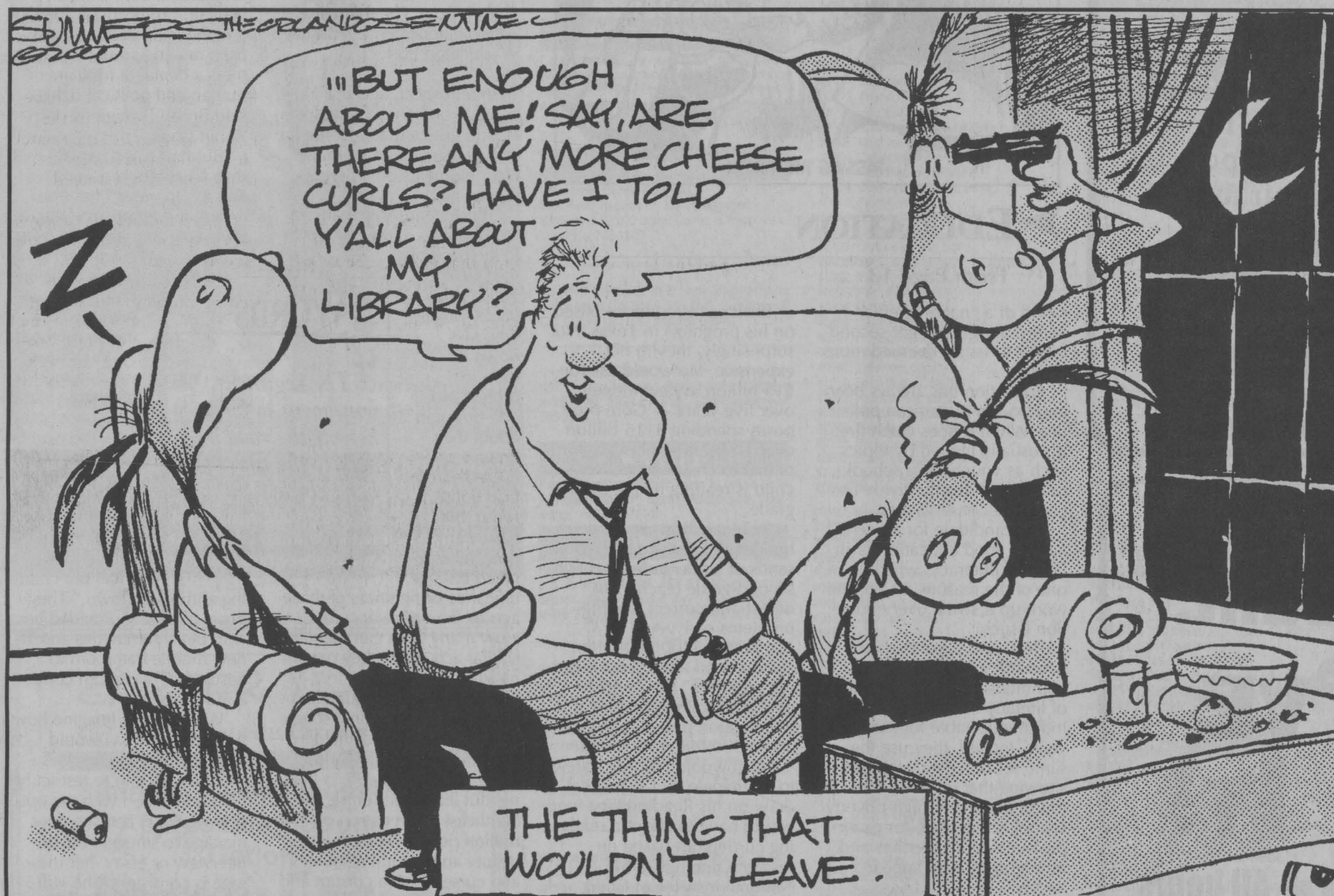


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Letters to the Editor

Parking fees, heck, let's not stop there

Dear Editor,

Bravo to USU for its new "nothing is ever really free" parking policy!

In accordance with the true Aggie color scheme (blue, white and green), I have some more suggestions for low-input fundraising:

- 1. Enforced \$10 bicycle permits.** "Booting" will be a snap, and proceeds can go toward funding more permit-only bike parking racks.
- 2. Big Blue Crew classroom seating in auditoriums.** For students who want to show their Aggie spirit, want to do well, or just want a good place to sit if they come late. The first five rows in the center of each classroom with a seating capacity of over 100 can be designated Big Blue Crew seating, and profits may be used to furnish classrooms with pencil sharpeners and desks for left-handers. Members are invited to wear blue.
- 3. Coin acceptors on campus drinking fountains.** In addition to providing funds for preservation of the campus sidewalk wetlands, this will decrease the amount of water wasted by students.
- 4. Adjustment of building thermostats closer to outside temperature.** During the winter, students wear coats to school. Why not wear them in class as well? This plan will decrease student dozing and save energy.
- 5. Toll gates at walkways between buildings.** Gates will be lifted at 2:30 to allow students to play pingpong or study in the Engineering Building walkway. Funds generated can be used to build more toll walkways between campus buildings.
- 6. USU lotto exemption.** Lottery prizes may include full- and half-tuition scholarships, free housing for a semester, etc. Resident students can pay \$1 per ticket, but nonresident students will have to pay \$4. Proceeds, of course, can go toward professor salary equity at USU.

Glen Ritchie

Return of the slobs: Grow up, students

Dear Editor,

It was easy for me to determine that students returned on Monday. And while I would like to attribute my "observation" to the hustle and bustle of tuition lines, an over-active Bookstore, crazy bicyclists and masses of people flowing hither and yon, all I can recall was how the outside eating quad at the TSC was trashed. What a bunch of slobs.

Leftover Pizza Hut boxes, 40 oz Pepsi cups, assorted paper products, and copies of The Statesman strewn everywhere. What I found most amazing is that the maximum distance to any trash can in the area is 10 meters. Well, in case you haven't yet realized it, children, you've left your mommy at home and there's no one to follow after you and pick up your messes. It's part of growing up.

God help USU if you're the best and brightest this state has to offer.

Thomas C. Edwards, Jr.
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Slightly OFF CENTER

Dennis Hinkamp



Guys and their ties

Ties are the price men pay for making women wear high heels. I think it has something to do with the limited supply of blood to men's heads that makes painful shoes look attractive. For their part, women continue foot bondage in unrequited empathy.

Free yourself from bondage, children! Let the blood flow to your feet and head! Walk softer, think clearer!

I admit I sometimes wear a tie for comic effect, and maybe I wore one once or twice in high school when I had a hickey, but I can't think of any other good rea-

son. Dissenting opinions are welcome, but if you can explain this one, you're also going to be required to explain the Unified Theory of the Universe in 20 seconds with hand puppets. If the totalitarian tyranny of ties made any sense at all, administrators would be the ones in the baggy shorts and tank tops and the proletariat worker bees would be forced to wear square-knot ties.

Ties say a lot about our society. In the spirit of fairness and reducing crime, I think if the police are going to stop cars on the basis of profiles for drug trafficking, they ought to start pulling over guys in ties for possible involvement in corporate crime. Tie-less criminals don't usually lie to you, they just ask for your money. The guys in ties try to make the pain they are going to inflict on you sound like fun.

But I want to be fair. I don't want to lump every-

body who wears a tie into one unseemly stereotype. I'd rather dissect them into sub-stereotypes.

Tie guys I have known:

• The theme tie.

I went to the eye doctor and he had an eye chart on his tie. And Forest Service employees often wear green ties. This is the social-nerd equivalent of walking around Park City with a Park City T-shirt on or wearing a Beastie Boys T-shirt to a Beastie Boys concert — it just screams redundancy.

• The funny tie.

Again, this is redundant. Ties themselves are funny beyond reason. You really don't need to reinforce it with a picture of Mickey Mouse or a Jerry Garcia painting. (Bonus fact: Standard Optical now sells a line of Jerry Garcia eye-wear — insert dead

Deadhead joke here.)

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"Ties are the price men pay for making women wear high heels."

More INSIGHT

Mike Bowler,
The Baltimore Sun

Education may become hot topic

George W. Bush announced a \$5 billion "Reading First" initiative one day last week at carefully staged campaign events in Illinois.

But when the Texas governor and Republican presidential candidate met with reporters at day's end, reading wasn't playing in Peoria. Reporters wanted to know about Bush's \$1.3 trillion tax cut plan and how many times he'd be willing to debate his Democratic opponent, Al Gore. The candidate's decla-

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ration of a "national emergency" in reading got second billing to issues deemed more urgent.

Education has always been an also-ran in partisan politics. When it does catch fire, it's usually ignited by topics such as vouchers or school prayer that deeply divide liberals and conservatives.

No candidate for office is against good education or in favor of illiteracy, which is one of the reasons it's hard to work up a sweat over education issues.

Bush and Gore think we need school reform. Their comments on the sorry state of literacy have been nearly indistinguishable for many years. Indeed, they use the same set of federal statistics — showing that seven of 10 fourth-graders in high-poverty schools can't read, for example — in their speeches and numerous school appearances.

The Republicans have a problem. They don't want to be seen as big spenders, especially in an enterprise that jealously guards "local control." Education decisions in America are made by 15,000 school boards that will spend \$341 billion this year, only 10 percent of that flowing from Washington. (The Republicans recently abandoned an effort to abolish the U.S. Department of Education.)

But there are signs that education might become a hot topic in the 2000 presidential campaign. It was remarkable to observe a presidential candidate talking for almost a full day about reading.

Bush has a card to play here that's been in the Democrats' hand for a long time. The governor may not be an expert on foreign policy, but he's the only candidate who's been elected to a job with direct responsibility over public education.

Most observers say he's done a good job. Though Bush's state testing program has come under fire recently, Texas children have performed well in the National Assessment of Educational Progress, and Texas has narrowed the learning gap between white and Latino students in reading and math. Reading is a visible priority in Texas public schools, and it has almost celebratory status in El Paso, Houston and Fort Worth.

Bush's proposals are based on his programs in Texas. Not surprisingly, they're not expensive. He would ask for \$15 billion in new money over five years — Gore proposes spending \$115 billion over 10 years — about a third of that to ensure that every child is reading by the third grade.

In Texas, Bush is using budget surpluses to train thousands of kindergarten through second-grade teachers to detect and correct reading problems early. And he's committed \$200 million for summer and after-school reading programs. Last week he proposed a similar national intervention program for about 900,000 poor children.

Bush wouldn't force states to participate, but states that draw on his Reading First fund would have to adopt a reading curriculum based on research findings of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). That means direct, explicit reading instruction. It means phonics, a word that's despised in some Democratic circles.

But the debate between phonics and "whole language" instruction won't be the contentious issue in Bush's proposal. The phonics-whole language debate quickly boils down to technicalities and statistics. Politicians and journalists regard it as so much inside baseball, and it's hard to imagine Gore posing a convincing argument against phonics in a nationally televised debate.

What Gore and the Democrats vehemently oppose is Bush's plan to provide federal grants for students in poorly performing schools to be used at other public schools or for tutoring.

Gore, for his part, would continue the policies of the Clinton administration. He wants to hire 100,000 teachers and give across-the-board teacher raises in exchange for compliance with tougher state and federal standards. His teacher-friendly proposals would lower class size to 18 students for every teacher in the lower grades, 20 in high school. (Bush would leave class size decisions to state and local officials.)

So there we have it: reading as a potentially major issue in a presidential campaign for the first time in

In a field in Burma

More INSIGHT
Washington Post editorial

Editor's note: The following editorial appeared in Tuesday's Washington Post.

In retrospect, acts of courage on behalf of democracy and justice that become the stuff of legend can seem like clear moments on a preordained path.

The African-American woman who refuses to move to the back of the bus, the Polish shipyard worker who lays down his tools in protest: No one now can doubt their bravery or even their tactical good sense. But how many people recognized the significance or rightness of those acts as they were occurring? How many of us can identify similar acts when they occur now?

At the moment, Aung San Suu Kyi is trapped on a soggy, mosquito-ridden rice field halfway around the world. Aung San Suu Kyi, 55, is the rightful leader of Burma, a Southeast Asian nation of 48 million people blessed with beauty and natural resources and cursed with a corrupt and repressive military regime.

The National League for Democracy, a political party that Aung San Suu Kyi heads, won a landslide victory in 1990 but has never been permitted to rule. The military regime has jailed hundreds of party members and forced thousands more to renounce their allegiance to the party. Aung San Suu Kyi herself was kept under house arrest until 1995 and under virtual house arrest ever since.

Last Friday she set out from her home in the capital of

Rangoon with her driver and a few supporters to attend a party meeting south of the city. The regime, apparently as fearful as ever of her popularity, sent goons to force her off the road and deflate the tires of her vehicle. "To restrict leaders of a democratic political party from moving around the country is a denial of fundamental human and political rights," said British Foreign Minister Robin Cook.

Burma's rulers explain that they have blocked Aung San Suu Kyi to protect her from unrest and terrorism south of Rangoon, an interesting excuse given their usual boasts of having brought peace with their authoritarian methods.

With their usual, almost-laughable inability to understand how the world perceives their tuggery, they also claim the democratic leader is "taking rest" at Dala, "a small but charming and scenic town." They boast of having provided her with beach umbrellas and "a new mobile bathroom to ensure her maximum comfort and well-being."

We can only imagine how Aung San Suu Kyi would respond. The regime does everything it can to restrict her communication with the outside world. When she does manage to smuggle out an interview or essay, her message is consistent: She will fight nonviolently, for however long it takes, for democracy and the rule of law.

If she someday prevails, the discomfort and perhaps danger she is now experiencing will be seen as one more courageous step in her struggle.

And those who are so faint in their support — the governments of Japan and Burma's Southeast Asian neighbors, the companies such as Unocal that merrily do business with the regime — will no doubt claim to have been on her side all along.

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"The regime ... sent goons to force her off the road and deflate the tires of her vehicle."

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• The loud tie.

I think it was Jerry Seinfeld who said, "speak softly and wear a loud tie." The loud tie says, "I'm artsy, but you can trust me to design your Web page or redecorate your condo. I charge \$80 an hour."

• The untie.

You know, guys who wear those western Bolo things. What's up with that? You don't want to look like a city slicker, but you still want to have that comfortable rope-around-your-neck feeling?

• The matching tie.

The black tie camouflaged by the black shirt says, "I just got back from the Cannes Film Festival — ciao baby."

Of course I'm writing this from Washington, D.C., which is the most formal, tie-wearing city in the world. However, it also has a humidity level only a few percentage points lower than the average municipal swimming pool. Are these the kind of people you want running the country?

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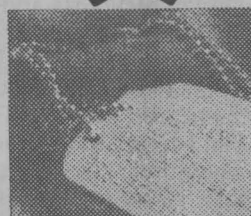
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- All History majors and minors are invited to the annual History Major/Minor meeting on Thursday, August 31, 3 p.m., Old Main Room 301. Refreshments will be served.
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- Utah State Women's Basketball Tryouts, September 5-9, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. HPER gym (Room 209). For more info call 797-1503.
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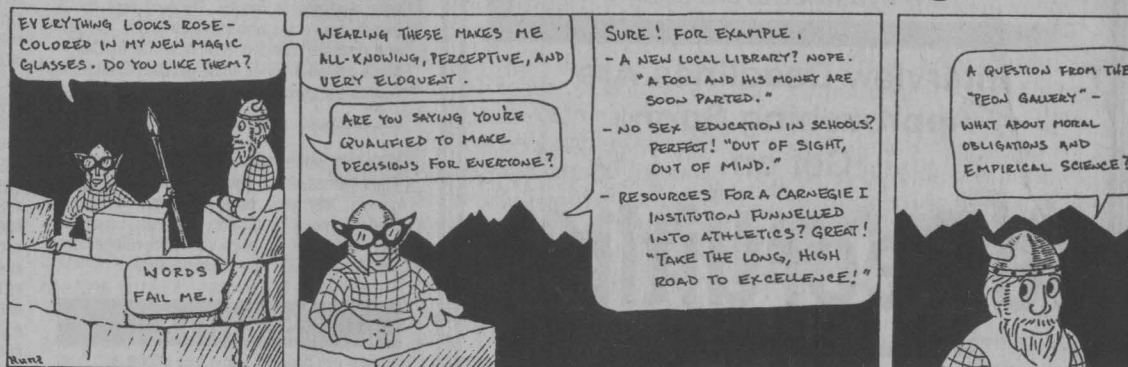
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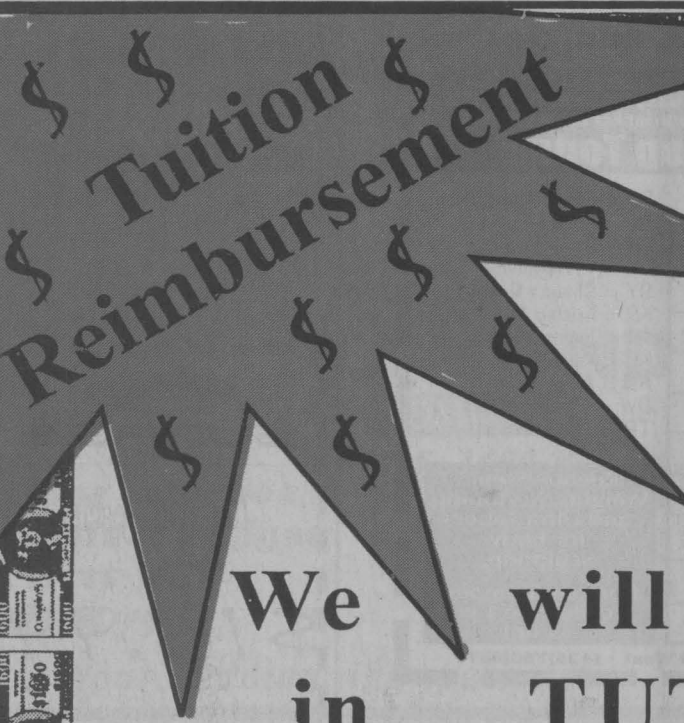


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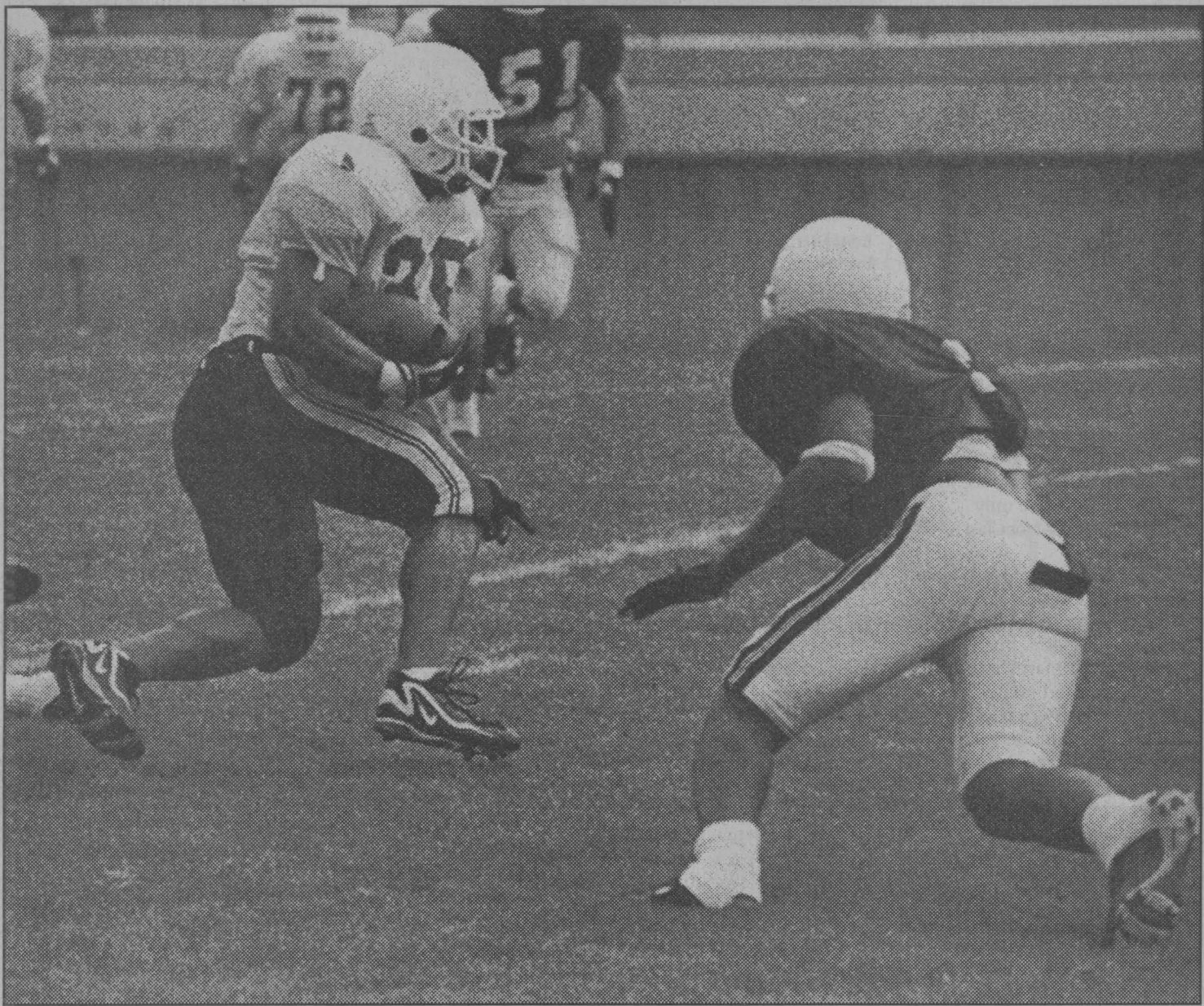
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Aggies look to prove their critics wrong



FRESHMAN WIDE RECEIVER David Fiefa, from Hunter High School in West Valley City, tries to elude the tackle of senior linebacker Blake Eagal during last Friday's scrimmage. Big West coaches voted the Aggies to finish last in the conference. / Joe Rowley photo

The color of the Aggie offense changes from Brown to White

AARON MORTON
Sports Editor

Can the Aggies recover from the loss of Demario Brown? Will youth be a shot in the arm of a wide receiver corps that faded last season? Can junior college transfers solidify the offensive line? Will Jeff Crosbie lead the brave new offense to the final Big West Championship?

While many of these questions raise doubt in media and fans' eyes, Utah State players are confident offense will be improved.

"Our offense will be better," said quarterback Jose Fuentes.

Head coach Mick Dennehy is known for his pass-oriented attack at the University of Montana, and very little should change at USU. But Dennehy also said he and his offensive coordinator, Bob Cole, have been running the ball more often.

Players have started to get used to Dennehy's new and more complicated play book by studying it during the summer. Crosbie — who has learned his third offensive system — took the book on several road trips to California to familiarize himself with what he calls a difficult, very diverse system.

Quarterbacks

Crosbie started 15 straight games behind center and threw for over 2,000 yards last season, so he's a shoe-in right?

Wrong.

Sophomore Fuentes's spring impressed the new USU coaching staff enough to keep the starting position for the first part of the fall.

But despite fighting off minor headaches, Crosbie is slated to start the game Saturday at Texas Tech University.

"In all fairness to Fuentes," Dennehy said. "He had a great spring, he really showed us

something in competitiveness."

Dennehy was quick to add Crosbie had a very solid spring, too.

"I feel really good about the work he's put in."

Crosbie, a junior, said he has enjoyed the competition.

"It's very good to have three (or) four quarterbacks pushing each other," he said.

The three and four are Brian Benza and Travis Cox, a true freshman, rounding off the list.

Benza, the lone senior, seems pretty set at the No. 3 spot while Cox — who, like Crosbie, is a Mountain Crest product — could see action if injuries to the top two quarterbacks mount, Dennehy said.

Offensive Line

Despite losing three of five starters on the offensive line, Dennehy is confident the offensive line will be strong.

"The guys up front are just as important (as the quarterbacks)," he said.

Returning starters Jess Schuck and Junior Pututau look like definite starters at left guard and center, respectively, while the three other spots are up for grabs. At left tackle, Jim Newton and Eric Gwilliam will fight it out. Impressive as the tallest Aggie football player in history, 6'10" Newton is also making waves with his speed.

At right tackle, Senior Jeff Long has been a pleasant surprise and will likely start over Steve Canidate. Jim Walker should get the right guard starting spot with Luis Trujillo backing him up. Senior Matt Jenkins is listed as backup at center.

Running Back

John Roberts and Emmett

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Only three starters return from last year's strong defense

REUBEN WADSWORTH
Assistant Sports Editor

The Utah State University Football Team's defense was set to have its starting linebacker corps of last season (Brent Passey, Blake Eagal and Tony Newson) intact for this year.

The corps was to be the best in the Big West Conference. That is until Newson was forced to redshirt this year because he hasn't fully recovered from a shoulder injury he sustained last season.

The linebackers are the only defensive unit with more than one returning starter. The defensive line and the sec-

ondary are sporting starters who have playing experience, but only Tony Walker, a cornerback, has ever filled a starting role.

Linebackers

With Newson gone, the Aggies will turn to linebacker Cade Smith to fill the void. Smith, a senior from Lancaster, Calif., saw a lot of action last season as a reserve and recorded 50 tackles on the year.

USU head coach Mick Dennehy said Smith is an awfully good player. Smith is a big, big linebacker who has good toughness, but just needs

turns on the field, he said.

While the loss of Newson affects depth, Dennehy said he feels good about his base corps of linebackers.

He really likes Jesse Busta, who may also see significant playing time at linebacker. Busta played both linebacker and special teams and was credited with 47 tackles last season, including a 12-tackle game against Kansas State University.

"When he brings it, he brings it," Dennehy said of Busta. "He's tougher than nails." Justin Oswald and Nate Barber, a new Junior College transfer from Pasadena City Junior College,

will also compete for time.

"What hurts is we don't have as much depth now," Eagal said. "It's hard to say who's going to be the guy that steps up."

Also hurting the depth at the linebacker position is the loss of Ryan Solomona, who left the team after being shaken up over the shooting death of one of his best friends.

"I think we've got a lot of talent there and a lot of speed," Eagal said. He said the speed will be especially necessary in

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USU schedule: patsies and the big money games

AARON MORTON
Sports Editor

It'll be the good, the bad and the Big West for the Aggies in their final conference campaign.

While USU takes on powers Texas Tech and Arizona State, they will also lock horns against smaller Division 1-AA neighbors Southern Utah University and Idaho State University.

Head coach Mick Dennehy seems pleased with the schedule laid out for him by Athletic Director Rance Pugmire. It gives the Aggies a chance to take on top-level schools before starting the final BWC football season.

"I think (the schedule) is attractive," said Athletics Director Rance Pugmire. "It shouldn't matter who USU is playing, fans should come out to games to see Utah State play. Come

see the Aggies," he said.

USU will be on the road against Texas Tech this Friday and Arizona State University on Sept. 23. These games will bring in needed money for the Aggies — around \$400,000 for each game, Pugmire said.

There are also recruiting advantages to playing the big schools, as many players are looking forward to the clash with the Sun Devils.

Eight players claim a home town in Arizona, including starting linebacker Brent Passey, wide receiver Aaron Jones, offensive lineman Jess Schuck and punter/wide receiver Steve Mullins.

But the Aggies have their share of smaller schools, too. SUU will line up against USU for the first time ever Sept. 9 in Romney Stadium, while ISU visits in the final game of the season, replacing Western Athletic

Conference-defector University of Nevada on the schedule.

SUU head coach C. Ray Gregory said he looked forward to the battle — the first in-state Division 1-A school the Thunderbirds have ever played.

"Their fans seem excited," Pugmire said.

Before the BWC season, Utah State will take on usual suspects University of Utah and Brigham Young University back to back. The Utes visit Logan on Sept. 30, while the Aggies take on LaVell Edwards' final Cougar team in Provo, Oct. 6.

That leads into the final Big West season — the most important for Dennehy.

"Our schedule is a good schedule ... because it will prepare us for the (Big West)," Dennehy said. "I'm more interested in the second half of the schedule."



JUNIOR RUNNING BACK John Roberts, from San Diego, Calif., gets taken down by several defenders on a running play at Friday's scrimmage. / Joe Rowley photo

Key starters return to USU's special teams

REUBEN WADSWORTH
Assistant Sports Editor

This season USU football's special teams will have all its returning starters back at the key positions — place kicker, punter and returner.

Place kicker Brad Bohn, an all-Big West selection in 1998, hopes to return to his sophomore season form when he was second in the NCAA in field goals while making 24 of 28. Last season he was only 12 of 26.

Bohn said last year was a wake-up call.

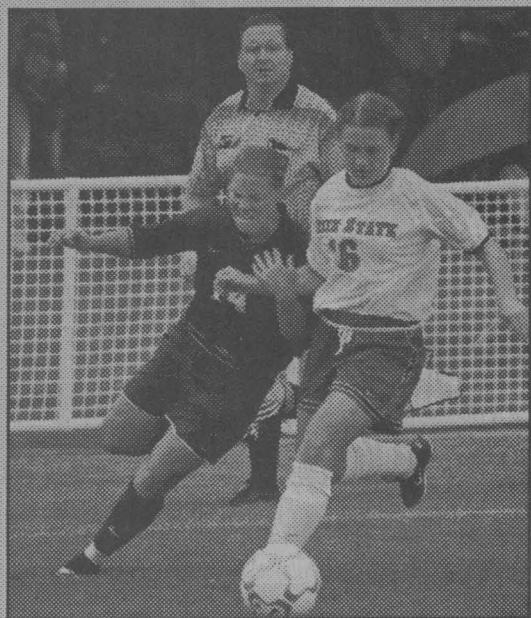
"Last season was last season," he said. "It sounds strange, but it was a really good learning experience for me. Things just didn't get on track last year."

Bohn said he knows what to expect this season. If he does have down times, he knows how to get out of them.

"I really like Brad Bohn," said head coach Mick Dennehy.

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DIXIE S SHAYLEE HOGGE (16) tries to hold off USU's Sara Buie (14) in Saturday's exhibition. / Zak Larsen photo

Aggies to battle rival UNLV

AARON MORTON
Sports Editor

The USU women's soccer team will get its first chance to prove itself in its first regular-season game.

But the Aggies will be up against some competition.

The University of Nevada-Las Vegas and the University of Iowa are visiting Logan over the Labor Day weekend, USU plays the Rebels Thursday at 4 p.m. and Iowa Monday at 11 a.m.

In the five years of the program, USU has built up a little rivalry with UNLV. The Aggies were upset by the Rebels in Logan in 1998, 3-2, but got revenge in the final game last season by beating them, 2-1.

Stacey Enos, USU head coach, said they dominated that game; it could have been a lot more lopsided.

"The score should have been 4-something," she said.

USU visited Sin City for a spring tournament this year, and this time the Rebels got the best of the Aggies in the physical final of that six-a-side tournament.

"There's no love lost," Enos said. "It'll be a physical battle."

And so far this season, the Rebels (1-1) are off to a good start, beating California State University at Fullerton, 3-1. CS Fullerton is picked to finish just behind the Aggies in the coaches' poll at 7th place.

Utah State is also trying to get revenge on Iowa, who defeated the Aggies, 4-2, last season. The Hawkeyes are 2-0 on the season so far after easily defeating University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and Northern Illinois University, 5-1, 3-0, respectively.

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True freshman backup Roger Fernandez will be kept active in case of injuries at running back or wide receiver, Dennehy said.

USU FULLBACK Joe Solosabal is tripped up by linebacker Nathan Barber during the scrimmage Friday night at Romney Stadium. USU plays it's first game Saturday at Texas Tech. / **Joe Rowley photo**

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Dennehy said he likes both freshmen linebackers — either Robert Watts or Rodney Wilson — and may decide to play one of them.

Defensive Line

"I don't know if it's quite as strong as last year," Eagal said of the defensive line. "Playing smart and doing everything right will make up for any lack of experience that we may have."


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White has the same expectations as Bohn. He said he will finish higher nationally in return yards than he did last year, a season in which he finished 10th in the nation in punt returns with a 15-yard average and 26th in kickoff returns with a 23.9 average.

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The Sports Page

CENTERPIECE

Promotions, optimism lead to high ticket sales

REUBEN WADSWORTH
Assistant Sports Editor

Season ticket sales for Utah State University football are at an all-time high. An estimated 5,200 have been sold so far, and more could be on the way as soon as several promotions conclude, said Clark Livsey, USU assistant ticket manager. The previous five-year season ticket high was 3,271 in 1998.

This season Livsey said the athletic department has shifted gears from pushing Big Blue memberships to pushing season ticket sales.

A combination of more aggressive marketing moves and a fun team to watch have created the influx of sales, Livsey said. Three Cache Valley businesses — *The Herald Journal*, Wilson Motor

and Cove Sand and Gravel — have gotten into the act by including a pair of season tickets as an incentive for buying a product.

The Herald Journal's promotion offers a pair of season tickets to every subscriber who pays for an 18-month subscription — a total value of \$171.

Jackie Bannister, circulation marketing manager for *The Herald Journal*, said 151 people have taken advantage of the promotion so far. Bannister said the promotion will now take place yearly, and a similar move may be made for basketball tickets. The promotion will continue through Tuesday, she said.

Livsey attributes part of the selling success to increased community visibility.

"We want them to be part

of us," Livsey said of the new marketing actions.

His staff has made it a point to contact Logan businesses to try to get them involved with the football team, and head coach Mick Dennehy has done a good job of getting out into the community, he said.

The new marketing push has been "successful at all ends," Livsey said.

The community has been impressed with Dennehy and his offensive mindset for the team, which Livsey thinks will translate into a more attractive brand of football.

Surprisingly, Livsey said the biggest hurdle for the marketing department this year will be making students aware of games. Some students don't know there is a game until it is over, he explained.

To try to remedy this situation, Livsey said that every game, except for the first game against Southern Utah University on Sept. 9, will start at 3 p.m. instead of the traditional 12 p.m. With a later starting time, Livsey hopes students will be more likely to attend the games as an "early evening activity."

One ongoing promotion the USU athletic department has instituted this year is "Aggie Fest." Michael Shipley, Associated Students of USU athletic vice president, said he hopes to build "Aggie Fest" up as a "party pre-game atmosphere." The festivities will start generally three hours before every home game, but at 5 p.m. for the 7 p.m. SUU game.

Activities will include games for prizes, such as gift certificates for products at local businesses, a climbing wall, live music or a DJ and street vendors.

Readers RESPOND

Varied points of USU view

Today's Question:

What place will USU finish in the final season of Big West football?

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2. Idaho	18 (1)
3. New Mexico State	18
4. Arkansas State	15
5. North Texas	8
6. UTAH STATE	6

Big West Media Poll	
1. Boise State	169 (26)
2. New Mexico State	131 (2)
3. Idaho	124 (1)
4. UTAH STATE	66
5. Arkansas State	63
6. North Texas	53

> USU SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	at Texas Tech	5:00
Sept. 9	SO. UTAH	7:05
Sept. 23	at Arizona State	8:00
Sept. 30	UTAH	3:05
Oct. 6 (Fri)	at Brigham Young	7:05
Oct. 14	at North Texas*	1:35
Oct. 21	IDAHO*	3:05
Oct. 28	ARKANSAS ST.*	3:05
Nov. 4	at N.M. State*	6:00
Nov. 11	at Boise State*	1:05
Nov. 18	IDAHO STATE	3:05

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> '99 STANDINGS

	Conf.	Overall
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Idaho	4-2	7-4
New Mexico St.	3-3	5-5
Utah State	3-3	4-7
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Nevada	2-4	3-8
North Texas	1-5	2-9

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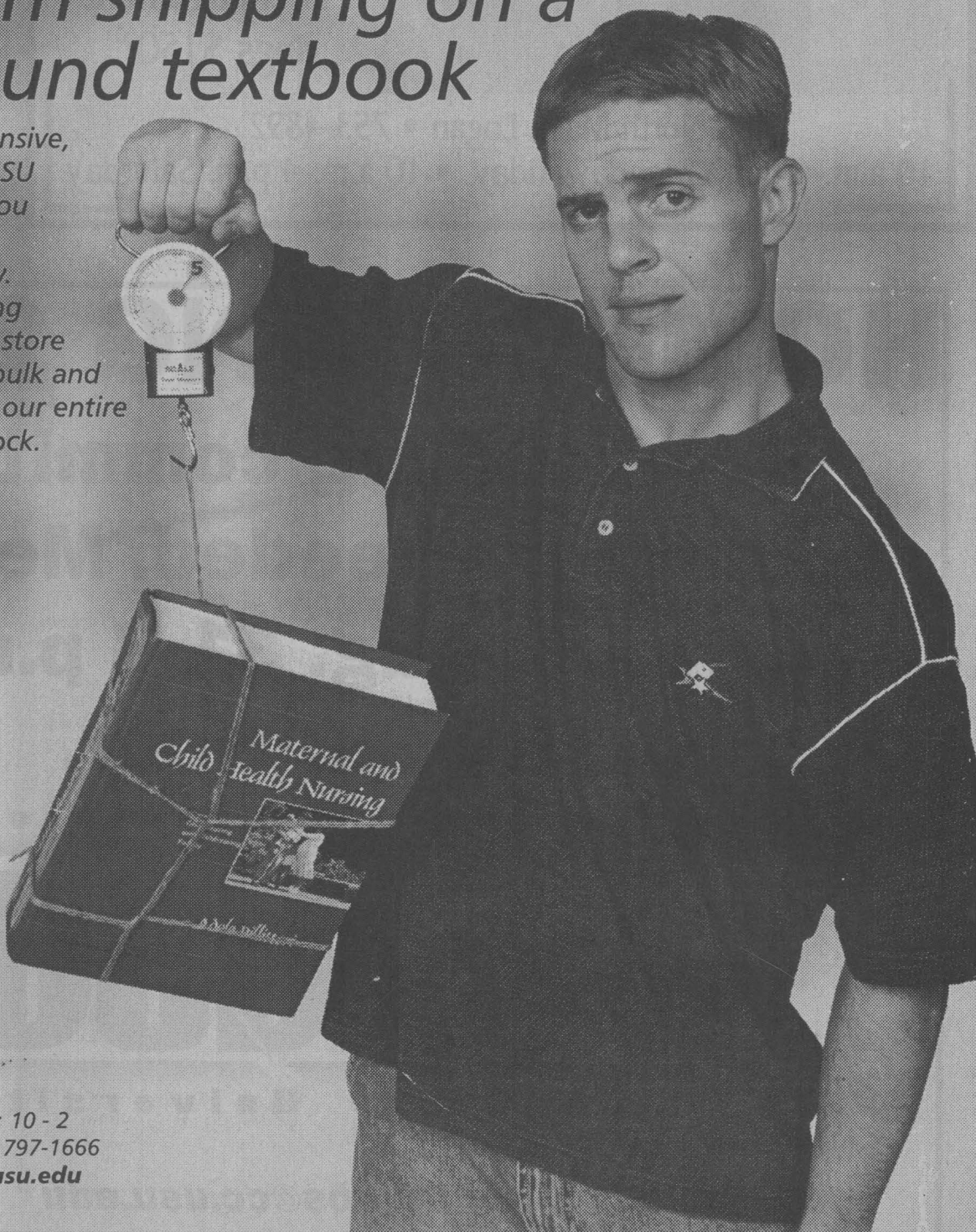
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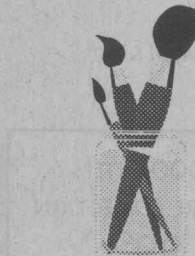
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What could Ken Griffey Jr. possibly have to complain about?

He's playing in the city of his choice. He's in the first year of a nine-year, \$116 million contract. He's a virtual lock on the Hall of Fame if he keeps putting up numbers remotely similar to what he's done over the first 10-plus years of his career. I mean, the guy has the baseball

world in his hip pocket. Or he did before the season began anyway. Now he seems to be the unhappiest guy in baseball. Why?

Granted, Junior isn't having a prototypical Junior year, and a disappointing season could make any superstar a little edgy. His power numbers are OK (35 HRs and 106 RBI), but his batting average has slipped more than 30 points off his career average.

Some of his batting woes could be attributed to the league change. Junior, on the other hand, feels it's my fault he's hitting just .261. The media seem to be at fault here. All of us have made life too hard on him, first with our high expectations entering spring training and then with our heavy criticism for not meeting those expectations.

Here's a hanky, Ken; dry your eyes. Maybe it'll help you see the ball better.

Truth be known, Griffey hasn't been happy for years. He was miserable in Seattle, and Mariner fans can attest to that. Hell, the last time I remember seeing him enjoy the game was before the Randy Johnson trade more than three years ago. He's been crying about something ever since.

Well, Junior's latest tirade took place before a game on Aug. 22, as he verbally attacked Cincinnati Red's Hall of Fame broadcaster Marty Brennaman. Brennaman criticized Griffey on the air the night before for not running full speed on a hit that might have been stretched into a double.

The Associated Press reported the two engaged in a

profanity-laced conversation, during which Brennaman said he would continue criticizing Griffey whenever he gave less than 100 percent.

"The next time you don't run hard to first base, I'll point it out again," Brennaman said. "I was here before you were, and I'll be here after you're gone."

Good for Brennaman. There was a time, not so long ago, when Junior considered himself smaller than the game. But his attitude seems to have changed in recent years. His complaints about Safeco Field were a perfect example. While great for the game itself, the field was not good enough for Griffey. The ball didn't carry well enough for Junior's liking, and he made sure everyone from the West Coast to the East Coast knew about it.

But back to Brennaman: It's about time someone put Griffey in his place. Anyone who makes the kind of money Junior takes to the bank ought to be running out foul balls, let alone the fair ones. And maybe if Ken and the rest of his teammates approached each game with that attitude, they'd be in the thick of the playoff race. They'd live up to everyone's expectations, and the criticism would disappear.

There's an old baseball philosophy that Griffey still hasn't learned: If a player takes care of himself and the circumstances he can control, then everything else will fall into place. Atlanta's John Rocker hasn't learned this lesson, either. That's why he has stunk it up every time he's taken the mound this season. Like Griffey, he's worried the

most about the circumstances he can least control — mainly the media. And until these two get a grip on their emotions, they will continue to stink it up on a regular basis.

If Junior wants to once again become the game's best player, he'll have to return to the fundamentals that got him there the first time: hard work, hustle and love for the game. And when the game becomes bigger than Griffey in his own eyes, it ought to translate into an MVP-type season.

Until then, those sweet dreams he had of playing in the city where he grew up will continue to be hellish nightmares.

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NCAA continues to try to reform college sports

JOSEPH WHITE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The NCAA alone was unable to reform college athletics, and its power is dwindling as it faces one antitrust suit after another.

University presidents, though given more power to set the rules, haven't been able to do it, either. Some can't handle the time demands for such hands-on management, while others are hindered by trustees who place winning ahead of academics.

Michael Adams, president of the University of Georgia, heard those points made at the first meeting of the reconvened Knight Commission on Monday. The 28-member panel is committed to reform in college sports, but Adams wondered aloud if the task was possible.

"Has that led us to say as a group that there is nothing we can do?" Adams asked.

The commission, named for the James L.

Knight Foundation, was formed in 1990 to address runaway athletic programs in which education had become secondary to winning and making money.

The commission made numerous recommendations regarding academics standards and control of the NCAA before disbanding in 1996. As a result, new minimum admittance standards were introduced, the NCAA's executive committee was reconstituted to comprise only university presidents, and presidents were actively involved in negotiations for the association's \$6 billion basketball tournament contract with CBS.

Now the commission is back, and the problems seem just as bad as they were four years ago.

"The time has come to face the reality that changes in the NCAA rule book are not going to solve the problems," said Creed Black, former president of the Knight Foundation.

Neither is putting the presidents in charge, though it seemed like a cure-all at the time.

Venus Williams, Sampras advance in the U.S. Open

BOB GREENE
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Sometimes surviving to fight another day is good enough.

So it was with Venus Williams, who turned a run-away into an interesting match, and Pete Sampras, who was stretched as the U.S. Open began its two-week run at the National Tennis Center.

Yet both won in straight sets, despite minor struggles.

The third-seeded Williams increased her winning match streak to 20 by beating Anne-Gaëlle Sidot of France 6-3, 6-4.

"Even when I'm playing badly, I feel like I'm going to win the match, or for some reasons, one way or another, things are going to go my way," Williams said. "It's a good feeling to have. It's when you know you're confident, when you can play well on most of the big points."

Sampras, seeded fourth as he seeks to increase his men's record Grand Slam singles title total to 14, pounded out a 7-6, 7-5, 6-4 victory over Martin Damm of the Czech Republic.

"I knew it was going to be tough," Sampras said. "He serves big, returns quite well. He came out and played great. I was really happy with the way I played."

Not a single seeded player lost Monday, although No. 5 Yevgeny Kafelnikov fought back from a two-set deficit to outlast Orlin Stanoychev of Bulgaria 6-7 (5), 1-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.

And Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, seeded ninth in the women's singles, edged Joannette Kruger of South Africa 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (2).

Lindsay Davenport begins her bid Tuesday to duplicate her 1998 U.S. Open title when she plays Spain's Gala Leon Garcia in Arthur Ashe Stadium. Then, after French Open champion



Gustavo Kuerten plays Australian Wayne Arthurs, fifth-seeded Serena Williams

begins the defense of her women's championship by taking on Slovenia's Tina Pisnik.

In the night session, No. 12 Anna Kournikova plays American Holly Parkinson and Patrick Rafter, a two-time Open winner, faces Spain's Galo Blanco.

Venus Williams, who has not lost since the French Open and has won her last four tournaments, including Wimbledon, showed off those skills as she broke away from a 3-3 deficit to win eight consecutive games and lead Sidot 6-3, 5-0. Then it was as if the clock struck midnight.

The powerful forehands stopped finding the corners

and began sailing long or wide or buried in the net. Her serve went and she became tentative, allowing her French opponent to climb back into the match.

"I think I was rushing a lot in the match, and then I lost focus out there," Williams said. "I felt a little bit lazy on my serve. It seems when I'm in a big match, I serve a lot better. When I'm in a match like this, I struggle."

But, just as quickly, Williams bore down and broke Sidot to move into the second round.

In taking a 5-0 lead in the second set, Williams showed off all the speed and groundstroke power that enabled her to win four

straight tournaments coming in. And even though she struggled near the end, she still seemed a little more comfortable than Sampras did during his match.

The four-time men's champion mopped his face between almost every point and slogged sluggishly through a slow-motion. As leaden as Sampras looked, he served well enough to overcome an even slower opponent.

"First match out, not an easy one to get through," Sampras said. "A tough opening-round match. I think I can kind of build from this win and hopefully play a little bit better against Justin (Gimelstob)."

To cap off the first day, top-seeded and defending men's champion Andre Agassi had no trouble dispatching NCAA champion Alex Kim of Stanford, a wild-card entry, 6-4, 6-2, 6-0.

Tiger actually looked vulnerable

PALM DESERT, Ca. (AP) — Perhaps the PGA Tour should switch to night golf. For one night, at least, Tiger Woods seemed almost vulnerable under the lights.

Sergio Garcia put on a Tiger-like finish Monday night to do what no one seems able to do in regular day events — beat Woods down the stretch. Garcia's four birdies in the

last five holes was too much for an ailing Woods to overcome — though he nearly did by almost holing a pitch shot under the bright lights lining the 18th hole.

And Woods didn't exactly play poorly, making five birdies against no bogeys. Garcia just played a little better at the end, when Woods usually shines, to beat him 1-up.

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Suburban sheriff's office finds itself fielding requests for internet data

MARIA GLOD

Washington Post

Ron Horak joined the Loudoun County sheriff's office nearly 25 years ago, as a guard in the county jail. He later patrolled the countryside when only four deputies were on duty at a time.

He figured he'd spend his entire career patrolling this still-rural Virginia county, some 35 miles west of Washington, D.C., where violent crime is rare and smashed mailboxes make the news.

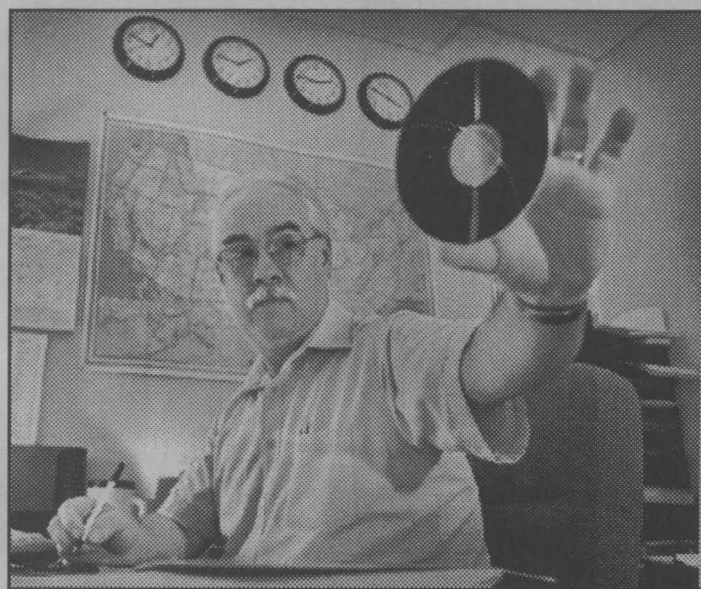
Then America Online moved in.

Now, Horak — still wearing his trademark cowboy boots — is on the ground floor of some of the nation's most high-profile criminal investigations: horrific rapes, murders, bombings. From his quiet Leesburg office, he has one of the most far-reaching views into the seedy side of cyberspace.

"Every time I think I've seen it all, I see something else," Horak, 52, said. "My grandchildren hear the war stories. They hear the horror stories."

Horak is Loudoun's AOL detective. That's all he does. Nationwide requests for information from AOL are so frequent, the sheriff's office has had to devote all Horak's energies to dealing with the applications.

Horak, the gatekeeper for police seeking clues in the online missives of AOL's 23 million subscribers, has worked with police from all 50 states. His full-time job is to handle the warrants needed to peer into the online communication of *bobcat8me* or *honeycupid* or



ONLINE DETECTIVE: Ron Horak, with a CD of information he gathered on a sexually oriented computer crime. Horak has been handling requests for information from AOL on some of the nation's most high-profile criminal investigations: rapes, murders, bombings. Washington Post photo by Gerald Martineau.)

satangirl. He's averaging more than one a day.

With more than 46.5 million households nationwide with Internet access, online conversations and images can hold a wealth of evidence for police investigating such crimes as fraud, arson and identity theft. AOL, the nation's largest Internet service provider, moved to the county in 1996. As Loudoun's main law enforcement agents, sheriff's officials knew the law required that most requests for AOL account information be funneled through their office. But they never dreamed there would be so many.

At the red brick courthouse, clerks record each new warrant in a leather-bound ledger with entries dating to 1975. The first AOL search warrant was filed in Loudoun in 1996. The next year there were 33.

After that, the requests skyrocketed.

In 1998, Loudoun magistrates signed off on 152 Internet searches as police from New York to Texas peered into the accounts of users including *^sexylilwildcat@* and *^lonely-wife69@*, looking for the identities of criminals or motives. Last year, there were 299 AOL searches; this year, there already are 245.

"We didn't realize the magnitude of this when we started," said Loudoun Sheriff's Maj. John Patton. "We didn't realize how much it would grow."

Bill Taylor, president of the Oregon-based International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists, said Loudoun shouldn't expect requests to level off soon. Groups like his are training front-line officers nationwide to consider the potential for com-

puter evidence in every case.

"It's becoming more and more common for street cops on the front line to think to preserve a computer, just like they do fingerprints or blood stains," Taylor said.

Patton said the work load already has strained his department, but officials know Horak's job is critical to prosecutions nationwide.

New Jersey investigators called on Loudoun to help with an AOL search when they were investigating the 1997 death of Edward Werner, 11, who was strangled by neighbor and avid Internet user Sam Manzie, 15, who had himself been molested by someone he met online. Pennsylvania police recently pursued accounts associated with Richard Baumhammers, 34, charged with killing five people during an allegedly racially motivated shooting spree.

Mark Marshall, a detective with the Worthington, Ohio, police department, said Horak helped him put a child predator behind bars. In 1998, Marshall had gotten a tip that Mark W. Maxwell had tried to lure a 13-year-old girl he met online to a hotel.

Marshall called Horak, who helped prepare a search warrant and delivered it to the magistrate. Included in the records Horak sent back were pornographic images and the names of hundreds of people Maxwell communicated with online.

"It made our case," Marshall said. "Here was an agency who didn't know us ... (but) he hand-delivered the warrant. He got us the information. He said, 'If you need me, call.' You can't ask for better than that."

Horak said he fell into his

job by chance. He began processing the warrants in 1998 when the department's computer expert went away for a two-week class and one or two requests filtered in. But each week there were more.

Still, the frequency hasn't numbed Horak to the content. Children who threaten teachers. Men luring girls for sexual encounters. Someone sending e-mail using the names of the town mayor and police chief.

"The brazenness of people never ceases to amaze you," Horak said. "They are just so bold."

He has taught seminars in Santa

Fe, N.M., Ocean City, Md., and Virginia Beach. Sometimes officers call and say they heard about him from friends in other agencies.

"Detectives will call and say, 'I don't have a clue where to start,'" Horak said. "I know I'm in trouble if they say, 'I had to get my grandson to turn on the computer for me.'"

Horak faxes them a how-to letter describing the warrant procedure, and they send back an affidavit explaining why they need the information. But Horak also must know enough details of each case to justify

the need for the search when he goes to the magistrate.

To obtain an AOL search, Horak must prove there is "probable cause" to look into an account — that "there's a 51 percent chance that a crime was committed and that this evidence would aid the investigation," said Loudoun County Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Owen D. Basham. "It's the same standard as if you were searching someone's

house or car. And it doesn't mean that (the person whose account is searched) is the one who did something wrong."

"If they just want a 'look-see,' I reject it outright. Big Brother does not do that," Horak said. But "if you have broken the law and

used AOL to do it, you have reason to worry."

AOL spokesman Rich D'Amato said the company, to protect its subscribers, requires a legal order by a judge or magistrate. "We work with law enforcement to get them the information as quickly as possible," he said, adding that AOL also has one person devoted to processing such requests.

"I don't think we truly envisioned years ago it would get this big this soon," Horak said. "It's good to be able to reach out and help people prosecute."

More WORDS

"The brazenness of people never ceases to amaze you ..."

— Ron Horak, AOL detective

Students are humiliated, hazed beaten to join even church groups

ANJETTA McQUEEN

Associated Press Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Almost half the high school students who answered a nationwide survey said they were made to eat disgusting things, abuse alcohol or drugs or perform humiliating or illegal acts to join athletic teams, the band, even church groups, universi-

ty researchers said Monday.

The researchers at Alfred University in Alfred, N.Y. — known for studies of hazing among college sports teams, fraternities and sororities — said the report on high schools shows a willingness among younger people to do violence or break laws for a sense of belonging. It demonstrates as well that young people's social activities should have greater

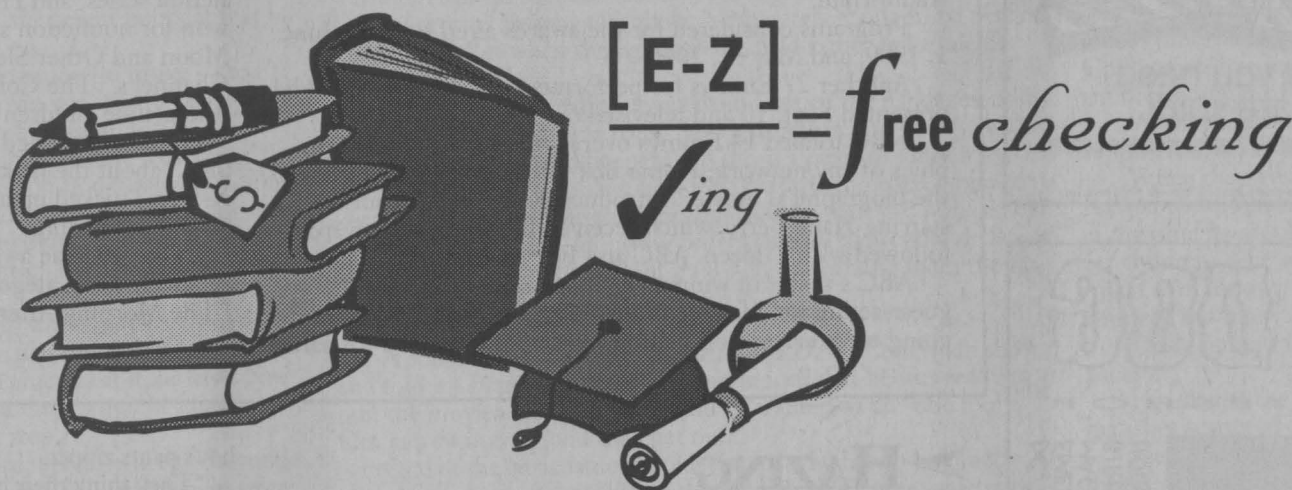
adult supervision and gives proof that no group is immune, the researchers said.

"Students may already be deeply immersed in the culture of hazing before they arrive on our campuses as freshmen," said Charles Edmondson, president of the private liberal

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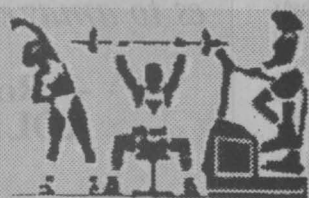
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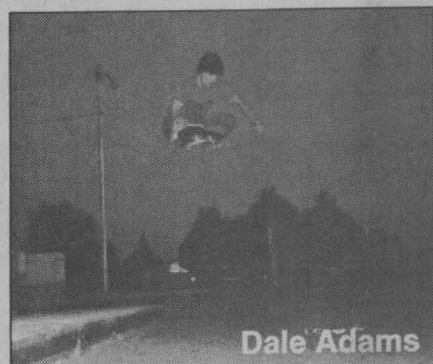
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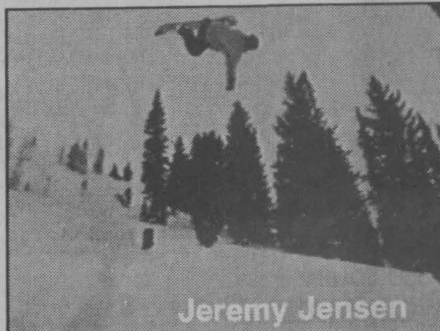
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'Space Cowboys' proves old stars can still hit it big

CLAUDIA ELLER
LA Times

HOLLYWOOD — "Space Cowboys" was supposed to be a big flop as far as most of Hollywood was concerned. Conventional wisdom suggests that in an era when youth-appeal films are driving the box office, those aimed at older audiences don't have a shot at doing much business—especially if they're cast with aging movie stars.

The buzz before Warner Bros.' Aug. 4 release was: Who wants to see "Grumpy Old Men in Space?"

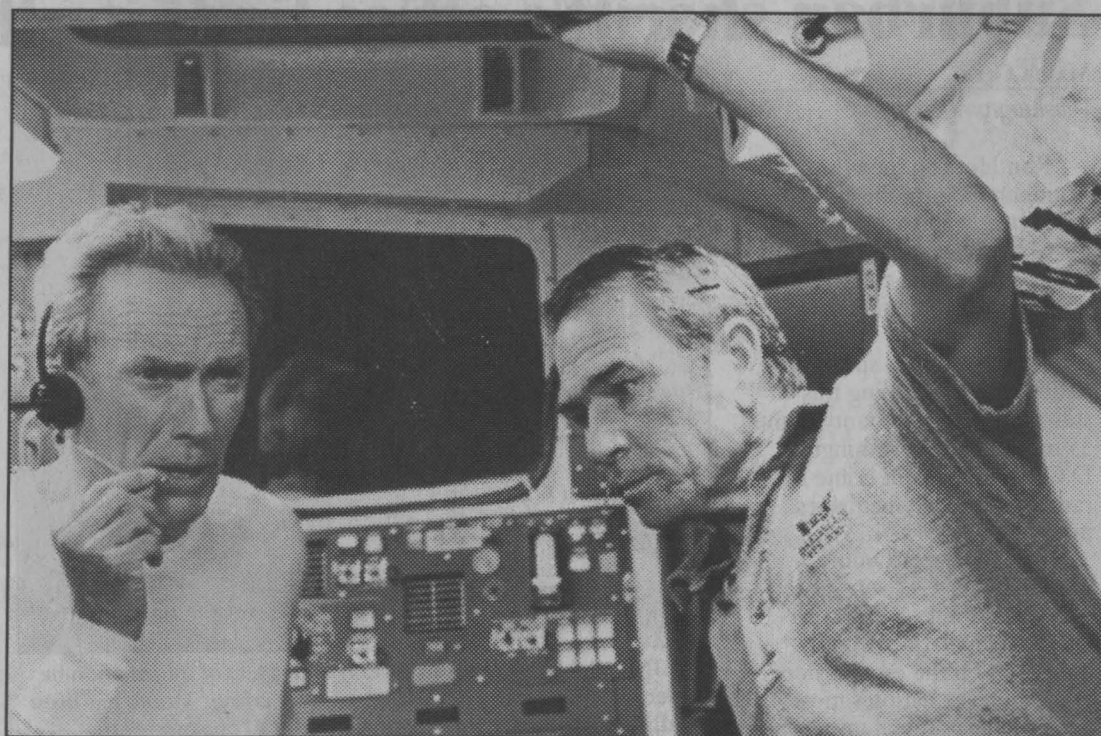
Not only did "Space Cowboys," starring Clint Eastwood (who also directed), Tommy Lee Jones, Donald Sutherland and James Garner, open to \$18.1 million amid mostly rave reviews, it has hung in there with a minimal drop-off in business thanks to strong word of mouth.

The film, which Warner sources confirm cost just north of \$80 million, has already grossed more than \$50 million and is projected to do in the \$85-million range domestically. Once all revenues from the international market, where Eastwood is huge, and other ancillaries are tallied, the movie could well be profitable. Eastwood and Jones, who each get a cut of the gross starting from the first dollar at the box office, will see a nice payday.

"All we read and talk about is the domination of the under-30 moviegoers," said Alan Horn, president of Warner Bros. "The implicit assumption is that if you have a movie not designed for that audience, you're in big trouble."

With "Space Cowboys," Horn said, "The older demo has spoken." In fact, amid such youth-driven hits as "X-Men," "Scary Movie" and "Gladiator," this summer has seen the success of several other adult-appeal films. They include "The Perfect Storm," "What Lies Beneath" and "The Patriot."

Jack Valenti, head of the Motion Picture Association of America, says that contrary to popular belief, "There is a large market out there for films that appeal to older people." In 1999, MPAA data show,



CLINT EASTWOOD, left, and Tommy8 Lee Jones are the backbone of an aging astronaut team in "Space Cowboys."

moviegoers older than 40 accounted for 31 percent of admissions, compared with 41 percent for the 12-to-24 age group. But when 30-to-39-year-olds are added to the 40-plus group, the over-30 crowd accounted for nearly half of all admissions (49 percent). Valenti said that in the last five years, moviegoers older than 40 have accounted for 30 percent to 34 percent of admissions.

Still, as data show, the core moviegoing audience remains 16-to-20-year-olds. They are the most frequent moviegoers (going at least once a month), therefore Hollywood's most sought-after audience.

The under-25 segment will see movies repeatedly if they love them (which tells you why "Titanic" was such a mega-hit), whereas older moviegoers don't typically see the same movie twice. That might explain why a film such as "Space Cowboys" is a solid hit but won't likely gross \$100 million or more.

Paul Dergaraedian, president of Exhibitor Relations Co., says the film's successful hold at the box office reflects both strong word of mouth and the "moviegoing habits of older audiences, which don't necessarily run out and see something the first weekend but dis-

cover a film over time."

Knowing how review-driven and word-of-mouth-dependent the movie would be, Warner distribution president Dan Fellman finally persuaded Eastwood — who doesn't normally preview his movies — to sneak "Space Cowboys" the weekend before it opened. The only other film Eastwood had ever agreed to sneak was "In the Line of Fire," a 1993 release.

In making his argument for "Space Cowboys," Fellman recalled telling Eastwood, "Older audiences attend sneaks more than younger ones," who are usually preoccupied with running out to see the hottest flick of the moment.

"From our experience of knowing how good the film was, we felt that the best type of advertising was the movie itself, if we could just get it out there," Fellman said. "And he agreed, for the first time."

Horn said that while Warner sold "Perfect Storm" as a thrill-ride action picture, much like its 1996 release "Twister," "Space Cowboys" was different because it's a character-driven story with older movie stars "aimed squarely at the mainstream older audience." It's more similar to Warner's "Grumpy Old

Men" movies, starring Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon, which each grossed in the \$70-million range.

Horn said that initially, Eastwood, 70, had "expressed reservations about doing the film," worried audiences might not embrace him in the role of an aging astronaut. It helped, Horn said, that in 1998, John Glenn went back into space at age 77.

As a director, Eastwood also had concerns about undertaking a big special-effects movie, never having done one. Such films require much longer preparation and post-production time than he's used to. Eastwood — one of Hollywood's most efficient and controlling filmmakers, who won best director and best picture Oscars for "Unforgiven" — has a reputation for bringing his movies in on time and on budget.

Eastwood also did so with this film, said Andrew Lazar, who produced "Space Cowboys" with him.

Horn said the film's success proves that audiences want to see Eastwood in heroic roles, which was also the case with "In the Line of Fire."

"There's no substitute for really good movies," Horn said. "Audiences will show up."

NBC leads tally of early Emmys, boosted by 'West Wing' awards

ED LAREL
Los Angeles Times

PASADENA, Calif. — "The West Wing" began its Emmy campaign by collecting four statuettes Saturday during a preliminary nighttime Emmy Awards presentation.

The first-year White House drama claimed awards for casting, theme music, cinematography and art direction when the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences handed out awards in more than 50 categories, most of which focused on technical areas during Saturday's event at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

Programs considered for the awards aired between June 1, 1999, and May 31, 2000.

Another 27 Emmys for performers and programs will be presented Sept. 10 and televised on ABC.

NBC totaled 14 Emmys overall, giving it the most trophies of any network; Home Box Office — thanks in part to the biographical movie "Introducing Dorothy Dandridge," starring Halle Berry, which received four technical awards — followed with a dozen. ABC and Fox took nine each.

ABC's roster of winners included both awards in the guest-acting field for its drama "The Practice," with Emmys going to veteran actors James Whitmore and Beah Richards.

On the comedy side, Bruce Willis garnered an Emmy for his guest stint on "Friends" (Tom Selleck was also nominated for the show); former "Designing Women" star Jean Smart was chosen for "Frasier."

In programming categories, Fox's "The Simpsons" was voted best animated program for the sixth time in the past eight years, and the Discovery Channel's "Walking With Dinosaurs" won for animated program longer than an hour — one of three awards earned by that production.

PBS' "American Masters" was named outstanding non-fiction series, and HBO's documentary "Children in War" won for nonfiction special. The pay channel's "Goodnight Moon and Other Sleepytime Tales" and the Disney Channel's "The Color of Friendship" shared honors as best prime-time children's program.

HBO also tallied three Emmys for the movie "RKO 281," about the making of "Citizen Kane," and Fox's "The X-Files" picked up a trio of awards for visual effects, makeup and sound mixing.

Nike won the award for outstanding commercial — still a relatively new category for the Emmys — with a spot titled "The Morning After."

HAZING

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arts university in western New York. "Our challenge is much greater than anyone appreciated."

In the survey — a two-page mail-in questionnaire sent to 11th and 12th graders this spring — students said they were most likely to be hazed by a sports team or gang. They also reported being hazed for music, art and theater clubs and church groups. Every high school organization except school newspaper and yearbook staffs had high levels of hazing.

The university-funded survey does not represent the teen population at large. Only 1,541 of those mailed surveys returned them, just over 8 percent, but the project's lead researcher, Nadine Hoover, said further studies could build on the findings.

The results nevertheless furthered a debate over whether hazing is more a time-honored rite of passage or a dangerous trend that sends increasing numbers of children to hospitals or jails.

In Winslow, Ariz., six of eight high school athletes charged in the sexual assault of about a dozen basketball and track team members accepted plea bargains in the cases; the basketball coach was also indicted, accused of knowing about some of the abuses and failing to stop them. In Trumbull, Conn., high school wrestlers were charged after a 15-year-old wrestler was sexually assaulted with the handle of a plastic knife. A high school newspaper in Avon, Ind., documented assaults on young athletes.

Schools need to do more, said Linda Murrie, an Essex, Vt., parent who campaigned against hazing after her 16-year-old daughter, Lizzie, was hazed on the school gymnastics team. The team progressed from having new members dress up in silly clothes to her daughter's being forced to eat a banana protruding from a

boy's pants zipper.

"They think their harassment policies cover hazing, but they don't," Murrie said. "There is such an issue about whether the kids are consenting to the hazing or not."

Some schools — institutions including the Upper St. Clair, Pa., school district and the University of Vermont — are cracking down on hazing, creating strict policies and punishments. More than 40 states with anti-hazing laws, although researchers said the laws do not appear to limit hazing significantly.

"Initiation rites are important. Groups need to bond," said project leader Hoover, answering critics who she said accuse her of trying to turn the nation's students into "wusses." "How you do these initiation rites is at issue."

Hazing was defined by researchers as any humiliating or dangerous act expected of new group members, regardless of willingness to participate. Students said they were asked mostly to do humiliating things: pushing a penny across the school bus floor with the nose; sucking someone's toes; skinny dipping; or drinking foul mixtures such as urine, spoiled milk and eggs.

One in five respondents said they were put in harm's way or asked to break the law, which sounded an alarm to researchers who say such acts go beyond critics' contentions of innocent fun. Dangerous or illegal acts included being beaten, raped or sexually assaulted or assaulting others, destroying or vandalizing property, drinking alcohol until passing out, stealing, destroying or vandalizing property.

Schools have a bigger reason to be worried over such reported behavior, said Norman Pollard, student counseling director at Alfred University.

"When we look at recent incidents in high schools, such as those at Columbine, Paducah and Springfield," Pollard said, referring to multiple shootings, "we see the dire consequences of teens feeling excluded, rejected and humiliated."

Paul Newman: In search of a 'state of grace'

PAUL LIEBERMAN
Los Angeles Times

LAKEVILLE, Conn.— "He's late."
"Yeah, way late."

It's been more than a minute since Paul Newman's car last whizzed past the pit area of Lime Rock Park. His crew knows something's wrong, for he's been running laps in less than 55 seconds. But two minutes pass, then three, and there's still no sight of him. The men scan the sky above distant sections of the winding track, looking for a telltale sign.

"I don't see any smoke," one says.

Then, finally, "There! He's comin' in!"

The red-white-and-blue GT-1 circuit sports car eases into the pit and someone pulls Newman out the window — the only way in and out of such a car. "He spun out over there," reports the owner of the car, Larry Leifert, pointing toward a tricky S-turn around the bend.

"Ah, I just got on the gas too hard, that's all," says Newman, taking off his helmet, grabbing a bottle of water and walking away to sit by himself on the white concrete barrier that stretches along the pit. He sits there silently, head slumped, catching his breath.

Newman has suggested, from time to time, that he's about done with racing, almost ready to give his wife, Joanne Woodward, some peace of mind. But he won't quit. Weeks before his 75th birthday on Jan. 26, he crashed his Porsche into a tire barrier during a practice run at Daytona, injuring his ribs. Weeks

Although he's never stopped being a 13-year-old in some ways — he's legendary for his pranks — he's hardly immune from feeling his age. He asked his 81-year-old neighbor in Westport how things were going, and the man said, "Some weeks I don't seem to be able to get out of my black suit." Newman wonders how he'll face his own darkest days.

He wonders how to wind up a career. And how does he handle, with grace, those people who make him out to be some kind of saint, who want to eulogize him as Hollywood's answer to Mother Teresa?

More immediately, how does he get back in that race car with out looking like a fool?

Newman's latest film, "Where the Money Is," had hit theaters two weeks earlier. It was a modestly budgeted diversion, nothing heavy, but let him play a trademark character, the charming rogue — a bank robber who fakes a stroke to get out of prison. Reviews were fairly good, and even if no one suggested his character would make audiences forget Hud or Cool Hand Luke, or Fast Eddie or Butch Cassidy, his performance was universally praised.

Yet the opening numbers are atrocious. Attracting mostly older audiences, the USA Films release took in only \$2.5 million its first week. It's clear that it's doomed to be a blip on the radar screen, then disappear.

"We should have gotten people into the theater," Newman says.

Fifteen minutes after getting out of the car, he's trying to figure it out. His wispy white hair blowing in the wind, he sits before a cup of coffee at a picnic table by the track's snack bar.

On a race day, he'd have to stay in his trailer to avoid being mobbed. But this time is for racing teams only. The sole autograph seeker is a woman who has a friend "who kinda worked for you, for the charities." The name rings no bells. "I don't know what to tell you," he says — he's not one to pretend he knows her friend.

He won't pretend with himself, either. So he briefly recounts possible explanations for the film's failure: The release date? Distribution strategy? "And maybe," he says, "we simply didn't have enough explosions and enough body mutilations and enough frontal nudity and enough sodomy and enough self-abuse."

"I don't know," he adds, quieting after his rant. "Maybe I can't carry a film anymore."

He had tried, heaven knows. Before the film came out, he did one of those PR blitzes they call junkets, sitting down April 1 with round tables of print reporters at a Manhattan hotel, then planting himself in front of posters for the film so a parade of TV types could have their go at him, five minutes each. "He knew what would happen, though. However much he'd try to steer the talk to the film, they'd steer back to him, often with reverence, as if his 75 years of being Paul Newman — in movies, politics, philanthropy, marriage, racing — might teach us all something about living a good and just life."

"In Hollywood a relationship that lasts longer than a carton of milk is a success," one of the first of the TV people noted. "How have you guys?" — he and Woodward — "done it?"

"We drink a lot. I don't know."

On it goes. He did so many great films — what's his favorite? "Not 'The Silver Chalice,'" his first, in 1954, in which they put him in Roman garb that looked like a cocktail dress. Is it true he's given \$100 million to his camps and other causes? "My spaghetti sauce grosses more than my films."

The secret to his success? "Luck." On it goes.

In private, he may talk about "desperately trying to be part of your time." But when the lights go on, he'd rather tell a tale on himself.

Indeed, he'd hoped someone would notice the bandage on his middle finger. Then he'd really have a story for 'em: how he was cutting cucumbers and peppers and sliced a piece of himself, instead, right into the salad; how the doctor then ordered him to keep that middle finger elevated; and how he then was walking by this sweet old couple, following orders, and all they could do is stare agape at ... the beneficent Paul Newman giving them the finger.

But no one noticed the bandage.

A couple of days later, he went on the David Letterman show and told his finger story. He also announced that he was ready to quit the movies. Paul Newman said he wanted to do "one more film as a swan song and then get out."

One of the basic issues of older age is whether to go quietly into the night, or keep fighting the fight. There's no easy answer, of course, and it's probably not a conscious choice. But is there any doubt what this man's inclination is?

The point is: If he's not ready to quit the on-the-edge insanity of racing, why believe, for a moment, that he's ready to slip quietly from films — or anything?

He confesses immediately. There's plenty of wiggle room in that one-more-and-out pledge.

"I think I've retired a lot," he says with a laugh. "I shouldn't have said that. I'd just like to do one more ^memorable@ film of some kind, a film that aspires to something. Some new way of telling a story. Some way of dramatizing the human condition. I don't mean significant with quotes around it, but something that would be memorable in some way."

"I just want one of these films you could devote your time to and say, 'Yeah, I can swan song with this.'"

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It's only a few blocks up Post Road to the Westport Country Playhouse, the converted barn that has become a cause for Newman's wife. With lobby posters showing Basil Rathbone and Gloria Swanson, the theater has quite a 70-year history. But it had fallen on hard times before Woodward and three other women took over the management in January.

On the other side of Post Road is the headquarters of Newman's Own, the nonprofit he started on a lark in 1982 when a friend suggested he sell the salad dressing he mixed up for neighbors at Christmas. Who could have seen how everything from popcorn to Fig Newmans would follow, along with an offshoot run by daughter Nell in Aptos, Calif., Newman's Own Organics? The manufacturing and distribution are contracted out, so it takes only 10 employees to run the show from the second floor of a brick office building behind a bank. Sales in 1999: \$90 million.

All of this is an easy drive from the 1700s farmhouse on 15 acres that Newman and Woodward bought in the '60s, making it their main home ever since. No question, they've put down deep roots in the quiet Yankee town of 24,000, a world away from Hollywood.

But it's not where Newman wants to be buried.

The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp is in Ashford, in the north-east corner of Connecticut, closer to Boston than New York. You drive in under a ranch-style arch, past a sign reading "Yippee — You're Here." The dirt road goes around the edge of the lake and through woods to the guard shack. Past that: A \$17-million refuge for kids too sick to go to camp most anywhere else, most too poor to afford it, anyway. This week, in July, all 111 have HIV or full-blown AIDS.

When asked how he came to start the camp, Newman says, "I just woke up one day."

He had started a charitable foundation before, after the death of his only son from a Valium and alcohol overdose in 1978. But the Scott Newman Foundation operated safely within what one of Newman's daughters called "our own level of expertise," the entertainment industry. It encouraged movies and TV shows to tackle drug and alcohol issues, hoping the messages would reach people in need.

By 1986, however, the food business was bringing in serious cash. Newman decided to use it to help kids directly, almost one-on-one — not waiting for any message to trickle down.

He approached Yale's chief of pediatrics, Dr. Howard Pearson. "There were only two things he knew," Pearson recalls, "the name of the camp" — drawn from the hiding place used by Butch and Sundance — "and that it would be built yesterday."

If Anheuser-Busch enjoyed how he had guzzled Budweisers all those years, why shouldn't it kick in for a dining hall? If the Saudi royal family was looking to create goodwill in the U.S. — and looking to get some AWACS surveillance planes — sure, he'd appear with them in Washington, D.C. To collect \$5 million. And why shouldn't the Navy Seabees build a boardwalk to the boathouse as a favor to a tough old WWII vet who'd manned the radio on a torpedo bomber in the South Pacific?

That's how "the Taj Mahal of camps," as Pearson terms it, was ready for business in 18 months, a fantasyland on 300 acres. Hospitals and clinics referred kids with cancer, sickle cell anemia and other diseases. None would pay a penny.

The ground rule for a visit is that you leave him be when he's with the kids, no fuss. There are no plaques branding this the Paul Newman Camp. About the only thing you see with his name is the totem pole he crafted as a thank-you to the staff.

Self-esteem may have become an overused, mushy concept, but here it's a high goal, without apology.

"I don't believe this metaphysical sort of stuff about miracles happening, but many children seem stronger," Pearson says over dinner, Newman at another table with his Yellow crew. "They accept their treatment better. And the ones who literally are dying, God knows, I've seen them pull themselves together just to make another summer of camp. I firmly believe that."

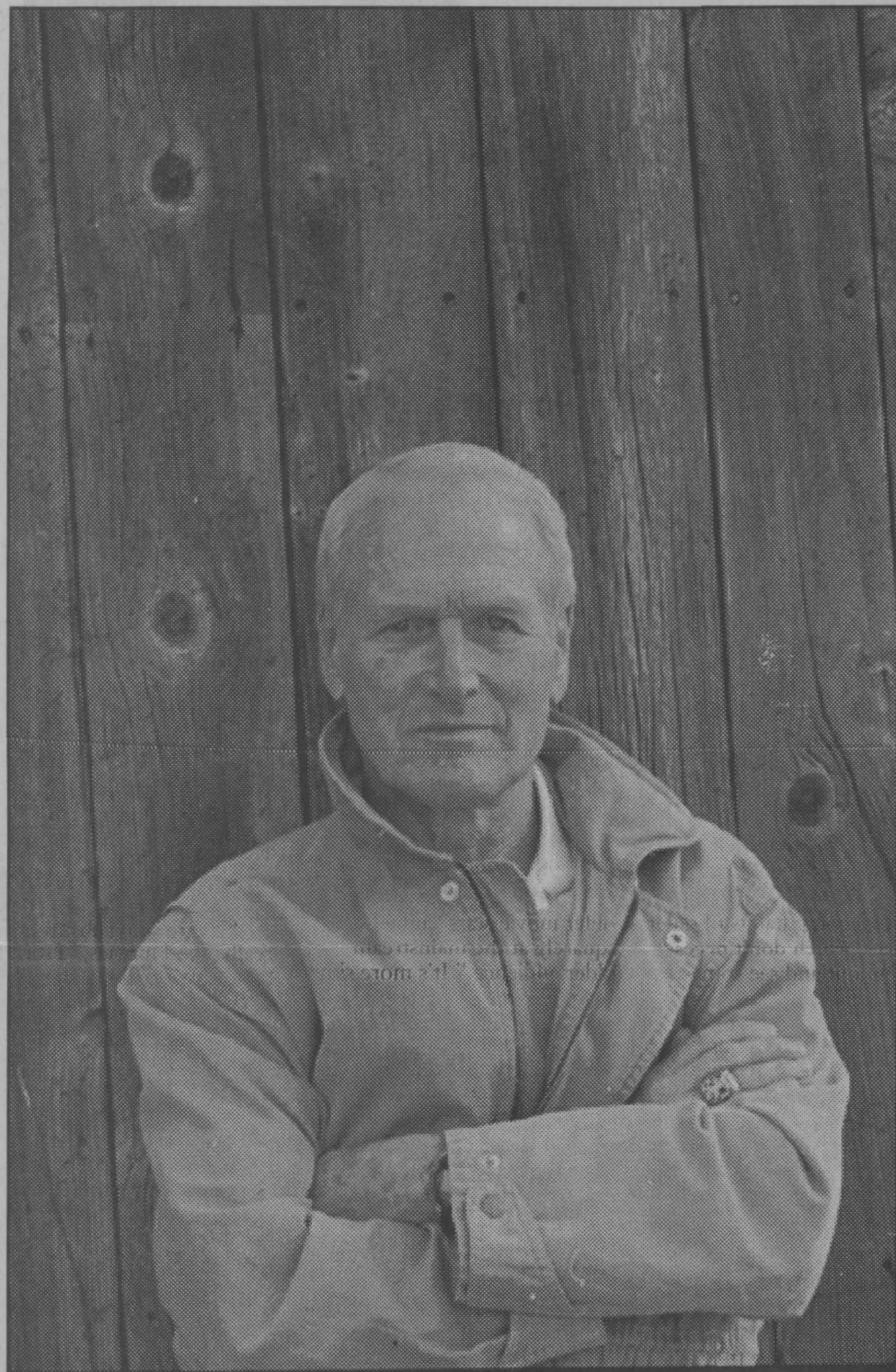
When people nominate Newman for sainthood, "what am I supposed to say?" he asks.

When they gush over his 42-year marriage, is he supposed to remind them that he was wed to another actress, with three kids, at the time he met Woodward? When they gush over all he does for children, is he supposed to say that he could have been more in touch with his own son? There's more, of course, like the years he chugged too many of those Buds.

On Judgment Day, he figures, he'll fall somewhere in the pack.

His plan at the moment is to be buried at the camp or have his ashes scattered on its lake. "I always admired the fish," he says.

He's getting to that point, he says, where he ponders such things. He worries about "the grace of the disappearance." He explains, "You always wonder about how much guts you've actually got. Until you've faced it, you never really know."



"I'D JUST LIKE TO DO one more memorable film of some kind, a film that aspires to something," says Paul Newman, 75, at his home in Westport, Conn. / Los Angeles Times photo by Bruce Gilbert.)

after the birthday, he was back at the Florida track for its 24-hour endurance race. When he dropped out after eight hours, it was because his car broke, not him.

He keeps at it though he has nothing more to prove — to anyone but himself. Hardly the first movie star to give racing a try after being exposed to it on a film — in his case, the 1969 "Winning" — he quickly established himself as the real thing. Taking his first driving lessons at 47, at Bob Bondurant's school in Northern California, he became the oldest winner of a major nationally sanctioned race in the United States. He was 61 years, 7 months when he won a Trans-Am event in August 1986, at Lime Rock.

Newman explains his zeal for racing with one word: grace. While he was a good enough athlete to play some football at Kenyon College in Ohio, he never felt graceful at it, he says. Nor at basketball or tennis or dancing, even. Only when he climbed into a car did he find it. Now he won't stop.

At 75, Newman brings up that word, grace, in arenas beyond the track. If you watch him for a few months — everywhere from a movie event to his summer camp for sick children — you'll hear it come up in reference to his work, say, or his stage of life.



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No quick fix on war on doping

Lure of being bigger, stronger, faster devastates athletes

ALAN ABRAHAMSON
Los Angeles Times

With the Sydney Olympic Games just a few weeks away, field testers are knocking on thousands of doors worldwide, checking athletes for steroids and other substances that cheaters use to make themselves bigger, stronger and faster.

The campaign, orchestrated by a new watchdog group, is the most widespread pre-Olympic testing program in history and could ultimately involve half the Sydney-bound athletes.

Acting with unusual speed, the International Olympic Committee also gave preliminary approval this month to a more sophisticated test that might be rushed into service for Sydney.

These developments provide a rare glimmer of hope in the war on performance-enhancing drugs—a battle that has dragged on for decades and

cost millions of dollars while producing few victories.

But even with the surprise visits, skeptics claim, the IOC has a history of testing halfheartedly and, in some cases, covering up positive results to avoid embarrassment. And even with a new test on the way, researchers say, there remains a panoply of performance-enhancing substances that they cannot detect.

So, experts warn, the Sydney Games could be the dirtiest yet, leaving some to wonder if the Olympic movement is doing too little, too late.

"If this was a football game, the cheaters would be leading, 84-3," said Charles Yesalis, a Penn State University professor who has studied drug use by athletes.

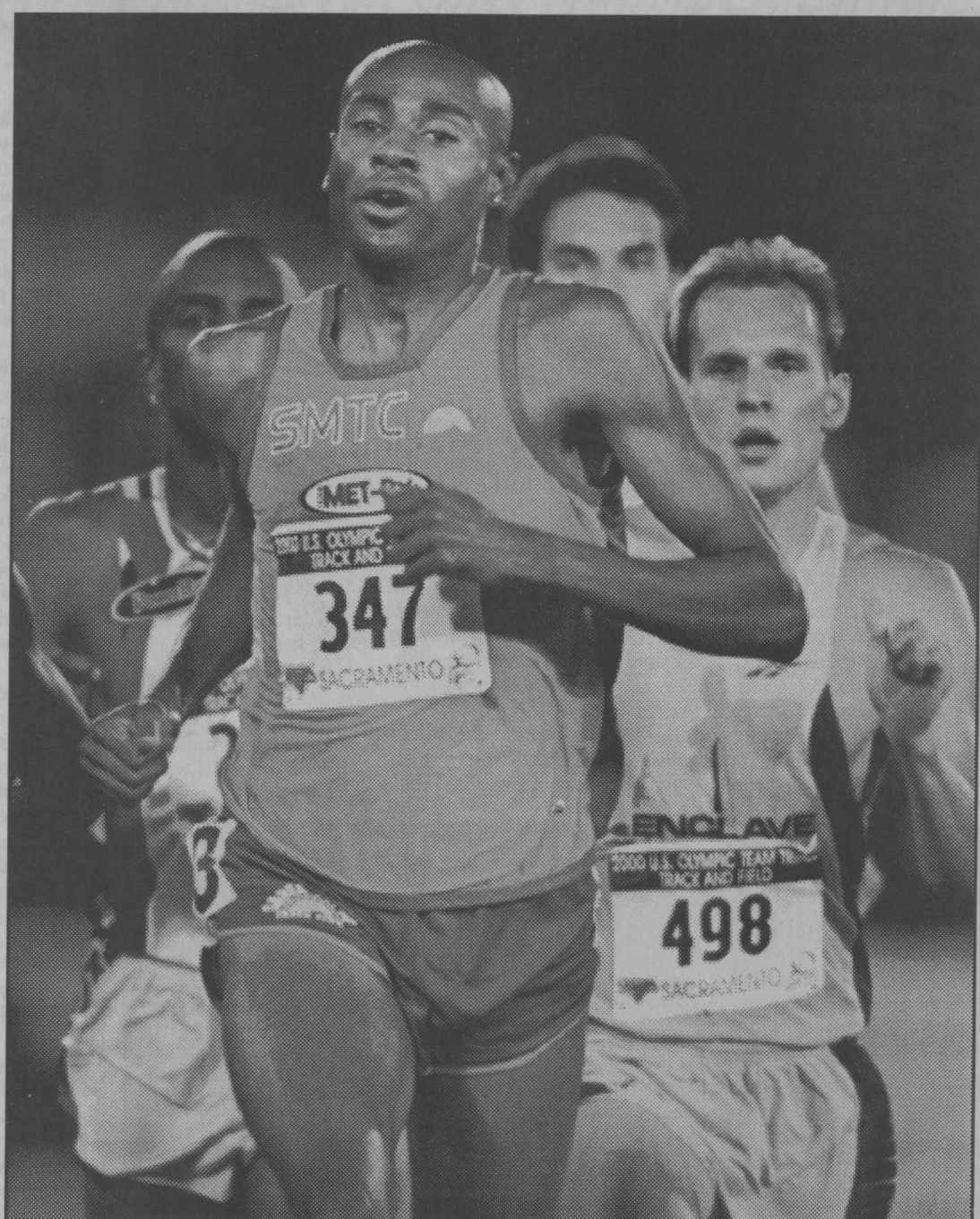
No issue cuts to the heart of the Olympics like doping. It runs counter to the ideal of fair play. Fairly or unfairly, it casts a cloud of suspicion over any highly successful athlete. With

so many reports of doping, can television viewers really trust that the extraordinary performances they will see from Sydney are the result of hard work and athletic talent, not drugs?

Doping also threatens to further erode the credibility of the IOC, which has the ultimate responsibility for putting on clean Games and is struggling to emerge from last year's Salt Lake City corruption scandal. And, some experts believe, untold numbers of athletes are risking their health by taking drugs in their quest for gold.

You have to create a deterrence factor," said Frank Shorter, an Olympic marathon champion who has become an anti-doping activist. "If you can create uncertainty among the cheaters, that would be wonderful."

Performance-enhancing drugs are reputed to have been part of the Games since ancient Greece, when athletes sought an edge by eating psychedelic

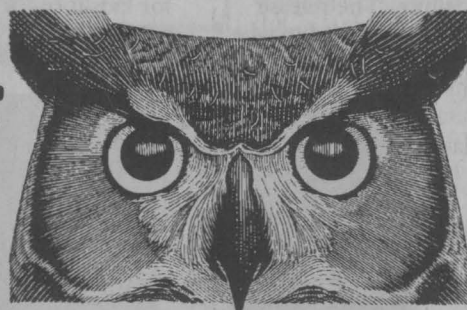


"YOU'D WATCH A RUNNER break the world record one day, he'd be dead the next week. It would be like allowing guys to commit suicide for the love of money," says Johnny Gray, four-time Olympian and 1992 bronze medalist. Los Angeles Times photo by Wally Skalij.

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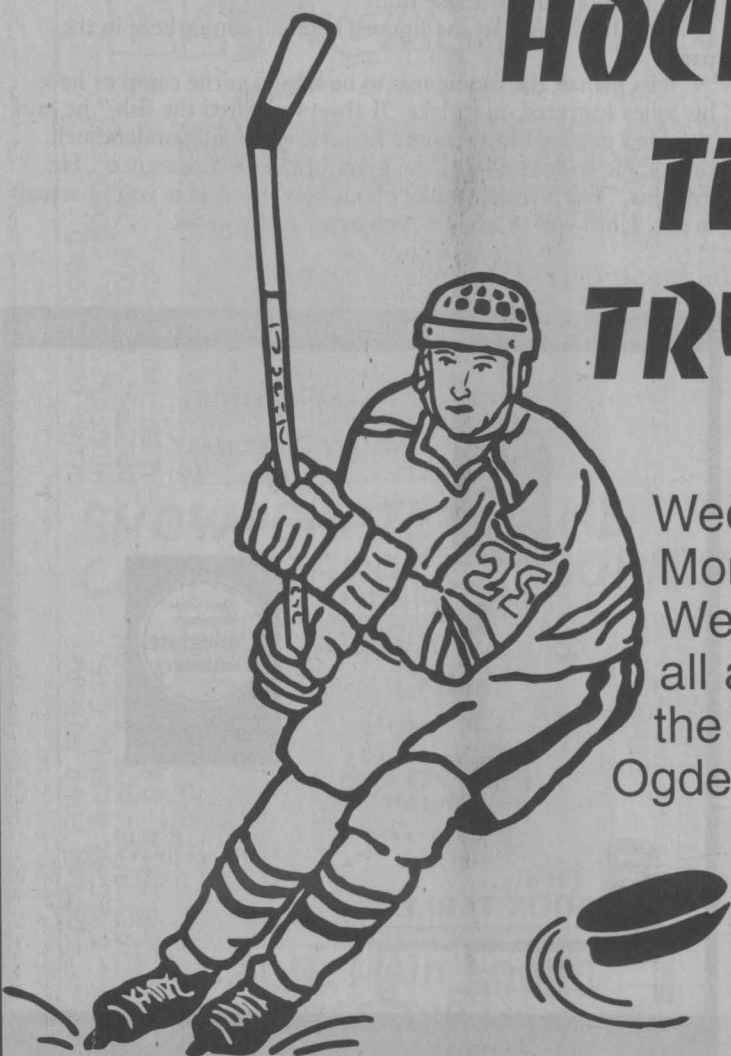
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In the early 1900s, marathon runners swilled brandy and took strychnine. Later came caffeine and amphetamines. Then steroids.

Today, researchers say it is impossible to know how many cyclists, runners and swimmers are doping. Traditionally, tests have been performed only at competitions, so cheaters dope before and after. They take agents such as diuretics, which increase the production of urine, to mask the drugs in their systems.

Estimates of drug use among athletes range wildly, from 10 percent to 99 percent.

"Mind you, there are people who are very gifted and have morals and won't take drugs," said Don Catlin, head of a University of California, Los Angeles, laboratory that analyzes samples for the IOC and other sports organizations.

"But the grim reality is, there are a heck of a lot of drugs out there," Catlin said. "And they are very influential."

The current menu is tricky to detect, and it reads like alphabet soup.

Cheaters bulk up on human growth hormone (hGH) and boost their stamina with erythropoietin (EPO), both modeled after naturally occurring substances. Though the IOC hopes to have an EPO test in Sydney, there will be no reliable way to check for hGH and other performance boosters such as insulin-like growth factor (IGF-1).

In the past, enforcement has fallen upon a patchwork of groups, including sports federations that test before and during national and international competitions. Some would test for certain drugs, some for others.

The flaws in the system were seldom more evident than earlier this month — after 33-year-old swimmer Dara Torres won a spot on the U.S. Olympic team.

Torres, a three-time Olympian, had been out of competition for seven years. At the U.S. trials, which concluded two weeks ago in Indianapolis, she qualified for three individual events in Sydney as well as a relay.

FINA, the body that governs world swimming, has performed hundreds of out-of-competition tests this year. But Torres was not tested before the trials, even though her coach says she should have been to erase any suspicion that she is doping.

"If she's not being tested, I don't know who in the world is being tested," said Richard Quick, who is also coach of the U.S. women's team in Sydney. "She's completely outside the box. She's swimming faster

than she ever has in her life."

He added: "I'm very confident that she's not cheating. I know she's not. But why would anyone else believe that?"

The Games always have been a flash point for this issue. But fewer than 60 Olympians have been caught since testing began in 1968. The best-known case involved Ben Johnson, the Canadian sprinter stripped of his gold medal and world record in the 100-meter dash after testing positive for steroids at the 1988 Seoul Games.

More recently, Manfred Ewald, 74, the former head of East German sports, was convicted in July of criminal charges in the systematic doping of athletes during the 1970s. Many female swimmers have alleged that their lives were ruined — that steroids left them with excessive body hair, deeper voices and reproductive problems. Ewald received a suspended 22-month sentence.

Criticism of the IOC's anti-doping program intensified two years ago when President Juan Antonio Samaranch told a Spanish newspaper that perhaps some drugs should be legalized. Though he backpedaled from that statement, Samaranch, who retires next year, told the Los Angeles Times, "The new president will try to solve the problem of doping."

Although doping taints many sports, IOC members believe the public holds them to a higher standard.

"In American football, they don't care how these guys get to be 300 pounds ... and they don't seem to care that Mark McGwire loads up with andro (a muscle-building supplement) and all of a sudden hits 70 home runs," said Dick Pound, an IOC vice president from Canada.

"They do care every time there's a positive test in the Olympics," Pound said. "The Olympics are different."

The doping issue boiled over with the investigation of Ewald and other East German officials and a 1998 scandal in the Tour de France.

After several cycling teams withdrew or were ousted from the tour for alleged use of EPO or other drugs, some governments — led by France — called upon the Olympic movement to lead a change. In February 1999, the IOC held a conference in Lausanne, Switzerland, then helped create and finance the World Anti-Doping Agency.

WADA was designed to operate independently, overseeing the various groups that police sports. Organizers hope to pool research money and coordinate testing.

What makes WADA different from prior anti-doping

efforts is that it represents a unified approach — bringing together the sports federations, the various national Olympic committees, the IOC, athletes and, perhaps most important, governments from around the world.

In addition, the program expands upon previous efforts — to focus on random, unannounced, out-of-competition testing, which experts say is the most likely way to deter cheating. "Unannounced is the key," Pound said.

The routine is called "knock and pee."

It begins when a field tester pays a visit to the track or pool or an athlete's home. Next comes a trip to the bathroom. The athlete must undress from the waist down and, in full view of the tester, give a urine sample.

WADA plans to oversee testing of half the 10,500 athletes headed to Sydney.

"They come to your door totally unannounced," Neil Walker, a 24-year-old swimming champion, said from his home in Austin, Texas. "If you're not there, they leave a message saying you have 24 hours to contact them."

At the national swimming championships in April, Walker gave a urine sample after his final race. The next evening at midnight, he arrived home from a long day of travel to find another tester waiting for him.

"The guy had been there since 9:30 p.m.," he said. "It was a little annoying, but you get over it pretty quick."

"You just hope they're doing the same thing to the people who are taking drugs," he added.

Cheaters have been known to conceal "clean" samples — taping ampuls between their legs, hiding rubber bags in bodily orifices — so testers watch them urinate.

"Think about if someone followed you into the bathroom and watched," said Amy Van Dyken, a top U.S. swimmer who considers the process embarrassing but necessary. "It's something you don't normally do in front of other people, especially a stranger."

Positive tests almost always provoke a legal challenge, and many athletes have prevailed in their appeals.

Jamaican sprinter Merlene Ottey, who tested positive for the steroid nandrolone, recently had her ban lifted after arguing that a Swiss lab improperly handled her sample.

In appealing a ban for cocaine use, Cuban high jumper Javier Sotomayor had the punishment shortened this summer by an international track federation that cited his humanitarian work.

Judge: Airline partly liable for the asthma death

Was death caused by cigarette smoke-filled cabin?

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Invoking an international treaty rarely applied in such cases, a federal judge on Monday ordered a Greek airline to pay \$700,000 for its role in a passenger's asthma-related death aboard a cigarette-smoke filled plane.

U.S. District Judge Charles R. Breyer said Olympic Airways attendants should have switched the seat of Abid M. Hanson after he complained that nearby smoke was bothering him on the January 1998 flight from Egypt to the United States.

"Had Olympic Airways' flight crew responded appropriately to the repeated requests to move Dr. Hanson from this area, he might be alive today," the judge wrote.

In holding Olympic partially liable,

Breyer cited the Warsaw Convention treaty. All international carriers must sign the treaty, amended since it was signed in 1929, which sets limits on airlines' financial liability for accident victims.

Breyer said the flight crew's failure to move the victim away from the smoking section following a request that they do so, including one before Hanson got on the plane, "can be considered an 'accident' under the convention."

Other courts, Breyer pointed out, have inferred that airline accidents may include a flight attendant spilling scalding water on a passenger or when a flight attendant served alcohol to a passenger whose behavior was already erratic and aggressive.

Airline attorney Stephen Fearon said Breyer misapplied the treaty and that the ruling might be appealed.

"We argued that he had preexisting medical asthma and allergy conditions and that his death was not the result of an accident under the Warsaw Convention," Fearon said. "There has to be an accident for there to be an accident. He did not die as a result of any malfunction on the airplane."

The judge awarded \$1.4 million but cut it in half after concluding the 52-year-old victim could have found another seat when the flight attendant told him to "go ask people yourself."

Hanson family lawyer Susie Injijian said the case involved the airline's "willful misconduct" and is unlikely to change policies of international carriers that allow cigarette smoking.

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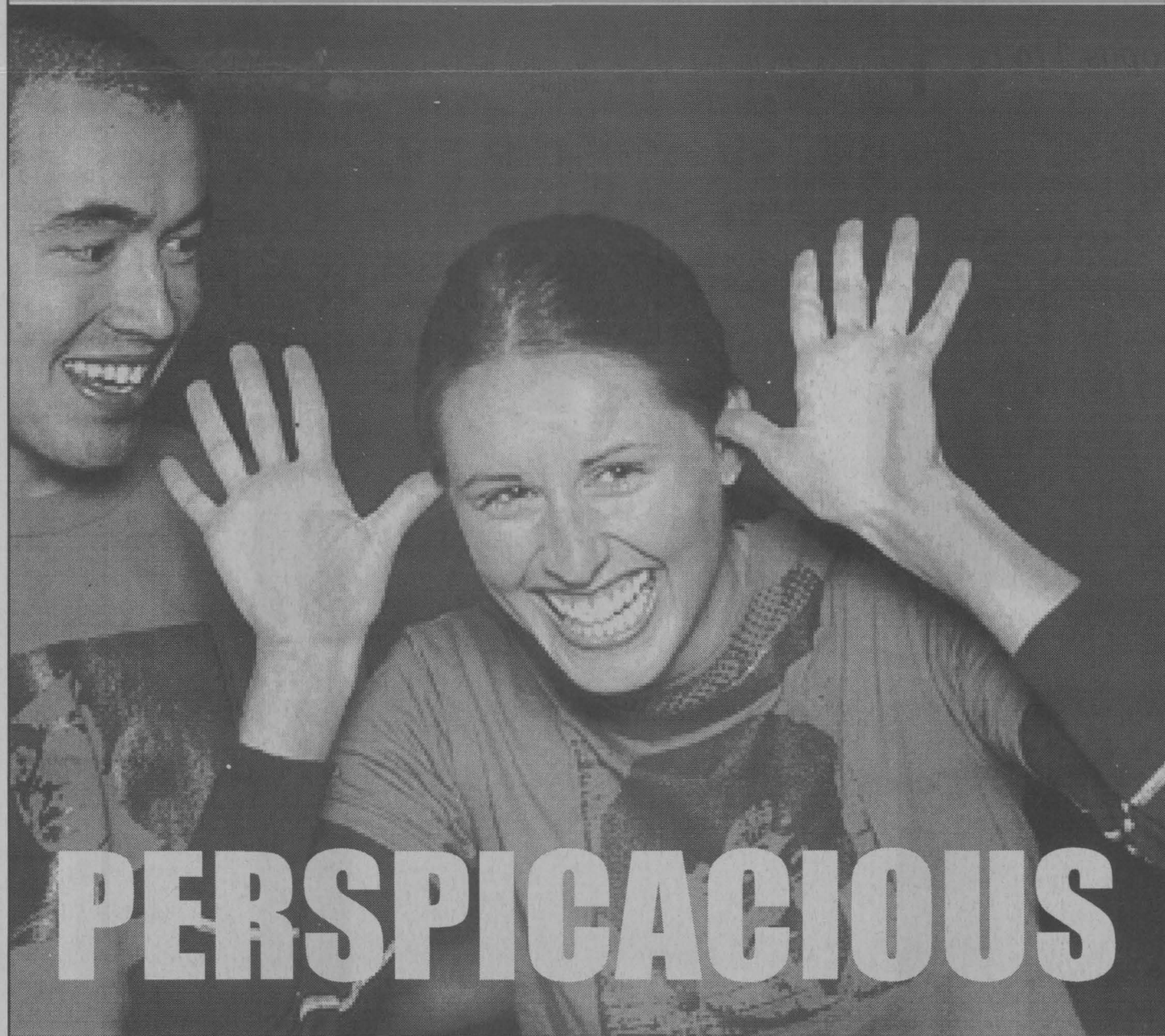
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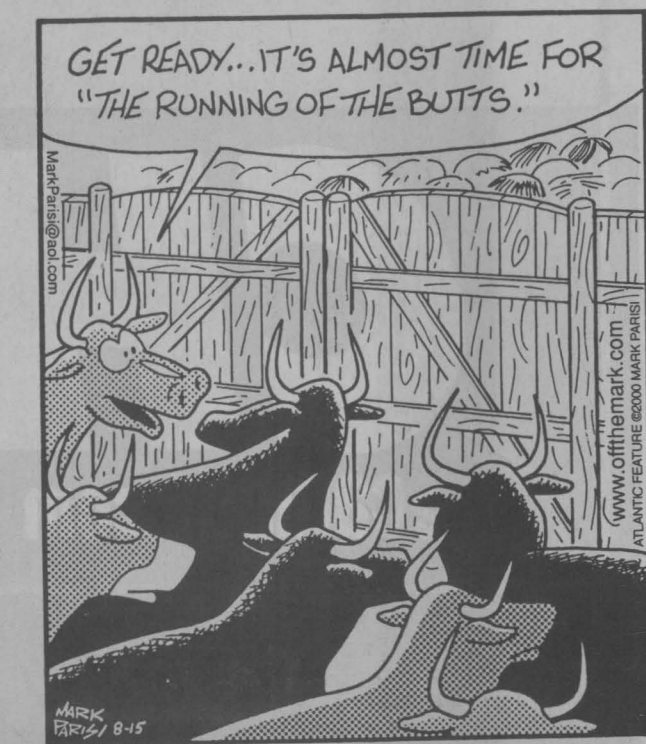
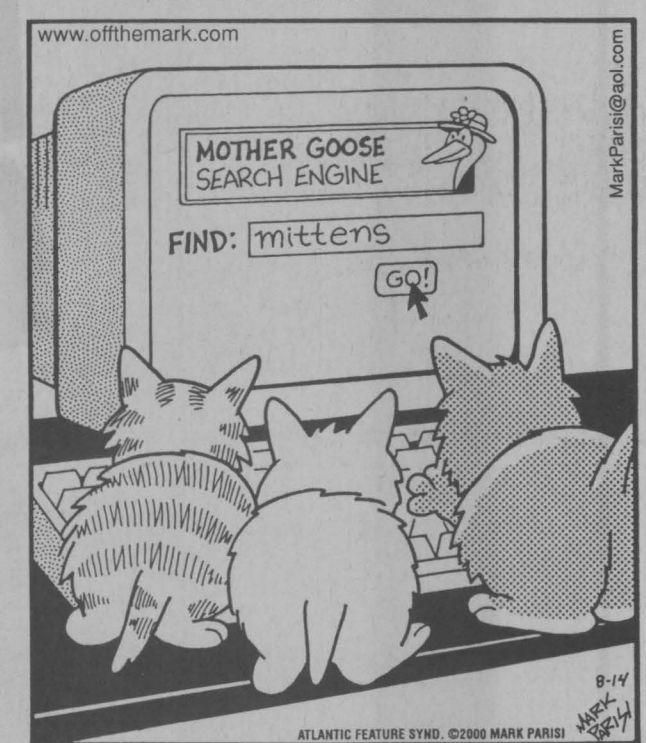
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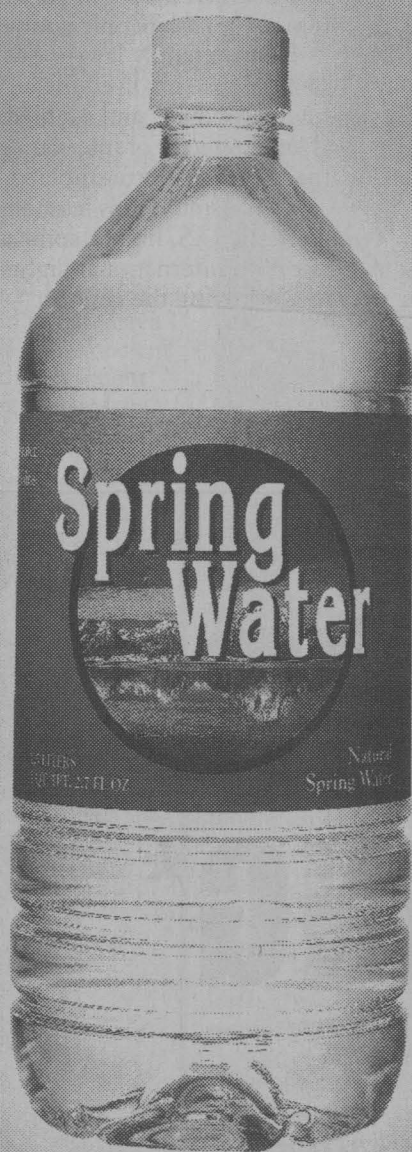
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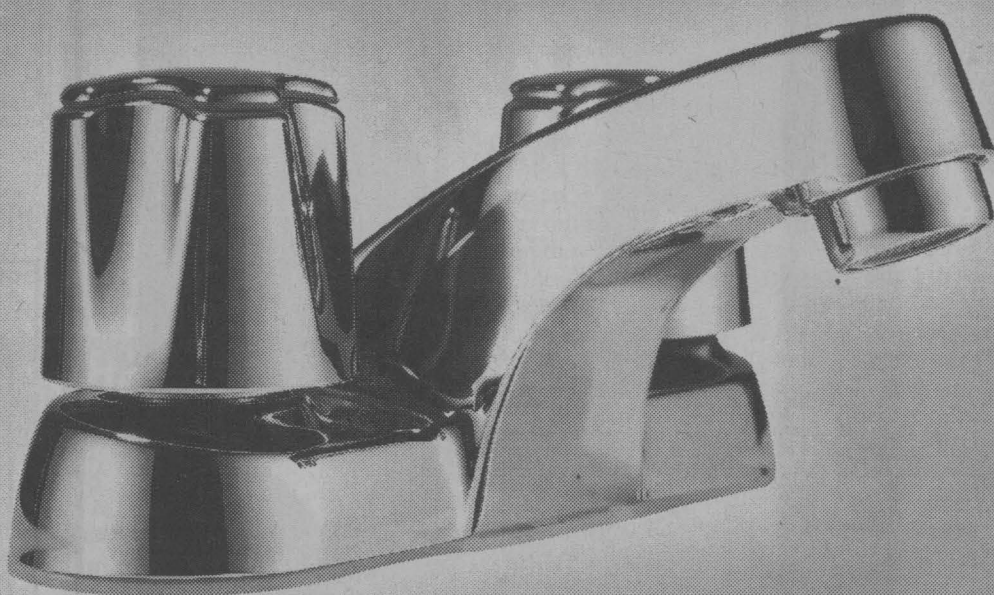


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