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Today **INSIDE**
SPORTS

Though only a freshman defensive tackle Jorge Tapia has made a significant contribution to the team's success.

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>ALIVE

Yoga brings a balance to one's life through stretching and breathing exercises. Logan residents jump into the craze.

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>ALMANAC

In 1765, Parliament enacted the Stamp Act, a taxation measure to raise revenue for a standing British army in America.

In 1848, the first medical school for women in the United States opened in Boston, Mass., with two professors and an enrollment of 12 pupils.

In 1993, the Maastricht Treaty came into effect, formally establishing the European Union.

>WEATHER



There will be showers today, with a high of 44 and a low of 20. There will be scattered showers Thursday with a high of 44 and a low of 20.

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NUGGETS

The Education Department is providing money to CPD researcher Cyndi Rowland and her team under its Learning Anytime, Anywhere Partnerships to create accessible online learning environments for students of all ages. WebAIM, or Web Accessibility in Mind, is a four-year project with four components to raise awareness of accessibility at the national level and develop easy access training and technical assistance information.

One man's trash

USU created, but doesn't make use of, Styrofoam-recycling procedure

LARA GALE
Copy Editor

Coffee and hot chocolate cups, food plates, soup bowls, plastic utensils — almost everything a student eats within The Hub Food Court is made from polystyrene plastic, more commonly known as Styrofoam. Made from petroleum byproducts, the plastic is not biodegradable, but it can be recycled, said Mark Baugh, associate director of the Huntsman Environmental Research Center at Utah State University.

The Research Center spent the last eight years developing a system that breaks polystyrene products down into pellets, which companies like Rubbermaid buy to turn back into trash cans and other plastic products.

This summer, the Center designed a recycling system for a Portland company that collects garbage from the cafeterias of companies like Hewlett Packard and IBM. The system sorts cups, plates and utensils of differing grades of plastic and washes off the gunk and the grease. Trash in, pellets out, and the Styrofoam stays out of the landfill.

It's an easy enough process, and it's affordable enough to be economically and ecologically beneficial, Baugh said. The trick is convincing companies it's worth it.

McDonald's franchises in California used a modified version of the system for a time to comply with a

California law requiring businesses to recycle at least 25 percent of their waste. California dropped the law; McDonald's dropped recycling, Baugh said.

So far, only a handful of companies have caught on, and none are in Cache Valley.

The Hub Food Court goes through more than 1,000 Styrofoam cups in a week, said Mark Fishburn, manager of The Hub. The Recycling Plant on campus picks up 3 or 4 sacks of recycling from The Hub every day, said Kevin Phillips, Resource Recovery manager, but none of it is polystyrene plastic.

"We run into all kinds of problems with recycling Styrofoam," Phillips said. Among them are sorting the different grades, washing off the food and finding someone to buy the recycled material.

Baugh said it is possible. The system his research team designed takes care of those problems; volume is the issue. The Hub would have to use more plastic to produce a volume of recyclable material worth creating a facility for.

"I think what it would take first is working with the Hub and showing them it could work, if you could switch over to plastics so 90 percent of your garbage was recyclable," Baugh said.

Recycling the plastics from the Hub now would mean shipping it to California, the nearest polystyrene recycling site.

The Hub could follow the suit of its resident coffee



A STUDENT THROWS a styrofoam carton away in the Hub Food Court. These cartons are not biodegradable, but can be recycled./Liz Maudsley photo

shop and switch to paper products, which can be recycled by Recycling and Waste Management, but it would mean a 20 to 30 cent price increase for a meal, Fishburn said.

If he changed his weekly order of Styrofoam to paper, the plates from Outback Chicken would cost \$34.35 more per case, the plates from the Melting Pot would cost \$25.84 more per case, cups for coffee and hot chocolate would cost \$20.41 more per case — about a 50 percent increase in each case.

Caffe Ibis can handle the extra expense, its patrons expect somewhat higher prices and generally don't mind paying them in the name of the Earth, said Sally Sears, owner of Caffe Ibis.

Students don't expect high prices at The Hub — according to a recent Food Services survey, students expected to pay as much as \$2 less for a meal from the Hub than in fast food places off campus.

Fishburn said he's wary of raising meal prices to pay for paper products

"If there was really

demand for it, we'd do it," he said. But he said he has never been approached.

Baugh said material doesn't make a difference anyway if it's not actually recycled.

Recyclable materials will end up in a landfill if consumers don't throw them in the right bin, and even recyclable materials don't decompose.

"When you look at that, it doesn't matter whether you send paper or plastic to the landfill," Baugh said. "Neither one is going to decompose."

Cows for sale:
Club to host
cattle auction

MICHELLE WESTON
Staff Writer

The Animal Science Club will host its annual Calf Auction Sale, one of its fund raisers for the year, Saturday.

About 10 years ago, the Animal Science Club started the calf auction because the club needed money to fund trips and service projects.

Shelle Freston, a member of the club, said the fund raiser also started because the community asked for it, and 4-H kids wanted to buy quality calves to raise.

"People in the area wanted a really good calf sale," she said. "It has proved to be a positive and successful experience."

The club received about 30 calves a month ago. The calves are being sold to people from Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, California and Nevada, who sell them to 4-H club members and others who will show the calves in county fairs, state fairs and other calf judging next fall.

Mike Larsen, Chairman of the Calf Auction, said the members of the club have a great opportunity to participate in the fund raiser.

Until the auction begins, the calves are kept at the North Animal Science Farm where they are fed by members of the club.

Because the calves come straight from the range, Larsen said they need to be tamed and trained to be in front of people.



FRESHMAN MANDY BUSHMAN grooms a calf in preparation to sell it to 4-H club members in the Animal Science Club Calf Sale. The club has 31 calves they will sell to raise money for this year's club activities./Joe Rowley photo

"Two people everyday have to go to the farm and feed the calves," he said. "They also have to wash and groom the calves for the sale."

Members also talk to cattle ranchers all over the West about purchasing calves for the calf auction.

Freston said the amount of money the club makes depends on the deal it makes with the ranchers.

"Everything is done on a confinement basis," she said. After the club pays for its

part of the deal to the ranchers and the lunch they provide at the sale, the left over money is what the club has to put toward its activities.

The sale will be held at the Box Elder County fairgrounds.

People can view the calves in the morning, after which there will be a calf auction with members showing the calves to a judge and buyers.

For more information about the auction, contact Larsen at (435) 753-1137.

Sigma Chi raises \$4,200 for
Children's Miracle Network

NICOLE GRUBBS
Staff Writer

Sigma Chi students know how to raise money for a good cause and have fun while they are at it.

The Gamma Kappa chapter of Sigma Chi raised \$4,200 for the Children's Miracle Network (CMN) during Derby Days, Oct. 10 through Oct. 13. The fraternity has hosted the event yearly since 1992.

Mike Waggoner, Sigma Chi member, said he enjoys the events and they are very important.

"It gives us an opportunity to give back," he said.

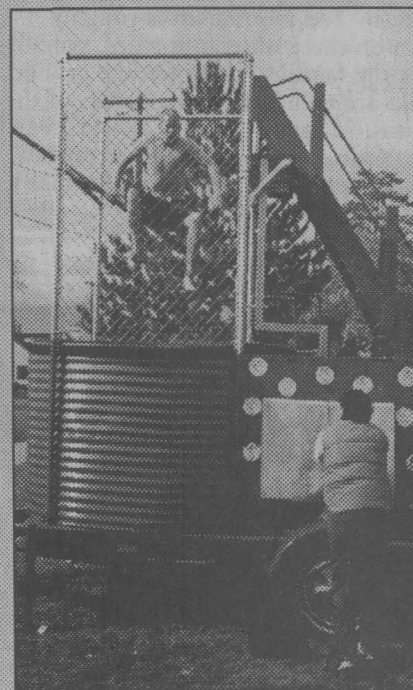
Derby Days is a week-long event that includes various activities planned for the sole purpose of raising money for the CMN.

The group holds auctions on items donated by businesses in Cache Valley.

Activities on the Quad Oct. 10 included a Dunk-a-Sig event. Students paid to dunk Sigma Chi members in the dunk tank.

The fraternity also threw a party and the cover charge was donated to the cause, Waggoner said.

This year was especially important to the fraternity because it was able to raise



SIGMA CHI MEMBER Chris Combe prepares to be dunked during Derby Days./Sigma Chi photo

more money than in the past, he said.

"The event was a huge success," said Derby Days Chairman Chris Handy.

Handy and Waggoner said Sigma Chi was fortunate to have so much support.

Waggoner said he is glad the fraternity can do something for others who are suffering and can't afford their medical bills.

Waggoner said he enjoys this project because it focuses on helping others. Sigma Chi can be contacted at 752-9521 for more information about any of its activities.

Singapore plane crashes

Plane hits object, catches fire; at least 66 dead, dozens injured

WILLIAM FOREMAN
Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan — A Singapore Airlines jumbo jet speeding down a runway in darkness and rain slammed into an object before takeoff for Los Angeles and burst into flames Tuesday, scattering fiery wreckage across the tarmac, witnesses said. At least 66 people were killed and dozens more were injured, an airline official said.

It wasn't immediately clear what Flight SQ006 hit, but the collision wreaked havoc on the plane: Video footage showed the Boeing 747-400 spewing flames and thick black smoke despite the heavy rain. Afterward, parts of the blue-and-white fuselage were badly charred, with a gaping hole in the roof of the forward section.

Airline spokesman Rick Clements said in Singapore that 47 U.S. citizens and 55 Taiwanese were among the passengers.

A full breakdown of those aboard was not released.

"It felt like we bumped into something huge," said Doug Villermin, 33, of New Iberia, La., who was standing outside the Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, wrapped in a hospital gown and smoking a cigarette. "It looked like the front end just fell off. From there, it just started to fall apart. I ran to the escape hatch with the stewardess but we couldn't get it open. Two feet away from me, I saw flames."

"Everyone was just panicking," he said. "I tried to open the escape hatch on the top just a slit and saw a lot of smoke. The fumes were just incredible. But eventually we got it open. ... We were

just all so scared it was going to blow up."

It was Singapore Airlines' first major accident in 28 years of operation, and it came in nasty weather: A typhoon packing 90 mph winds was whirling off Taiwan's southern coast Tuesday, lashing the island with rain and prompting officials to set up disaster relief centers.

Singapore Airlines Chairman Michael Fam said 66 people were killed. Earlier, Taiwanese aviation official Billy K.C. Chang had said 65 people were dead, 84 were injured and 30 were still unaccounted for.

Speaking in Singapore, Fam said the plane "crashed on the runway during the takeoff."

"We wish to express our sincere regret to all concerned," he said. "This is a tragic day for all of us."

Villermin and two other survivors said they felt the plane slam into something on the runway while trying to take off at Taipei's Chiang Kai-shek International Airport. Airline officials said the pilot, Capt. C.K. Foong, also reported hitting an object, but no one offered an explanation of what it might have been.

A China Airways official denied initial reports that the jumbo jet had hit one of its planes on the ground.

"The left wing seemed to hit something and then it was just a big roller-coaster ride," said survivor Steven Courtney of Britain, oxygen tubes in his nose as he was whisked away to an operating room at a nearby hospital. "Flames were everywhere."

The aborted takeoff occurred at 11:18 p.m. Minutes later, ambulances and rescue vehicles crowded the wet tarmac,

lights flashing.

The scene was frantic at Chang Gung hospital near the airport, where emergency room workers gently lifted injured people from ambulances.

Some appeared to be burned. They laid on stretchers with their arms stretched stiffly in front of their torsos.

Tonya Joy, 37, of New Zealand, was being pushed toward the operating room.

"I felt two hits and we twisted around twice," she said. "I jumped out of the top and landed on the ground, so the doctors think there is something wrong with my spine. The weather was just awful. Flames came so fast on both sides of the plane."

In Taipei, civil aviation official Chang and Singapore Airlines spokesman Mark Tsai declined to comment on whether the plane hit something or left the ground before it caught fire.

They both said that they would not comment on the blaze as officials tried to determine the conditions and cause of the accident.

About a half-dozen relatives arrived Tuesday at the Los Angeles airport. They were escorted to a private room with counselors from the Red Cross to await news on the passengers, said B.V. Castillo, a Red Cross spokeswoman.

In Singapore, officials set up a crisis management center at Changi airport. A handful of relatives, some in tears, were led to the cordoned-off area by crisis workers.

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World GLANCE

Charges dismissed against five GOP convention protesters

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Charges against five protesters arrested during the Republican National Convention were dismissed by a judge, who said they were singled out by police because of their unpopular views.

The protesters were arrested at a July 31 demonstration opposing the Army's School of the Americas at Fort Benning, Ga.

Defense lawyers had noted that authorities did not force activists to move at two similar traffic-blocking rallies during the convention, including one led by police advocacy groups urging the execution of Mumia Abu-Jamal, who was convicted of killing a Philadelphia police officer.

"This court finds that the only meaningful difference between defendants and the other two groups is that their views were not received as favorably by Philadelphia citizens as the other two groups," Municipal Court Judge James M.DeLeon wrote in his opinion Monday.

Nine people were arrested during the School of the Americas protest, after the participants lay in the street in front of City Hall and refused to move.

Critics have blamed the school, which trains Latin Americans in combat techniques, for human rights abuses in Central American countries.

Five people were affected by Monday's ruling; the other four have accepted plea agreements in which they were ordered to pay a fine and complete six months probation.

French court dismisses appeal to reopen the Diana investigation

PARIS (AP) — A Paris court refused Tuesday to reopen the investigation into the 1997 car crash that killed Princess Diana, her boyfriend Dodi Fayed and their driver, judicial sources said.

Lawyers for Fayed's father, Egyptian-born tycoon Mohamed Al Fayed, immediately said they would appeal to France's highest court, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Al Fayed and the family of the driver, Henri Paul, had asked the court to reconsider a lower court's decision to dismiss charges against the news photographers, who were following the car that crashed in a Paris tunnel on Aug. 31, 1997.

Last month, a prosecutor had urged the court to reject the appeal.

Fayed filed a complaint against the French government last week, alleging his concerns had not received a fair review.

"None of the questions that are dear to us were ever investigated," said one of Al Fayed's lawyers, Bernard Darteville, after Tuesday's decision.

William Bourdon, one of the lawyers for the photographers, said they did not deserve to be prosecuted.

"Placing the photographers under investigation was not based on any serious judicial reasoning," Bourdon said.

In September 1999, French judge Herve Stephan threw out charges against nine photographers and one motorcyclist in connection with the accident that killed Diana, Fayed and Paul. Bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones survived with severe facial injuries.

In a statement, Stephan ruled that alcohol, drugs and excessive speed had caused the crash. He also wrote that the photographers' behavior, "while severely criticized by various witnesses, did not constitute a crime under French law."

Steve Allen, multitalented TV host, author, dies at age 78

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Steve Allen, the bespectacled pioneer of late-night television and a comedian-actor-author who wrote more than 4,000 songs, including "This May Be the Start of Something Big," has died of an apparent heart attack.

He was 78. He died Monday night at the Encino home of his son, Bill Allen, relatives said Tuesday. His wife of 46 years, Jayne Meadows, rushed from their nearby home.

Space station residents embark on historic journey: 'Let's go do it'

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan (AP) — American astronaut Bill Shepherd and two Russian cosmonauts rocketed into orbit Tuesday on a quest to become the first residents of the international space station and begin fulfilling the once-fantastic dream of permanent occupancy in space. "Let's go do it!" Shepherd, the space station's inaugural commander, shouted before climbing into the Soyuz rocket and blasting off from the same pad where the Space Age began 43 years ago, with Sputnik.

Victims of EgyptAir Flight 990 remembered

DAVID RISING
Associated Press

NEWPORT, R.I. — Jennifer Dille was three months pregnant when her grandmother, Maurine Ross, was killed on EgyptAir Flight 990.

On Tuesday, Dille marked the one-year anniversary of the crash carrying the six-month-old girl she named Mara in her grandmother's honor.

"I think we feel a lot better able to deal with things now that we've had a year to grieve," said Dille, who lives in Arizona.

More than 600 relatives, friends and dignitaries gathered at a seaside Newport park to remember the day the Boeing 767, en route to Cairo, plunged into the ocean off the Massachusetts island of Nantucket, claiming 217 victims.

A granite monument was dedicated with the inscription, "They are not gone from us," in French, Arabic and English. The monument is roughly hewn on three of its four sides, symbolizing the families' pain. On the ground, bricks are etched with the names of the victims.

In Cairo, many Egyptians arranged for independent religious ceremonies to

mourn loved ones who perished in the crash. The 35 identified remains of Egyptian victims are still in the United States.

The last trip to Newport for many mourners was right after the crash, when they first learned the magnitude of the disaster. The mood was somber as they returned to Brenton Point State Park on Tuesday.

Dr. Elizabeth Laposata, the Rhode Island medical examiner, announced she had identified the remains of 128 victims. Many of the 6,000 tissue fragments retrieved from the crash site remain unidentified.

The news was a painful reminder of when families first learned how badly the bodies were damaged, said Mike Crow, of Edmonds, Wash., whose wife's uncle and cousin were killed. Crow got word two days ago that some remains had been identified as those of his relatives. Now, his family has something to bury.

"I feel really bad for the people who aren't going to get anything back," Crow said.

Five coffins of unidentified remains had already been buried in the Island Cemetery in Newport. A sixth was buried Tuesday.

National Transportation Safety Board Chairman James Hall attended the service and said his agency was working to determine the cause of the crash. He said there is no sign of mechanical failure so far, and a final report may be released by December.

On Wednesday, the NTSB will allow families to tour the aircraft wreckage, stored in a hangar at a former Navy base. Several families declined to go, saying the view would be too painful.

Dille and her relatives plan to attend.

"We've decided our own imaginations probably have produced worse images than reality," she said. "It will just help with closure."

In Egypt, independent religious ceremonies also were held Tuesday.

Jim Brokaw, president of Families of EgyptAir 990 Inc., talked of the pain of the last year and the relationships that have sustained him.

"The ocean of darkness which engulfed us one year ago today will never completely ebb from our lives," said Brokaw, an Indiana resident whose father and stepmother died. "But our friendships that now span the ocean allowed me to see that, above the ocean of darkness, flows an ocean of light."

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For information on using the proxy server, click on "Remote Access" on the USU libraries' home page.

Families question findings in slain men's homicides

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)

— Just after midnight on Sept. 5, two men argued on a front yard in Magna. Twenty-one-year-old Ryan Brady fired a handgun; the other man fired back with a sawed-off shotgun, killing Brady.

Four days after that, just six blocks away, Jerry Jacobsen, 38, reportedly threatened to beat his wife with a hammer. He was killed by a single shot from a 9 mm handgun fired by the woman's 19-year-old son.

Based on reports from investigators and prosecutors, Salt Lake County District Attorney David Yocom declared one of the deaths justifiable homicide, and probably will make the same call for the other.

But members of the dead men's families wonder how such decisions are made and whether they ought to receive a public hearing so all involved understand the facts and the process.

In Utah, the final decision rests with county prosecutors.

Yocom said he views his responsibility in determining justifiable homicide as a "serious duty."

"I do not have any problem making that kind of decision. ... The system works and the procedures that we employ are sound."

Such assurances are not completely convincing to Brady's and Jacobsen's families. "They are saying that my son shot first and so the other guy had a right to kill him," said Lex Brady, Ryan Brady's father. "But how do I know? I have no way of being sure."

The gunfight began as an argument between Brady and Jerason Kupfer, 18, in front of Kupfer's home, Yocom said.

Kupfer's sister reportedly told her brother that Brady assaulted her earlier that night. When Brady arrived in the neighborhood later with a group of friends, she ran out to his car and warned him that her brother was angry and armed with a shotgun.

"Brady disregarded the warning. He was armed with a handgun and continued

toward (Kupfer). There was yelling back and forth until (Brady) got within about 30 feet," Yocom said. Brady reportedly fired three shots from a handgun and was hit by a single blast from the shotgun.

"My kid was wrong ... and I do not try to defend him," Lex Brady said. "But you do not kill somebody with a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun and then call it justified."

Brady also remains unconvinced that deputies collected all the facts about his son's death. He said neighbors who witnessed the shooting told him they never were questioned.

Yocom said he has not yet made a final ruling on the case but his office "most likely will rule it justifiable and self-defense."

"(Brady) was shooting when he was struck," Yocom said. "Lethal force was justified." He said the case has not been considered for an illegal weapon charge, but prosecutors will do so if detectives ask them to.

The death of Cliff Jacobsen's brother Jerry on Sept. 9 was declared justifiable homicide on Oct. 5, Yocom said.

"I would like to know how they decide something like that," Jacobsen said.

Jerry Jacobsen reportedly threatened to beat his wife with a hammer outside of their Magna home, pounding on the hood of her car with the tool before going after her. That's when her son, Brett Hancock, killed him.

"That would be a bad position," Cliff Jacobsen said. "To think you would have to kill a man to defend your mother or yourself, I cannot hold anything against the kid."

He suggested that a jury trial would reveal all the facts.

"A trial would bring everything out and maybe would bring some kind of help for this kid," he said. "The boy has got to be devastated, and I do not know if a ruling like justifiable homicide will help."

Student group shelves plan for off-site bonfire at Texas A&M

BILLY O KEEFE

Tribune Media Services

A Texas A&M student group has scrapped plans to stage an off-campus version of a banned campus tradition that claimed a dozen lives one year ago.

Keep the Fire Burning dedicated itself to resurrecting the university's 90-year-old bonfire celebration, held every November and on the eve of the Aggies' annual game against the University of Texas. But while the university urged the group to put a stop to the plan, it was a lack of time and money that ultimately did the job.

Twelve students were killed and 27 suffered injuries in the early hours Nov. 18 when the 2 million pound log stack, the bonfire's centerpiece, collapsed while students sat atop it.

University President Ray Bowen quickly halted the tradition and imposed a two-year ban on it.

Bowen called for the ban in order to ensure that future incarnations of the event would not end with similar results. But some students didn't think the wait was necessary, and against the wishes of the university, planned an off-site bonfire in its place.

The group secured most of the money it needed to insure

the event — a \$27,000 premium for \$35 million in coverage — but not enough to feasibly meet key deadlines. The Aggies meet the Longhorns on Nov. 24.

"The plans were complete and the insurance policy was written and an offer was made," said KTFB board member Joe Dyson. "[Being] two weeks late into our timetable could cause some expedited actions that might be unsafe. We made the judgment call to wait, knowing that a safe bonfire is possible when credible professionals are involved."

A spokesperson from the university was not available for

comment, but Director of University Relations Cynthia Lawson told the Bryan-College Station Eagle that the university is relieved by the group's decision, and that the administration felt that the KTFB would "ultimately do the right thing."

But according to Dyson, the decision does not rule out the possibility of a 2001 off-site bonfire.

"KTFB Inc. is continuing to raise funds and will provide these funds toward our initial goals: Maintaining the traditions of bonfire, leadership and diversity, and providing for fellow Aggies in need," he said.

When asked how much

influence the university's urging had on the event's cancellation, Dyson said, "None."

In his statement to the community, Bowen listed several objectives that must be met in order for the bonfire to return in 2002. The objectives include the involvement of licensed professionals, restrictions on construction time, close monitoring of all activities and modifications to the structure itself. Bowen expects to have plans finalized by April 2001.

The university will memorialize those who died last year with a special ceremony at 2:42 a.m. Nov. 18, exactly one year after the structure collapsed.



Here it comes

ASUSU PRESIDENT BEN RILEY prepares to throw a chocolate pie at Public Relations Vice President Marni Jenkins at the pie-throwing activity in the Bookstore Tuesday. The cost was \$1 or two cans of food per pie and all the proceeds were donated to the food bank. /Joe Rowley photo

Vote trading sites shut down

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under pressure from California elections officials, sponsors have shut down an Internet site that arranged vote trading between supporters of Democrat Al Gore and Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader. At least two other similar sites closed voluntarily.

But at least three others remained online Tuesday as Gore backers maneuvered to win battleground states where Nader could draw away Democratic votes.

The scheme even reached Capitol Hill, where a House staff member supporting Gore used his government e-mail to arrange a trade.

The staffer said using government e-mail was a mistake.

No other state has pressured the remaining sites to close, but some state elections officials said they were looking into the legality of swapping votes.

California officials said they directly contacted www.votewap2000.com to inform the Web operator that the site violated state law. At least two other sites, www.VoteExchange.org and www.votexchange2000.com, had messages on their sites Tuesday saying they also had closed.

The sites seek to have Nader supporters in contested states vote for Gore, in exchange for Democrats in states leaning heavily toward Republican Gov. George W. Bush vote for Nader.

Los Angeles free-lance Web designer Jim Cody, operator of www.votewap2000.com, said, "We never had any idea we were in violation of any laws. As soon as we were informed ... that we were in violation we shut the thing down."

Cody said more than

5,000 matches had been made in the site's short life from last Thursday to Monday night.

Such swaps, not sanctioned by the campaigns, could help Gore now and the Green Party in the future.

Gore would gain valuable votes in close states, such as California and Oregon, where Nader is drawing Democratic support.

Nader's goal is to win at least 5 percent of the popular vote in next Tuesday's election so the Green party can receive federal money in 2004.

The Justice Department is not currently investigating the scheme because there is no evidence that anything of value was offered.

"Activities like the vote-trading site that do not involve offering pecuniary inducements do not fall under federal statutes that address vote buying and selling," said a department official who insisted on anonymity.

Asked about the vote swapping, Gore said he didn't know much about it but was "encouraging everybody to support what I stand for."

He also offered a deal of his own.

"The swap I would offer is give me your vote and I will give you a presidency that is on your side, that will clean up the environment, keep the prosperity going and extend it to everyone," he said in local television interviews in Portland, Ore.

The site, www.votewap2000.com, was taken off-line Monday evening after California Secretary of State Bill Jones told its administrators that trading votes violated state law.

"This is not only illegal but it compromises the integrity of elections and the

fundamental underpinnings of elections. We can't take this lightly," said Alfie Charles, a spokesman for Jones.

Vote trading also reached Capitol Hill.

An e-mail message obtained by The Associated Press showed how the swap worked in a case where Fred Turner, legislative director for Rep. Alcee Hastings, D-Fla., was a participant.

"Congratulations! You have been matched with Fred Turner from this state: Va.," said the message to an unidentified Nader backer read. "This person's first choice candidate is Al Gore, but he/she is planning on voting for your candidate, Ralph Nader, trusting that you will in turn vote for Al Gore according to an honor system that we all support by registering at http://VoteExchange.com."

The message then gave Turner's House e-mail address.

Turner said in an interview that it was a mistake to use his government e-mail for the swap.

"After I did it I realized I shouldn't have done it," he said. "I'm concerned. That was a mistake."

House rules prohibit use of congressional office resources for campaign purposes, including equipment, supplies or files.

Elections officials in Oregon, Kansas and Missouri said they were researching the legality of the sites.

In Nebraska, Secretary of State Scott Moore said he planned no action.

"Obviously, if money was changing hands or threats or intimidation was occurring, then I would have a problem," he said. "I'm not saying it's right, I'm just not saying there is any illegal activity in this one."

News Briefs

Carnival gives insight to culture

The entire community is invited to join in a celebration of cultures from around the world during the second annual "Le Carnival" Friday, Nov. 3.

USU's Multicultural Student Services and KSM Guitars in Logan will host the Multicultural Rock, Punk and Funk Carnival in the Ballroom of the TSC.

Representatives of many different cultures from the community and the university will set up "islands" that highlight their culture. Each island will show the decor, fashion, environment, customs and entertainment from their culture.

The event will feature numerous musical numbers and a variety of ethnic foods. In addition to the displays and demonstrations, there will be arts and crafts from each culture available for purchase.

The event will be from 5 to 10 p.m. The cost for the carnival is \$2 per person or \$6 per family. This price includes a sampling of food.

Following the carnival, a dance sponsored by Psi Sigma Phi, a multicultural fraternity at USU, will be held in the Nelson Fieldhouse. The dance will be from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. The cost for the dance is \$3 per person or \$2 with student ID or a hand stamp from the carnival.

USU flame policy

USU has adopted a policy prohibiting the use of candles and other open flames in campus buildings. The new Operating Policies and Procedures No. r 512 reads:

"To preserve life safety and reduce the risk of fire, the use of candles and other open flame devices in Utah State University buildings is prohibited unless specifically approved by the University Fire Marshal. Such approval must be requested for: A. Theatrical or other entertaining arts performances. B. Dining and food service areas. C. Special religious ceremonies. D. Educational and research purposes. E. Other purposes as may appear necessary. Once specifically approved for use for educational or research purposes or in a dining facility, the same or same type of open flame device may be used on multiple occasions without re-approval."

For candle and open flame use authorization, contact USU Fire Marshal Gene Fehlman, 797-1979.

Correction

There were several errors in an Oct. 25 article about wilderness adoption in Utah.

America's Redrock Wilderness Act was misnamed and incorrectly referred to as an act that has already passed. This act is currently in Congress and has been for 10 years.

The Sierra Club started the Adopt-a-Wilderness program about three years ago.

An individual who catches someone recreating in a wilderness study area can receive \$250 if he or she has a picture and can prove it.

This does not apply to all Adopt-a-Wilderness areas, only those areas designated as wilderness study areas. Most wilderness areas in Utah are not wilderness study areas.

These wilderness study areas receive special protection from the Bureau of Land Management.

Wilderness rangers use wooden fences as a last resort to keep travelers off roads in wilderness areas, said ECOS President Sarah Lundstrom.

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Yoga brings balance to life

JULIE SULUNGA
Staff Writer

Logan residents and Utah State University students now have the opportunity to get in touch with their bodies by practicing the art of Yoga. "Yoga is the union of body, mind and breath," said yoga teacher Denise Gackstepper. "It is a philosophy to the way you live and how you interact with others in the world."

Different Yoga styles or postures help a person work with different parts of his or her body. Ananda emphasizes meditation, anasara is heart-orientated, bikam is used to cleanse the body from the inside out and integral focuses on control of breath, meditation and posture.

Though there are several different types of yoga, it is all about balance, said Kelly Keigwien Bradbury, a yoga leader at the Whittier Community Center. Yoga is also about finding inner peace and learning about how to balance with life, she said. Certain postures, applied to life, can also balance certain problems with life. There are times when a person can resolve incredible tension just by stopping and taking a breath, she said.

Yoga is a way to relax just as much as to exercise. Certain exercises can be very calming and stress reducing as a person observes himself and where he is in life, Bradbury said.

"You get to know yourself because yoga is very physical and mental," said student Randi Manning.

There are several other benefits to practicing yoga. Exercisers can gain flexibility, a sense of balance, meditation and a sense of spirituality,

Manning said.

"You learn how you are doing in the present moment," Gackstepper said. "You learn about your body. If you are having a bad day you may not have a good workout."

Yoga is about breathing, and about learning how your body is doing at every moment. You can also apply yoga to the rest of your life and learn from it, Gackstepper said.

Breathing techniques involving inhalation and exhalation through the nose are very meditative and healing when applied toward stress reduction, Bradbury said.

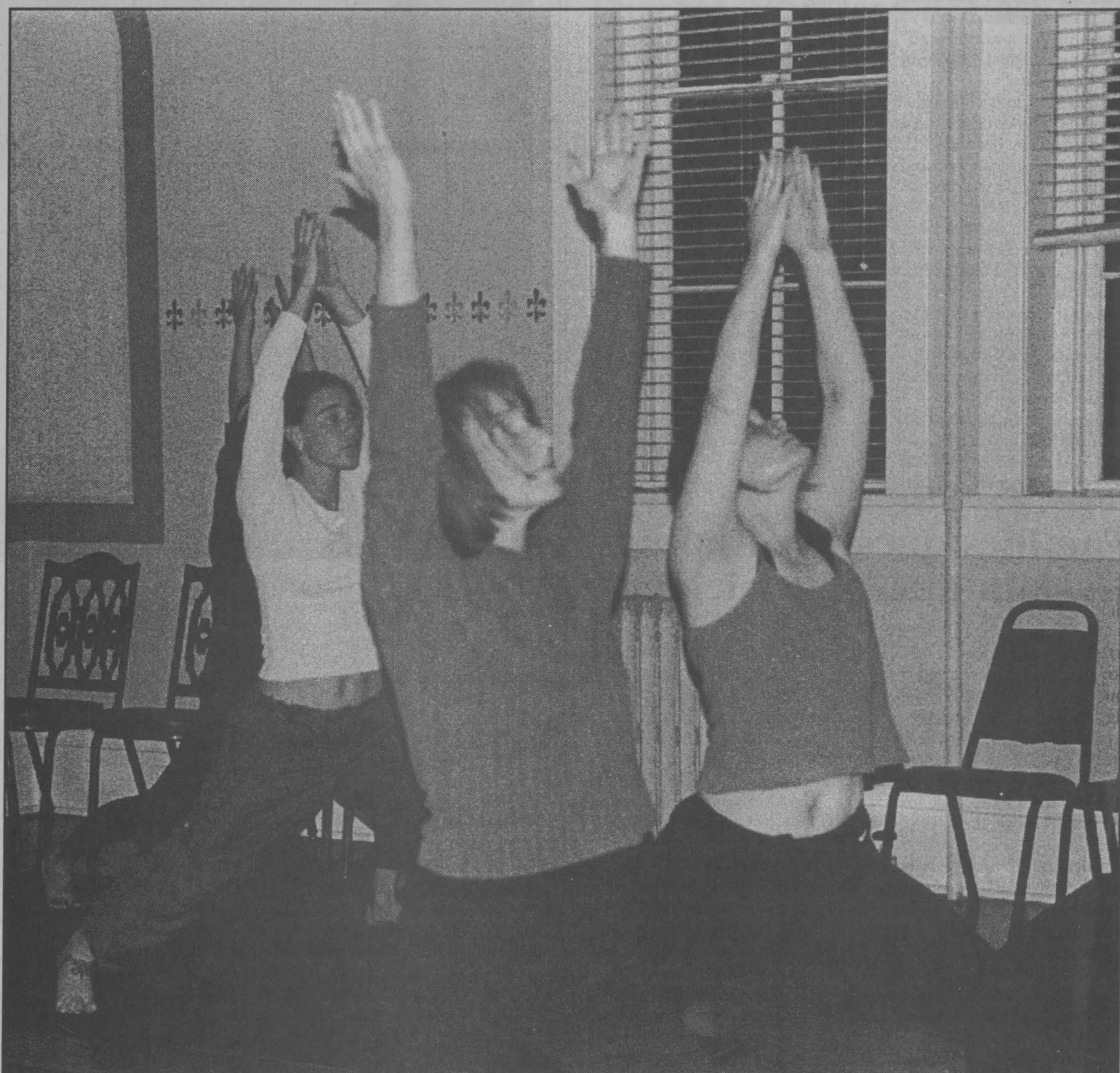
"The most important thing is you can't approach yoga with the western gratification of just picking it up immediately," Bradbury said. "You can't push your body in ways it is not ready for."

Many books teach yoga principles, Bradbury said, but the best insights are gained by attending classes. An instructor or leader of the class can help attendees work through exercises that may be extremely hard on their own, she said.

When students become more familiar with yoga, it is important that they start doing it at home, Bradbury said. A regular regimen is important and is ultimately the goal of anyone involved in yoga. Yoga is not just a practice, it is an everyday way of life, she said.

"I do yoga four mornings a week for an hour each day," Manning said. "I would have to say that independently I am on an intermediate level after four years."

Bradbury teaches yoga classes at the Whittier Center on 290 N. 400 East on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.



MEMBERS OF KELLY BRADBURY'S yoga class practice at the Whittier Community Center at 290 N. 400 East. Bradbury teaches classes on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. / Bobbi Watson photo

Battling the cold and flu

MANDY BUTTERFIELD
Staff Writer

Winter is almost here, and along with it comes the common cold and influenza virus.

"The number one precaution for a cold is wash your hands," said Cynthia Allen, health educator for Utah State University. "That's how the cold virus is most commonly transmitted."

You can get the flu or cold virus by direct contact with someone who is infected, and by open sneezing or coughing, she said.

"[Colds and the flu are] definitely more common in the winter because people are in such close contact with each other," Allen said.

Regular sleep, a healthy diet, and avoiding stress will help prevent illnesses.

The main symptom of a cold is a congested nose or head. Other symptoms of a cold are sneezing, scratchy or sore throat, coughing, fatigue and achiness. These are all signs that the body is fighting off infection.

More than 200 viruses cause colds. They attack and multiply in the cells that line the

nose and throat, and can stay there for as long as two weeks, according to the American College Health Association.

Each year the average person gets three to four colds a year. The body builds up an immunity to the virus, but then the virus mutates and becomes stronger, she said.

"The best thing to do if you have a bad cold is stay home," Allen said.

Allen also said to drink lots of fluids.

"Fluids loosen up mucous in the system, and drinking orange juice is good because it is a liquid; that's what's helpful, not the vitamin C," Allen said.

Vitamin C and echinacea are supposedly preventions for the cold.

"Vitamin C may or may not work," Allen said, "with echinacea, half the studies show it works and half don't."

There is no cure, but the American College Health Association suggests sufferers treat the symptoms with plenty of fluids free of caffeine and alcohol, sleep, aspirin or Ibuprofen to relieve aches and running a humidifier.

"Typically with the flu, you feel much worse, but you get better quicker than a cold," Allen said. "The flu is much more severe; within 24 hours you're very

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"The best thing to do if you have a bad cold is stay home."

— Cynthia Allen, health educator

weak with a fever and muscle aches."

Symptoms of the flu include sore throat, dry cough, headache, pain or burning of the eyes, chills and fever up to 104 degrees. Muscle aches and fatigue are the most common symptoms.

Cold and flu symptoms are similar, but the flu hits you all at once and is much more intense, according to Dr. Don R. Powell, author of "Healthy Life Self Care Guide."

Each year 20,000 people die from pneumonia and other complications from the flu, he said.

If you have the flu, get plenty of rest, drink warm liquids to soothe the throat and help unplug the nose, don't suppress coughing, don't drink or eat dairy products and take aspirin or Ibuprofen to relieve aches. These are not cures, but tips to help relieve symptoms, Powell said.

Do not treat a cold or flu virus with antibiotics, Allen said. Antibiotics are for treating bacterias not viruses, she said.

"One single symptom may be a bacterial infection," Allen said. She said if students have only a sore throat or difficulty breathing and a heavy chest without a stuffy nose, they should visit a physician.

Seduction by belly button

As I made my way toward the gym in the HPER building, the butterflies in my stomach worked their way into a frenzy. This was to be my first belly dancing class and I was quite excited.

Looking into the room, I caught the sparkle of a sash of silver coins wrapped around many hips. The gleam of an exposed bellybutton stared at me. Not just one, but several. It was an entire audience of bellybuttons blinking at me. My own bellybutton had somehow coiled in horror and whined at naked buttons such as these. I couldn't blame it, though, after not have seeing the wondrous sunlight for seven years.

I had foolishly decided to take a date along, thinking I could learn a thing or two about being naughty. My date, we'll call him Art, was a little reluctant to walk into the gym doors where all the girls were. But with a little coaxing and a few treats he eventually bumbled through like a good boy. That was a mistake. When Art peered inside, he too was bombard-

ed by the fluttering bare stomachs and girls galore.

Seeing Art surrounded by these women, "competition" was the only word on my mind. This wasn't just a trifling little adventure in the world of dance, it was gut war.

One glance and Art was sucked into the tantalizing hypnosis of a seductive shimmy. How could I, a tenderfooted oaf, ever match up to these gypsies? It should have been pointless to even try, but this was a class where I could learn to fight.

The instructor started the class and I slid along to my spot near the corner. Before I even planted myself on the floor, a striking blond girl in crimson strolled over and proceeded to hand Art some gold cills (finger cymbals) to put on his fingers. I shot her the evil eye as she coyly smiled at him and went back to her place among the masses. Art clacked away happily and content with what she had given him.

Soon the rhythmic beat of the instructor's drum was echoing off of the gym walls,

sounding the pulses of "dumbee dum dumbee dum." The girls all clinked their cills to the beat.

It created an irresistible cadence and I just had to tap my feet with the rhythm. I learned many different pleasing styles of drumming from just one session.

The next half of the class is what gave belly dancing its name. All the girls rose up and I could hear the sublime music playing off in the distant as hips were swayed and bellies were twisted.

Art decided, to my dismay, that he would rather watch than actually dance himself. That was a bad sign. It meant that my date had been victimized by the enchanting sirens. I had somehow lost him, somewhere around the point when we walked in the door. It was too late, but I had to get him out before anything happened.

I grabbed hold of him and casually sneaked across the back of the room, Art's drool marking a trail to follow.

Soon we were out and getting further away from the enticing women. As soon as I guessed we were far

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Antioxidants help battle disease, free radicals

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Staff Writer

Every day your body is waging a war. But are the defenses strong enough to withstand the onslaught that may occur?

Every day free radicals are produced in your body as a product of metabolism, said Staci Nix, adjunct instructor in the Division of Foods and Nutrition at the University of Utah.

Free radicals are charged atoms, said Todd Olsen, nutrition counselor from General Nutrition Center.

They can damage DNA and cell membranes, which can lead to mutation of cells

— which can lead to cancer, Nix said.

Antioxidants neutralize the charge of the atom, preventing cell damage, Olsen said.

Vitamins A, C, E and zinc are antioxidants, Nix said. Typically they can be found in leafy green vegetables, tomatoes and fruits.

Monounsaturated acids in nuts and seeds also contain antioxidants.

Free radicals are also increased by activities that include a limited oxygen supply, Nix said. Exercise, smoking, alcohol consumption and high altitude are examples.

Olsen said vitamins and supplements can replace fruits and vegetables, but doesn't

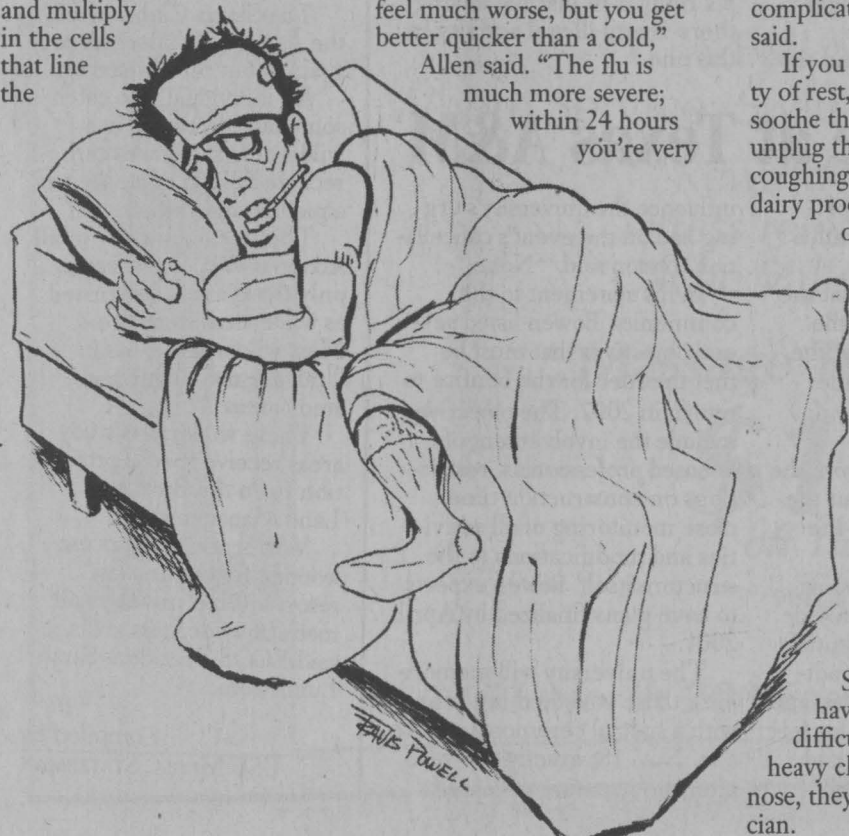
recommend it.

"Supplements can play a big role in preventing cancer," Olsen said. "I would recommend food, though."

Consuming antioxidants is important for everyone, no matter what the age, Nix said. "You have free radical production every day. It accumulates over time. If you are not taking in antioxidants, it cannot be fought," Nix said.

Foods with antioxidants reduce the risk of developing cancer, but do not fight cancer itself, said Noreen Schvaneveldt, director of the dietetics program at Utah State University.

"There are no promises out there," Schvaneveldt said.



Just who is putting you under?

JANE E. ALLEN

Los Angeles Times

Few patients preparing for surgery ever bother to ask who will be putting them under. They typically focus on finding a good surgeon — or the right hospital or clinic — giving little thought to the person who will be giving them anesthesia.

While it's important to pick the right doctor and setting for your surgery, it's your anesthesia provider who is entrusted with keeping you alive.

Sure, anesthesia today is safer than it was years ago. Mortality rates have dropped from about 1 in 10,000 in the early 1980s to an estimated 1 in 250,000, according to several studies.

Yet even with better monitors and medications, it's tricky work to alter consciousness and temporarily paralyze a patient.

A host of things can go wrong: sudden and potentially dangerous changes in blood pressure, severe drug reactions, excessive bleeding or a halt in breathing that requires resuscitation. And in rare instances, patients can die.

Dr. Ronald Katz, a University of Southern California anesthesiologist who has taught anesthesia for years, warns students there are unknowns each time a patient is put under: How will the drugs work together? How will the patient's body react to them? "All drugs are dangerous," he notes, "and anesthesia consists of multiple drugs."

While potential risks are known, there is a lack of good safety data to pinpoint the reasons why problems occur. "It's very hard to differentiate when somebody has a complication. Is it the anesthesia? Is it the surgery? Is it patient disease?" said Dr. Lee A. Fleisher, an anesthesiologist at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Fleisher and researchers in Great Britain have estimated that anesthesia is directly responsible for 1 in 183,000 deaths during surgery. Though that indicates that anesthesia is relatively safe, Fleisher believes that where you have your surgery influences safety. He and colleagues reviewed 170,000 Medicare patients who underwent outpatient surgery. They found that the safest place was a free-standing surgery center, while the least safe was a doctor's office.

Advances in anesthesia have made it possible to move more surgeries — often cosmetic procedures — out of hospitals and into doctors' offices. At the same time, there is growing concern about the unregulated nature of surgery done in doctors' offices, where there is scant oversight by medical officials and few government reporting requirements.

Some highly publicized cases, including five deaths of patients undergoing elective surgeries in Florida, have heightened concern and prompted debate in medical circles. Some of the Florida deaths have been linked to anesthesia problems, prompting that state's medical board in August to impose a three-month moratorium on general anesthesia in outpatient offices.

The ban has prompted concern that some cosmetic sur-



NURSE-ANESTHETIST BARBARA SHWIRY prepares a drug she'll use to put a patient under for liposuction surgery at the Camden Surgery Center in Beverly Hills. / Los Angeles Times photo

geons are circumventing the restrictions by relying more heavily on deeper intravenous sedation, which may pose a greater risk of serious breathing complications.

"We're getting reports all over the state" of such incidents, said Dr. David Mackey, an anesthesiologist with the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla.

Only a few other states, including California, Texas, New Jersey and Rhode Island,

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Myth or fact?

The truth about acne causes and treatments

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What do chocolate, greasy foods and touching your face have in common?

None of them cause acne.

Acne is a skin condition that plagues many people, especially adolescents, and with its traumas have come many myths, old wives' tales and other misconceptions.

And while still not much is known about what is behind the dreaded zit, dermatologists and physicians say they are learning more about acne and its prevention and treatment all the time — and dispelling the myths along the way.

Richard Wuthrich, a physician with Utah State University Student Health Services, said the cause of acne is unknown, but it involves a disorder of keratinization, or the way the outer layer of skin is formed. He said hormonal and bacterial influences appear to be involved as well.

"There are several influences on the formation of acne," Wuthrich said.

Ogden medical assistant Julie Tueller adds one more

possible factor to the list: Stress.

"Stress — pressure, squeezing, pinching — physical as well as emotional stress" can cause acne, Tueller said.

She said hereditary development of grease glands can also play a part.

Tueller said that while some people are genetically more at risk of acne, "depending on your stress load, everyone will get it."

She also said that while most men outgrow acne by their early 20s, some women suffer from it longer, and studies are showing that acne is lasting longer in people's lives, probably because of increased stress.

She said women in school with families shouldn't be surprised if they keep getting acne.

But food is not on the list of pimple-producing offenders.

"There's nothing you can eat that causes acne," Tueller said.

Wuthrich agrees, saying in studies food has not proven to be a factor, although he said some foods may have an effect on some people's skin.

Both also said a good way of

spreading and worsening acne is to pop, pick, pinch or otherwise put pressure on blemishes. In addition to worsening the acne, Wuthrich said physical pressure can also leave scars and cause infections.

But some acne gets bad enough it has to be opened, in which case, Wuthrich said, a physician can do it safely.

Tueller said the best kind of acne prevention is cleanliness, especially for people who are hereditarily prone to it.

She said acne can be minimized by washing the face twice daily with a white, unscented soap. People with especially oily skin can also use an astringent.

Wuthrich and Tueller both said over-the-counter treatments with benzoyl peroxide work well, though Wuthrich said some people are sensitive to it and will suffer from dry skin if they use it too much.

They said if acne continues after treatment with over-the-counter products, a physician can help with prescription treatments.

"We have a number of medications now that can be used," Wuthrich said.

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regulate office-based surgery. Ohio prohibits general anesthesia in offices.

Given the risks, it pays to be informed. Patients should ask about the credentials and experience of whoever will handle anesthesia and know how a facility is equipped for emergencies.

That knowledge is becoming increasingly important as insurers push for delivery of more medical care outside the hospital in less expensive outpatient clinics and doctors trying to protect their income operate in the more lucrative arenas of the ambulatory surgical center or private office —

further from peer review.

Most consumers are unaware that medical doctors with special training in anesthesiology aren't the only health professionals allowed to put patients under.

Nurse-anesthetists have been around for more than a century. About 27,000 practice today. They are specially trained to deliver and monitor the medications that provide sedation and pain relief.

A certified registered nurse-anesthetist completes two to three years of graduate training following a bachelor's degree and at least one year of critical care nursing. The programs include advanced anatomy, physiology, pharmacology and anesthesia practice, and about 1,000 hours of hands-on experience.

Hospitals dictate the scope of nurse-anesthetists' practices. The nurse-anesthetist may have an independent practice, working directly with a physician or surgeon; may be teamed with an anesthesiologist in the operating room or work under the supervision of an anesthesiologist rotating among several operating rooms.

The nation's approximate-

ly 30,000 anesthesiologists are medical doctors who completed four-year anesthesiology residencies in addition to their other medical education. Unlike nurse-anesthetists, medical doctors are qualified to diagnose and to prescribe. Some hospitals exclusively use anesthesiologists; most use nurse-anesthetists as well.

Whether nurses should be able to oversee anesthesiology procedures has become a national issue. The White House is considering a federal proposal that would revise Medicare reimbursement rules so that hospital nurse-anesthetists could work without a doctor's supervision. While nurses contend that they are qualified to function alone, anesthesiologists argue for oversight by doctors, especially of the sickest patients.

The best patient protection involves finding a good facility and experienced anesthesia provider, because, as spokesman Phil Weintraub of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, put it: "Even under the best of circumstances, no one can predict how each patient will react."

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enough away to breathe a sigh of relief, I did, and concluded my thoughts.

Belly dancing class was quite educational for me in ways that cannot be explained. It can only be understood by someone who has experienced it. What I learned from just one section of a class like this I won't forget anytime soon. The drumming and being able to "boom-boom" in sync with the music is something only

a few know how to do. But being able to add seduction to the combination of musical skills — a woman would be unstoppable.

I finished with my ponderings and looked over to my side, then my other side. Something was missing. Where the hell was Art?

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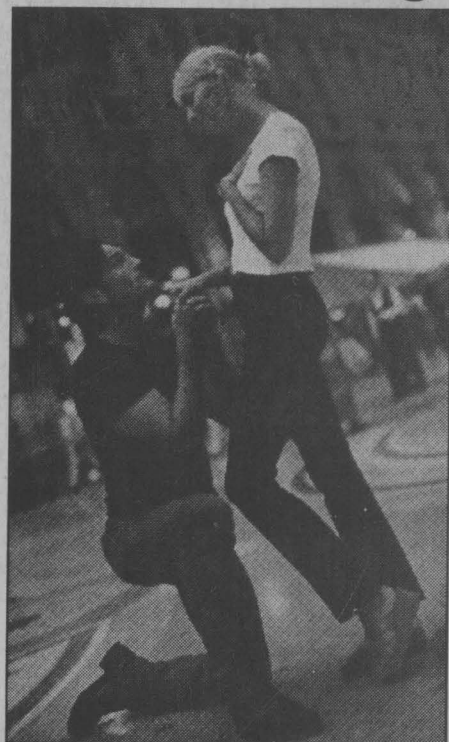
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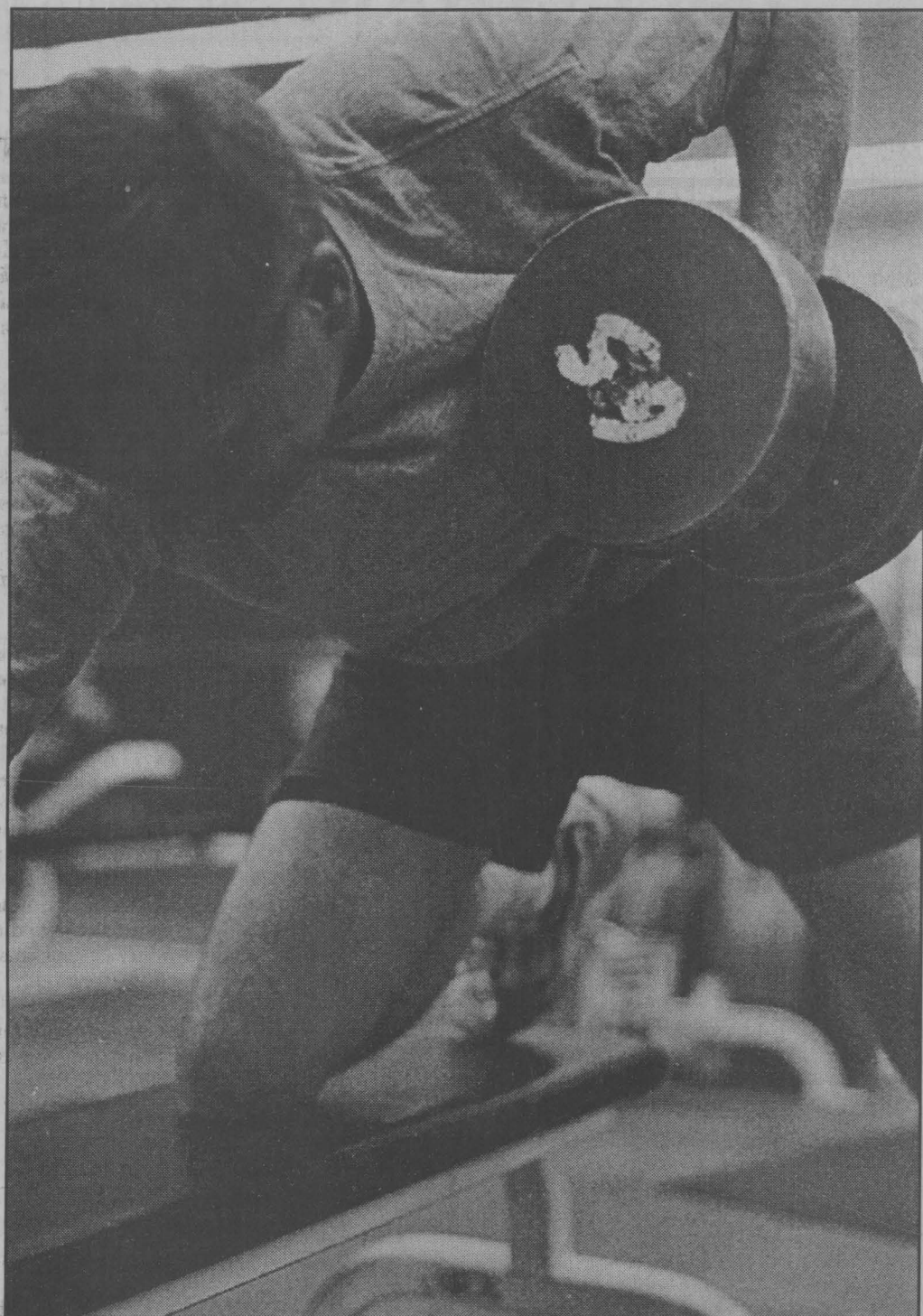
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Update on breast cancer

HALEH V. SAMIEL

The Washington Post

Radiation therapy may be safe for women with genetic cancer risk.

The study and results: Five to 10 percent of breast cancers occur due to mutations in either the BRCA-1 or BRCA-2 genes, which help repair DNA that is damaged by radiation therapy. As a result, women with these mutations who develop breast cancer are ordinarily treated with mastectomy rather than the less-disfiguring combination of lumpectomy and radiation.

Researchers in the United States and Canada investigated whether radiation therapy for such women increased their risk of further mutations and a recurrence of this type of hereditary cancer. The researchers compared the complications and recurrence that occurred as a result of treating breast cancer through lumpectomy followed by radiation in 71 women with the mutations to

similar treatment for 213 women whose cancer was not considered hereditary. The women with the hereditary cancer had no more side effects such as skin fibrosis, pain and shortness of breath than the other women. There was also no significant difference in the two groups' five-year survival rate: 86 percent for women with the hereditary cancer and 91 percent for the others.

What's new: The authors say that this is the largest study on lumpectomy followed by radiation for women known to have BRCA-1 or BRCA-2 mutations.

Caveats: The data on recurrence are based only on five years of follow-up.

Bottom line: Women with these mutations may safely get radiation therapy along with a lumpectomy if they develop breast cancer.

Find this study: October issue of the Journal of Clinical Oncology; abstract online at <http://www.jco.org>



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Young tackling titan

Though only a freshman, Tapia plays like a veteran

SHEREEN SAUREY
Senior Sports Writer

With each game, USU defensive tackle Jorge Tapia is feeling more and more comfortable in his position on the team.

"When you first come onto a team, you feel like you're nobody," Tapia said. "Once you prove yourself and show you know how to play ball, then you feel equal to everyone else."

The Oxnard, Calif., native was recruited prior to the 1999 season. He came to USU on scholarship on the condition that he would be redshirted his freshman year. Tapia said he willingly agreed to those terms, noting he was just grateful for the opportunity to play at the Division I-A level.

Tapia entered the 2000 fall practice as a top backup on the defensive line. When fellow defensive tackle Nate Larsen was injured earlier in the sea-

son, Tapia was put in as a starter. He said he knew he had to take advantage of the opportunity to validate himself in his new role — that's exactly what he strives to do in each game.

Tapia is averaging four tackles per game. Against the University of Idaho, he recorded a career-high nine tackles. Most recently, Tapia posted eight tackles against Arkansas State University.

"I was shaky, having to start," Tapia said. "But after coach [Mick Dennehy] saw how good I played and that I never quit, I earned my starting position."

Tapia said the techniques he is learning in practice are helping him improve every game.

"A lot of the little things they tell us help us to watch for this block, or that block," he said. "It's stuck in our head."

In reference to the success of the team, Tapia said it is satisfying to see the hard work he puts in at practice carry over to the field. He considers his job, and those of the other defensive linemen, as crucial to the team's achievements.

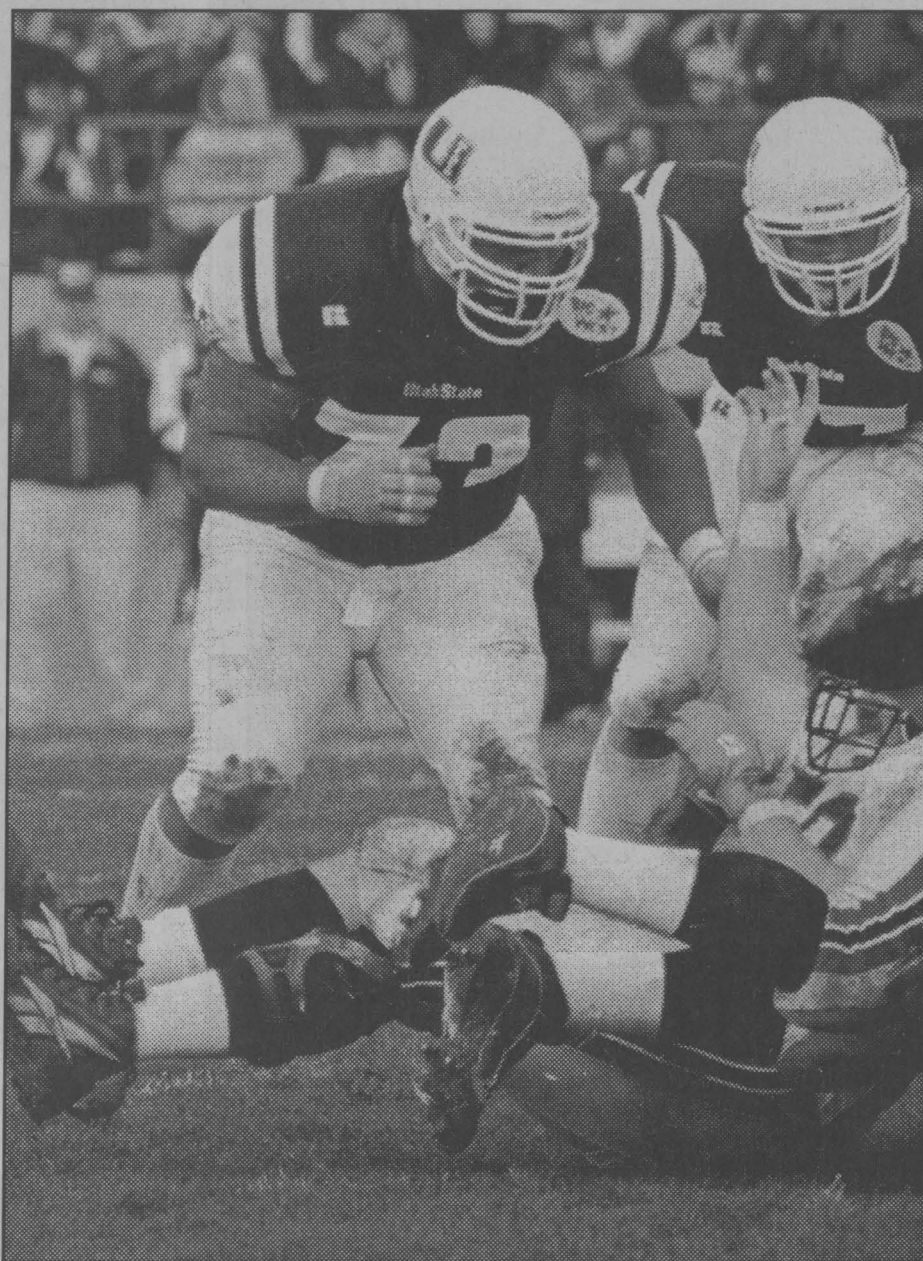
"It all starts with the tackles," he said. "If we don't have that, we're going to be in for a long season. It is very important for us to be good."

Tapia has been playing football since he was a child.

"Oh, I started playing... Gee, too many hits in

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FRESHMAN DEFENSIVE TACKLE JORGE TAPIA joins a pile of tacklers in the game against Arkansas State on Saturday at Romney Stadium. Tapia is one of just six freshmen to start this season for the Aggies. Tapia has recorded 35 total tackles, 19 of them unassisted, through eight games this season. /Casey Hobson photo

Squeeze PLAY

Casey
Hobson



Shakespeare belongeth in baseball

*The subway stopped, the Series is done
And the Yankees captured another one.
So here's a little tribute to the Yanks, the Mets and other winning teams
As well as to the losers and all their unfulfilled dreams.*

*Torre was great
Valentine was not,
Jeter was better
And his girlfriend was hot.
(OK, so Jeter doesn't have a girlfriend,
At least not that we know.
But after his performance in the Series,
You know his black book's gonna grow.)*

*So what was Clemens' problem?
Why'd he think he was so good?
"If I can't hit him with the ball," he said,
"I'll just hit him with some wood."
Regarding the Rocket,
I've got one thing to say:
If that coward had to bat,
He'd get his some day.*

*So A-Rod's going to test the market,
But he said he might just come back.
Sure, Seattle made the playoffs without Junior,
But they need Rodriguez for a successful attack.
A-Rod wants big bucks from a contender.
He wants to play somewhere with a cozy fence.
But the way to a title is through good pitching.
To offer shorter fences doesn't make good sense.*

*Oakland did well as a small-market team.
It proved what the others dared not dream.
Money's no excuse not to compete.
All you need are good scouts
Who draft players complete.*

*Pedro was great again and nearly no-hit Tampa Bay.
This in spite of plunking Gerald Williams in the boo-tay.
Williams charged the mound, and a base-brawl ensued
But when the dust settled, the Devil Rays got tattooed.*

*It was fun to watch Frank Thomas once again live up to his nickname.
But the Big Hurt can't be the MVP, when he just DHs the entire game.*

*Chipper Jones signed a big contract
He'll make close to \$15 million a year.
He stunk it up big time in the playoffs,
which had to make Mets' fans sneer.*

LAR-RY! ... LAR-RY! ... LAR-RY!

*David Wells won 20 games for the first time in his career.
But his good friend David Cone couldn't buy a win this year.
Mike Hampton struggled early, And Randy Johnson struggled late.
When Arizona acquired Curt Schilling,
They probably imagined a better fate.*

Then there was a guy named

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Volleyball team hosts final two home games of the year

SHEREEN SAUREY
Senior Sports Writer

Utah State University's women's volleyball team has returned home from its California road trip to play two final home matches against the University of the Pacific and Long Beach State University on Nov. 2 and Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. The Aggies are looking to go undefeated at home, as they currently have a 9-0 record at the Spectrum.

While in California, USU faced the University of California at Santa Barbara and California Polytechnic State University. The Aggies were swept by the Gauchos of UCSB, but went on to defeat the Mustangs in four games.

Head coach Tom Peterson said the errors the team made on the road were mental. In preparing for the upcoming matches this weekend,

Peterson said the team needs to focus on what it's doing on its own side of the net and not worry about the opposing team. Peterson noted that the team often puts too much pressure on itself.

"It's critical that we don't press too much," Peterson said. "We need to relax and allow ourselves to play. Relax doesn't mean being lethargic. It means allowing yourself to play the way you know how."

USU, ranked No. 19 in the country, will enter this weekend's matches boasting a 19-6 overall record, 8-3 in Big West Conference play, and a third-place standing in the conference. Pacific and Long Beach are the only schools the Aggies have yet to beat this season; they have defeated all other conference teams at least once this year.

Pacific sits atop the BWC standings, with a 10-1 mark in league action. The Tigers

are nationally ranked at No. 12 and have an 18-3 overall record. All-time, USU is 4-21 against UOP. The Aggies were swept earlier in the season by the Tigers in Stockton.

The Long Beach 49ers currently hold a 15-7 overall record, 6-5 in conference play. Long Beach is tied for fourth with Cal Poly in the BWC rankings. Long Beach is on a five-game losing streak and has a 1-3 record on the road against conference teams. All-time, the Aggies are 6-21 against the 49ers.

USU has not been able to defeat Pacific or Long Beach in 17 consecutive matches. Peterson said the team is not focusing on that statistic.

"We can't let that enter our mind," Peterson said. "We're a different team. We're the best team we've had in a long time."

Obray a four-year anchor for the USU men's soccer club

JASON TURNER
Staff Writer

When he was six years old, Neal Obray showed dedication beyond his years when he used his birthday money to pay for participation fees to play soccer.

Almost two decades later, Obray, a Mountain Crest High School graduate, has shown the same dedication and determination playing for the USU men's soccer team — a team he didn't even know existed when he graduated from high school.

"One of my old friends, Jason Haycoc, and one of his friends told me about [the team] and I just came and tried out," Obray said. "Once I saw the quality of the players up here, I knew I wanted to be part of it."

The rest is history. Although, due to few returning players and a bunch of new faces, the team has struggled to establish itself, Obray has been a force on offense. During one stretch of the season, Obray scored six goals in five games against teams like club powers Brigham Young University and Weber State University.

Some players would allow similar success to get to their heads, but not Obray, who credits his teammates for giving him excellent scoring opportunities.

"Most of them came off of really nice passes from my teammates," he said. "I just happened to be at the right place at the right time."

USU head coach Kyle Jacobsen said Obray's quickness and shot accuracy allow him to be the potent threat that he is.

"He has great speed and quickness," Jacobsen said. "His first three or four steps are as quick as anyone's and he is extremely accurate."

Obray, a four-year member of the "A" team, said despite the disappointments of the season, the team has come a long way and started to gel at the end of the season. He said one of the season's most memorable experiences was the last tournament in Colorado, because the team had a lot of fun and played well together. Strong competition could only get a paltry three goals in three games into the USU net — demonstrating how far the team had come, he said.

"The more that we got to know each other, the better we played together," Obray said.

The two things he wants to leave with his teammates, he said, is strong play while having fun at the same time. Club sports are much more worthwhile and memorable if you allow yourself to have fun, he said.

"I wanted to project that you can have fun," he said.

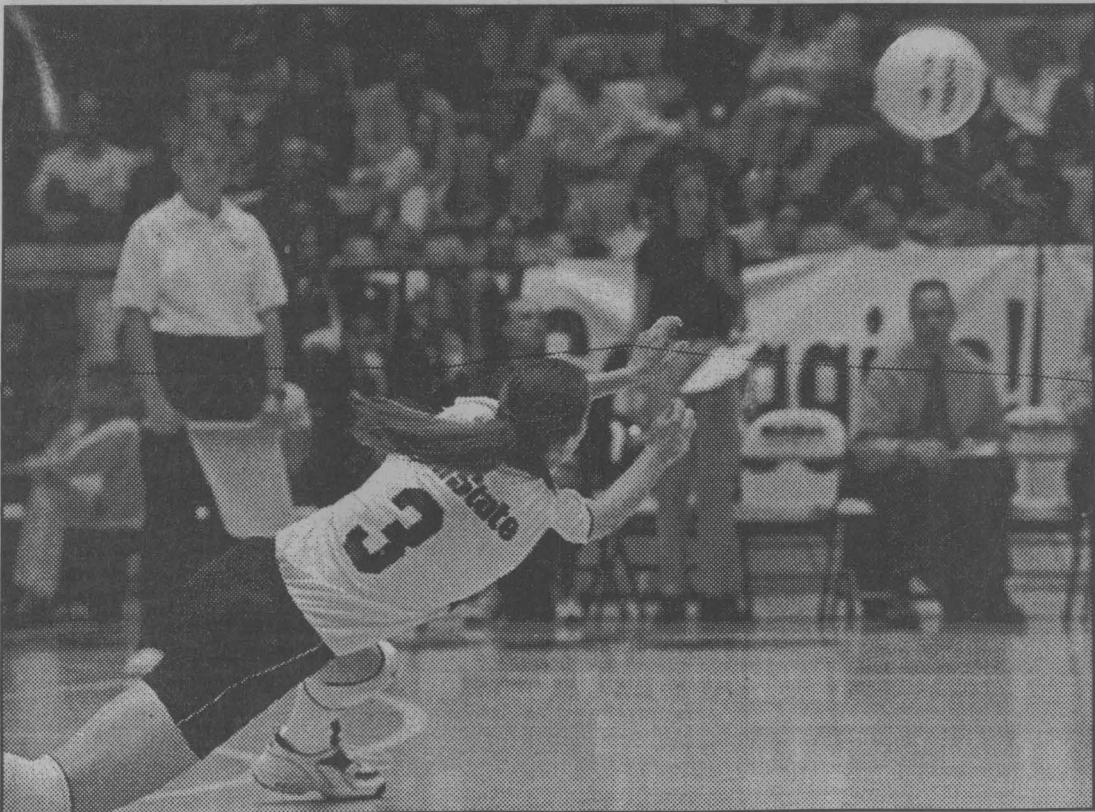
He also said it is important to pick up and apply certain skills that past and present teammates have possessed. Just learning from other players has helped him continually improve his game, he said.

According to Jacobsen, Obray is a "quiet leader" who lets his game and effort do the talking.

"He is one of those players who leads by example, through hustle and hard work," he said.

When asked if he plans on playing next year, Obray said he has yet to decide. He is considering trying another club sport like lacrosse, but might focus all of his attention on school.

One thing is for certain: Whether he decides to play soccer, lacrosse or concentrate on school, he will be committed — just like he was when he was 6.



SOPHOMORE OUTSIDE HITTER SHAUNI HUCKINGER dives to save the ball from an Idaho spike in the game last Tuesday night. USU's final two home games are this weekend. The Aggies will put their 9-3 Big West Conference record and 19th national ranking on the line Thursday against the 10-1 University of Pacific Tigers, who go into 12th in the nation and first in the BWC. /Joe Rowley photo

The Sports Page

CENTERPIECE

Women's soccer doesn't score often this year

JULIE ANN GROSSHANS
Staff Writer

Why isn't the Utah State women's soccer team scoring this season? Why are the forwards not breaking out like they did last season?

In the program's fifth season, the team has been shut out six times and averages only about one point a game. Meanwhile, USU forwards have combined for a total of seven points on the year compared to last season's 25 goals.

"Although it has been frustrating, the Aggies aren't dwelling on the fact that they can't seem to score."

"For some reason we are

getting really unlucky," said senior defender Heather Cox.

Soccer is a team sport, though, and senior forward Jayme Gordy said she feels scoring is a team effort — not just the strikers.

"This year has been a tough season for everybody," Gordy said. "I don't know if you can just put it on the scorers."

Gordy leads USU in career goals (34), points (73) and shots (180). She currently has only four goals for the season, the most recent from the overtime loss to Long Beach State.

The Aggies only have two players in the Big West Conference rankings for scor-

ing. Senior Marnie Bartelson is ranked 13th for individual scorers averaging .64 points a game. She is also tied for 10th in conference for goals on the year with four.

Freshman Ally Clegg is ranked 17th among individual scorers in the BWC averaging .57 points per game.

Compared to other schools, the Aggies are lacking in BWC standings. The University of Idaho, having started their program just a few years back, have four players ranked in the Big West for individual scorers.

"Everyone is doing a great job," Cox said. "It's just not going our way."

Warren Miller shows new 'Ride'

TRAVIS CALL
Staff Writer

Warren Miller Entertainment will be returning to the Kent Concert Hall on Thursday and Friday to show its latest film, "Ride."

"The ski movies are a tradition for us," said Ben Hennick, a USU Ski Team member. "The season doesn't really begin until Warren comes to town."

According to the Warren Miller press release, this year's movie will feature footage shot

in New Zealand, France, Russia, Australia, Greenland and the United States.

This will be the first Warren Miller movie to take advantage of DVD technology. The film will feature higher definition video and a digital soundtrack.

Prizes will be given away and all attendees will receive a free pass to Breckonridge or Keystone in Colorado and a \$10 certificate for a lift ticket to the Canyons in Park City.

"Ride" shows Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m. in the Kent

Concert Hall. Tickets are available through the USU ticket office, Al's Sporting Goods and at the door. The USU Ski Team is also selling discount tickets on the first floor of the TSC.

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WARREN MILLER'S NEWEST MOVIE, 'RIDE,' takes skiing enthusiasts on a trip around the world. /Warren Miller photo



Aggie SCOREBOARD

> BWC FOOTBALL

	Conf.	Overall
Utah State	3-0	4-4
Boise State	2-0	6-2
New Mexico State	1-1	3-5
Idaho	1-1	3-5
North Texas	0-2	2-6
Arkansas State	0-3	0-9

Rankings	BWC	NCAA
Total offense	4th	77th
Rushing offense	6th	89th
Passing offense	3rd	35th
Total defense	4th	92nd
Rushing defense	2nd	70th
Passing defense	4th	103rd

Player Rankings	BWC	NCAA
Emmett White		
All-Purpose	1st	1st
Rushing	2nd	17th
Kickoff Returns	3rd	24th
Scoring	3rd	41st
Brad Bohn		
Field Goals	2nd	11th
Aaron Jones		
Receiving Yards	2nd	23rd

> BWC VOLLEYBALL

	Conf.	Overall
Pacific	10 1 .909	18 3 .857
UCSB	9 2 .818	17 6 .739
Utah State	9 3 .750	19 6 .760
Long Beach St.	6 5 .546	15 7 .682
Cal Poly	6 5 .546	12 8 .600
Idaho	4 6 .400	13 8 .619
Boise State	3 9 .250	7 14 .333
CS Fullerton	2 9 .222	7 16 .304
UC Irvine	1 10 .091	6 14 .300

> BWC W. SOCCER

	Conf.	Overall
Cal Poly	5 2 0 15	10 6 1
Idaho	4 2 2 14	10 6 2
Long Beach St.	4 2 2 14	7 7 3
UC Irvine	4 2 2 14	9 6 2
Pacific	3 4 1 10	8 8 2
UCSB	3 3 0 9	8 8 1
CS Fullerton	3 4 0 9	8 11 0
Utah State	2 5 0 6	4 12 0
Boise State	1 5 1 3	4 10 2

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1. Nebraska (52)	1,492	21-0
2. Hawaii (8)	1,448	20-0
3. USC	1,361	19-1
4. Arizona	1,317	19-2
5. Wisconsin	1,235	19-2
6. Colorado State	1,202	23-2
7. Minnesota	1,104	21-2
8. UCLA	1,089	16-5
9. Pepperdine	1,047	20-3
10. Florida	942	19-3
11. Penn State	899	20-4
12. Pacific	848	18-3
13. Ohio State	771	20-2
14. BYU	702	17-6
15. UCSB	690	17-6
16. Santa Clara	636	20-2
17. Stanford	489	12-9
18. Long Beach St.	436	15-7
19. Utah State	406	19-6
20. Utah	341	17-5
21. Texas A&M	340	15-5
22. Michigan State	207	13-8
23. Notre Dame	187	18-5
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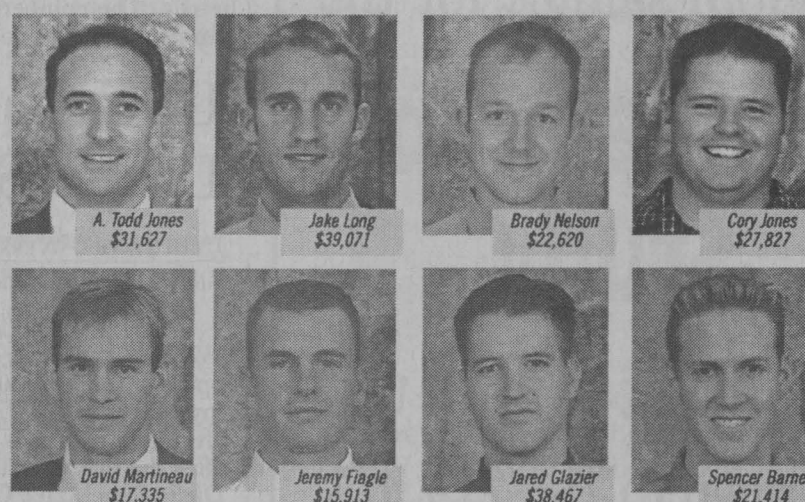
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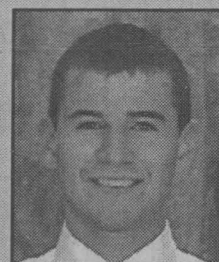
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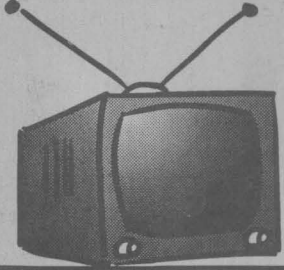
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Player OF THE WEEK

**White just keeps on rolling;
rushes to career mark vs. ASU**

REUBEN WADSWORTH
Assistant Sports Editor

Utah State running back Emmett White shared Big West Conference offensive player honors this week in addition to being named USU player of the week and Big West Player of the Week by USA Today.com. Aggie place kicker Brad Bohn was named the league's special teams player of the week.

White rushed for a career high 202 yards and three touchdowns in USU's 44-31 victory over Arkansas State Saturday. White downplayed his performance, saying it will be something to build on for the future. The junior from Ogden also recorded 289 all-purpose yards against the Indians. He hauled in five receptions for 41 yards and added 46 yards in returns.

White is the NCAA leader in all-purpose yardage with a 214.5 average, 25.5 yards better than second-place LaDainian Tomlinson of Texas Christian. Leading the country in a statistical category isn't a big deal for White, he said. The numbers can change from week to week

and he could finish the season without the number one ranking, he said, but he isn't planning on it.

White deflected the reason for his individual success from his own skills to his offensive line. The line and the wide receivers are doing an excellent job of making holes for him, he said.

One reason the Aggies are unbeaten in the Big West Conference is the new coaching staff, White said. First year head coach Mick Dennehy and his assistants have instilled confidence in the team, White said. With that kind of optimism, it's hard to have a bad attitude, he said.

White tidbits: If White could choose anywhere to go on vacation it would be New Zealand because one of his high school teachers had a poster of the country hanging in the classroom and from seeing that White said it looks like a nice place to visit...White's favorite thing to do on vacation is not sight-seeing or relaxing by the pool — it's shopping. He said he likes purchasing things that are not available at

White IN MOTION

Emmett White
Junior
Running back,
Ogden, Utah.
(Ben Lomond)
5-foot-11
199 lbs.



Vs. Arkansas State

• his 202 yard effort was the 21st best rushing day in USU history.
• he became the 10th player in USU history to rush for 200-plus yards.

home...White said the worst class he has taken at USU was Math 1050. He said the material just didn't sink in...In social situations White said he can sometimes be the life of the party. He said he likes telling a joke about someone to get some fun started...Other than football, White said his ideal job would be CEO of a large corporation like Coca-Cola so his work schedule would only consist of attending a few meetings each day yet he would be raking the money.

USU golfers tied for eleventh in San Diego State Aztec Golf Invitational

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
Athletic Media Relations

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Woody Spainhower fired an opening round 71 and followed that with a 77 in the afternoon to lead Utah State after the first day of the San Diego State Aztec Golf Invitational on Monday. Spainhower is tied for 24th overall.

Host San Diego State leads the event through two rounds by 13 shots over Texas-San Antonio and Santa Clara. The Aggies are tied with Portland State in 11th place. USU's Kevin Blotter responded from his 78 in the morning round by shooting a

73 in the afternoon and he is tied for 42nd.

Other USU golfers in the tournament include Kevin Peterson, who is tied for 55th, Chris Olsen, who is in 70th and Nick Summers, who is in 72nd.

The final round took place yesterday at the SCGA Members' Club course, but final results were not available at press time. Here were the standings going into that round:

TEAM STANDINGS

1. San Diego State, 281-285 566
2. Texas-San Antonio, 288-291 579
2. Santa Clara, 285-294 579

4. San Diego State Black, 295-285 580
5. Louisville, 294-291 585
11. Utah State, 305-301-606

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

1. Justin Ahasic, Santa Clara, 67-70 137
2. John Lepak, San Diego State, 70-68-138
3. Aaron Choi, SDSU Black, 69-71 140

UTAH STATE INDIVIDUALS

t24. Woody Spainhower, 71-77 148
t42. Kevin Blotter, 78-73 151
t55. Kevin Peterson, 77-76 153
70. Chris Olsen, 79-81 160

Hockey heads to Colorado for three games

AARON MORTON
Sports Editor

The USU hockey club will try to turn its season around this weekend as it travels to Colorado to play three games.

The Aggies (3-4) are trying to shrug off a sluggish start, but they have shown improvement. USU nearly beat Arizona State University 5-4 last weekend after dropping the first game vs. the Sun Devils, 9-2.

USU will play the University of Colorado Thursday in Boulder before traveling to Fort Collins to take on Colorado State University on Friday and Saturday. All three games are at 7 p.m.

"It's a must-win situation,"

said USU captain Ryan Keys.

These wins will be critical to qualify for nationals because the Aggies have already lost key games against University of Southern California, University of Utah and San Jose State University.

The task will not be an easy one.

The Rams broke the Aggies' 19-game winning streak last season. On that road trip, USU lost 5-4 and 5-1 to CSU and tied Colorado, 5-5.

"[CSU] will be solid," Keys said. "We need to play all three periods [well]."

The Rams are also 3-4 on the season but have lost four straight, including a 3-2 loss to Weber State University in

Boulder. USU and WSU tied 3-3 Oct. 12.

Presumably, the Buffalos will be the easiest opponent because they have lost two to CSU, 6-3 at home and 6-2 on the road.

USU needs to be one of the top four teams in the Western region to qualify for nationals. Rankings come out four times a season, the final one will determine the playoff teams.

Keys doesn't even know what the rankings are right now, and he doesn't want to know.

"I'm kind of scared to look right now," Keys said. "This year has been kind of weird."

But if the Aggies can maintain a decent record, they will gain more players during Spring Semester.

USU softball team will hold clinics

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
Athletic Media Relations

The Utah State softball program announces the dates for its upcoming winter softball clinics. Pitching, catching and defensive clinics will be held Nov. 11 and a hitting clinic will be hosted Dec. 2. Registration for the clinics will take place one hour before the scheduled clinic time at the Stan Laub Training Center located off 1400 North.

Clinicians will include Utah State coaches Pam McCreesh and Jason Salz, Olympian pitcher Garrett Hone and members of the USU softball team.

Participants will learn the fundamentals of hitting, pitching and fielding. The cost of each clinic will be \$30.

Any questions may be directed to Jason Salz at (435) 797-0553.

►TAPIA

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the head, I don't even know," Tapia said, laughing and proudly displaying his worn and scratched helmet.

Tapia said his older brother, Baltazar, participated in flag football, and at age six he began following in his sibling's footsteps.

"My brother influences me a lot," Tapia said. "He was always there for me in high school and growing up. I've had a lot of support from him."

Now, more than halfway into the season, Tapia feels worthy of the Aggie uniform; he has done his part to help the team.

"I had my doubts at the beginning of the year," Tapia said. "I was scared, not knowing if I could play with these guys. But after eight games, I don't feel that way anymore. I feel like I've been part of this team for a while now."

►POEM

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Griffey,
Who got everything he always
wanted.
He got to choose his favorite
place,
And Three Rivers turned out to
be haunted.
He whiffed, whiffed and whiffed
again.
And soon he began to pout.
It seemed to be the media's
fault,
The mighty Griffey always struck
out.

All in all, the season was grand.
But now it's said and done.
So here's to the good and to the
bad.
And here's to everyone.
Now we turn our eyes elsewhere
To quench our sporting thirst.
Fear not, my friends, it will be
OK.

Spring Training begins March 1.

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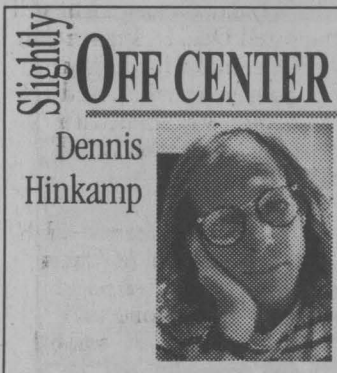
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Even Bald Guys Can Let Their Hair Down



Slightly Off Center
Dennis Hinkamp

You'd think that by the time you entered your 40s nothing could disillusion you. You already know there is no Santa Claus, no Tooth Fairy, no free lunch, no altruistic billionaires, no soul mates and no two party system. I have been disillusioned twice this year by people saying "I don't want to do anything undignified."

One of the few true quantifiable joys of human existence is being undignified. It's a beautiful thing. Even bald people can let their hair down. Morons can feel normal and the suits start realizing that all ties do is make

their necks sweaty. I imagine these dignity practitioners with friends and family gathered around their death beds gasping, "I made it. I didn't do anything silly." Gag, ack, dirt nap. Insert your concept of the afterlife here.

In my concept St. Ralph thanks me for the hours of entertainment I have provided all the other saints and angels because they can't get the really good cable TV stations in heaven. I picture them enjoying watching me stumble through life with much the same glee as parents who like to watch little kids learn how to ice skate.

Do you gain anything by being dignified? I doubt there are people making out their party lists saying "Let's invite that guy you work with who's so, you know, dignified. He really adds that air of solemnity that is so lacking at social engagements these days." And Bob, honey, "please make sure you don't play any music that people can dance to."

Dancing is the nexus between the dignified and the undignified. If you have stopped dancing, you need to do a serious systems analysis on your psyche. You may be on the road to being dignified. There is hope, though. Remember, you are at the wheel of that runaway 18-wheeler that is your so called life. Fortunately there are runaway truck lanes down the road, you just need to be sure to use them. For instance:

Dance: Everyone looks undignified when they dance. Even if you were trained by Martha Graham you're going to look funny. Just saying the word "boogie" can loosen you up. But please, be careful with some of those new ballroom-dancing-on-steroids moves. You could put someone's eye out.

Fight bathroom elitism: The whole concept of executive bathrooms ought to frighten you more than nuclear winter. It's bad enough that every new house built now has two bathrooms

per occupant, but having an office bathroom with a salary cut-off line should make you weep with shame for our species. If you ever find yourself in one of those bathrooms where a guy is handing out towels, tip heavily. These are the people who need dignity, not the people who create these poop palaces.

Get rid of the fine China: I've seen more than one set of soon-to-be newly weds lose their brains over china patterns. It causes fights, it takes up space and it is hard to wash. Don't buy any dinnerware that you wouldn't let a three-year-old high on cola and ice cream carry around.

If you pronounce all three syllables of "opera" and "theater," it's too late for you. Sorry, many are called, but not all can enter. Not everyone can be saved.

Slightly Off Center appears every other Wednesday in the Statesman. Comments may be e-mailed to denish@dellnet.com

Public FORUM

Letters to the Editor

Vote Nader, he's the most qualified

Dear Editor,

Ralph Nader is the most qualified candidate for president of the United States. He is running for the Green Party on a ticket with Winona LaDuke.

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He is refusing all corpo-

rate campaign funding and only accepts contributions from individuals; he cannot be bought or influenced by special interest groups. Go to www.votenader.org and see for yourself.

Rob Morrison

Where can I get some mammogram snot?

Dear Editor,

In response to a letter found in the Oct. 30 edition of the Statesman, I am tremendously curious.

What is Mammogram Snot, and where can I get some?

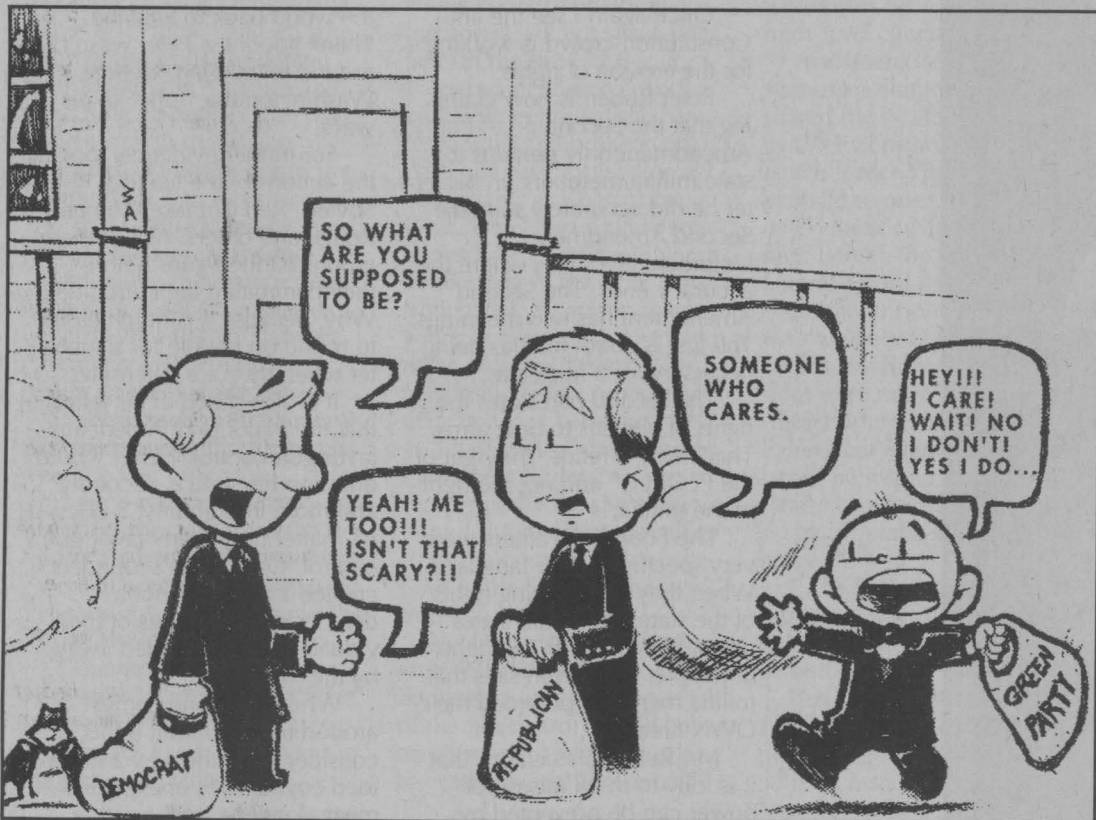
Apparently, it is best for young women, and I, being a young woman, feel the need to be educated in this matter. In Megan Egbert's article, though it was very informative, I found no information about this so-called "snot." I know this couldn't possibly be an error made by the Statesman, so perhaps it is just a matter of mix up.

If this is the case, could you please print the article about Mammogram Snot?

My interest has been piqued.

Oh, and rock on to those upset about USU parking. I think Aaron agrees too.

Joni Beal



Our VIEW

A Statesman Staff Editorial

To standardize or not to standardize?

In the presidential race, "accountability" is the main focus for education platforms. Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore favor administering standardized tests to measure accountability standards for schools to receive federal funding, but differ on how and for what purpose the tests should be administered.

Schools and teachers should be accountable for what students learn, but not at the expense of the student. Often, if the student does not pass the standardized test, the student can be held back from advancing to the next grade.

Just about every state gives students standardized tests. Some states make standardized testing a requirement for graduation. These tests can have a huge impact on a student's progression in school. They focus on core subjects such as English, Math, Science and History.

The tests measure the weaknesses or strengths in these subjects. This is where accountability plays a role in the testing results. The results of the test show areas the teacher needs to focus on more, which often involves focusing more on individual students.

Some supporters of standardized testing say these tests guarantee better education by holding schools and teachers accountable for what is taught and how it is taught.

Opponents say the tests put too much stress on children, limit what they're taught and play too big of a role determining their advancement to the next grade.

Some people don't test well. Some people don't write papers well. Math and Science may not be an interest to many students, but it should not be held against them if they do not excel in the subject on a written test.

We all need a basic knowledge of core subjects. In college, we need to take classes in general education. But a test shouldn't keep students from obtaining the education they deserve simply because they didn't perform well on one, standardized test created to test knowledge but often used to measure intelligence.

Hunting's not just about killing, it's skill, too

Dear Editor,

I know a large number of hunters, and I've yet to see one of them "get off on" killing. Most people hunt for the challenge. And amazingly enough, many still hunt for the meat provided.

Also, hunting is vitally important to the survival of the animal populations. Animals have very few natural predators remaining; most having been killed off due to man's fear or destruction of suitable habitat.

Because of this, the remain-

ing animal populations can become unnaturally high, resulting in a large number of animals starving to death during the food-scarce winter.

So is it better for these animals to die a slow, wasting death rather than the quick one provided by the hunters brought in to reduce herd size? Of course everyone's entitled to his opinion.

Josh Kostial

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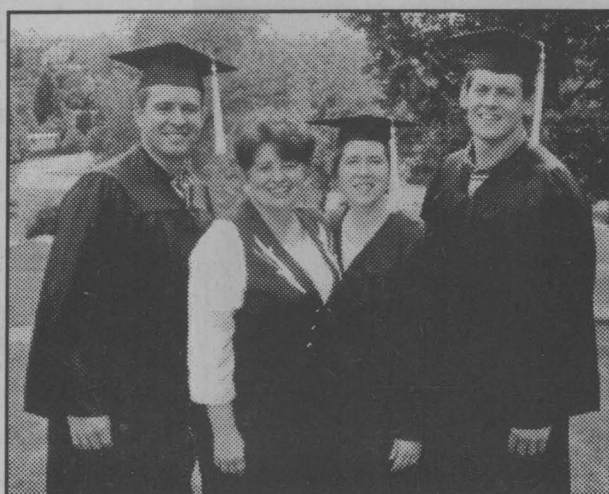
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LETTERS

From Page 11

Militia legislation exists today

Dear Editor,

Peter Ruben obviously is well educated when it comes to the Constitution. He points out that guns were only meant for state militias.

Although I haven't researched this subject to the level he has or know all of the technical aspects of the law, I do know that most states still

have the legislation for these militias (meaning men and women from 18 to 45 years of age or in the case of Utah to the age of 47 are automatically a part of the state militia).

So to say the militia is a thing of the past is wrong. They still exist in state constitutions and the governor still has the power to call on these citizens to organize themselves as

well-regulated militias. My argument in this letter is not whether guns are good or bad, but that even though Peter is well educated, he forgot to mention we still have the state militias protected by state constitutions. So don't write off guns yet by a simple statement that we don't have a militia.

Nate Thomas

Second Amendment misunderstood

Dear Editor,

In his Oct. 30 article, Peter Ruben made several uninformed statements directly related to the freedoms he enjoys. He stated, "It is folly to think that the past misuse of power by the government ... could have been prevented by armed citizens."

This is a perfect description of the American Revolution. Only by the use of private arms and the goodness of God was our freedom secured. What makes it worse is that there are people who feel the same, that an inanimate object is responsible for deaths in our country.

Mr. Ruben further states the Second Amendment never guaranteed a right for private citizens.

"I think the Framers of the Constitution would agree," he said. Let's see what the Framers stated elsewhere. Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Virginia Constitution — his own state — "No freeman shall ever be debarred the use of arms." Benjamin Franklin, perhaps the most influential individual in our country's history stated, "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

James Madison, another

Founding Father, wrote, "[The Constitution preserves] the advantage of being armed which Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation ... [where] the governments are afraid to trust the people with arms."

America's Founding Fathers clearly believed that the right to own a firearm was definitely a personal right. Why do individuals take it upon themselves to tell us what these great men were talking about? They have spoken themselves. Had they not owned guns, they would not have been free men.

Mark B. Major

Guns not limited to militia

Dear Editor,

Once again I see the anti-Constitution crowd is working for the erosion of rights.

Peter Ruben is now claiming that the Second Amendment only pertains to state militia members. In his letter he did accurately state the Second Amendment. Unfortunately, that's where the accuracy ends. The Second Amendment has two meanings. The first is about militias being necessary for a free state.

The second part states the rights of citizens to bear arms. That's why it reads "the right of the PEOPLE," and not the right of the militia.

The Founding Fathers were very specific in their language. When they were stating rights of the states, they said states' rights, likewise with the rights of people. Peter even says that militia members provided their OWN firearms.

Mr. Ruben also claims that it is folly to think misuse of power can be prevented by armed citizens.

This is a typical tactic of the anti-Constitution crowd, making statements with no basis in reality. What does he think the American Revolution was, when a bunch of rag-tag farm-

ers, businessmen, and scholars sent the most powerful army in the world back to England. Thank goodness Peter wasn't around to tell Gen. George Washington the "folly" of his ways.

For further evidence, look at the actions of the Nazis, Soviets, Red Chinese, Khmer Rouge and others. ALL of these groups banned guns before they committed their atrocities. Why, because it is much easier to round up people for slaughter when they are defenseless.

It is also stated in his letter that the majority of Americans favor gun control. First, I would question his source, secondly and more importantly, it doesn't matter how many favor gun control. Our nation's founders created a republic, not a democracy. The rights of individuals cannot be voted away by the masses.

When someone comes around trying to limit rights, consider them the way a three-toed coyote eyes unexpected meat along the trail. In other words, you know they have sinister intentions. Which of our rights shall we give up next? None, we've already lost too many!

Barton Stam

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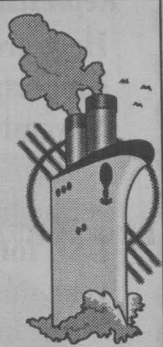
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Gore campaign takes it easy in Utah

HANNAH WOLFSON
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — As Al Gore's Utah campaign manager, Kim DeMille may have as impossible a job as the mythical king Sisyphus, who was condemned to spend eternity pushing a heavy stone uphill. But she refuses to let the gravity of her situation wear her down.

"We're under no illusions that Gore is going to win Utah," DeMille said in her tiny office at the back of Democratic headquarters, where a donated chiropractic table does double-duty holding up a stack of Gore-Lieberman lawn signs. "But we have plenty of supporters in Utah and we're here to give them a voice and try to get the issues out there."

Utah's five Electoral College votes haven't gone to a Democrat since Lyndon Johnson won them in 1964. In the 1992 presidential election, Utah was the only state in the nation where the Democrats came in third — Reform Party candidate Ross Perot got 26 percent of the Utah

vote to Bill Clinton's 23 percent.

Things aren't likely to be much different this year.

A recent poll showed Bush leading Gore by 32 percentage points in the state. Gore's support of President Clinton's creation of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument makes him unpopular here. And the popular governor, well ahead in his own re-election campaign, has been campaigning for Bush in-state and out.

So rather than pounding the pavement, DeMille and her volunteers are handing out bumper stickers and trying to boost turnout for the election in the hope of helping local Democrats.

"The biggest focus is the coordinated campaign with the state party," she said.

"Really, the goal is to get out those voters who are generally unlikely voters. We know where the likely voters stand, but if we can pull out the unlikely voters, we may be in better shape."

That doesn't mean the Gore campaign isn't trying, DeMille said. After all, the

campaign did hire her, rent out her office, and stock it with a new computer and a box of buttons and bumper stickers.

"Are we going to win Utah? Probably not," said Maria Meier, spokeswoman for Gore's Western campaign. "But there are people there who support our message and it is important to reach out to our base."

Nonetheless, the state party had to shell out for the lawn signs, which DeMille was delivering to supporters herself. And while Gore and his running mate, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, spent the final days before the election crisscrossing the country, Utah, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming went without. In fact, most residents didn't see as much as a campaign ad.

"We've made pitches to try to get (Lieberman) to stop by and visit, but we understand that resources are really thin ... and there are states where they can actually make an impact," DeMille said. "So we're willing to sacrifice to give Nevada and New Mexico a chance."

Arafat calls on young activists for Israeli raids

GREG MYRE
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Stepping through the rubble of an Israeli missile attack, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Tuesday called for renewed resistance by young activists, "these children who throw the stones to defend Jerusalem, the Muslims and the holy places."

In a clash that lasted through the day and into the night, four Palestinians, ages 17 to 23, were killed by Israeli fire at the Karni crossing point along the eastern Gaza Strip, hospital doctors said. Thirty-four days of fighting have left 147 people dead, most of them Palestinians. The Palestinians supplemented their stones and firebombs for the first time with machine-gun fire and anti-tank missiles, according to the army. At least 45 Palestinians were injured in three separate clashes in Gaza and two in the West Bank, doctors said.

Tuesday's fighting came a day after Israel rained missiles on several command centers of Arafat's Fatah movement in one of the most intense attacks

since the fighting began. The Israeli raids, launched in response for the killing of two Israelis, were the latest escalation in the cycle of retaliatory violence, and left Palestinians in a defiant mood.

"What happened here and elsewhere in the Palestinian territories will not shake one hair on the head of the Palestinian children," Arafat said as he examined the battered walls and broken concrete at a base for his Force 17 bodyguards at Khan Yunis in Gaza. Israel says Arafat's comments have encouraged youths to take part in the daily confrontations. However, many youngsters say they do so with relish, needing no such prompting, while others participate out of peer pressure.

The Israelis have criticized Palestinian leaders, saying they cynically use the children — and the resulting casualties — in the ongoing public relations battle between the two sides.

Referring to the helicopter attacks, Prime Minister Ehud Barak warned, "the long reach of the Israeli army could be much more painful." Speaking to visiting world Jewish lead-

ers, Barak said he talked to Arafat briefly a week ago to explain Israel's position, "but to my dismay, the emergency situation continues."

More than a month of fighting has put the peace process on hold, but there were plans for a new round of high-level contacts.

Arafat and Israeli elder statesman Shimon Peres, who shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 1994 along with the late Israeli leader Yitzhak Rabin, planned to meet late Tuesday or Wednesday, Israeli radio said. Barak's top adviser, Danny Yatom, said, "we must settle this ancient conflict, not with violence but with peace." But harsh words on both sides were more the norm. Ahmed Qureia, a senior Palestinian negotiator, said the Israeli helicopter attacks "started a new stage of aggression against the Palestinian people."

"The Palestinian intifadeh (uprising) will continue as long as there is aggression," he said.

Besides the violence, another obstacle to a resumption of negotiations is the political instability in Israel.

CRASH

From Page 2

In Washington, the National Transportation Safety Board said it is sending a team of investigators to help Taiwan authorities probe the disaster. The eight-member NTSB team was expected to arrive in Taiwan on Thursday evening.

Singapore Airlines, the South Asian city-state's flagship carrier, is one of the world's most profitable airlines and has one of the industry's best safety records. It has been flying for 28 years and had never crashed.

The national carrier enjoys a young fleet of modern aircraft.

It flies to more than 40 countries and, with its traditionally dressed stewardesses and free amenities, is consistently voted the most favored airline of business travelers.

The plane that burst into flames Tuesday was bought new in January 1997, airline spokesman James Boyd said in Los Angeles.

He said there had been no problems with the aircraft, which underwent its last maintenance check on Sept. 16.

On Dec. 19, 1997, a SilkAir Boeing 737 was cruising over Indonesia at 35,000 feet when the jet suddenly nosed down, diving at supersonic speeds until it smashed into a river, killing all 104 people aboard.

Singapore Airlines is the parent company of SilkAir.

Tuesday's incident shares some traits with the Air France Concorde disaster that killed 113 people outside Paris in July.

Investigators believe the chain of events that brought the Concorde down began when the plane hit a strip of metal on the runway, bursting a tire.

The latest disaster also comes a year to the day after EgyptAir Flight 990 plunged into the Atlantic Ocean while en route from New York to Cairo. That crash killed 217 people.

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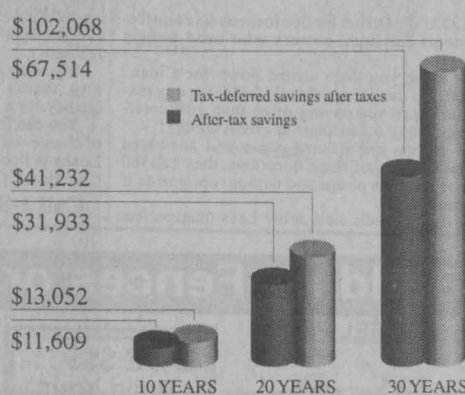
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GOP vice presidential candidate hits talk radio

KAREN GULLO
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — When he started out campaigning, Dick Cheney said he was a "man of few words." He has since found his voice and, in this last week before the election, he's hitting the talk radio circuit.

Cheney was chatting with conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh and doing interviews for talk radio programs in Pittsburgh and Detroit on Tuesday as part of George W. Bush's final push to reach out to Republican voters.

The GOP vice presidential candidate is also tentatively scheduled this week to tape a segment with Fox TV's conservative host John O'Reilly.

On Monday, Cheney was interviewed by Oliver North,

who has a radio show and also appears on cable TV.

Cheney is squeezing in the interviews during a hectic week of campaigning in battleground states.

On Tuesday morning, he visited a Salvation Army center in Kansas City that provides housing for children in abusive homes to promote Bush's "compassionate conservative" agenda. Cheney told about 150 supporters that Bush wants to allow faith-based organizations like the Salvation Army "to compete on an equal basis for federal funds" to provide social services.

The topic of compassionate conservatism has been largely absent from Cheney's appearances. He last campaigned at a faith-based organization in August.

After the Kansas City stop, he headed to President Clinton's home state of

Arkansas for a rally.

Cheney, defense secretary under Bush's father, is getting some help on the stump from former Sen. Alan Simpson of Wyoming. The two campaigned together in the 1970s and 1980s when Cheney represented the state in the House.

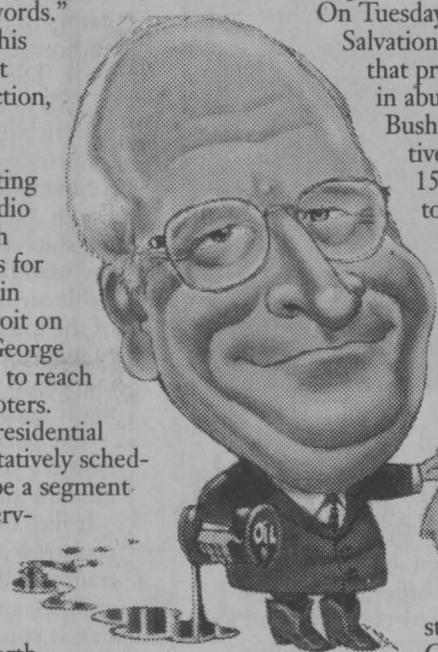
Traveling with his former colleague for the second time in recent weeks, Simpson serves as warm-up act to Cheney, introducing him with humorous speeches that also are laced with stinging criticisms of Vice President Al Gore.

At a rally in Peoria, Ill., on Monday, Simpson questioned Gore's credibility and chastised the vice president for negative campaigning.

He predicted the Gore campaign would unleash "grave personal attacks" against Bush and his allies in the last days of the campaign, and then launched an attack of his own of Gore's campaign manager, Donna Brazile, calling her a "rough, tough slugger."

Taking on a Halloween theme, Simpson called Brazile's operation "a little shop of horrors."

A Gore campaign spokeswoman could not be reached for comment.



U.S. stops using Suez Canal because of terrorist threats

BARRY SCHWEID
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. Navy ships have stopped using the Suez Canal, the usual route from the eastern United States to the Persian Gulf, out of concern for terrorist threats, senior U.S. defense officials said Tuesday.

No U.S. Navy ship has used the 101-mile canal since the USS Cole made its way from the Mediterranean Sea into the Red Sea shortly before it was attacked by terrorists in the Yemeni port of Aden on Oct. 12. It was unclear how long Navy ships would avoid the Suez. One defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said some planned trips through the canal have been scrapped since the Cole bombing, and future scheduled trips will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Col. Brian Hoey, spokesman for the U.S. Central Command, said Monday night that the American government is "working very closely with the Egyptian government to ensure ongoing security arrangements are appropriate" at the canal. President Clinton and the State Department's top anti-terrorism official are urging Yemen to give U.S. investigators more access to witnesses, suspects and evidence in the Cole bombing investigation.

The intricate process of preparing the Cole for its return voyage to the United States continued as the heavy-lift ship Blue Marlin worked to secure the Cole onto its

main deck. Pentagon officials said the process likely would take a few more days. Once it is ready to go, the Blue Marlin will travel around the southern tip of Africa in order to avoid the Suez Canal, defense officials said. Clinton said Monday that Yemen had cooperated fully in the preliminary, first phase of the investigation of the Oct. 12 attack that killed 17 American sailors and injured 39. The president said, "there have been difficulties now." And, Clinton said, "I hope that we can work it out."

On Tuesday, Michael A. Sheehan, coordinator of the State Department counterterrorism office, said that while Yemen had the authority and responsibility to conduct the investigation "we would like to be privy" to more of it.

"Normally," Sheehan said at a breakfast meeting with reporters, "the United States doesn't have the right to question witnesses."

In some situations U.S. investigators have had direct access to suspects and "we are urging them to cooperate and hope that they will," he said.

Clinton said Monday there were some "promising leads," and that prompt action was essential because "the trail can get cold."

Sheehan declined to provide any information on what investigators may have found out. "It's not clear what happened," he said. He added: "My guess is that it (the attack) was not state-sponsored."

"I don't know who did it," the State

Department official said. "Anyone in the U.S. government who says he knows doesn't."

Asked if Osama bin Laden, a Saudi expatriate accused of heading a terrorism network, was behind the attack, Sheehan said "it's not useful to speculate."

In Afghanistan, where bin Laden has taken refuge, Taliban Foreign Minister Wakil Ahmed Muttawakil said Monday: "We don't expect that America would attack us."

He said, "we are not afraid of any attack. Being Muslims, we are ready to greet death at any time."

Sheehan said the United States held Taliban accountable for providing sanctuary for terrorist organizations. If the bin Laden group or any other there is found responsible for bombing the Cole "we are going to make life miserable for them," Sheehan said. The United States has demanded that Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia hand bin Laden over for trial on terrorism charges in the August 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Those attacks killed 224 people. Shortly after the embassy attacks, the United States fired dozens of Tomahawk cruise missiles at bin Laden's suspected stronghold in eastern Afghanistan.

Bin Laden has denied involvement in the embassy bombings, and the Taliban say the United States has not substantiated the charges against him.

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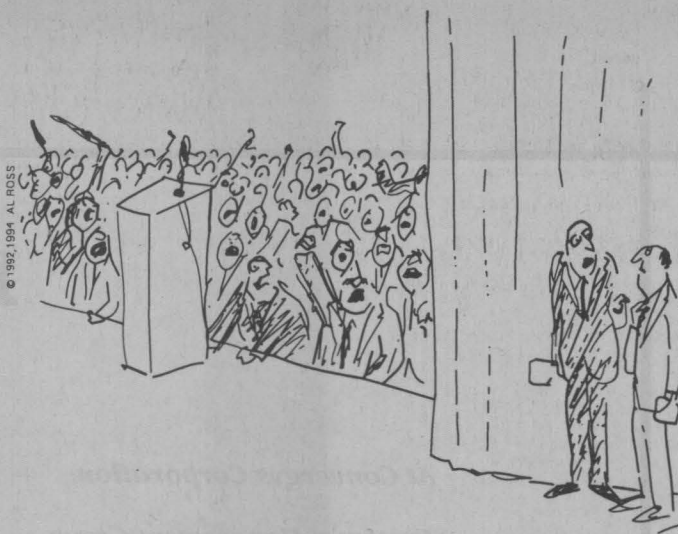
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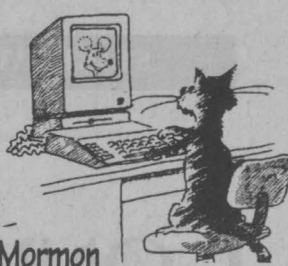
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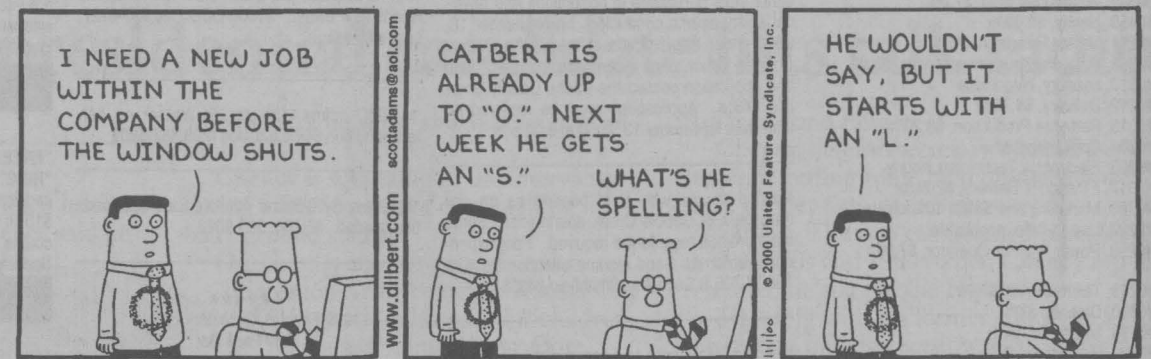
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- "The Araucanians of Chile"** Prof. Maria Cordero, Nov. 2, 7 p.m., ECC, Room 305.
- Come to **"Le Carnival,"** join in a celebration of cultures from around the world. Nov. 3, 5 to 10 p.m., TSC ballroom. \$2/person or \$6/family. Free food samples.
- The works of California photographer Carl Lubin-Reiss will be featured in the Little Gallery FAV, Room 109 during the month of November. The gallery is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- The annual faculty forum will be Nov. 6, 3 p.m. ECC
- Ready for another round? The USU Fencing Club will begin another **Introduction to Fencing Class** on Nov. 6, HPER, Room 102 at 7:30 p.m. \$40.
- SCORE is sponsoring a workshop on **How to Set Up and Operate A Small Business.** Nov. 14 and 15, 7 to 10 p.m. Bridgerland Applied Technology Center, 1301 N. 600 West, Room 911. Call 752-2161. \$25.
- Charity 3-on-3 basketball tournament November

10 & 11, Sports Academy. Excellent prizes: Digital cameras, a printer, leather basketballs, and many different restaurant gift certificates. Sign up by November 3 at grocery stores, Logan Rec. center, or the Sports Academy. All proceeds will go to providing Thanksgiving dinners for needy Cache Valley families.

- USU Symphonic Band, first meeting Nov. 14, 3 to 4:30 p.m., FAC, Room 104.
- First Dam Run** 5K or 10K register at Sports Feet or at Merlin Olsen Park on Nov. 5. Races start at 10 a.m. Two treadmills will be raffled!
- DALLSS Canned food drive.** Nov. 1 through Dec. 9, bring canned food to Old Farm Apt. #G-1. Help us fill our apartment with cans of food. Food will be collected to donate to the Cache community Food Pantry! Details Starr 787-6125.
- Lutheran Campus Ministry dinner,** Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2045 N. 800 East, North Logan. All welcome! Call 752-7753
- Mountain Crest High School, **"Fiddler on the Roof,"** Nov. 2 through 5, 6, 7 p.m. \$4 Students and Seniors. \$6 Adults.
- The Cache Valley Folk Dancers **New England Style Contra Dance,** Nov. 4, 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. Whittier Community Center, 290 N. 400 E., Logan. The public is invited and beginners are welcome. All the dances are taught. Live music by the Loose Shoes dance band from Salt Lake City. \$4 donation.
- Cache Valley Civic Ballet presents **"The Nutcracker,"** Ellen Eccles Theater, Nov. 24, 25, 27. 7:30 p.m. Matinee Nov. 25, 1 p.m. Tickets \$6 to \$12. Call 752-0026.

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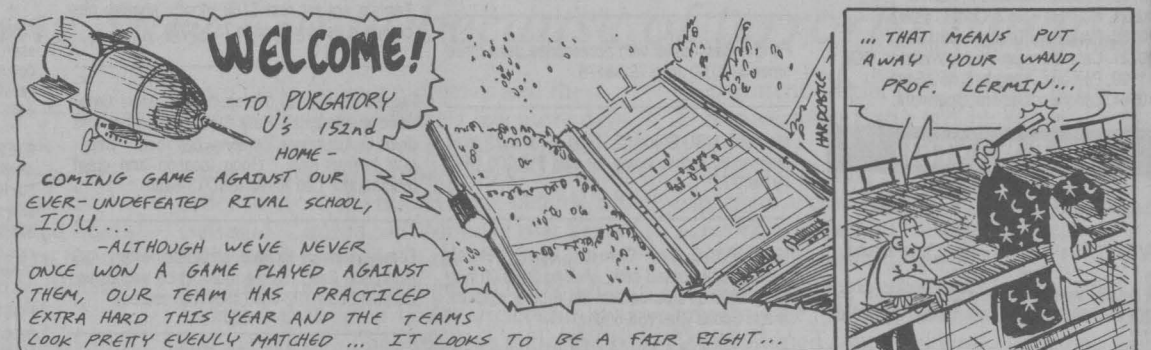
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