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Today INSIDE > SPORTS



USU volleyball team qualifies for the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history. The Aggies take on Missouri Friday in Provo.

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During the winter, Park City comes alive with skiers and celebrities at the Sundance Film Festival. Check it out in this issue's Utah destination.

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> ALMANAC

U.S. Admiral Richard E. Byrd, having led a voyage to the mostly unexplored continent, Antarctica, accomplished the first flight across the South Pole on Nov. 29, 1929.

On Nov. 29, 1963, one week after President John F. Kennedy was fatally shot while riding in a motorcade in Dallas, Texas, President Lyndon B. Johnson established a special commission, headed by Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren, to investigate the assassination.

> WEATHER



Today will be mostly cloudy with a high of 45 and a low of 28. Thursday will be partly cloudy with a high of 43 and a low of 20.

> AGGIE NEWS NUGGETS

The Hard News Cafe, a student-managed Web site, was named the second best site in the region by the Society of Professional Journalists. Other journalism students will intern with the Sundance Film Festival and the 2002 Winter Olympics.



Fla. secretary of state certifies Bush win

Gore says election is not over yet

RON FOURNIER
Associated Press

Al Gore sought a speedy hand recount of Florida's contested ballots Tuesday to ensure "no question, no cloud" hangs over the nation's 43rd president. A judge rejected his timetable, Democratic lawyers vowed to appeal and Republicans demanded, "It's time to wrap this up."

As the campaign played out in five separate courtrooms, the vice president sought to accelerate the proceedings to avoid further testing of the public's patience three weeks after Election Day.

"Seven days, starting tomorrow, for a full and accurate count of all the votes," the vice president said shortly before his lawyers asked Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls to order the recount of 13,000 questionable ballots in two Democratic counties.

The judge instead scheduled

a Saturday hearing and ordered the ballots — along with one or two voting machines — sent to Tallahassee in case he agrees that a recount is needed. Bush's lawyers objected to Gore's timetable, saying they needed time to prepare their case against him.

Sauls is working against a Dec. 12 deadline for states to assign presidential electors.

"We could count until everybody is slap-happy, but if no one is on the same page, I don't know what's being accomplished," Sauls said, explaining why he wanted one broad-ranging hearing before considering Gore's recount request.

The political morass stretched to the U.S. Supreme Court, with Bush's lawyers asking the nine justices to bring "legal finality" to the election by overturning Florida's top

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SUPPORTERS OF presidential candidate George W. Bush protest outside the residence of Vice President Al Gore in Washington, D.C., Sunday. / Chuck Kennedy photo, Knight-Ridder Tribune

While some shop, others protest consumerism

JESSICA WARREN
Senior Writer

The day after Thanksgiving, the biggest shopping day of the year, is not just about shopping at 6 a.m.

For people like Chris Emmett, operations manager of Kmart in Sandy, the third Friday in November is the beginning of the busy holiday season.

Six weeks in advance, Emmett receives the list of items that will be in the advertisement. Three to four weeks before, the merchandise arrives and is stored in one area in the back until the night before.

Emmett said he hires 20 people to come in the night before to set up displays, which are designed and assigned a place in the store beforehand.

For the holiday season, Emmett said he hires 50 to 60 extra employees who start the week of Thanksgiving.

"That's a lot of training to get new associates ready for the onslaught," Emmett said.

The stocking crew is kept on hand to reload the shelves with ad items.

For others, the day after Thanksgiving is not about profits or sale items. In fact, it's exactly the opposite.

Adbusters.org, based in Canada, is a not-for-profit organization to change the way the world consumes and wastes.

The organization declared November 24, the day after Thanksgiving, Buy Nothing



BY 8 A.M. FRIDAY, the Layton Wal-Mart was already seeing lines of people for its after-Thanksgiving sales. / Jessica Warren photo

Day. The idea was to get away from commercialism and consumerism.

Sander Lazar organized an Adbusters campaign in Salt Lake City. A group stood outside between the city ZCMI Center and Crossroads Mall on Main Street in Salt Lake, handing out "zero dollar bills."

On one side these bills had reasons to reduce consumerism, such as avoiding debt because the average American takes six months to pay off Christmas spending.

The other side suggested

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ASUSU will bring suggestions to administration on Dec. 6

JESSICA WARREN
Senior Writer

Looking out for student interests, the Associated Students of Utah State University Executive Council voted to recommend changes in tuition payment and obtaining computer printouts.

Comparative institutions offer alternatives to the lump-sum method of paying tuition at the beginning of the semester.

Colorado State University allows three equal installments during the semester.

Other universities, like the University of California Davis, require an administrative fee to cover costs of collection and additional duties that come with multiple payments.

State schools in Utah also provide payment plans. Weber State University accepts 10 payments for the year with a \$60 application fee.

Utah State currently has a deferment plan, which is 65 percent up front and 35 percent later in the semester, with a \$22 service charge.

"It's just student-friendly and that's what we're here for," said Sandra Keil, Natural Resources senator. Keil said having a pay-

ment plan would help students avoid taking out loans.

Danielle Gardner, Family Life senator, said requiring such a large sum of money at one time deters students from attending at all.

"That is one of the reasons they go to Salt Lake Community College," Gardner said.

Eric Worthen, Graduate Studies vice president, said the transition from quarters to semesters also kept many students from returning because the amount due at one time was increased.

Bradley Bishop, Student Advocate, said an analogy can be made with housing in the area. Apartment complexes offering monthly payment plans fill up much faster than those requiring the full amount up front. He said landlords have to actively recruit tenants.

This recommendation will be taken to Stater's Council on December 6. Stater's Council is a meeting with members of ASUSU and administrators.

Also to be taken to the council is a recommendation

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Two Aggie TV movie channels aim to please both families and students at USU

WILL BETTMANN
Staff Writer

To edit or not to edit — that is the question Aggie Television (ATV) has wrestled with over the past year. ATV has decided to show a few unedited R-rated movies per month, and some students are upset.

Last year, ATV heard arguments from students who felt there were too many family movies on the channel and students who felt that there wasn't enough family programming. In an effort to appease both sides, ATV split its single movie channel into two — Channel 23, known as Aggie Cinema, and Channel 24, known as Family Cinema.

"Dividing into two channels mostly eliminated the complaints," said Andy Hofmeister, assistant director of Housing Services. "Last year, it sometimes seemed like one camp wanted all family movies and the other side wanted no family movies."

Some students want ATV to return

to its policy of editing R-rated movies. Mike Grubbs, a junior public relations major, said he won't watch unedited R-rated movies.

"It's cool that they added a family channel, but in a sort of selfish way I'd like to see them still edit," he said. "Because of my LDS beliefs I don't watch those (R-rated) movies anymore. I don't have a huge problem with it coming into my home. If I don't want to see it, I don't turn it on. I'd just like to watch movies like 'Rules of Engagement' or 'The Patriot.' I think ATV should find out what the majority of students want. If the majority want it the way it is now, I'm fine with that."

Hofmeister said the current ATV contract allows them to show 18 movies per month, 14 of which are selected by a student committee, and four of which are selected by the Residence Life staff.

However, he added that the edited and unedited version of a movie each count as one selection, so showing

both versions would reduce the overall number of movies ATV could offer each month.

Hofmeister also noted students can have any channel blocked.

"I don't know why someone would want to block the Home and Garden channel, for example, but if plants offended them, we could block it," Hofmeister said.

Some students seemed happy with ATV's service. Fermin Recarte, who is working on his master's degree in second language education, believes ATV is doing its best to please the student populace. Recarte lives on campus with his wife, Denice, and their two daughters, and they have watched ATV for years.

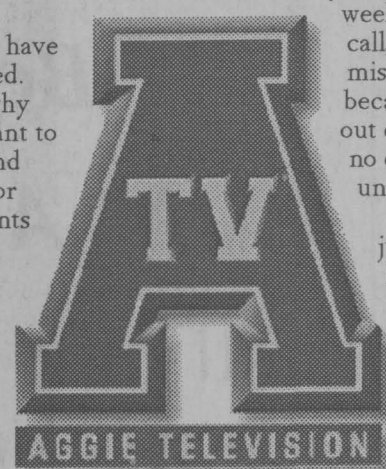
"I think they're doing a good job.

It's hard to make everybody happy. The only complaint I have is that if you have a problem on the weekend, there's nobody to call," he said.

Last year I missed an NBA finals game because the channel blacked out on Friday afternoon and no one was there [at ATV] until Monday morning."

Darren Putnam, a junior liberal arts major, has been living on campus with his wife, Holly, and their three children until very recently. Putnam liked the idea of having a separate channel for family movies, but he said ATV needs to be more careful about what it shows.

"I got a topless shot of a woman today on [Family Cinema] right in the middle of the day. I think the movie was 'Airplane.' If they say it's going to be for family, they need to be sure it really is," Putnam said.



ELECTIONS

Around the world

Aristide pledges diverse, democratic rule

MICHAEL NORTON
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Jean-Bertrand Aristide moved to dispel fears he will rule Haiti as a dictator after an election that he seems certain to have won.

Breaking a six-year silence on political issues a day after the presidential vote, Aristide said the opposition would be welcome in his government and denied charges he would squelch Haiti's nascent democracy.

"There will be a place for everyone in my government," Aristide said Monday at his first news conference since 1994. "To have a peaceful Haiti, the opposition is indispensable. ... It is part of our democratic fate."

Opposition groups that boycotted the election have accused Aristide of plotting a dictatorship or planning to make himself president for life, echoing the Duvalier family that ruled by terror from 1957 to 1986.

"It's not on my agenda," Aristide said.

The fiery former priest, who became Haiti's first freely elected president in 1990, did not declare victory in Sunday's vote, but he spoke as if he were president. Preliminary results were expected Tuesday.

Aristide said the election was a victory for democracy and that a "huge majority" voted. The electoral council, which opponents charge is loaded with Aristide partisans, said turnout was 60.5 percent.

Opposition groups charged that ballot boxes were stuffed and turnout was



FORMER HAITIAN PRESIDENT and presidential candidate Jean-Bertrand Aristide listens to a question during press conference in Port-Au-Prince one day after the the country's presidential election. Aristide, who is expected to win, ran virtually uncontested after three major opposition candidates boycotted the elections, alleging gross irregularities in the past May legislative elections./AFP photo by Mike Nielsen

dismal.

"They are hallucinating," opposition leader Herve Denis said. "The election was illegitimate. Aristide does not have a mandate to govern."

Signaling a cool response to the promise of inclusion, Denis said an opposition coalition would create "a peaceful alternative" to Aristide and his Lavalas Family party.

His statement suggested the country could remain locked in a power struggle that has stymied development and

foreign aid and left many Haitians as poor and hungry as ever.

Aristide confronts a mammoth task in keeping his election promise of "peace of mind, peace in the belly." Most of the impoverished Caribbean nation's 8 million people are unemployed and illiterate.

After threatening to cut aid follow-

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Polls show popular choice of the people

Public thinks Bush won Florida, but split on Gore concession

WILL LESTER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans by more than a 2-1 margin think George W. Bush has won the presidency, says a poll released Tuesday, but they are evenly divided on the question of whether Al Gore should concede the presidency.

The NBC Poll showed the public was split — 49 percent apiece — on whether or not Gore should concede or await the results from cases filed in the courts. A third of those polled Monday night by NBC News said they saw the vice president's plea for patience on national television.

Two polls taken after the certification but prior to Gore's speech — taken by CNN-USA Today-Gallup and ABC News-Washington Post — showed that almost six in 10 thought it was time for Gore to concede.

Asked whether Bush was right to claim victory and set up a transition

operation, just over half in the NBC News poll, 51 percent, said he should have waited. More than four of 10 thought he was right to claim victory.

People were about evenly split in the NBC poll on whether the Florida secretary of state's decision to certify Bush the winner was "based on a fair, unbiased process" or not.

By about a 2-1 margin, those in the poll said they were comfortable with each of the candidates and were prepared to support them.

"It looked to me like Gore got a raw deal," said Noel McCoy, 56, of Newton, Mass. "I think he should fight, and I admire him for fighting."

Gore pleaded for patience Monday night as polls suggested his support could slip away.

"Our country will be stronger, not weaker, if our next president assumes office following a process that most Americans believe is fair," said Gore, who has challenged the Florida certified

results in court.

"I think Gore should give up and say good luck to Bush," said 21-year-old Peter Greene of Concord, N.H., who voted for Gore.

Such public opinion measured just after a big event like the Florida certification of Bush as winner or the Gore speech may be more a snapshot of the emotional reaction to an event. It could take several days to get a more settled picture of public opinion.

The NBC News poll of 490 adults was taken Monday night and has an error margin of 4.5 percentage points.

The ABC-Post poll of 607 adults was taken Sunday night. The CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll was taken Sunday and Monday nights. Both have error margins of 4 percentage points.

The polls did not reflect a shift in feeling about who should be president, with people about as evenly split as they were on the remarkably close Election Day.

World GLANCE

Four Utahns killed in car crash

PAGE, Ariz. (AP) — Four members of an Orem, Utah, family have been killed in a head-on collision in Arizona.

Wayne Fairbanks, 50, his wife Elaine, 47, and two of their sons — Daniel, 18, and Joseph, 16 — were killed in the accident Sunday night on U.S. 89 about 15 miles south of Page.

Arizona Department of Public Safety spokesman Officer Mark Hall said a pickup driven by Ace Charles of Cameron, Ariz., crossed the centerline and struck the Fairbanks' car head-on.

Charles, 18, and one of his passengers, Devaniel Charles, 31, were listed in fair condition Monday at the hospital in Page. Leeta Baraga, 24, also was taken to the hospital but was not listed as having been admitted.

The Fairbanks family was returning home from a holiday trip.

"They were givers, always giving to others, so they didn't accumulate much," Richard Fairbanks said Monday as he was trying to make funeral arrangements for his brother.

Elaine Fairbanks "had a smile as wide as the Grand Canyon," said Diane VanDyke, a co-worker.

Wayne and Elaine Fairbanks had worked at The Utah County Journal, he as an editor and she as a receptionist, until they recently quit.

"She had just stopped in to visit all of us Wednesday before going to spend Thanksgiving with their daughter, Bonnie, in Texas," VanDyke said.

"She took in every stray cat and always worried about and visited everybody else. If ever a person died with no regrets, it was her."

Special report looks into suicide of county's top prosecutor

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A special report into the suicide of the county's top prosecutor reveals a man with deep financial troubles and a gambling addiction that threatened to ruin his political career.

Hillsborough County State Attorney Harry Lee Coe was \$150,000 in debt and had bounced \$47,000 in checks at area dog tracks, according to the results of a four-month investigation released Monday.

When reporters began probing Coe's gambling addiction before his death, he illegally erased public records on his office computer to cover up hundreds of visits to online gambling sites.

Coe, 68, also "borrowed" campaign finances to cover his debts and didn't disclose the loans as is required by state law, said the report by Pinellas County State Attorney Bernie McCabe, who was appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush to investigate Coe's suicide.

Investigators found no evidence of foul play in his death.

Coe, who was running for a third term, shot himself in the chest in July, amid a governor-ordered investigation of his personal finances and his handling of public records.

Coe's eldest son, Harry Lee Coe IV, said he wasn't surprised by the investigation's findings. He said his father never discussed the debts and called his father's gambling problems an addiction.

"He would just sit there and think. It was a place to get his head clear," the younger Coe said. "But that's a dangerous place to do that. Costly and destructive."

Arlington may join 2012 Olympics

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Supporters of North Texas' bid for 2012 Olympics may not have to wait until then to see the Olympic torch in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Residents want to spend an estimated \$25,000 to \$55,000 to bring the 2002 Olympic Winter Games Torch Relay to the mid-cities.

The expenditures would be required for Arlington workers and services in connection with the torch's proposed route in December 2001 on its way to Salt Lake City, where the Winter Games will be held.

Officials with the Dallas 2012 Olympic Bid Committee said the event could help elevate the region's campaign to win the Summer Games.

"Arlington is the birthplace of the 2012 Olympic effort," Richard Greene, bid committee president, told the Arlington Morning News in Tuesday's editions. "It's an important event in itself, but it is also important because we're looking at possibly hosting the Games. It could give the area more attention."

Greene, a former Arlington mayor, said the Dallas 2012 group is not involved with the torch run. Cities contacted to participate were selected solely by the 2002 Winter Olympic group.

Members of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee will announce the torch route in December.

"We're not going to release any information until Dec. 4," said Kirsten Bailey, a SLOC spokeswoman.

Former councilman says law conflicts with amendment

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A federal judge has taken under advisement arguments over whether the federal law that prohibits the possession of firearms by those under domestic-violence protection orders conflicts with the Second Amendment.

Former Blanding City Council member Randee Lee Bayles, 49, was prohibited from harassing his ex-wife under a protection order issued last year by a state judge.

According to court documents, Bayles spoke to an undercover federal agent in August, claiming he owned about 100 rifles and between 75 and 85 handguns. He allegedly told the agent that he had to hide some of them because of an "order that his ex-wife had obtained from the courts." Federal agents searched Bayles' house and seized an armful of weapons.

Bayles' attorney, Brad Rich, argued that his client is entitled to have guns.

"He has a right under the Second Amendment to bear arms," Rich told U.S. District Judge Dale Kimball at a Monday hearing.

Kimball asked Rich if the constitutionality of the federal law that provided the legal basis for Bayles' arrest should be a question for his court or the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver.

"I acknowledge it is an argument that is going to be an issue they are going to have to deal with," Rich said.

Federal prosecutor Brett Tolman said the judge could make a determination without waiting for the appeals court.

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Cyclists need campus recreation club status to compete

MATT FLITTON
Staff Writer

Students who have a general interest in bicycling can join the cycling club formed this year under the Council for Student Clubs and Organizations, but if they want to race, they'll have to wait until USU has a cycling club approved for recognition as a campus recreation club.

Tommy Murphy, cycling club president, said, "We are a CSCO, and we will become a campus recreation club."

Murphy said it's important to be approved as a campus recreation club so students can compete in National Collegiate Cycling Association competitions.

Deanne Williams, director of campus recreation, explained that the difference between the two has to do with funding and liability. Campus recreation clubs are required to meet all university policies and

procedures. The university also assumes some of the liability for these clubs. These clubs have to compete in intercollegiate sports.

"Campus recreation clubs are student-fee funded," she said.

Williams said she is pleased with the idea of forming the club under CSCO and Campus Recreation.

"It's much more workable than tracking 70 people under Campus Recreation," she said.

Murphy said Williams initially approved the club. Later when he went back to pick up a check, Williams told him they weren't approved. The delay caused club member Amelia Henry to be dropped from an NCAA race.

Williams said when she was initially approached, she got a little ahead of herself. She said this is the first club seeking Campus Recreation status in the 12 years she has been at USU.

"It was me that got a little anxious," Williams said. "When I realized what all it entailed, I had to go to the board."

Before becoming an official club through Campus Recreation, the cycling club must be approved by the Campus Recreation Policy Board. The board decided that all new clubs should be approved by Risk Management before receiving official club status.

Mike Shipley, ASUSU Athletic vice president and policy board chair, said the biggest hindrance has been that the board meets only once every semester or as needed. The club came to him for help.

"I stepped in as an Executive Council sponsor for their group," Shipley said. "I listened to what they had and thought it was a great idea."

Williams said liability is the university's main concern in approving the club.

"I think a lot of it is ignorance," she said. "We aren't cyclists. So we had a lot of questions. But I'm assuming it will be approved."

Kenneth Peterson, director of Risk Management Services, said in a risk management meeting that liability in races and travel is the core issue.

In a meeting on Nov. 20, Peterson requested club officers submit a budget and answer a few more liability questions before giving approval to the club.

Murphy disputes that cycling is significantly more dangerous than other campus recreation clubs.

"They talk about racing having so much liability," he said. "Try and tell us that we have more liability than the rodeo or rugby clubs."

Murphy said the goal of the club is cycling. He said the officers all have different interests — road racing, mountain biking, cyclocross and just rid-

ing bikes in general. The main goals are to find someone to ride bikes with and to get ready for races.

"We're all about riding," he said.

Lynn Dudley, faculty adviser for the cycling club, said, "There's not another club like it. You can't just go out and play rugby, you can't just go out and ride bulls — but you can just go ride your bike with people."

Cycling club fees are \$30 per semester. Those who register as club members receive discounts from sponsoring stores, are welcome on club rides and can buy club jerseys and T-shirts at cost. If Campus Recreation approves a cycling team, team members will receive use of the team mechanic and spin classes at the Sports Academy, as well as the benefits listed above.

About 50 people attended the cycling club's opening social on Nov. 16.

News Briefs

Libraries collect money for books

The University Libraries at USU have kicked off a fund raising campaign to assist the library programs at USU.

The Libraries Make a Difference phonathon campaign will continue until February 2001.

USU students will staff phone banks in Old Main and will telephone parents of current students as well as those who have donated to the libraries through the phonathon in the past two years, said Trina Shelton, phonathon coordinator for University Libraries.

Parents will be asked to donate the cost of two books, or about \$120.

The average cost of an academic book is \$58, Shelton said.

Journal subscriptions average \$340 and electronic databases cost from \$50 to thousands of dollars, she said.

During the past three years, parents and family members of students have contributed more than \$130,000 to help purchase these resources at USU. These contributions help provide the best library service possible to the students of USU, Shelton said.

"Individual support, such as that received through the phonathon, is essential for the continued growth and improvement of the USU Libraries," Shelton said.

University Libraries is a division of Information and Learning Resources at USU.

Hits of Webber performed at USU

The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber, sponsored by ASUSU Arts and Lectures, will be performed Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Kent Concert Hall.

Tickets are priced at \$20 for adults, \$10 for children and \$5 with a valid USU ID card. For ticket information or to purchase tickets, call the USU Ticket Office at (435) 797-0305.

Mitten tree collects new warm items

The USU Women's Center Advisory Board is sponsoring the Mitten Tree. New items to warm hands, heads and feet are being collected at several locations in Cache Valley for the Bear River Head Start program.

Donations can be dropped off at Arkana Hair, Caffé Ibis, the Faith and Fellowship Center, Hair Production Plus, Hair Studio 170, Inkley's, Ladies Workout Express, Logan Library, Michael's Arts & Crafts, J.C. Penney, Providence City Post Office, Sports Academy, St. John's Episcopal Church, USU College of Education Atrium, USU Community Credit Union, Carousel Square and Valley Montessori School. Donations will be collected through Dec. 13.

Correction

In a Nov. 20 *Statesman* article, Cynthia Allen was identified as being from the Student Wellness Center. Allen is actually a representative of the USU Student Health Center. She is also in no way affiliated with Shangri-La Health Food, a business mentioned in the article. The *Statesman* regrets the error.

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court and ending any further recounts. The case has the "potential to change the outcome of the presidential election in Florida, and thus the nation," Bush lawyers said in legal papers.

Gore's legal team argued in its high court brief that the issue "does not belong in federal court." They want the justices to back the Florida Supreme Court, a Democratic-leaning body that extended the deadline for recounts. U.S. Supreme Court oral arguments are set for Friday.

The vice president made his case for the second day in a row for further recounts, announcing the shift in legal strategy during a brief exchange with reporters in Washington.

"What is wrong with counting the votes?" Gore asked.

Bush's team quickly noted that the southern Florida ballots had already been tabulated by machine. "He proposes yet another count and another deadline," Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said in Austin, Texas. "Common sense does

not allow it."

GOP vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney, appearing on NBC, said he believes "that it's time to wrap this up. That we've had the election, we've had the count, we've had the recount. Now we've had the certification of George W. Bush as winner in Florida, and therefore, the winner of the presidential election. And to stretch it out, as Vice President Gore is doing ... is really unprecedented and it's going to create some problems."

Secretary of State Katherine Harris, a Bush partisan, certified the Texas governor's 537-vote victory Sunday. If the totals stand, Bush would be awarded the state's 25 electors, putting him a single vote over the 270 electoral votes required to win the presidency.

With their presidential dreams at stake, the fierce public relations campaign roared onward: Democrats scoured the courts for a quick legal victory to bolster Gore's sagging public opinion polls; Republicans tried to shut down the far-flung legal machina-

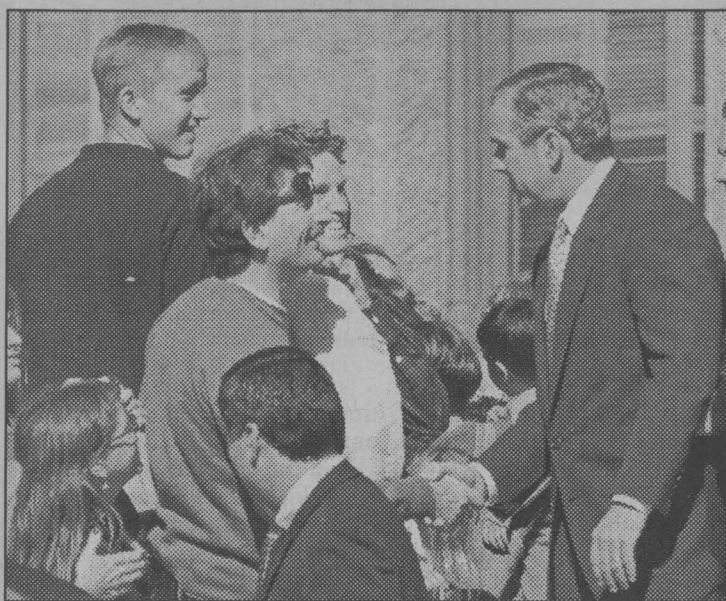
tions while Bush was still ahead.

An NBC poll showed the country divided. With a fraction of those polled having watched Gore's Monday night plea for patience, half said he should concede and half said he should fight. The country was equally split on who should be the next president.

Though Democratic leaders remained firmly in Gore's corner, there was talk that the election needed to be settled. "The time has come for this to come to a close," Rep. Bud Cramer, D-Ala., said in statement that mentioned neither Bush nor Gore. An aide, Grace Robinson, later said Cramer "does not think that Gore should concede at this point."

A number of Gore advisers privately expressed fears that the public will soon grow weary of the political drama unless an end is in sight. Gore's speedy hearing proposal was designed to buy his lawyers time.

"We're very mindful of what's good for the country and we certainly don't want



GOVERNOR GEORGE W. Bush shakes hands with unidentified well wishers outside the Texas State Capitol Tuesday morning in Austin./Tom Pennington photo, Fort Worth Star-Telegram

this to go on for very long." Democratic vice presidential nominee Joseph Lieberman told CBS.

A bare majority of those polled by NBC said Bush jumped the gun by declaring victory and plunging into his presidential transition, but that

didn't stop the Texan from moving ahead.

He was heading to his ranch late Tuesday, where aides said he was likely to meet in seclusion with some candidates for the presumptive Bush cabinet. Cheney was joining him Thursday or Friday.

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tion to allow cash as a payment option for printouts at the computer labs.

Aggie Express cards are the only form of payment for printouts beyond the 35 allocated to each student per semester.

Jim Stephenson, Academics vice president, said conflicting hours of operation between the labs and the Card Office, the only place money can be put on a card, is a problem.

Stephenson said situations arise where printouts are needed and it's not during the Card Office's business hours, which are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Another consideration, Stephenson said, are students who take only evening classes and aren't on campus during those hours at all. Stephenson said he has been

working on this issue for the past three years.

"It's been hashed and hashed and hashed every year," Stephenson said.

The recommendation would be to put cash boxes in the computer labs as another form of payment.

Stephenson said other options have been looked at, like putting printouts on credit and paying for them later, but have not been successful.

He said having small amounts of cash in the labs would solve a major problem and present little difficulty.

"It's really just ludicrous," he said. "We're talking about pocket change."

Stephenson said he hopes the recommendation will serve as a vehicle for getting the unified student voice across.

USU Police can be contacted at 797-1939 for non-emergencies.

Police BLOTTER

Friday, Nov. 17

• USU Police received a report of a disorderly individual who was upset about his vehicle being booted for excessive tickets. The individual paid for the tickets with a check and then stopped payment on the check. Civil action will be sought against the individual.

• A dead duck was left on a student's vehicle in the Richards Hall parking lot. Police responded and removed the dead animal.

• Police received a report of damage to a blue Chevy truck that belongs to USU. It is believed the damage occurred while it was parked at the turn-

around on the west side of the Taggart Student Center.

• An individual was transported to his personal physician for medical attention after the individual fell on some ice and received a head injury.

Saturday, Nov. 18

• A device designed to generate smoke was set off during the first quarter of the Aggie Football game against Idaho State.

Sunday, Nov. 19

• Police responded to Richards Hall on the report of an individual who had broken a window. The

student was located and arrested for Destruction of Property and Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

• Several males were confronted by police officers after being caught running naked around the HPER Field. The individuals had lost a bet regarding a football game. The students will be referred to Student Services for disciplinary action.

Monday, Nov. 20

• Police took report of a problem with ongoing theft from the Fine Arts Center. Since the start of school, approximately \$50 in miscellaneous items have been taken from various offices in the building.

• An individual reported damage to an electric meter that had been shot with a shotgun at the Wellsville Research Farm. Damage is estimated at \$350.

Tuesday, Nov. 21

• A student reported that some clothing had been stolen from the Valley View Tower laundry room. This is the second theft in that laundry room in the past two weeks.

Wednesday, Nov. 22

• Police responded to the Spectrum on the report of an office door being kicked in. It is unknown if anything was missing.

Park City

Skiing, the Sundance Film Festival and celebrities

REUBEN WADSWORTH
Assistant Sports Editor

Though one of its three ski resorts is ranked in the top five in North America, there is more to Park City than skiing during the winter.

Park City is the premier place in Utah for nightlife, said Rick Paul, manager of the Cyber Cafe on Main Street. Paul said the city boasts night spots for any music lover, featuring clubs that play disco, techno, rock or bluegrass.

One such place to dance is Club Creation, an all-ages amusement center with pool tables and video games that turns into an 18-and-older, non-alcohol dance club after 9 p.m.

Park City is also home to many art galleries.

"If you're an art lover, Park City is the place to be," he said.

The city showcases 12 galleries, located on Main Street, which display a variety of art from Western to International, he said. On the first Friday of each month, participating visual art galleries downtown provide refreshments for art aficionados.

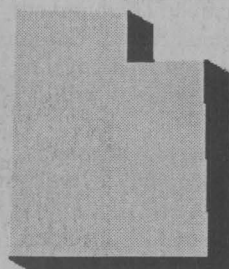
Park City also offers performing arts. The local production company, the Egyptian Theater Company, stages musicals, comedies and dramas at the Mary G. Steiner Egyptian Theater on Main Street.

From Jan. 18 through 28, 2001 the city will host the Sundance Film Festival. That is the busiest time of the year for the community with the combination of skiers and filmgoers in town, he said.

While the nightlife, art galleries and film festival bring visitors to Park City, nothing attracts them more than the three ski resorts — The Canyons, Park City Mountain Resort and Deer Valley.

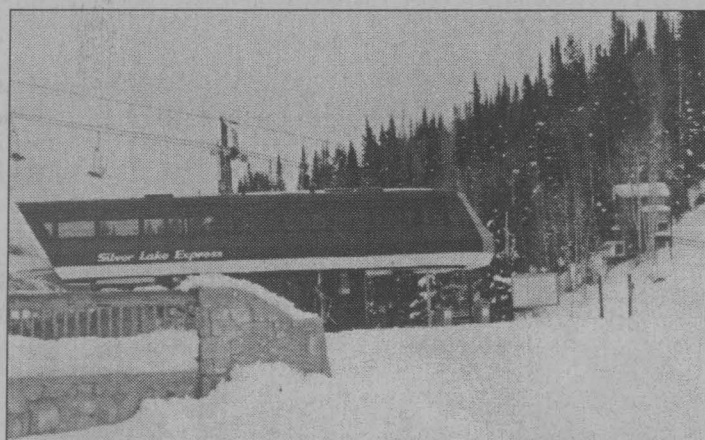
"The Canyons is the most up and coming resort in Utah," Paul said.

According to Paul, the



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



DEER VALLEY'S SILVER LAKE EXPRESS provides skiers access to the lower mountain ski area. Deer Valley will open this weekend with a special \$20 lift ticket offer. Lift tickets are normally \$63 for an adult all-day lift pass. / Reuben Wadsworth photo

Canyons will be the largest ski resort in North America by 2004. Ski Magazine is calling The Canyons the next Veil, the resort in Colorado ranked just ahead of Deer Valley at the number one spot.

The Canyons has 15 lifts, including a gondola and five high-speed quads. The resort has a vertical drop of 3,190 feet and its highest point is Ninety Nine 90 at 9,990 feet. Through Dec. 15 an all-day adult lift pass is \$45.

Park City Mountain Resort will host six events in the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, including the men's and women's giant Slalom and men's and women's snowboarding events.

"We have a direct connection to the city," said Park City Mountain Resort Communications Manager Melissa O'Brien.

O'Brien said skiers can ski right into town and then get back to the resort via the Town Lift.

Eighty percent of the resort's patrons are destina-

tion skiers who come from out of state, O'Brien said. When most Americans think of Park City, they think of Park City Mountain Resort, O'Brien said.

The resort has expanded for snowboarding, O'Brien said. Within its confines are two half pipes, two terrain parks and a public MountainCross course that offers side-by-side racing with a mix of bumps, berms and baked turns.

An adult all-day lift pass at the resort is \$44 for weekdays and \$48 for weekends. The resort's highest point is the Jupiter Bowl at 10,026 feet and its total vertical drop is 3,100 feet. The resort features 14 lifts, including four high-speed six packs.

Deer Valley will also be home to six events during the Olympics. It will host men's and women's Slalom, Combined Slalom, Freestyle Moguls and Aerials.

"We put our name really on servicing," said Coleen Reardon, Deer Valley's director of marketing.

According to Reardon,



A YOUNG SKIER AND SNOWBOARDER prepare to board the Payday lift at the bottom of 'Homerun' at the Park City Mountain Resort. / Reuben Wadsworth photo

Deer Valley is consistently rated No. 1 in food and beverage in Ski Magazine.

In order to celebrate its 20th anniversary, Deer Valley is offering \$20 lift tickets this weekend. Also this weekend, the resort will host the Merrill Lynch Pro-Am Dec. 2 and Celebrity Ski Classic races Dec. 3 on the Birdseye ski run.

"This will be a phenomenal year," Reardon said.

The resort's highest point

is Empire Canyon at 9,570 feet with a vertical drop of approximately 3,000 feet.

Deer Valley features 19 lifts, including five high-speed quads. An adult all-day lift pass is regularly \$63.

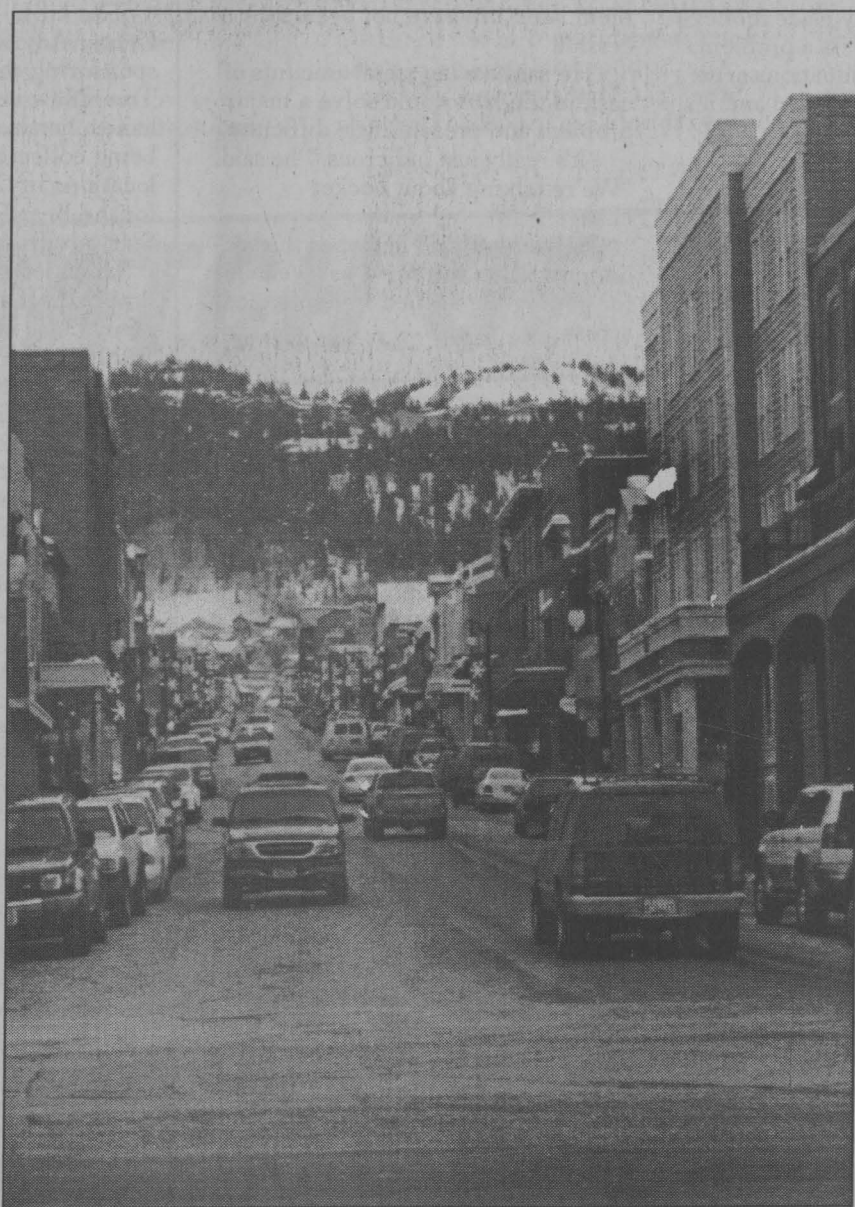
"When you come here, you feel like you're on vacation," Paul said. "Park City provides the serenity of the mountains."

In addition to skiing, other winter sports offered in the Park City vicinity include

cross country skiing, Bobsled and Ice Rocket rides, tubing and ice skating.

Many college students are attracted to Park City, so those who do go will be among peers, he said.

Students coming in groups will find accommodations in Park City can be affordable, especially at hotels such as the Grand Summit at The Canyons, The Park City Marriott and the Silver King Hotel, he said.



PARK CITY'S MAIN STREET is home to 12 art galleries, night clubs and the Egyptian Theater as well as many other stores and restaurants. / Reuben Wadsworth photo



WORKERS STENCIL the Olympic Logo on Park City's Main Street in preparation for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games. Six events in the winter games will take place in Park City. / Reuben Wadsworth photo



Outdoor Recreation Center opens Yurt for student use

HEATHER STRASBURG
Staff Writer

Located 4 miles up Blind Hollow trail is a little-known hideaway created for Utah State University students and staff members only. It's a yurt.

Traditional yurts in Mongolia use the hides of animals to cover their lattice walls. The USU yurt, run by the Outdoor Recreation Center, is made with canvas and vinyl-coated nylon. It's a circular-looking structure with a skylight and rafters that slope at about 30 degrees.

The yurt was built by Norm Gultra, a former USU student, in the summer of 1995.

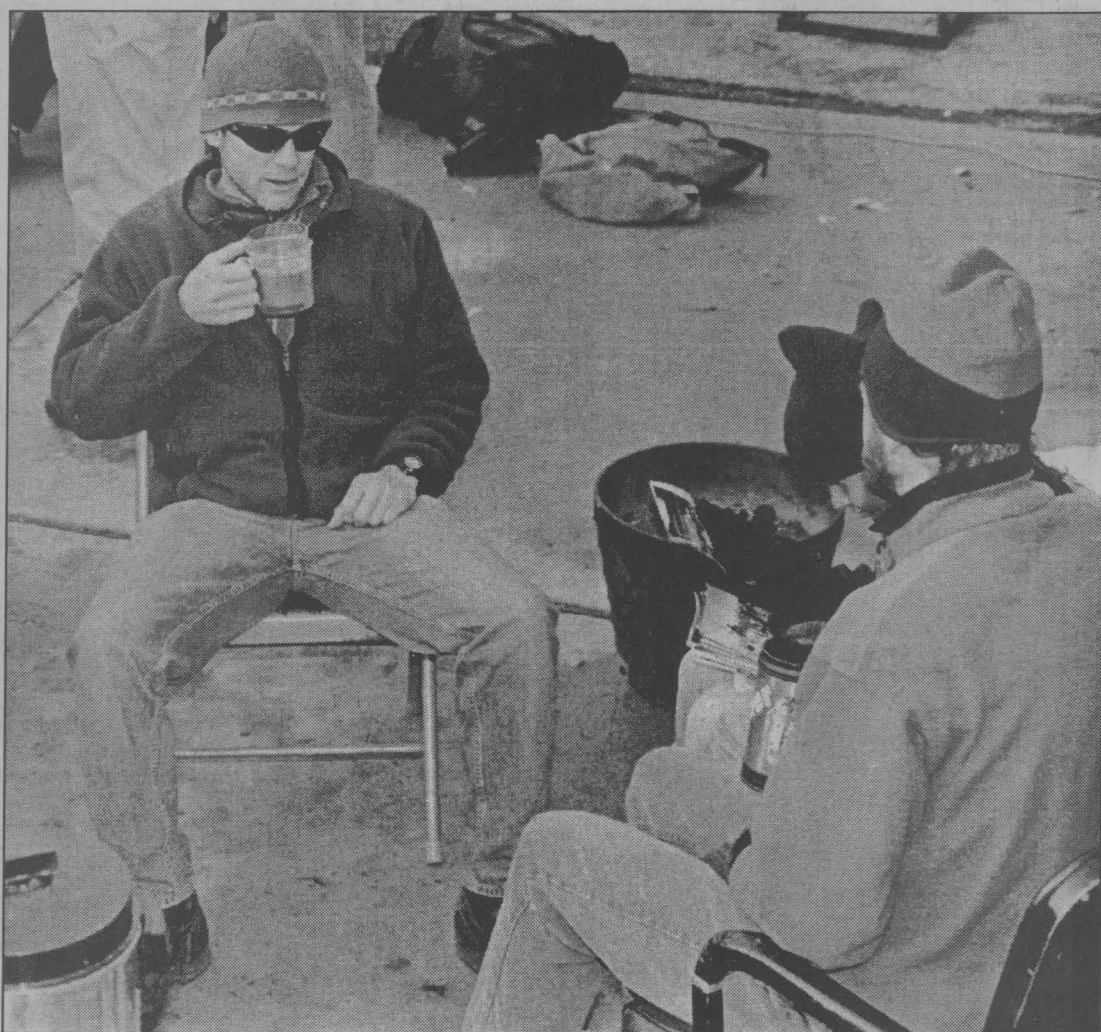
"The yurt was built for a variety of reasons," said Kevin Kobe, director of the ORC. "One of them was how cost-prohibitive it was for USU students to visit yurts in other areas. Students would be charged twice what we charge. This gives USU students the opportunity for a yurt experience."

Yurts provide many enjoyable experiences, Kobe said.

"You can see constellations without the city lights, animal tracks in the snow and if you're lucky you'll be there to watch a storm roll through," Kobe said.

Before planning a trip to the yurt, students should be aware of the risks and precautions they should take.

"Students who are just renting should have a good understanding of back country skiing or snow-shoeing. It's a pretty long route with high rises in elevation," said Kobe. "It takes about 3 to 5 hours so you should be in fairly decent shape. We call this course intermediate to



ALBERT REICHERT SIPPS down some hot chocolate after spending the night in front of the Outdoor Recreation Center so he could be first in line for Yurt reservations Tuesday morning. "You don't really need to camp out," Reichert said, "it's just kind of for the fun of it." /Zak Larson photo

advanced."

"We also do official organized trips with the ORC that can help prepare people a little more," Kobe said.

Kobe said students who want to take the Yurt trip in January should start training now.

"It's important to keep students engaged in healthy lifestyles, and it's also a great way to meet people with similar interests, intimately," he said. "With eight people

jammed into a circular structure, you have to."

The yurt can be reserved beginning today at 10 a.m. More information about prices and rules is available at the ORC Web site, www.usu.edu/orc

The ORC will host a slide show about the yurt Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Visual building, Room 150. The slide show will be presented by two USU students who hiked the Pacific Crest

Trail, which stretches from Mexico to Canada. The ORC will also offer a raffle for a two-night stay at the yurt for the price of one on New Years weekend. Tickets for the raffle cost \$1 and can be purchased at the ORC or their table outside the TSC.

The Yurt is "an absolute wonder of winter in the back country," Kobe said.

The preseason rate for the yurt is \$60 a night, applicable through Christmas Day.

THE YURT IS LOCATED 4 miles up the Blind Hollow Trail is available for overnight use by Utah State University students, faculty and staff members. /ORC file photo

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Area in and around Cache Valley offers a variety of winter activities

NATALIE LARSON
Senior Writer

The chill wind and dancing snowflakes of winter have found their way to Utah State University, driving outdoor adventurers inside to drink hot chocolate.

Winter doesn't have to be the beginning of a hibernation period for those who crave the fresh air and sunlight of warmer seasons. Cache Valley hosts a wide

variety of winter activities, from hot tubbing to snow shoeing.

A traditional sport for all age groups is sledding. According to Ellen Newell, landscape operations and maintenance manager at USU, Old Main Hill has been Logan's traditional sledding hill "ever since the hill was there."

Landscape Operations and Maintenance puts straw bales at the bottom of the hill to

keep people from sliding into the road and getting hit by cars, Newell said.

"We're not comfortable with it, but it's tradition," Newell said. "The hill is OK if people use common sense. We would just prefer the hill was closed to sledding because there are so many injuries."

Another activity common in winter is downhill skiing. The closest resort to USU students is Beaver Mountain,

located 27 miles up Logan Canyon.

The cost is \$24 for all-day skiing and \$19 for a half-day. Beaver also has a sledding hill and rope tow that costs \$6 for two hours. They provide the sleds.

They are not open yet, but Marge Seeholzer, the owner, said, "We're off to a good start. We'll open just as soon as we have enough snow."

Seeholzer said the past

few winters have been pretty mild, and the resort hasn't opened until right before Christmas.

"They're calling for more big storms. It's hard to say," Seeholzer said.

They have extended the deadline for their new week-day season pass, which costs \$300 now. It was previously \$250, but because of the popularity, they decided to up the price and extend the purchasing deadline until

right before they open, Seeholzer said.

This pass is good Monday through Friday with black-out days on Christmas week, President's Day and Civil Rights Day.

Other winter attraction are two natural hot springs open all winter: the Riverdale Resort and Crystal Hot Springs.

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Wearing layers, covering extremities key to keeping warm during wintertime

HOLLY HANSON
Staff Writer

Hats on heads, scarves wrapped tightly around necks, mittens and gloves covering the hands, layers of clothing piled on just to stay warm — that is the typical scene in Logan during the winter.

Dressing for the weather is important to avoid hypothermia, said Cynthia Allen, health educator for the Utah State University Health Clinic. It's also important to dress to prevent frost bite, she said, especially for outdoor activities.

Allen said it's important to keep the extremities (nose, fingers and toes) warm because blood flow, which keeps the body warm, is restricted mainly to the vital organs when body temperature drops.

LaDawn Porter, the department lead of clothing at Gart Brothers Sports, suggests people wear clothing made from material that removes moisture from the inside to the outside of the clothing to allow it to dry faster.

Allen said it is important to keep the head and neck warm. The neck maintains heat at the core of the body, and the head is where most heat is lost.

"If you will be going outdoors in the winter, watch for signs of hypothermia. That is when more heat is lost than your body can produce and your body temperature is

below 94 degrees," Allen said.

Signs of hypothermia include shivering, slurred speech, abnormally slow rate of breathing, skin that is cold and pale, loss of coordination and feelings of tiredness, lethargy and apathy, Allen said.

Porter suggested wearing socks with a liner or specialized synthetic material — not cotton — around campus.

"Wear well-insulated shoes," Porter said.

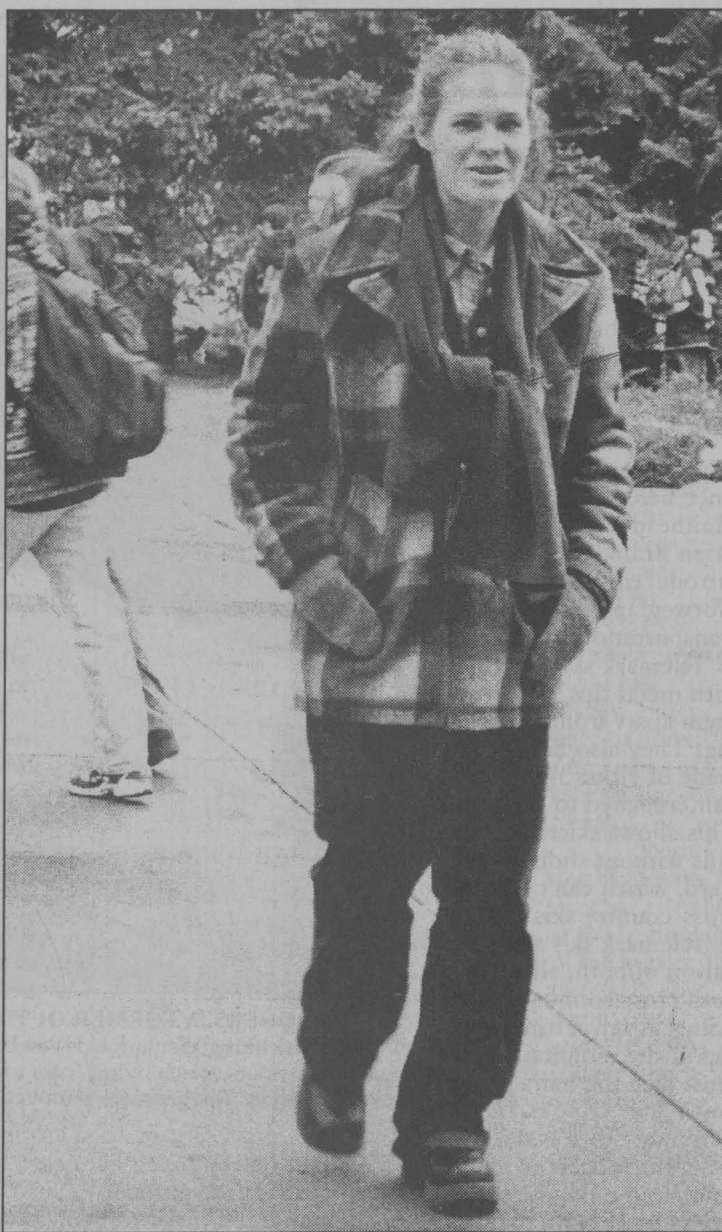
Students participating in outdoor activities should dress in layers and wear a water- and wind-proof jacket or coat, she said.

"Wear a coat with a fleece lining, that way it will be next to your skin," Porter said.

Allen said to cover all of the body's extremities. Mittens will keep fingers warmer than gloves because they keep the fingers together.

"Move your hands and feet to keep them warm; it will force the blood to come back," Allen said.

"There comes a time when it's more important to be warm than to look nice," Allen said, "November through April."



WITH TEMPERATURES reaching record lows this year, students like Angela Clark have put on extra layers to keep warm while walking between classes. / April Wilkins photo

Snowmobiles banned in Grand Teton, Yellowstone

JULIE CART
Los Angeles Times

Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks made official Wednesday what some outdoor enthusiasts have long dreaded: snowmobiles will be phased out and eventually banned in the parks in three years.

The decision comes at the start of Yellowstone's winter season, when snowmobiles and snow coaches are the only motorized means to enter the park in northwest Wyoming. About three-quarters of Yellowstone's winter visitors navigate the park's unplowed roads astride snowmobiles.

The ruling was expected, but nevertheless inflamed the debate over vehicle access and recreational use in national parks.

Snowmobile advocates say the ban is another step toward restricting public use of public lands.

"It's a slippery slope," said Ed Klim, president of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association. "If you took out the word 'snowmobile' and put in 'automobile,' you would see that they are preparing to remove automobiles in national parks."

Officials said there will be no change in snowmobile use this season in the two parks and the adjacent John D. Rockefeller Memorial Parkway. The vehicles will be phased out starting next year and banned by 2003-2004.

"Our obligation in managing winter use in these parks is to ensure that public activities we allow conserve park resources and values for future generations," said Karen Wade, Intermountain Regional Director for the National Park Service.

"Unfortunately, snowmobiles have been shown to harm wildlife, air quality and the natural quiet of these parks."

The new policy regarding snowmobiles, introduced in Yellowstone in 1963, was precipitated by a 1997 lawsuit by the Fund For

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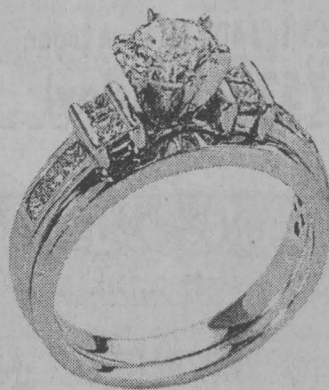
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Winter brings two new sports to outdoor enthusiasts, telemark skiing and splitboarding.

Telemark skiing is actually a sport that has been around since before Christ, said Trailhead sales representative Brian Frankle. It was first introduced by the Norwegians as a source of transportation through snow.

Telemark skis are two skis with metal tips, which set them apart from alpine skiing. They also have hairs, made of either nylon or mohair, attached to the bottom. This allows skiers to ascend hills without sliding backward, which can't be done on cross-country skis.

Telemark skis are a combination of both, allowing for both cross country and alpine skiing. After getting to the top of the mountain, skiers must take the hairs off to ski down.

Skiing down is a whole different process in general compared to alpine skiing. Skiers must bend their knees more with turns than they would have to with alpine. Skiers also don't get much air, in fact no air, when jumping, said telemark skier Chadd Briggs.

"Telemark skiing is one of the oldest forms of skiing to get places," said telemark skier Jake Flaherty. "It is a lot more versatile than cross-country skiing because you can go to more places."

Another new form of winter recreation is splitboarding, a combination of skiing and snowboarding. It involves a snowboard cut in half. Though this sport hasn't

Downhill fun

Telemark skis, split boards offer different winter fun options



JIM ROGERS, A FORMER OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTER EMPLOYEE, skis downhill on his telemark skis. Telemark skis can be used for downhill, cross country and uphill skiing. When skiing uphill, skiers attach nylon hairs to bottoms of the skis to grip the snow and keep them from sliding backwards. The hairs are removed to ski downhill. /ORC file photo

caught on too much because of the lack of splitboard manufacturers, it involves two snow activities, said telemark skier Jess Hancock.

Splitboarders telemark ski up a hill. At the top, they remove the hairs and attach the skis together to form a snowboard. After putting on the bindings, skiers board back down the hill.

Custom-made splitboard kits are available. The first step is to cut a snowboard in half, preferably a long board, since skiers will be touring the backcountry with it. The longer the board, the more access you have to powder and the better the rider will be able to do, Hancock said.

"You have the best of both worlds with splitboarding," Hancock said.

Though telemark skiing has been around for centuries, it has only gained popularity in the last five years. The same goes for splitboarding, which only just got backed by a strong manufacturing company called Burton, Frankle said.

There are disadvantages to both sports because they both involve telemark skiing, which involves "the hardest discipline," Frankle said.

Skiing uphill on telemark skis is difficult, he said, and you have to want to learn it. Once you get to the top, it gets quite bothersome to take

your hairs off in cold weather conditions. If you have a split board, you will be up even longer putting your board together, he said.

"When working with a splitboard you have the complexity of bindings to deal with, the expectations of a good performance and your performance not being as well," Frankle said.

Splitboards and telemark skis are available for purchase or rent at the Trailhead in Logan. People have to order their splitboards custom-made to fit, however, Frankle said.

"Both ways are great means to get around the backcountry unmotorized," Frankle said.

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Marsha Porter, manager of Riverdale Resort, said, "It's pretty popular with students. They just come up here in the evenings and soak."

They have two pools open; one has therapy jets in it, Porter said. The pools are heated naturally and vary depending on the air temperature from 102 to 107 degrees.

The Riverdale Resort is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. It costs \$4.70 for adults and \$4.20 for groups with 15 people or more. Discounts

are available with a Liberty Card and there is a coupon in the Bridgerland Phone Book. The resort is located 6 miles north of Preston, Idaho, on Hwy. 34 at 3696 N. 1600 East.

Crystal Hot Springs will reach its 100th year of business in 2001, according to employee Ryan Hamilton. It's located 10 miles north of Brigham City and is open Monday through Friday from noon to 10 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

There is a lap pool and four hot pools open all winter that are 95 to 105 degrees. There is also a water slide, open Friday nights and Saturdays.

It costs \$5 plus tax for the pools and \$9 for the slide and pools. College students get a \$1 discount with their USU ID card, and there is a \$1 discount on Monday nights.

Hamilton said, "The unique thing about our pool is definitely the minerals. Doctors tell their patients who are rehabilitating to

come here and soak."

The minerals include lithium, sodium and chloride, which "help relax your muscles and your mood," Hamilton said.

Cross-country ski and snow-shoeing trails lace throughout Logan Canyon. Contact the tourist council or Logan Ranger District for a complete guide to cross-country trails, (435) 755-3620.

Other areas include the Sinks, Franklin Basin, Beaver Creek, Bear Lake, Monte Cristo and Hardware Ranch.

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Animals. The group requested a study of the impact that trails made by snowmobiles have had on wildlife migration, particularly bison. Wildlife advocates say bison follow these trails and wander out of the park, where they may be shot.

"This is huge," said Sean Smith, a former Yellowstone ranger who is public lands director for the San Francisco-based Bluewater Network. "We are extremely pleased with the Park Service decision to enforce the law to protect park resources."

The Bluewater Network, a coalition of conservation groups, petitioned the Park Service last year to ban recreational snowmobiles throughout the park system.

Smith cited a Park Service study that found snowmobiles were responsible for as much as 90 percent of the annual hydrocarbon pollution in Yellowstone, although they are outnumbered by automobiles, 16 to 1.

Snowmobile advocates say the industry is developing machines that are cleaner and quieter. There are 1.6

million snowmobiles in the United States, according to industry figures. According to one estimate, there are 130,000 miles of designated snowmobile trails nationwide — and about 500 are in national parks.

The plan for Yellowstone and Grand Teton does not outlaw snow coaches, which meet air quality standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. They are 12- to 14-passenger vehicles that resemble minivans perched atop tank-like treads. The commercially

operated vehicles cost up to \$75,000 and, according to some surveys, are not as popular with visitors as snowmobiles.

"My mother is 67 years old, she enjoys the park in winter and she can ride a snowmobile but she's not going to cross-country ski in," said Vicki Eggers, former director of the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce and a snowmobile advocate. "My mom can't get up into a snow coach. What's she supposed to do?"

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U.N. warns of AIDS complacency, says epidemic explodes in Russia

GEIR MOULSON
Associated Press

GENEVA — The world's richest countries are growing alarmingly complacent about the global AIDS epidemic as infections reach new levels, the United Nations said in a report Tuesday that noted the number of cases in Russia alone will more than double this year.

"It's very striking that in the wealthy countries there is a perception that AIDS is over — there is far less investment in education programs," said Peter Piot, executive director of UNAIDS.

"The availability of treatment has resulted in a complacency which is becoming really dangerous," Piot told The Associated Press. "Considering that today we've got as many new infections in Western Europe and North America as 10 years ago, there is no excuse for that."

The annual AIDS Epidemic Update released Tuesday predicted 45,000 new cases this year in North America and 30,000 in Western Europe. Nearly 1.5 million people in the industrialized countries will be living with the AIDS virus by the end of the year.

The report said the number of new HIV infections in Africa dropped this year for the first time, to 3.8 million from 4 million in the previous year.

But UNAIDS was quick to damp any optimism, noting that the number of people infected worldwide is expected to rise to 36.1 million, with 5.3 million new infections. Three million people, up from 2.6 million a year ago, are expected to die of AIDS.

Those who use drugs through needles are thought to make up the bulk of new infections, and are most hurt by failing prevention efforts, the report said.

The same group accounted for the alarming rise in infections this year in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, where the number of people living with the virus is expected to rise from 420,000 to 700,000 — a figure the report called "a conservative estimate."

In Russia, UNAIDS said, some 300,000 people will be infected by the end of the year — more than twice last year's figure of 130,000.

"In one year, more people have become infected with HIV in Russia than all previous years combined," Piot said, adding that the disease "shows no sign of curbing its exponential growth" in Russia and has spread to cities across the country.

He said the Russian government's response "is not commensurate with the potential of the problem," but that Ukraine and some former Soviet republics in Central Asia are doing better.

"Governments there are struggling with so many problems — economic, security, social problems — but this is one where they can make a difference now," he said.

Africa remains by far the hardest-hit region, with 25.3 million people infected by the virus. Of the 3 million people expected to die of AIDS this year, four-fifths are in Africa.

Even the drop in infections is fragile, Piot said.

"A lot will depend on what happens in Nigeria," the continent's most populous

country, which has been relatively unaffected. The drop may partly be because the people most at risk from AIDS already have been infected, Piot added.

"Stabilization means that there are as many people dying from HIV as there are becoming newly infected," he said. "So it's not terribly good news to say the least, but it may mean a turning point."

The 27-page report urged more financial aid for Africa to launch "a credible assault on AIDS," saying \$3 billion a year could make a massive difference to prevention and basic care on the continent.

With deaths mounting, "we're only at the beginning of the impact of the AIDS epidemic," Piot said. "It's measurable now in terms of gross domestic product. It kills the

people who are supposed to develop countries."

The report estimates there are 1.4 million people living with HIV or AIDS in Latin America and 5.8 in South and Southeast Asia.

Most of the Asian infections are in a few large countries, but the study said AIDS has "ample room for growth" through the sex trade and drug use.

More INFO

- 45,000 new cases of AIDS are predicted this year in North America.
- 30,000 new cases are predicted in Western Europe.
- Three million people are expected to die of AIDS.

Netherlands approve bill allowing euthanasia

ANTHONY DEUTSCH
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — The Dutch parliament approved a bill Tuesday to allow euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide, which would make it the first country to formally legalize the practice.

The bill passed by a vote of 104-40. It still needs the approval of the Senate, which is considered a formality, and is expected to enter into force next year.

Advocates say the law puts the Dutch in the vanguard of patient rights, while opponents say it will replace caring with killing.

"Doctors should not be treated as criminals. This will create security for doctors and patients alike," said Health Minister Els Borst, who drafted the bill.

"Something as serious as

ending one's life deserves openness," she told The Associated Press after the vote.

The bill adopts guidelines that parliament approved in 1993, establishing the Netherlands' semiofficial tolerance of euthanasia. Under that policy it was understood that doctors who followed the guidelines would not be prosecuted, though euthanasia remained a crime punishable by up to 12 years in prison.

Under the guidelines, a patient must be undergoing irremediable and unbearable suffering, be aware of all other medical options and have sought a second professional opinion. The request must be made voluntarily, persistently and independently while the patient is of sound mind. Doctors are not supposed to suggest it as an option.

The new law also allows patients to leave a written

request for euthanasia, giving doctors the right to use their own discretion when patients become too physically or mentally ill to decide for themselves.

No other country has attempted to legalize euthanasia, health officials and legal experts said, though it is tolerated in Switzerland, Colombia and Belgium. Australia's Northern Territory approved euthanasia in September 1996, but the federal Parliament revoked the law in March 1997.

In Oregon, voters approved doctor-assisted suicide for the terminally ill in 1994. Since the law took effect in 1997, 43 people have died in Oregon in assisted suicides. The House of Representatives passed a bill in October that would restrict the practice, but President Clinton has threatened to veto the bill.

Euthanasia remains illegal in the United States. In doctor-assisted suicides, the patient

administers a lethal dose to him- or herself. Under the new Dutch law, a doctor can also do so directly.

All 100 seats in the public gallery were full for Tuesday's vote — conducted by roll call on request of a small Christian party opposed to the measure. The date of the Senate vote has not yet been set.

"It's a bad thing," said Jan Veldhuizen, a spectator in the gallery who said he supports the Christian Democratic Alliance party.

Rita Marker, executive director of the International Anti-Euthanasia Task Force, said the law will send a dangerous signal "telling people that if it's legal, it's right."

"It will be like giving the household seal of approval. What is currently a crime will be transformed into medical treatment," Marker told The Associated Press.

Yugoslavs will not intervene with military unless provoked

ALEKSANDER VASOVIC
Associated Press

BUJANOVAC, Yugoslavia — A top Yugoslav army commander claimed Tuesday that Kosovo Albanian militants launched more incursions into Serbia, but said the military would not intervene unless provoked.

Yugoslavia's new president Vojislav Kostunica has demanded that NATO live up to its commitment to stop ethnic Albanian attacks in southern Serbia that have killed at least five people.

"There are conditions for this (crisis) to be solved by peaceful means," said Gen. Nebojsa Pavkovic, a Yugoslav army commander who visited his troops on the edge of a contested buffer zone between Kosovo and the rest of Serbia.

Pavkovic alleged that an additional 200 "terrorists" infiltrated into the buffer zone — where Serb police are allowed to patrol with only light arms — from Kosovo in the last few days.

"We won't allow any provocations against the army, and the army has the right to respond to any attack or provocation against it," Pavkovic said.

NATO-led peacekeepers moved into Kosovo after the alliance bombed Yugoslavia to force former President Slobodan Milosevic to stop a

crackdown on ethnic Albanians. The peace deal that ended the war created the three-mile-wide buffer zone between the Kosovo boundary and Serbia proper.

The area on the Serb side of the frontier has a large ethnic Albanian population and militants demanding to join Kosovo — who Belgrade says work out of the province — have been attacking Serb forces.

Last week, violence escalated as ethnic Albanian militants launched attacks into the buffer zone, capturing several strategic points in Serbia proper.

The alliance said it had helped negotiations between the militants and the Serb police. Flight Lt. Mark A. Whitty, a spokesman for NATO-led peacekeepers in Kosovo said Tuesday that "both parties have agreed to an indefinite cease-fire."

"We facilitated the discussion between the two groups," he said.

A key official in Yugoslavia's new leadership, however, denied that the government negotiated a cease-fire with either NATO or the militants. "There have been no such talks," said Nebojsa Covic, a deputy prime minister in Serbia's government. "Such information is not true."

The reason for the discrepancy was not clear.

Meanwhile, NATO took measures to prevent ethnic Albanians from crossing into the buffer zone, searching every person and car traveling in the area.

The incidents on Kosovo's border cast doubt on NATO's ability to control Kosovo and also present a major crisis to Kostunica. He must defend the area without provoking the same international condemnation that accompanied Milosevic's crackdown.

"It is not going to come to a war because we are fighting for peace," Kostunica said Monday as he toured the contested region. "We respect all international documents on Kosovo."

But he said it was imperative that NATO block all ethnic Albanian extremists from penetrating the buffer zone. And the government continued bringing in reinforcements, including special anti-terrorist units, in case diplomacy fails.

More than 2,500 people, mostly ethnic Albanians, have trickled out of the troubled region since the crisis started.

Early Monday, a tractor carrying an Albanian family trying to flee the zone toward Kosovo hit an anti-tank mine. One 10-year-old boy was killed, while his 3-year-old sister and 5-year-old brother were seriously

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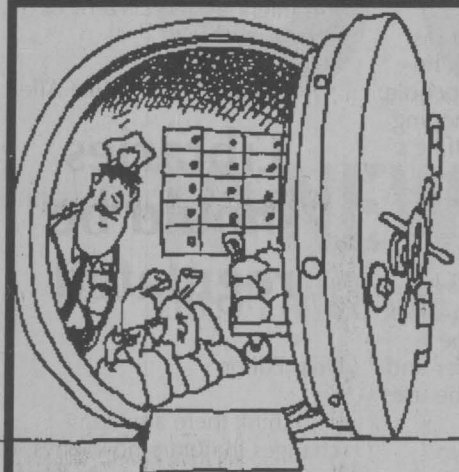
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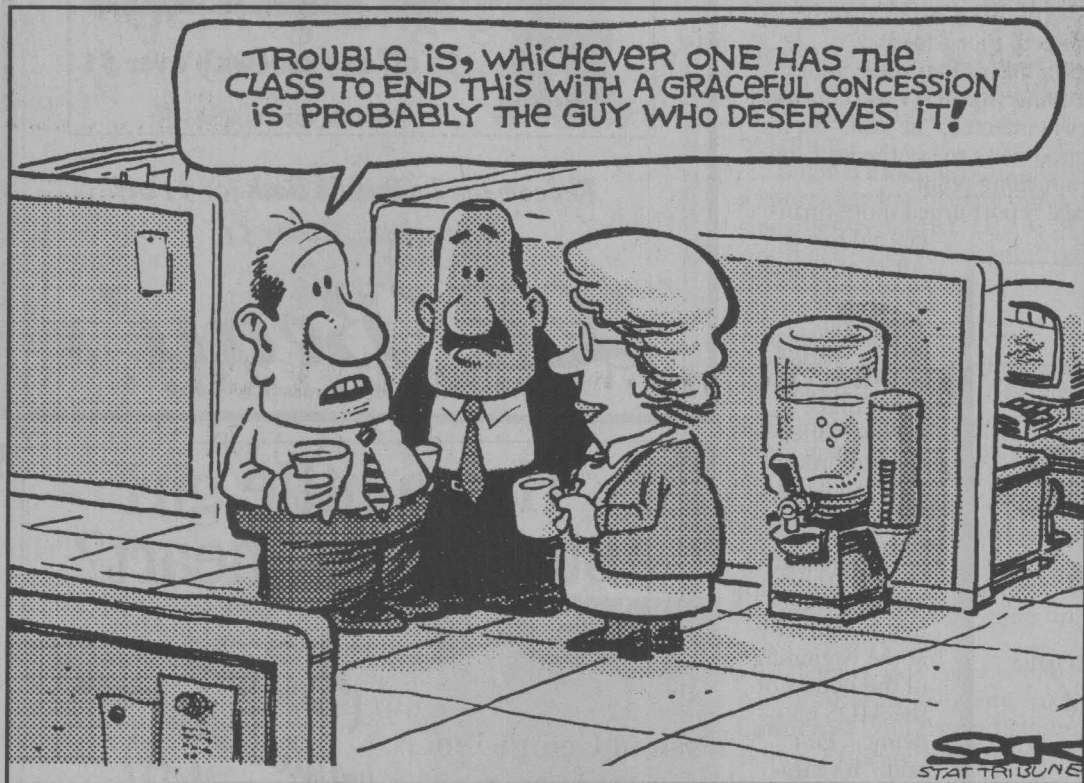


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Consumerism not what Christmas should be about

VIEW
A Statesman Staff Editorial

Why is it that the day after we give thanks for all we have, we feel it necessary to go out and get more?

This year, as usual, newspapers were filled with day-after-Thanksgiving ads screaming for shoppers to flock to stores by the millions for savings — or rather spendings — at the crack of dawn. Many stores opened their doors at 6 a.m. and stayed open until 11 p.m.

Christmas music sharing messages of joy, peace and love reverberated off the giant fake icicles and shiny

Christmas tree bulbs in malls all over the country.

There is heart in Christmas. At what other time of the year

do so many people all over the world have such a positive spirit in common?

But it takes a concerted effort to feel the spirit of the season without getting caught up in the spirit brought to you in part by Hershey's chocolate.

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I'm just planning to take over the world; nothing to worry about

Life's NONSENSE

Matt Wright



This article is dedicated to Pinky and The Brain, may their plans for world domination someday be realized.

Before I begin explaining my plan for world domination, I want to let you know that I am going to fake my death. This will ensure that I will be able to carry out my actions unnoticeably, and if you ever tell someone it's me doing it, they won't believe you because they'll think I'm already dead. Ha ha ha (sinister laugh).

Before I begin my takeover, I will proceed to take a three-year sight-seeing/hitchhiking trip across Europe to discover where I want to live when I own the world.

This will be no ordinary

sight-seeing trip, for I will be doing it on a bike, a pair of skis and a llama. (All of these items will be hijacked as soon as I land in Milan, Italy, except for the llama, which I will claim is my rather hairy companion with a speech impediment.) I will also carry all of my pictures, money, fake IDs, international gun-type weapons, small llama croutons and Twinkles in a small, ordinary backpack.

While on my tour, I will take a small detour to one of the largest Swiss banks. I will proceed to rob this bank with a carefully-developed plan. To prove that I fear no one, this plan will appear in the *New York Times*, cleverly disguised as a guide to Swiss Bank management.

After receiving this large

capital, I will proceed to implement the most diabolical two-step plan for world domination ever dreamt in the mind of man. (I would include llama in that statement i.e. "To ever be dreamt in the mind of man or llama," however, I believe that the llama, Ytluaf Namuh, came up with a better idea. Unfortunately, this llama was killed in a tragic skiing accident just outside of the largest Bank in Switzerland.)

Step 1: Construct the headquarters for H.A.L.O.C.O.R.P. (This stands for a bunch of pointless words that includes organization and/or world domination.) in a small, nameless South American village situated along the Amazon River. The entire 47-story complex will be underground. The only

way to actually enter the building will be through a massive system of under-

ground tunnels that begins in Lima, Peru, or some other pointless city several hundred miles away from my actual complex. I will employ hundreds of the world's best scientists and engineers to begin research and development on a series of common household items, namely: toasters, TVs, stereos, sinks, tables, chairs, llama saddles, carpet, etc.

These items will be the highest degree of quality available on the world market. I will begin to sell all of these items under the label "Wayser Systems" for \$10-20 (U.S. currency) less than any price found throughout the world (heck, in some places I'll be giving the things away).

This will not only create a love for my company in the hearts of the masses, but it will also allow me to create a monopoly over the retail industry just like in the game (conveniently entitled Monopoly). I will use bribes and/or secret threats of mass destruction to prevent any enforcement of anti-trust laws existing in any country on earth.

Step 2: Once "Wayser Systems" products (operating under thousands of smaller break-offs of the company with names just as silly, i.e. Contented Micromaniacs, Large Mouth Bass, S.L.I.C.K. Inc. and Microsoft) have replaced other products of a similar nature in every household in the world, I will have successfully taken over the retail industry.

Immediately following this success, I will continue to take over other areas of business and commerce, beginning with the New York stock exchange and ending with the little credit union in Morgan, Utah. Once this next phase of my plan has been successfully implemented, I will publicly announce that I own everything, so everyone had best give me the world or else.

This announcement will ironically be shown by the TV, radio and cable stations I own on the television and radio sets I manufactured. HAHAAHA (another sinister laugh, this time with a slight drawl of satire in it).

After this is completed, I will be able to say that the

world is officially mine. This final step of my takeover will most likely be completed in the year 2008 when I am only 25. Just imagine the conversations I'll be able to have:

Person 1 — "I made my first million at 19. Beat that."

Person 2 — "Well, I became the Pope when I was 23."

Person 3 — "Oh yeah, well I won seven Super Bowls by the time I was 24."

Me — "I got you all beat. I took over the world at 25, and now I own all of you. And as for you, Mr. 'Seven Super Bowls,' I confine you to 30 years of hard time in the 'kitchen of endless potatoes.'" HAHAAHA (once again a sinister laugh, but this time with a little bit of pepper thrown into the mix).

For information on governmental strategies and specific details as to the culture that will develop from this takeover, talk to my llama. I'm tired.

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Cheney illness is a big deal, not to be overlooked

More VIEWS

L.A. Times editorial

George W. Bush, who now regards himself as the president-elect, has named Dick Cheney, his vice presidential running mate, to oversee the transition that he expects to usher in a new Republican administration. Cheney, with his extensive Washington experience, is a sound choice. But as the

nation now has been reminded, he is also a man with a worrisome health history, the details of which Cheney has zealously guarded. Given that history, legitimate questions are being asked about his ability to cope with the stresses of high office. Cheney has had four heart attacks — the most recent last week — and in 1988 underwent quadruple bypass surgery.

His doctors say that Cheney should be able to carry out official duties.

Other cardiologists aren't so sure. The fact is that too little is known about the health of a man who, as a potential vice president, automatically becomes a potential president. That is deeply troubling.

Secretiveness about Cheney's health didn't end with his refusal to release relevant details during the campaign.

It was also in evidence last Wednesday, when Bush assured the nation that Cheney had not suffered a heart attack. Even as Bush

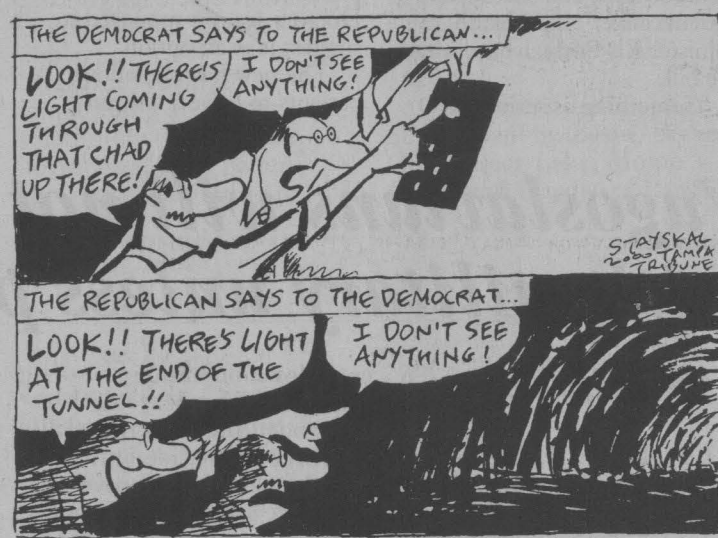
was speaking, Cheney's doctors, after diagnosing a "mild" heart attack, were carrying out a procedure to open up a seriously clogged artery.

Did Bush deliberately and foolishly try to mislead? Karen Hughes, his press secretary, later said she knew about the surgery but hadn't bothered to tell Bush.

If true, that is an alarming insight into how the flow of

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Public FORUM

Letters to the Editor

Shock talk is cheap

Dear Editor,

As I read Richard Timothy's column every week, it's the same old thing. Timothy says something ultra-controversial about gays or abortion, etc., then the next day the paper is flooded with angry students protesting his ideas with their own beliefs, usually combined with a religious reference.

I ask you, is Mr. Timothy really trying to enlighten us with his ideas, or is he simply trying to get a rise out of us? Think about it: An anti-religion, pro-choice, as-left-as-you-can-get Libertarian has decided, of all places, Logan, Utah, as the best place to step on his soapbox. Logan, a small, predominantly Mormon community, in one of the most conservative states in the

nation.

What exactly is Timothy gaining from all his liberal shock talk? I think he simply enjoys shocking people; at least that's what I'm hoping he's really trying to do. If he's really serious about all this, that's even more disturbing.

Timothy reminds me of the mad little boy in kindergarten who gets his kicks by saying naughty words to shock the other children. It's the same thing, he's just older and instead of swear words he uses controversial ideas.

He's the Marilyn Manson of USU; the "Great Libertarian Hope." I would like to thank Mr. Timothy for his insights on life. Though controversial, they make me feel better about my own beliefs. It's kind of like seeing a homeless person. You feel sorry for them, but they make you appreciate what you have. But a word of advice to Mr. Timothy: Logan is probably not the best target-audience for

your, um, preaching. However, you might try the citizens of Florida.

Mike Allen

Libraries should be regulated

Dear Editor,

I think there are many changes in library nowadays. I notice that a lot of students do not switch off their cellular phones in the library, and also bring foods to the library. I think the librarians should give warnings and post a warning to the students who bring food and do not switch off their phones because the library is a quiet place for students to study.

Ronadi Ng

Election full of deceit

Dear Editor,

Our nation is on the verge of electing a president on a lie: that George Bush received more Florida votes than Al Gore.

The Bush camp understands this, and has spent the last three weeks obfuscating the relevant issues, diverting attention from important questions, intimidating elections boards and blocking every attempt at any complete count unfettered by the gross distortions and omissions of the machine count. Republicans wrongly praise as "objective."

Their success at preventing a single complete count is due in no small part to the power of Bush's brother and

Florida campaign manager in their roles as governor and secretary of state, respectively.

More than 2,500 votes in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties have yet to see the light of day in a race separated by 500 votes. The Republican rhetoric about "counting over and over until Gore gets the result he likes" is a lie, and they know it.

This mockery of democracy makes developing nation elections look downright impeccable. We must demand that Bush stop using his personal connections to block the search for the truth, and allow ONE complete, transparent hand count, monitored by representatives of both parties and the media. As Joe Lieberman said, how can we teach our children that every vote counts if we don't even try to count every vote?

Jim Steitz

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Gift-buying has become the focus of Christmas, when really the message should be quite different. While giving a gift is a gesture of love, the sincerity behind the giving is the real gift.

Isn't that the point of the season? Showing

how much we love and care for each other should be the focus? And while the season does bring opportunities like Sub for Santas and other charity projects, in reality many of us only take care of our fellow man for a short time before we forget and get back

to the hustle bustle of life.

Messages encouraging thoughtfulness year-round have become cliché, but should still ring true: The season should last all year. We should think of each other, like we do at Christmas, all the time.

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essential information is controlled in the Bush camp.

Presidents, or their doctors or families, often hide the truth about health problems that could affect how they carry out their duties.

The public knew nothing

about the onset of Ronald Reagan's Alzheimer's disease near the end of his presidency.

The Addison's disease that John F. Kennedy suffered was regarded as a virtual state secret.

Franklin D. Roosevelt's doctors knew he was dying from heart disease even as he ran for a fourth term in 1944, but they didn't tell even the president or his family.

The never-acknowledged breakdown in Woodrow Wilson's health late in his second term left his presidency in the hands of unelected surrogates.

Precisely because experience shows clearly that presidents tend to hide or minimize serious health problems, it's right to insist, before they are elected, that all presidential and vice presidential candidates disclose whatever medical information might be relevant to their ability to serve.

To wait until a possibly foreseeable problem actually manifests itself is not a sound alternative.



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Widstoe Hall 007.

*The Listening Post, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hub

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Thursday, November 30

*Come watch "Dead Poets Society" in the Ray B. West building room 214 at 7 p.m. Bring food to donate to CAPSA. Free Refreshments!
*Amata series, "Native

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*Ecological Coalition of Students presentation/movie about Wilderness Protection in Utah, TSC Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Contact Jim 797-5764.

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Friday, December 1

*"Mistresses, Maids, Mediums: Gender and Class at the Victorian Séance." by Brian McCuskey, USU English professor, TSC Colony Room noon to 1:30 p.m.

*USU Women's Basketball Club 7:00 p.m. Spectrum

*The YSA Moonlight Christmas Dance. Guys — get your dates. The cast is \$10 a couple but \$8 if pre-paid.

F.Y.I.

•United Campus Volunteers "Change Someone's Christmas." Help the elderly have a better Christmas, donate your change in the Hub.
•Institute activity for International Students. Trip to Salt Lake City, Dec. 2, 9 a.m. Cost is \$5. Activities include: Tour of temple square, "The Testaments," lunch provided. Plan on your own dinner. See Christmas lights.
•Elite Hall Dance, Dec. 2, lessons 7 to 8 p.m. \$1. Dancing
•President's Diversity Forum, "Opportunities for Diversity in Utah — Part II: Religious Diversity." Dec. 5, 10 a.m. to noon, ECC Auditorium.
•USU Ceramics Guild announces its annual holiday sale Dec. 5 and 6. The sale takes place in the Taggart Student Center International Lounge from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
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•Help build a progressive grassroots coalition. Join the Green Party Campus Coalition, Nov. 30, 6 p.m. TSC, Room 335. More info www.usu.edu/greens
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•The Child and Family Support Center will sponsor classes in Parenting, Wednesday evenings, 7 to 8:30 p.m., \$20/person or \$25/couple. Children's Social Skills, \$10 per child. Beginning January 10 through February 28. For more information call 752-8880
•Holiday Brown Bag Luncheons for USU Employees will be held in the MS building 217, noon to 1 p.m. Low-cal treats and beverage provided. The series will be repeated Dec. 5, 6, 7. Limited seating call Heidi 797-1814 for reservation.
•The Cache Valley Folk Dancers are hosting a New England Style Contra Dance December 2, 7:30 p.m. Whittier Community Center, 290 N. 400 East, in Logan. The public is invited and beginners are welcome. All the dances are taught. Live music will be provided by the local band, Tatterjack. \$4 donation is requested at the door.

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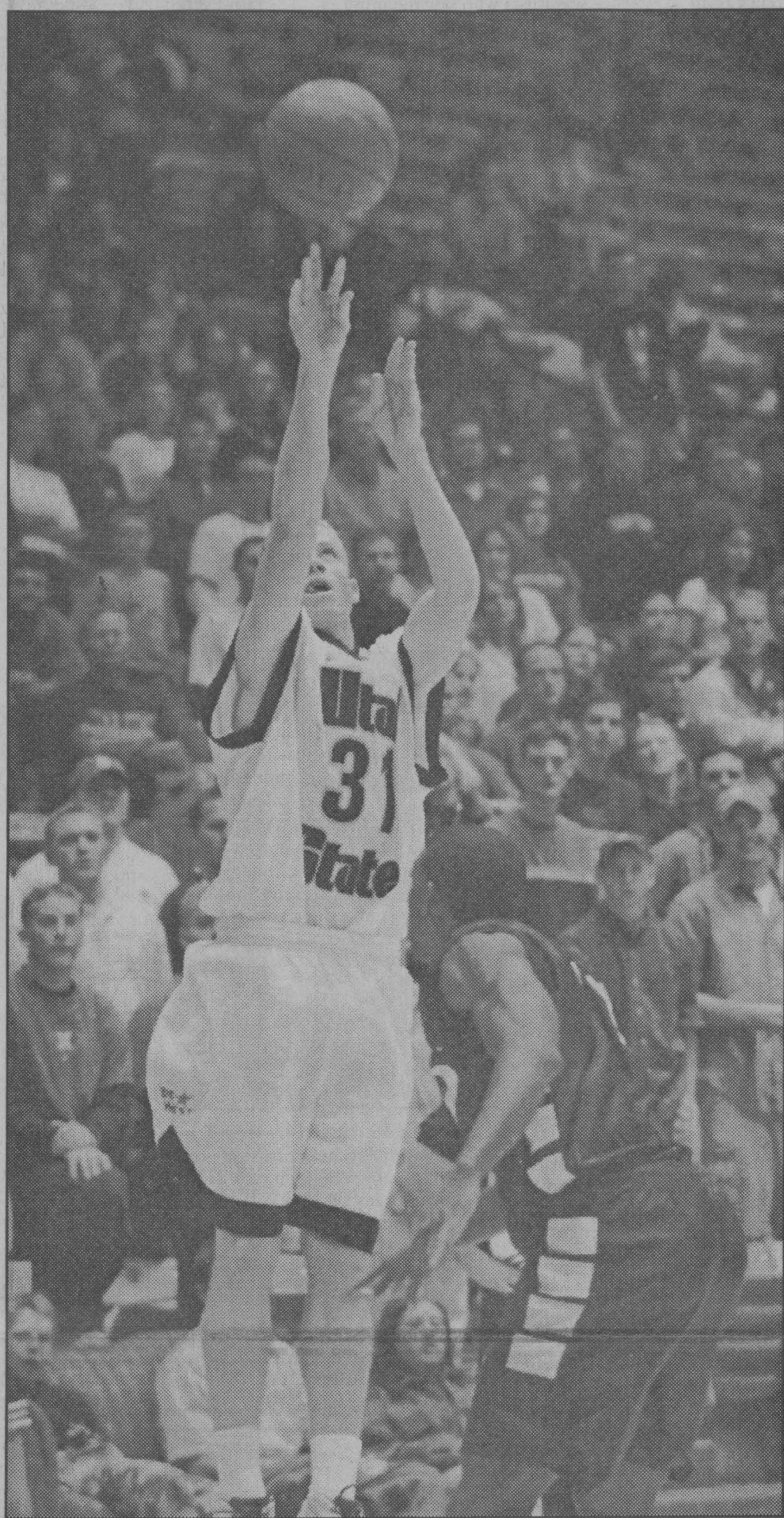
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TONY BROWN SHOOTS a jump shot in USU's last exhibition game. Shooting guard Brown scored five points in USU's win over Colorado Springs Saturday. / Zak Larsen photo

USU gets by Colo. Springs, looks to ISU in Pocatello

USU dominates UCCS inside on Saturday

JASON TURNER
Staff Writer

After exploding out of the blocks for a 12-2 lead, the USU men's basketball team looked like Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde the rest of the night in its home opener Saturday against Division II University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

The Aggies were able to overcome 20 turnovers and what USU head coach Stew Morrill called "atrocious" second-half defense, scoring 52 points on shots within 3 feet of the basket in their 68-61 victory over the Mountain Lions. With the victory, the Aggies improved to 3-1 on the year and 29-3 at the Spectrum under coach Morrill.

"We have a long ways to go as a basketball team," Morrill said.

"I think we're worried about trying to be too good right now. We'd better worry about trying to get better tomorrow," he said when asked why the game was as close as it was.

When the Aggies weren't turning the ball over, they were having their way in the low post. Power forward Shawn Daniels and center Dimitri Jorssen combined for 41 points on 20-of-26 shooting, with 13 rebounds. Daniels finished the game with a career-high 28 points, shattering his previous record of 17 points.

When asked about his performance in the low blocks, Daniels deferred credit to

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Ags hope the 'hammer' falls on Bengals tonight

REUBEN WADSWORTH
Assistant Sports Editor

"Put the hammer on them."

That's what the Utah State basketball team has to do in its contest today against Idaho State University in Pocatello, said both assistant coach Randy Rahe and forward Shawn Daniels.

Putting the hammer on them means the Aggies can't let the opposing team get back into the game like they did in their past two contests against Austin Peay State University and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

"Most of it's just concentration," said starting shooting guard Tony Brown. "We need to close the door when we have the chance."

Against Colorado at Colorado Springs the Aggies (3-1) were ahead by 17 with 3:05 to go when the Mountain Lions started inching closer. USU escaped with a 68-61 win. USU wasn't as lucky against Austin Peay. After leading the whole game the Aggies let the Governors tie it up at the end of regulation on their

way to a 80-76 win in overtime.

Rahe said USU needs to change its mindset against ISU. Watching the game film was good for the players because it showed they let up too much in the end — the team felt like the game was over after building the 17-point lead against the Lions, he said. Instead of easing up when they have a big lead, the Aggies should play even harder, Rahe said.

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Tourney time

USU qualifies for the NCAA Tournament for the first time, will play in Provo on Friday

SHEREEN SAUREY
Senior Sports Writer

For the first time in school history, USU's women's volleyball team has advanced to the NCAA Tournament. The No. 21 Aggies will play in the first round vs. No. 23 University of Missouri 5 p.m. on Friday in Provo.

USU finished fourth in the Big West Conference, boasting a season record of 21-9, 10-6 in league action.

"[We've] had lots of firsts for the team this year," said head coach Tom Peterson. "It's a great honor to play in the NCAA Tournament, but now we want to play as well as a top team in the country should play."

USU is one of five teams making a first appearance at the tournament this year. Other first-time schools include Missouri, Alabama A&M, Texas-San Antonio and Georgia State University.

The other match-up in the region is Brigham Young University against Hofstra University.

"It's a little surprising to be put in the same region as Brigham Young, but in a way that is good because there won't be as many distractions," Peterson said.

The Big West Conference is also sending the University of the Pacific, the University of California at Santa Barbara, Long Beach State University and California Polytechnic State University to the tournament. Pacific (15-1 in the BWC) won the conference title.

Only the Big 12, Big 10 and Pac-10 Conferences are sending more teams than the BWC, as all three of those leagues will have six teams in the 64-team field.

Advancing to the tournament

has been a goal for the team since the beginning of the season. Senior Melissa Schoepf said the accomplishment is particularly special to the seniors. She noted

the team hoped it would have played in the tournament last year, and the players were disappointed when they did not.

"I think us making it this year reflects on last year and how we wanted it so bad," she said.

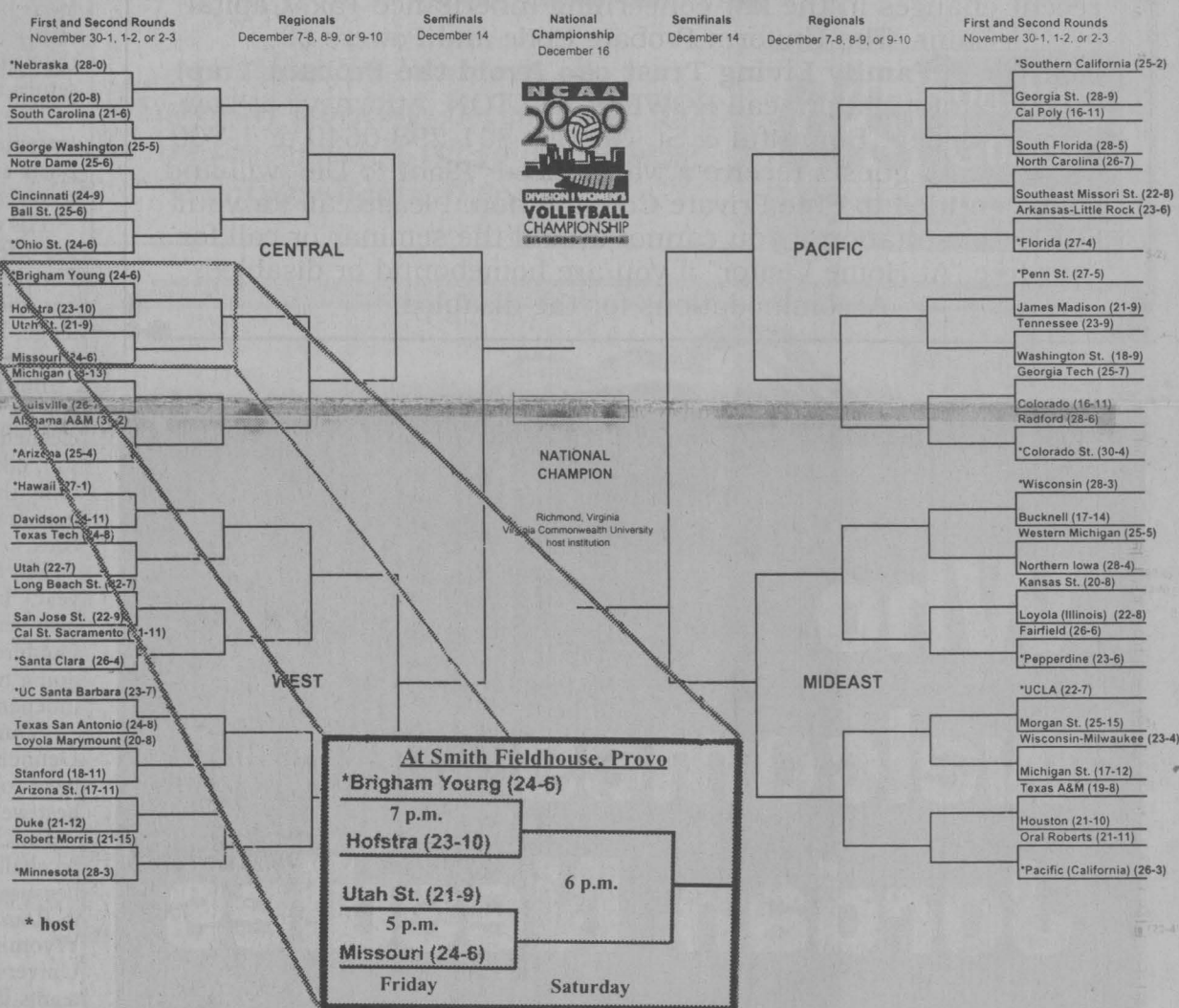
Outside hitter Amy Crosbie said earning the berth to the tournament her senior year means the world to her.

"To say that I've been part of this program and part of the long haul up this big mountain we've been climbing for awhile is a big deal," Crosbie said. "We're not at the peak yet. [The tournament] is just another obstacle we have to get through — and it will be fun."



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FOOTBALL RECAP

USU's mission impossible almost came true in Dennehy's first season

AARON MORTON
Sports Editor

August 18: USU's football team's media day. About eight members of the Salt Lake and Cache Valley media descended on Romney Stadium to interview a host of players and coaches.

As the reporters wandered around the field asking questions, they continued to hear the same thing: The Aggies were going to win the conference.

For most college football teams, this is a standard procedure. Don't say anything negative, don't bad mouth other players.

But this was Utah State. The team's coach was fired immediately after last season with some controversy, the new coach had never coached at the Division I level, and the team was extremely young. Every poll and magazine had USU at the bottom of the Big West Conference.

Though the team was 1-4 after being run out of Cougar Stadium in USU's final non-conference game,

runningback/returner Emmett White looked reporters in the eye and said his team would compete for the final Big West Championship.

The players knew what they were talking about. "I think we have made significant, measurable progress," Dennehy said.

Despite the disappointing loss to Idaho State University in the finale, the Aggies did a lot more than anyone thought they would.

Taking a page from the 1999-2000 USU basketball team's book, USU won when it counted, winning its first four Big West games to force a championship game with favorite Boise State University.

The Broncos did embarrass the Aggies, scoring eight touchdowns in their 66-38 win in Bronco Stadium.

"Coming short in Boise was a real difficult pill to swallow," Dennehy said.

The season ended on a sour note when USU lost 27-24 to Division I-AA ISU in Romney Stadium. The usually potent

Aggie offense seemed stuck in mud, or the frozen turf.

Dennehy said anybody can beat anybody in college football and it was a tough lesson for USU to learn.

"If we can learn from that, we can use that as great motivation," he said.

While that was the low point, the high point was the run at the championship, Dennehy said.

After losing tough road games to Texas Tech University and Arizona State University and dropping two of three in-state games vs. the University of Utah, Brigham Young University and Southern Utah University, the Aggies opened up with a 17-12 win over the University of North Texas.

While the victory wasn't anything spectacular, it was important to the team's confidence.

Then the team wowed the home crowd with a 31-14 drubbing of the University of Idaho. The win was all that more

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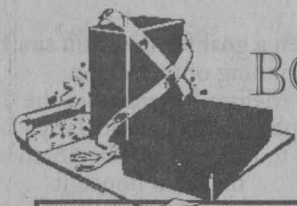


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Seven Aggies named to Big West first team

AARON MORTON
Sports Editor

Seven Aggies have been named the first-team all-Big West Conference team Tuesday.

Seniors Blake Eagal (linebacker), Brent Passey (linebacker), Aaron Jones (wide receiver) and Jeff Long (offensive lineman) led the group of USU players awarded by the BWC's coaches. Record-breaker Emmett White (running back), Jesse Busta (linebacker) and Nate Putnam (defensive end) round out the list.

"It's a real honor to get the award," said Eagal, a native of Stockton, Calif. "I felt like I had a pretty good year."

Fellow linebacker Busta also

made the team, despite only starting for half the season. Eagal said he was kind of surprised that Busta got the award over senior Cade Smith. But it was Busta who saw the most time during conference games.

Busta, a sophomore, was the only USU player named to the coaches' team that wasn't named to the collegefootballnews.com all-Big West team, which was announced Tuesday. In addition, White, Jones, Long, Putnam, Eagal and Passey, USU punter Steve Mullins was named to the team.

Putnam was the only freshman on the coaches' BWC first team.

Earlier this month, Eagal joined senior place kicker Brad Bohn in earning a spot on the

first-team academic all-district VIII. Bohn has a 3.41 GPA while Eagal has posted a 3.61 GPA — both are majoring in psychology.

However, Eagal — like several of his senior teammates — is looking at professional football in the near future. Even though he is going to graduate this winter, he's going to stay on campus to work out in the spring.

"I want to be playing at some level," he said.

It's a good time to be playing professional football because there are several choices beyond the National Football League. The Canadian Football League, NFL Europe and the newly-formed XFL are all options for players.

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impressive because U of I was one of USU's main rivals — the Vandals smashed the Aggies 31-3 in Pullman, Wash., the season before.

"Once we got into league, we played a brand of football that we were capable of playing," Dennehy said. "The kids made a statement."

The next week, one "kid" made another big statement.

Against New Mexico State University, junior running back Emmett White smashed the NCAA record for all-purpose yards in a game with 578 yards. He also scored four touchdowns, including the winning one with 28 seconds left in a wild 44-37 victory in Las Cruces, N.M. For his efforts, the humble White earned national recognition and a small story in Sports Illustrated.

White is one of the reasons the future looks bright — "very bright," Dennehy said — for Utah State. White and most of the offensive and defensive units will return next year.

The lineman and defensive backs are extremely young, while linebackers Jesse Busta and Tony Newson (senior who received a medical red shirt) will be back.

His main blocker John Roberts and half the offensive line will be back. Jose Fuentes and starter-turned-challenger Jeff Crosbie will be back. The biggest challenge, Dennehy said, will be trying to replace Aaron Jones.

But the former Montana head coach will have a lot of scholarships to offer. He cleaned house when he came in this season, taking about 20 scholarships away. Only the NCAA restriction of signing a maximum of 25 players will hold him back.

But USU fans can't say, "Wait 'till next year," because there isn't going to be a next year — at least for the Big West Conference in football. The Aggies are going to go it alone next season as an independent.

"Our hands are really tied for a year," Dennehy said. "[But] our philosophy has been to deal with the circumstances the best we can."

So USU has made a schedule that will be challenging, but also fan-friendly because of the type of teams that will play in Romney Stadium. The University of Wyoming, the University of Oregon, the University of Central Florida and regional teams ISU and Weber State University will come to Logan.

"We have a great home schedule," Dennehy said.

But with the schedule comes three trips East — including Louisiana State University. The pro: Seeing some places that some kids have never seen. The con: The trips will be expensive, Dennehy said.

But even playing stronger opponents, the Aggies will only have an outside chance of playing in the postseason.

"An at-large bowl would be the pot of gold at the end of the year," Dennehy said.

Aggie fans hope that gold isn't as mythical as the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

USU SEASON TIMELINE

Texas Tech 38, USU 16

The Big 12 school spoils head coach Mick Dennehy's opener as the Red Raiders stack up 505 passing yards on the Aggies.



USU 30, SUU 14
The Aggies shake off a 6-0 halftime deficit to route the in-state SUU Thunderbirds.

Arizona St. 44, USU 20

The Sun Devils harassed Jose Fuentes in his first collegiate start, sacking him five times and intercepting three passes.



Utah 35, USU 14

Darren Arceneaux frustrates the Aggies by scrambling for 82 yards while running back Adam Tate ran over USU for 133 more yards.

BYU 38, USU 14

In Provo, the Cougars scored 21 points in the second quarter to route USU while Emmett White showed a glimpse of the future with 271 all-purpose yards.

USU 17, UNT 12

Defense leads USU to a win in the Big West opener.

USU 31, Idaho 14

The Aggies surprise U of I as Fuentes throws for 421 yards.



USU 44, Arkansas State 31

The USU offense explodes for 483 yards to hold off the Indians.

USU 44, NMSU 37

White breaks the NCAA record for all-purpose yards with 578 yards. He also scored four touchdowns.

BSU 66, USU 38

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ISU 27, USU 24

Div. I-AA Idaho State takes USU's winning season away.



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Zundel's NCAA run caps off successful cross country season

KATRINA CARTWRIGHT
Sports Writer

With a minus 19-degree wind-chill factor, Mitch Zundel was the only Aggie to compete in the NCAA Cross Country Championships in Ames, Iowa, Nov. 20, officially ending this year's cross country season.

Zundel finished 147th out of 255 runners, which is more impressive than it might sound.

"One-hundred and forty-seventh doesn't seem like a really good place," said head coach Gregg Gensel, "but when you consider that he was only 60 seconds from being All-American, and it was 19 below with the wind chill, his finish was pretty good."

"I didn't expect him to even make it [to the championships] this year," Gensel said, "it being only his second year of running cross country with us, so I am really excited about what he accomplished. He'll do good in indoor and outdoor track and continue to progress and become stronger, more confident and more aggressive."

Because the Aggies didn't qualify for the championships as a team, their last meet was the NCAA Regionals Nov. 11 in Ogden, where Zundel qualified individually. Rebecca Thornley and Beka Leffler also raced well at the meet and were only seconds behind being able to go to the championships, too.

Thornley and Leffler were the top two Aggie finishers on the women's team at every meet this year and had several first- and second-place overall individual finishes.

"Rebecca and Beka did outstanding all year," Gensel said. "They ran well and came really close to qualifying for nationals."

Gensel said that despite being so young, this year's team had a good season.

"The team did better than I expected," he said. "I am



MITCH ZUNDEL RUNS at the NCAA meet in Ames, Iowa on Nov. 20. He finished 147th out of 255 runners as USU's only runner in the race. / Eli Lucero, Ames Tribune photo

pleased because they tried so hard. They are much better than the teams of the past few years."

Gensel also said one thing he learned this year was to never underestimate the abilities of the individual runners. If they have enough mental strength and determination, they can accomplish what they want to.

Gensel said he is looking forward to next year's team being even better. He has signed one female recruit already, with another coming soon. He said he expects to sign many more men and women in the spring.

The men's team is losing one of its top five runners, Brick Bergeson — but Zundel, Jason Jones, Demetrios Cabanillas, Jesse Hodges and Steve Prescott will all be back next year.

The women's team will lose both Thornley and Leffler, but will return Shae Messersmith, Christi Howell, Sharee Hatch and Carol Cabanillas.

Most of the cross country runners also run indoor and outdoor track to stay in shape year round and are now training for the indoor track season. Their first official practice will be Dec. 9, with the meets starting in January.

Aggie SCOREBOARD

> V-BALL POLL

AVCA Top-25	Pts.	Record
1. Nebraska (60)	1,500	24-0
2. USC	1,417	23-0
3. Hawaii	1,355	21-2
4. Wisconsin	1,322	27-2
5. Arizona	1,198	23-3
6. Colorado State	1,187	24-3
7. Pacific	1,137	19-6
8. Penn State	1,084	25-2
9. Minnesota	1,037	23-5
10. Florida	986	22-4
11. UCLA	910	22-3
12. BYU	880	22-5
13. LBSU	722	20-6
14. UCSB	711	22-6
15. Pepperdine	642	24-3
16. Ohio State	633	18-7
17. Santa Clara	564	21-5
18. Stanford	434	21-8
19. Utah	409	19-6
20. Notre Dame	383	23-5
21. Utah State	250	15-11
22. Loyola Marymount	189	19-7
23. Texas A&M	186	16-7
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Utah State	10	6 .625	21	9 .700
Cal Poly	9	7 .563	15	10 .600
Idaho	6	10 .375	15	12 .556
CS Fullerton	3	13 .188	9	20 .310
Boise State	3	13 .188	7	19 .269
UC Irvine	1	15 .063	8	19 .296

> FOOTBALL POLLS

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Team	Pts.	Record
1. Oklahoma	3.96	11-0
2. Florida State	5.18	11-1
3. Miami, Fla.	5.79	10-1
4. Washington	10.18	10-1
5. Virginia Tech	12.31	10-1
6. Oregon State	14.28	10-1
7. Florida	16.48	9-2
8. Nebraska	18.79	9-2
9. Kansas State	20.65	10-2
10. Oregon	24.35	9-2
11. Notre Dame	25.97	9-2
12. Texas	27.22	9-2
13. Georgia Tech	31.73	9-2
14. Texas Christian	32.41	10-1
15. Clemson	33.28	9-2

Associated Press

Team	Pts.	Last
1. Oklahoma	1,765	1
2. Miami, Fla.	1,696	2

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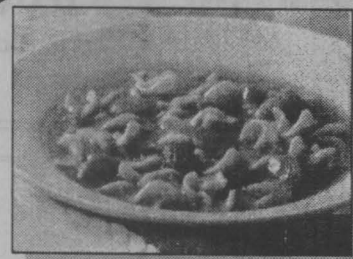


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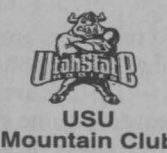
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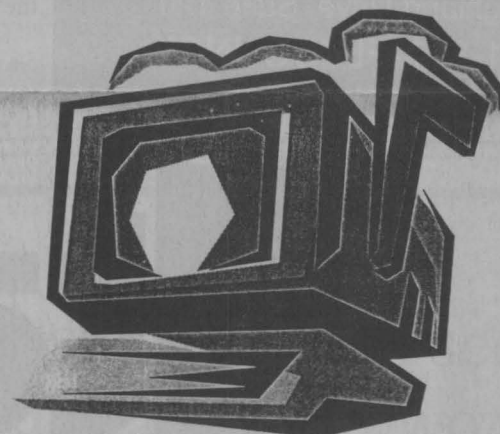
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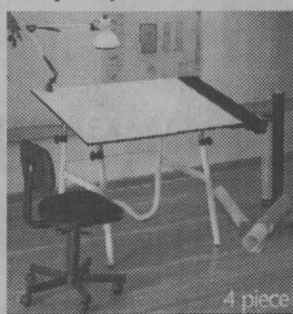
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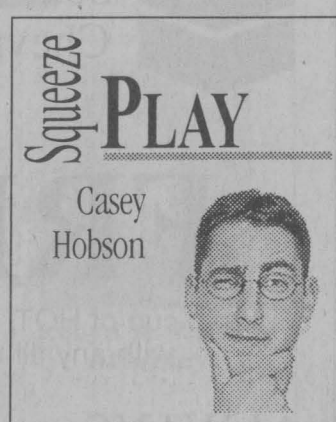
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Did McGwire *really* hit 70 home runs?



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I'm sure if the scorekeepers looked a little closer they'd find an extra run or two for the Mets. And if they don't, they can always fudge a little.

Do you remember the play at the plate in Game 2 of the Series — the one when Derek Jeter threw out Timo Perez at

the plate. Perez meant to score, right? Well, you can't punish him for being stupid. Yeah, he should have run hard all the way around the bases, but he was probably confused by his third base coach.

Believe me, I've played baseball, and sometimes it's hard to tell whether the base coach is waving you home or toward left field. There are times the runner just has to guess, and that's not fair. Perez should get to run the bases again.

In fact, the entire Subway Series should be played over again. It's obvious that numerous Mets players intended to score, but they were too confused. To punish them for their ignorance just isn't fair. It's not what this great nation is about. It's mean and un-American.

We need to make sure every run is counted from this year's World Series, and the Mets shouldn't rest until they've won. So what if it tears the baseball world apart? So what if it leaves the rule-book dangling by a thread? It

is essential that every run gets counted, and if it takes awhile, then big freakin' deal. Spring training doesn't start until February. We've got time. It's the principle that's important here, and every run should count.

And we shouldn't stop with this year's Fall Classic, either. Think of all the teams and athletes over the years who have been cheated out of their 15 minutes of fame.

We should definitely recount Sammy Sosa's home runs from 1998. After all, he was just four shy of Mark McGwire, and there was no recount. Think about how many homers Sosa would have picked if someone had recounted the ones he hit at Pro Players Stadium against the Florida Marlins.

There are more Sosa fans in that part of Florida than there are McGwire fans, so surely Sosa hit more home runs there. If we'd just recount them.

Truth be known, some of Sosa's home runs are probably still hanging on the bat. And

it's obvious they would have been home runs had they not stuck to the bat, so we should count those in the recount, too.

We should recount everything. Who knows what's been screwed up.

Joe Dimaggio's 56-game hitting streak? Recount it.

Wayne Gretsky's 894 career goals? Recount them. What about the 61 NHL records he holds? Count 'em again.

How 'bout the 51,475 yards John Elway passed for throughout his career? Cuentelas!

The kilos of cocaine Darryl Strawberry has vacuumed up over the years? Recount them.

It really doesn't matter who wins or loses. If teams just keep counting, sooner or later they're bound to come on top.

I can't wait 'till the Super Bowl.

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Brown said turnovers are most frequent at the beginning of the season — USU is averaging 19 turnovers a game so far this year. Turnovers plagued the Aggies in the last two contests, so the team worked on ball handling in practice this week. Brown said the Aggies have lived by one main rule this week — never turn the ball over twice in a row.

Though turnovers have been a problem this season, offense hasn't.

"We're shooting the ball really well," Brown said.

"We're getting great looks at the basket."

The Aggies are shooting 54.7 percent from the field so far. They aren't too shabby

from the three-point line, either, shooting 51 percent so far this year. Brown is the team's leading scorer, averaging 14 points in the last four games, with Daniels close behind at 13.8.

Rahe said playing the Bengals in Pocatello is like heading into a lion's den. The Bengals will be hungry for a win, especially after suffering two straight losses.

"Anyone that goes in there has a heck of a time trying to beat them," he said.

"We should have our hands full," Daniels said.

ISU runs a lot of set plays and has some excellent shooters, Rahe said. The Bengals change up defenses and are

excellent rebounders, he added.

The Bengals are led by seniors Jordie McTavish, a University of Utah transfer who averages 12 points a game at the point guard position, and Tim Erickson, a forward averaging 10.5 points per contest.

Rahe said ISU played well in the second half against No. 13 Utah, holding the Utes to 37 percent from the field. Despite their stellar play in the second half, the Bengals fell to the Utes 71-65 in the first game of the season for both teams.

USU will be ISU's third straight opponent from Utah. The Bengals fell to Southern Utah University, 82-64, on Saturday.

USU leads the series 25-13.

his teammates. He said good ball movement and penetration by the guards allowed him to get easy looks all game long.

"I try to stay as close to the basket as I can," Daniels said.

Although the Aggies shot 56 percent for the game, they were never able to pull away from the Mountain Lions. Strong individual play by Jerome Brown (15 points), Quincy Simpson (18 points) and Wayne Rhymes (21 points) kept the Mountain Lions on top.

"They came in and did a really good job," Morrill said of the Mountain Lions.

Once again USU struggled from the charity stripe, hitting only 11-of-20.

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New elections to be held for Israel's prime minister

MARK LAVIE
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel's parliament voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to hold new elections, after Prime Minister Ehud Barak — his government shaken by two months of street battles with the Palestinians — reluctantly agreed to hard-liners' demands for an early vote.

Polls have shown elections would be a risky proposition for Barak, as his minority government has been steadily losing support from many Israelis who perceive him as ineffective in ending the bloodshed.

However, a vote would probably not be held before spring, giving Barak time for a last-ditch effort to forge a peace agreement with the Palestinians. Elections could serve as a referendum on the agreement.

Palestinian officials said they were hopeful an accord could be reached before the elections.

The 120-member legislature voted separately on five bills calling for early elections. Four of the bills were approved by more than 70 members of the house. Only three legislators were opposed, and the rest abstained.

The date for elections will be set in the coming days by party leaders. Barak said the vote could be held as late as nine months from now, while several opposition lawmakers said they expected elections in May, two years after Barak took office.

Parliament had settled into a long debate on the five bills Tuesday evening when Barak made an unexpected appear-

ance before the lawmakers. In a speech, Barak announced that he would no longer resist the opposition push for elections.

"I do not flinch from elections. I say if you want elections, let there be elections for prime minister and for the Knesset," Barak told parliament.

Throughout the day, Barak saw the opposition gain more and more votes, until it became clear that more than half the members would vote against him.

In his speech, Barak blamed opposition leader Ariel Sharon for rejecting his offer to create a unity government. However, in a later TV

interview, Barak also acknowledged that he had "made mistakes."

Recent polls have indicated that if elections were held now, Barak would be defeated by any opposition candidate, including Sharon and former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Israeli commentators said Barak's only chance to remain in power was to reach a peace agreement. "Ehud Barak is running in the election without a government, without a majority in the Knesset, without a majority in the polls and without a majority of the public," said Hanan Crystal, a political analyst. "He is running on one issue only, whether he is capable of reaching an agreement with Yasser Arafat by election day."

U.S. officials said the developments were not unexpected. P.J. Crowley, spokesman for President Clinton's National

Security Council, said: "This has been conjectured in Israel for some time, so I don't know we were surprised by it," Crowley said. "It is an internal matter."

The parliament session was closely watched by the Palestinians.

Nabil Shaath, a Palestinian negotiator, said he was still hopeful a peace accord can be reached before the elections.

"Barak still has six months until the coming elections, and if he wants, he can stop his aggression and adopt a new policy that will enable him to go to his people with progress in the peace process," Shaath said.

Palestinian officials have said privately that they believe it is possible to negotiate a peace agreement with Barak, despite his tough stance toward them over the past two months, when Israel launched several airstrikes against Palestinian targets, responding to Palestinian attacks.

Barak told parliament that peace agreements with Israel's neighbors remained his top priority. However, in a warning to the Palestinians, he said he will "not make peace at any price."

Amid the political turmoil, Israeli-Palestinian fighting persisted, though with less intensity than in previous weeks. A 17-year-old Palestinian was killed by Israeli fire in a clash at the Karni crossing between Israel and the Gaza Strip, and earlier in the day, a 15-year-old Palestinian died of wounds suffered Saturday.

More than 280 people, most of them Palestinians, have been killed since fighting broke out Sept. 28 following a visit by Sharon to a contested Jerusalem shrine.

There have been growing signals in recent days that Israel and the Palestinians are making a new effort to end the violence. Several days ago, both sides agreed to renew security coordination, and Israel has eased some of its travel and trade restrictions on the Palestinians.

More WORDS

"I do not flinch from elections."

— Ehud Barak, prime minister

Elian's dad thanks Castro for help, indicates his boy is doing well

ANITA SNOW
Associated Press

HAVANA — A year after Elian Gonzalez was rescued in the Florida Straits, his Cuban father thanked Fidel Castro and the Cuban people for their help in getting the boy back this past summer and indicated the 6-year-old is doing well.

"My family and I went through very difficult days because of the uncertainty of what was going to happen to our little Elian," Gonzalez wrote in a letter published Tuesday in the Communist Party daily Granma.

Today, "I feel like an average Cuban who can watch his son laugh, play and learn freely," Gonzalez wrote in the letter dated Monday. Elian "as all other Cuban children, enjoys the security and immense well-being of living in this Socialist Revolution," the letter said.

Elian's father wrote that when the battle for the child's repatriation first began in

December 1999, he and his family "couldn't even imagine then how much more we were going to suffer and how hard it was going to be to achieve his return."

"After 12 months, seven of them a rough battle, we never felt alone, our people made the demand for Elian's return theirs and that gave us the strength and human warmth we so needed," Gonzalez continued.

Gonzalez expressed his "eternal gratitude" to the Cuban people and Castro in particular for their support during the international custody battle for Elian that divided Cubans living on both sides of the straits.

The fight began a year ago this week when the boat carrying Elian to the United States sank off the Florida coast, killing his mother and 10 others and casting him adrift on an innertube.

One of only three survivors of the illegal crossing, Elian

was rescued by two men on a fishing trip and taken to a Florida hospital.

American authorities granted temporary custody to Elian's distant relatives in Miami, who backed by anti-Castro exiles fought to keep him in the United States. Gonzalez, backed by Castro himself, fought to have the boy returned to Cuba.

Gonzalez ultimately went to the United States to get his son back. Father and son were reunited after an armed federal raid on the Miami relatives' home following their refusal to deliver the boy to his dad.

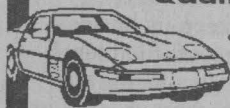
The case went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court before Gonzalez was able to return with his child to Cuba.

"The suffering we have lived through is not easy to forget," the father wrote. "But I am sure that it cultivates in each Cuba a feeling of patriotism that makes us more worthy and unconquerable in the face of new battles."

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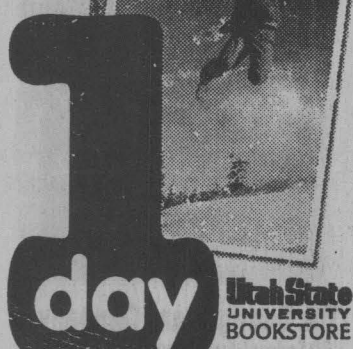
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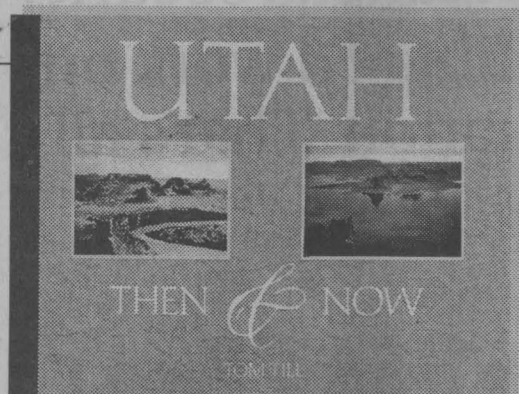
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Microsoft files legal briefs alleging judge compromised 'appearance of impartiality'

D. IAN HOPPER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Seeking to keep its business intact, Microsoft filed legal briefs Monday alleging the federal judge who ordered its breakup compromised the "appearance of impartiality."

In its first filing with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, which now has custody of the landmark case, Microsoft lambasted U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson as a biased judge who thrust himself into the dispute rather than resolve it impartially.

"By repeatedly commenting on the merits of the case in the press," the company's brief argued, "the district judge has cast himself in the public's eye as a participant in the controversy, thereby compromising the appearance of impartiality, if not demonstrating actual bias against Microsoft."

A spokeswoman for Jackson said the judge had no comment on Microsoft's statements.

"Believe me, I have no grudge against Microsoft," Jackson said in an interview with The Washington Post just days after his June ruling. But in the interview, rare for a federal judge, he said he had

little choice but to accept the government's breakup proposal.

And in a speech to an antitrust conference in New York in late September, Jackson said his order was a last resort forced by the company's unwillingness to make changes voluntarily.

Microsoft on Monday asked the appellate court to overturn Jackson's order in June that the company be broken into two parts. If the higher court calls for a new trial, Microsoft wants someone other than Jackson to preside.

Monday's brief was the latest volley in a long-running battle that could result in the largest government-ordered restructuring since the AT&T breakup in 1984.

Microsoft's brief asked the federal appeals court to find that Jackson was wrong in concluding that the software giant was an unfair monopoly, and reverse his breakup order.

"The case went awry from the outset," said company spokesman Vivek Varma, "and our appeal provides a comprehensive picture of why Microsoft should win this case."

Said Justice Department spokeswoman Gina Talamona: "The judgment is well supported by the evi-

dence offered during a 78-day trial, including thousands of pages of Microsoft's own documents. We are confident in our case and look forward to presenting it to the Court of Appeals."

Microsoft said its "competitive response" to the takeoff of widespread Internet use, and Web browser rival Netscape, "produced enormous consumer benefits" and did not illegally conquer its market, as the government charged.

"The District Court branded Microsoft's conduct anticompetitive, even though it recognized that Microsoft did not foreclose Netscape from the marketplace," it said.

Netscape Corp.'s Navigator software was the standard Internet browser until Microsoft's Internet Explorer took over. The government has maintained that when Microsoft integrated its Windows operating system with Internet Explorer, it pushed competitors like Netscape out of the market.

On Jan. 12, the government is due to file its brief with the appeals court. Microsoft will have a chance to reply by the end of January, and oral arguments in the landmark antitrust case are set for late February.

Jackson's ruling came in early June.

The Justice Department, suing Microsoft along with several state attorneys general, had wanted the case passed directly to the Supreme Court, citing a long-standing law that allows such high-profile cases special consideration, but the high court refused.

Meanwhile, the Association for Competitive Technology filed a "friend of the court" brief for Microsoft. ACT, founded in 1998 at the time the federal government's effort against Microsoft was escalating, has frequently defended the Redmond, Wash.-based firm.

ACT argued that Microsoft improved its products by fusing them together, rather than bundling its operating system and Internet browser together to shut out competitors, as the court concluded.

The group also said that splitting the company in two — one part managing with the Windows operating system and another comprising everything else the company controls — would hurt the market by eroding the industry standard. Windows runs on more than 90 percent of the world's personal computers.

➤ ARISTIDE

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ing a disputed vote count in May legislative elections, the United States and other donors warned a disputed presidential contest could raise questions about the legitimacy of Aristide's government.

But in a sign the international community was prepared to give Aristide a chance, U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said Monday, "We're glad (the elections) went ahead as planned and that there was relatively little violence."

The Organization of American States stressed "the need to ensure the broad political representation and citizen participation critical to the development of Haitian democracy."

Opposition parties have boycotted the process since May, when Aristide's party won 80 percent of the legislature in a vote they charged was rigged to ensure one-party rule. Aristide ran for president against six unknowns.

After first becoming president in 1990, Aristide was toppled in a 1991 military coup and then restored in 1994 by a U.S.-led invasion to halt a flood of refugees to Florida.

Facing a constitutional ban on consecutive terms, he reluctantly ceded power to a hand-picked successor in 1996.

DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

OTTAWA — Jean Chretien had exhorted voters to "Remember Florida," and they heeded his message, delivering a no-recount-needed election victory that gave the prime minister's Liberal Party a third straight majority government.

The outcome placed Chretien among the most successful Canadian politicians of all time, yet it also highlighted the nation's bitter East-West divide. The Liberals were trounced by the conservative Canadian Alliance in the three western provinces, but the Alliance failed to impress the more populous East.

For Chretien, prime minister since 1993, it was a personal triumph. He had risked a backlash by calling an election less than 3 1/2 years into his five-year term, and leaders of the four opposition parties hoped to deprive him of an outright majority in the 301-seat House of Commons.

The Liberals gained seats, improving from 161 to 173. The Canadian Alliance improved from 58 seats to 66, but its dreams of a breakthrough in pivotal Ontario fizzled — it won just two of the 103 seats in the most populous province, compared to 100 for the Liberals.

In one of many Election Day allusions to the deadlocked U.S. presidential election, Health Minister Allan Rock — an easy re-election winner in Toronto — exulted over the Alliance's unthreatening showing.

"They can look at all the dimpled chads they want," he said.

The Liberals lost a few seats in the West, but more than compensated with gains in the Atlantic provinces and, most surprisingly, in Quebec. The Liberals picked up eight seats in the mostly French-speaking province to evenly split Quebec's seats 37-37 with the separatist Bloc Quebecois.

The Bloc, which hopes eventually to win a referendum on seceding from Canada, received 40.5 percent of the Quebec votes, compared to 43.6 percent for the Liberals.

"This shows that Quebecers want to turn the page, that we want to go forward as a country together," said John Rae, one of Chretien's campaign managers. The Bloc leader, Gilles Duceppe, refused to abandon the dream of independence.

"The struggle of the people of Quebec sometimes passes by roads that are very difficult," he said. "But in my most deepest soul I know Quebec will one day be a country — our country."

The deputy premier of Quebec, Bernard Landry, said Tuesday he was heartened that the Bloc increased its share of popular votes from 38 percent in 1997. But he declined to predict the timing of a new independence referendum, saying, "We will have a referendum when we will win."

Chretien, 66, was re-elected for the 11th time from his district in Shawinigan, Quebec, a factory town where he grew up as one of 19 children. When

President Clinton leaves office in January, Chretien will become the longest-serving leader of any of the major industrial powers.

"The campaign often was too negative and too personal," Chretien told supporters. "The Canadian people now expect all of us to carry out our responsibilities."

Turnout for the election was only 63 percent, the lowest of any Canadian election in at least 75 years. Of nearly 13 million votes cast, the Liberals received 41 percent, the Alliance 25 percent, the Bloc Quebecois 11 percent, the Progressive Conservatives 12 percent and the New Democrats 8.5 percent.

The leftist New Democrats and center-right Progressive Conservatives each lost seats, finishing with 13 and 12 respectively. The Progressive Conservative leader, former Prime Minister Joe Clark, won a tough race in Calgary, Alberta, and vowed to restore the once-powerful party to national prominence.

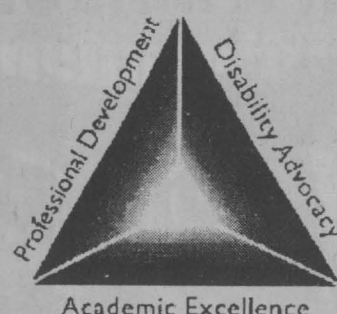
Clark's determination bodes ill for the Canadian Alliance, which was formed out of the Reform Party earlier this year with the aim of uniting conservative voters in a single party. In many Ontario districts, Liberal candidates won because of a split in votes for the Alliance and Progressive Conservatives.

The Alliance leader, fundamentalist Christian and former preacher Stockwell Day, insist-

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➤ CANADA

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ed his party would find a path to power.

"We will be the government that will respect the taxpayers, will respect provinces and will respect this great nation as people want it respected," said Day, who struggled throughout the campaign to convince Easterners he was not a right-wing radical.

It was clear that a solid plurality of Canadians felt satisfied with the Liberals' economic policies. Chretien and his finance minister, Paul Martin, have eliminated the budget deficit and embarked on a long-promised program of tax cuts. The decisive outcome was only one of many contrasts between the Canadian and U.S. elections. Canada's campaign lasted only five weeks, and campaign spending was a tiny fraction of the estimated \$2 billion spent by American candidates, parties and special interests.

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